



The All Saints MESSENGER December 2019

All Saint's Church
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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
9 a.m. Adult Forum
10 a.m. Child Care & Christian Education
for Children and Teens.

The Rev. Canon David Hamilton, Rector
The Rev. Peggy Mathauer, Deacon
Vestry:

Glenn Sproul Senior Warden
Whye Yap Junior Warden
Dana Brown
Martha Chambers
Josh Cheney
Hilla Damm
Marian Halloran
Katrina McGibney
Joseph Nieters

Vestry Clerk:
Julie Pierson

Treasurer:
Marcia Corey
Assistant Treasurer:
Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary:
Don Crofut
Assistant Pledge Secretary:
Iris Darling

Church Secretary/Administrator:
Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:
Katrina McGibney
Kirtani Mathauer

Middle School & Teen Ministry:
Don Crofut



Looking for Christ in Advent

Dear Parish Family,

As Advent begins, we are, of course, conditioned to look ahead to December 25, as the birthday of Jesus, even though the true date of his birth is unknown. However, scholars agree that this particular date was chosen in the fourth century to coincide with the solstice on the old Roman calendar. (hint, hint, "Sunö = "Sonö) Also we can see the date of Jesus' birth connected to the sun since in that Roman calendar, December 25th was the shortest day of the year and day by day after the 25th the light increased.

In John 8:12, Jesus applies the title "the Light of the World" to himself and states: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." This past Sunday as I read the Communion Prayer, (*Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C*), praying that God will "Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us," it occurred to me that having "open eyes" is really what we need during this Advent.


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In the midst of so much darkness repeatedly trumpeted in the daily news, we can easily be mesmerized into a state of despair or become numbed-out by the continuous assault of troubling news. I admit that I am vulnerable to being overcome by this darkness.

Recognizing this, let me suggest that Advent is a perfect time to focus on the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Of course you might say, that is what Advent is all about! However, what I am suggesting is that during this Advent we open our eyes to see God birthing Christ as a dynamic process, incarnation in the myriad small and subtle moments and circumstances every day that often go unnoticed. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness John 12:46. Let us look for the Christ Light that is not so much absent, as often overlooked: moments of compassion, respect, forgiveness, reconciliation, simple kindness, decency and generosity of spirit.

I offer this as an Advent encouragement and antidote to counter the deluge of darkness and negativity which threatens to submerge and subdue the soul and spirit. As I remind myself to look intentionally for the Light, looking for Christ, I trust that I will indeed see God's active hand at work in the world about me.

Wishing you a Blessed Advent and a Holy Christmas,



ADVENT

Sunday, December 1st

First Sunday in Advent
Folk Group will lead the music at 10 a.m.
United Thank Offering Ingathering
Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin.

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17

4-5 p.m. Prayer Group

Sunday, December 8th

Book Signing by Ellie Bushweller

Monday, December 9th

7 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Sunday, December 15th

1 p.m. Book Club

Sunday, December 22nd

Last Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

3 p.m. Family Eucharist with Children's Pageant

7 p.m. Festival Christmas Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10 a.m. Simple Christmas Eucharist

Sunday, December 29th

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

11:30 a.m. Folk Group Rehearsal for January 5th.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST UTO INGATHERING

Please remember to bring your Blue Box or your Thank Offering to be collected at both services. This is the oldest and very important part of the Episcopal Church's mission and ministry.



News from the Sunday School

December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent. Throughout the 4 Sundays of Advent, children will have an opportunity to hear Advent stories and learn songs, make an Advent wreath, walk the Advent Spiral, build our classroom Nativity, and make cards and gifts to prepare for Christmas.

Our Saint of the Month will be Saint Nicholas of Myra (c.342). We will recognize him on Sunday, December 8th, with a special act of devotion that we will share with the congregation, after the Peace.

For this year's Christmas Pageant, I have chosen a simple and traditional Nativity story. **Rehearsals begin December 1st, after church for 30 minutes.** Children may bring their coffee-hour snacks downstairs, and we will plan while eating together before practicing the play.

Our performance will take place on December 24th, at 3 p.m., during the All Saints Family Service.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Katrina McGibney



ANGEL TREE RECIPIENT

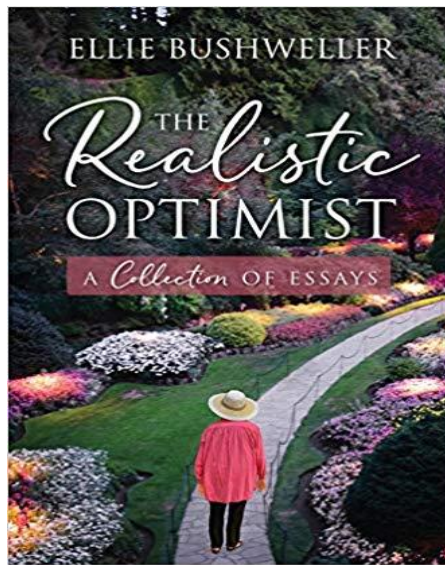


This year our Angel Tree Recipient is the Lund Family Center. The guiding principle of all the work at Lund Family Center is to ensure that every child grows up in a safe, secure, and loving family. Every year, their award-winning services help approximately 4,400 people. These integrated services — adoption, education, treatment, and family support — help Vermont's children thrive by empowering struggling and vulnerable families to learn ways to break their cycles of poverty, addiction, and abuse.

We are asking for gifts for 30 children from age 0 to 8 years of age. The category we have chosen is Games and Toys. There are 11 girls and 19 boys. The Angel Tree will be up on Sunday, December 1st. Please choose an angel from the tree. The girls are represented by pink angels, and the boys by blue angels, with age appropriate gift suggestions on the back. No gift amount should exceed \$25. DO NOT wrap the gift, but please include a sheet of wrapping paper. Please bring the gifts by Sunday, December 15th at the latest.

You are Invited to a Special Book Signing!

Join us in the nave during coffee hour on **Sunday, December 8th**, to celebrate the publication of her new book with our parishioner and local author **Ellie Bushweller**. For ten years, beginning in 2009, Ellie's "Realistic Optimist" essays appeared monthly in *The Other Paper*. Now Ellie's gems of wit and wisdom are available in the recently published collection of her essays.



ALL SAINTS DECEMBER BOOK CLUB

The December Book Club Selection is "Miracle at St. Andrews" by James Patterson and Peter de Jonge. It is a story about golf. You don't have to know anything about golf to enjoy it. This book is about where miracles can happen to those who learn to dream again.

We will meet on **Sunday, December 15th, at 1 p.m.** All are welcome.

Parishioner News Items

It is noted that at this year's Madison-Deane Award Luncheon, where clinicians from across the state come together to celebrate quality end-of-life care, four registered nurses from the VNAs of Vermont sister agencies received the **Betsy Gardner Scholarship**. This scholarship is named for our parishioner in appreciation for her care as a hospice nurse. It allowed the four winners to attend the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care national conference in Washington, DC.

Julie Pierson celebrates 20 years of volunteer service with HomeShare Vermont. For the past 20 years she has volunteered 5 to 10 hours a week working directly with hosts and guests. Julie and 12 other Staff Volunteers interview clients, introduce potential matches and provide ongoing support throughout the entire process. Her volunteering is also shared with Habitat for Humanity and Hinesburg's Affordable Housing Committee

One of **Ed Darling's** piano students was our guest musician during the Laying on of Hands on Sunday, November 24th. His name is Robert Wimble and has taken lessons with Ed for a number of years. Besides his classes at Burlington High School, he works part-time at Resource VT.

Jackie and Allan Arbuckle moved from Rock Point on November 22nd. Their new address in Burlington is as follows:

1197 North Avenue, Apt. 103
Burlington, VT 05408

E-mail and mobile phone numbers remain the same:

Jackie: 802-871-0353
Allan: 802-578-4541

Jackie: JackieinVT@gmail.com
Allan: AllanArbuckle@gmail.com

Please change your contact information.

ORDER YOUR OWN



All Saints Tee-Shirt \$10
Sign in at Margaret's desk
with name, phone, and size

Holiday Bazaar 2019

This year our Holiday Bazaar raised \$5,569.91 as of the day of the event. A complete total will be available later. We still have a few items for sale online and more money is still coming in.

Thank you to everyone who participated: Before (our fabulous set up crew), During (all the chairpersons and their helpers, our musicians) and After (the equally fabulous take down crew). Thank you to everyone who baked, crafted, donated and shopped. I hope you had as much fun as I did!

We are truly the "Little Church That Could" not even the Halloween flood could dampen our spirits! Thank you, David, Julie P, Chuck, Julie B, Phil and the Anonymous Apostle who helped clean up the mess.

Last week it was wonderful to walk downstairs to find that ALL the books had been boxed up, Thank you Candace and Shanti.

The yard sale area is also cleaned up and ready for Green Mountain Habitat For Humanity ReStore to pick up. Thank you, Shanti and Dom.

We will not be having a post Bazaar meeting. If anyone thinks it's necessary, please let me know and we can set one up after the first of the year. I would like the Chairpersons of each area to please write up a description and timeline of what they do to set up. This will be helpful if you decide to step down. (Please don't!! LOL) If you could have this to me by March 2020 that would be great.

I love that Cheryl is thinking ahead and made an announcement looking for boxes for Jewelry 2020. Let's start thinking about 2020! Please let me know of any new ideas or suggestions for improvement that you might have for next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chris Sheil
Chair

**DECEMBER 2019
SCHEDULE**

8 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER**

December

- 1 John Bertelsen
 - 8 Joe Nieters
 - 15 Martha Chambers
 - 22 Dana Brown
 - 29 Julie Bonanno
- January
- 5 John Bertelsen

10 a.m.

CRUCIFER

December

- 1 Glenn Sproul
 - 8 Josh Cheney
 - 15 Dana Brown
 - 22 Marian Halloran
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 7pm TBD
 - 29 Marga Sproul
- January
- 5 Whye Yap

**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER**

December

- 1 Marga Sproul
 - 8 Whye Yap
 - 15 Julie Bonanno
 - 22 Martha Chambers
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 7pm TBD
 - 29 Glenn Sproul
- January
- 5 Josh Cheney

LECTOR 1

December

- 1 Phil Reynolds
 - 8 Jackie Arbuckle
 - 15 Hilla Damm
 - 22 Ellie Bushweller
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 7pm TBD
 - 29 Lessons & Carols
- January
- 5 Becky Fox

LECTOR 2

- 1 Becky Fox
 - 8 Linda Morrell
 - 15 Margaret MacLean
 - 22 Deborah Johnson
 - 24 7 pm TBD
 - 29 Lessons & Carols
- January
- 5 Phil Reynolds

INTERCESSOR

December

- 1 Hilla Damm
 - 8 Laura Buel
 - 15 Cheryl Hooper
 - 22 Sandi McGowan
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 7pm TBD
 - 29 TBD
- January
- 5 Jackie Arbuckle

USHERS & GREETERS

December

- 1 Whye Yap/Josh Cheney
 - 8 Stewart & Julie Pierson
 - 15 Susan Hartman/Candace Smith
 - 22 Josh Cheney/Whye Yap
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 7pm Chuck Conn/TBD
 - 29 Chuck Conn/Marcia Corey
- January
- 5 Sandi McGowan/Dominic Abbondanza

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

December

- 1 Margaret MacLean/Linda Morrell
 - 8 Chris Sheil/Erinn Wetherby
 - 15 Julie Pierson/Yolande Franklin
 - 22 Sandi McGowan/Hilla Damm
 - 29 Margaret MacLean/Linda Morrell
- January
- 5 Chris Sheil/Erinn Wetherby

ALTAR GUILD

December

- 1 Marga Sproul
 - 8 Deborah Johnson
 - 15 Hilla Damm
 - 22 Becky Temple
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 9pm TBD
 - 29 Pam Valance
- January
- 5 Marga Sproul

**BREAD FOR
COMMUNION**

December

- 1 Audrey Park
 - 8 Hilla Damm
 - 15 Peggy Mathauer
 - 22 Audrey Park
 - 24 3pm TBD
 - 24 9 pm TBD
 - 29 Hilla Damm
- January
- 5 Peggy Mathauer

VERGER

December

- 1 Whye Yap
 - 8 Sandi McGowan
 - 15 Chuck Conn
 - 22 Whye Yap
 - 24 3 pm TBD
 - 24 7 pm TBD
 - 29 Sandi McGowan
- January
- 5 Chuck Conn

COUNTER

December

- 1 Josh Cherney
 - 8 Whye Yap
 - 15 Glenn Sproul
 - 22 Martha Chambers
 - 24/25 TBD
 - 29 Glenn Sproul
- January
- 5 Marian Halloran

If you have a conflict in scheduling, please arrange to switch with someone who does not have other duties that day, and then contact the office.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Ann Nolte
4 Catherine Pawlowski
5 Ryan Hockenbury
6 Dick Adams
7 Molly Averyt
8 Sandi McGowan
11 Jane Hamilton
12 India Hoover
13 Philip Reynolds
16 Stephanie Hockenbury
17 Grace Dattilio
Martha Bogdanovich
18 Patricia Tedesco
19 Dan Kronlund
20 Toni Kail
21 Kathleen Richburg
28 Chris Sheil
30 Charles Conn
Ian McGibney
31 Sandy Aldrich
Susan Martin

ANNIVERSARIES

14 Mike & Marty Torpey
15 Alex & Amy Possidente

IN MEMORIAM

13 Sally Walker
14 Sherry Ann Park
15 Joyce Dattilio
18 Shirley Pelkey
19 Jerry Pond
21 Bob Sutherland
25 Harold Woodaman
29 Lee Udell



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öFind your roots in the rituals and traditions of a people with a history.ö