



The All Saints MESSENGER JUNE 2020

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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
Josh Cheney
Charles Conn
Hilla Damm
Susan Hartman
Marian Halloran
Cheryl Hooper
Katrina McGibney

Vestry Clerk: Julie B. Pierson

Special Warden for Property: Julie Bonanno

Treasurer: Marcia Corey

Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary: Don Crofut

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Church Secretary/Administrator:

Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:

Katrina McGibney

Middle School & Teen Ministry:

Don Crofut

Adult Education Leaders:

Josh Cheney/Whye Yap

Betwixt and Between

Dear Parish Family,

We are in the midst of experiencing seismic shifts in our "everyday lives" as the world continues to be besieged by the coronavirus. "Everyday" once may have connoted that life was pretty much predictable from one day to the next. Now, uncertainty lurks! To quote Romans 8:31, "What are we to say to these things?"

I want to share with you three brief articles I found helpful in finding a faith perspective for sustaining this "betwixt and between" time of mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual disorientation. The concept of "liminal" aptly describes both the challenge and opportunity of this time in which we find ourselves. The coronavirus pandemic has cast us into the "liminal".

The three articles are: "Liminal Space", "Liminal Paradox" and "Faith in the Midst of Anxiety"

Pentecost blessings,

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Quoted from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation "Living on the Edge" July 13, 2016

Liminal Space

Liminal space (from the Latin limen for "threshold") is an inner state and sometimes an outer situation where we can begin to think and act in genuinely new ways. It is when we are betwixt and between, having left one room or stage of life

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but not yet entered the next. We often enter liminal space when our former way of being is challenged or changed--perhaps when we lose a job or a loved one, during illness, engagement, or at the birth of a child. During this graced time we are not certain or in control. This openness allows room for something genuinely new to happen. We are empty and receptive--an erased tablet waiting for new words. Liminal space is where we are most teachable.

This in-between place is free of illusions and false pay-offs; it invites us to discover and live from a broader perspective and with a much deeper seeing...In liminal space we sometimes need to not-do and not-perform according to our usual successful patterns. We actually need to fail, fast, and deliberately falter to understand other dimensions of life. We need to be silent instead of talking, experience emptiness instead of fullness, anonymity instead of persona, and pennilessness instead of plenty. In liminal space, we descend and intentionally do not come back out or up immediately. From this experience we can reenter the world with freedom and new, creative approaches. Liminality keeps one in an ongoing state of shadowboxing instead of ego-confirmation; it can keep us struggling with the dark side of things, calling the center and so-called normalcy into creative question.

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From Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Liminal Paradox by Shellie Fullerton

Sheryl Fullerton received a cancer diagnosis two years ago which required a difficult surgery. Like many individuals who are on earnest spiritual journeys, she allowed the painful and challenging experience to transform and guide her to greater wisdom.

When we find ourselves in liminal space, does it matter whether we are pushed or whether we jump? Either way, we are not where or what we were before, nor do we know how or where we will land in our new reality. We are, as the anthropologist Victor Turner (1920–1983) wrote, betwixt and between. In that space—which is mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual—we are destabilized, disoriented. The old touchstones, habits, and comforts are now past, the future unknown. We only wish such a time to be over. We may be impatient to pass through it quickly, with as little distress as possible, even though that is not likely. . . .

But what if we can choose to experience this liminal space and time, this uncomfortable now, as . . . a place and state of creativity, of construction and deconstruction, choice and transformation[?] I wonder whether it is, then, also the realm of the Holy Spirit, our comforter, who does not take away the vastness and possibility of this opened-up threshold time, but invites us to lay down our fears and discomfort to see what else is there, hard as that may be. . .

One transformation in this liminal time of cancer treatment and recovery was my recognition that the staggering vulnerability I was experiencing was not weakness, not shameful, but the source of what would allow me to survive and, eventually, to thrive. I allowed others to see me—not just my broken, lopsided face, but also my pain, sorrow, disappointment, and discouragement, as well as my gratitude, resilience, joy, and recovery. . . .

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Like Jonah in the belly of the sea monster, we are led where we do not want to go—not once, but many times in our lives. Dwelling in unsettling liminal space, whether we are pushed or we jump, we are led to draw on resources and possibilities we may not have tapped before. In the unknown space between here and there, younger and older, past and future, life happens.

And, if we attend, we can feel the Holy Spirit moving with us in a way that we may not be aware of in more settled times. In liminal time and space, we can learn to let reality—even in its darkness—be our teacher, rather than living in the illusion that we are creating it on our own. We can enter into the liminal paradox: a disturbing time and space that not only breaks us down, but also offers us the choice to live in it with fierce aliveness, freedom, sacredness, companionship, and awareness of Presence.

From The Anglican Digest; Summer 2020 by J. Michael Hartenstine
Excerpted from “Staying Quietly in Your Room”

No one has likely thought more deeply about the relationship between anxiety and faith than 20th century theologian Paul Tillich. For Tillich an unavoidable aspect of our existence is anxiety, the consequence of which may be despair over the seeming emptiness and meaninglessness of life. Life’s anxieties arise from their contingent character, their unpredictability and the impossibility of showing their meaning and purpose. The ultimate anxiety is the anxiety of dying. It is the anxiety of our physical being becoming nonbeing, the complete loss of self resulting from biological extinction. The threat of nonbeing belongs to existence itself and cannot be eliminated.

In the face of this inescapable nonbeing, how are we to gain the courage and confidence to live? The courage to live, Tillich declares in *The Courage To Be* (1952), comes from a power transcending nonbeing. “That power is God—not a being, but being itself. We have the courage to be, to affirm ourselves in the face of life’s apparent meaninglessness, because of faith in the transcendence and reality of being.”

Faith, as Tillich expresses it, is not “a theoretical affirmation of something uncertain, but “the state of being grasped by the power of being which transcends everything that is and in which everything that is participates.” The power of being is God. Those who are grasped by this power are able to affirm themselves in the face of all life’s anxieties and fears because they know they are affirmed by the power of being itself. Faith is the basis of the courage to be.

Whether feelings of hopelessness, anxiety, loneliness and unhappiness arise in the context of a global pandemic or circumstances unique to an individual, the Christian response is the same. God accepts us in all our unworthiness and despair and summons us through faith to the courage to know there is nothing ultimately to fear.

Prayer For People Facing Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen.

(edited excerpt From: “A New Zealand Prayer Book.”)



The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 31st, 2020

All Saints Online Pentecost Morning Prayer 10 AM
(Please Wear a Little Something Red)

Diocese of Vermont Online Pentecost Service 4:00 PM

(Watch for emails with links to these Zoom Services)

Who was that masked man, anyway?

I am reminded of how pertinent the script of an old TV show now is. For those of you of “an age” you will remember “The Lone Ranger”. At the episode’s conclusion, after the Lone Ranger had once again saved the day, the townsfolk would say, “Who was that masked man anyway?” “And I wanted to thank him”.

I don’t know who the masked man at Hannaford’s was yesterday, but I wanted to thank him...and him...and her... and him... We are learning how small acts of caring for each other, such as wearing a mask, can help in this time of pandemic.

Dear fellow All Saints parishioners,

What an unexpected and amazing turn our whole society had to take in March when the COVID-19 pandemic began to rage seriously in the United States! And what a loss it has been for us not being able to worship in our beloved little building!

But we have been greatly blessed in our weekly Zoom services, often seeing more of our community's faces than we would have seen on a normal Sunday in the church and being able to have some conversation with each other after the Morning Prayer Service. Many thanks to David and others who have made this happen and kept our bonds strong during this very uncertain time.

Most of our expenses continue unchanged despite the building's being closed. Please continue to do your part to keep All Saints viable financially as well as spiritually by keeping current with your pledge payments. Thank you so much, dear friends.

Sincerely, *Glenn*
Glenn Sproul, Senior Warden

OUTREACH DONATIONS 2020

The Outreach Committee supports the following donations:

The \$400 remaining from the 2019 Budget will be evenly divided between the South Burlington Food Shelf and Hunger Free Vermont.

There is \$500 in the 2020 Budget available for distribution. For the First Quarter \$100 will go to Anew Place and another \$100 will go to the Vermont Food Bank for the Second Quarter.

All the funds distributed will be matched by the Flossie Eaton account.

ALL SAINTS' CLEAN UP DAY

Our "Clean Up Day" this year is Saturday, May 30, from 9 until noon. Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, there will be a limit of **ten** participants.

Please bring your mask and other protective equipment. We will be practicing social distancing.

Bring rakes, clippers, and other garden implements, as the emphasis will be on cleaning up the debris of winter.

Please contact me at phoenix714@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

Thank you
Julie Bonanno

Updates about asylum-seeking family

Hello, everyone -- Thank you for your interest in helping this mother and child, and for your caring hearts. There has been a truly wonderful response to our April appeal, and at this time we are delighted to report that we have received donations to fully support the family and pay for the rent of their new apartment through October! We are so very grateful -- sincere thanks to all who made this possible.

Plans are made for the move to the apartment on June 1, and the mom - and all of us - are very excited at this new step in their lives. Most household items have been gathered, but there are still some outstanding things needed. If you have used items or wish to contribute any of the things listed below, contact Carolyn Smiles from our planning team, who is coordinating the household donations and making arrangements to collect the items. csmiles1974@gmail.com

The family and their host have all stayed safe and well during these critical past weeks. It has been challenging to be at home indoors with an active preschooler, as one can imagine, but warmer weather - plus a new backyard in which to play! - will be really great.

Thank you again. We will keep in touch...

Jan Steinbauer, Coordinator
Chittenden Asylum Seekers Assistance Network (CASAN)

Furnishings still needed:

1 small size dresser, Small kitchen table and 2 chairs, TV Stand/Table, Bucket/Mop, Dish Rack, Tea Kettle, Night Light, Rack for boots/shoes/coats/mittens, Microwave – possibly (need to wait until after the move to see space available)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Francis Duval
10 Lu Moxhet
11 Alan Averyt
12 John Bertelsen
13 Marty Torpey
21 Hack Bushweller
23 George Singer
25 Willie Weremeichik
Stewart Pierson
26 Julie Pierson
Carole Wageman
29 Josh Cheney

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Hack & Ellie Bushweller
22 Dick & Judith Phillips
24 Jerry & Susan Martin
25 Ed & Stephanie Hockenbury
26 John & Marion Dooley
27 Glenn & Marga Sproul

IN MEMORIAM

3 Julie LaChance
7 Jonathan Parrish
12 May Stevens
22 Tom Drolette
25 Frank Irish
26 Sean Chagnon



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“Find your roots in the rituals and traditions of a people with a history.”