



## The All Saints MESSENGER October 2019

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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

### **The Speed of Transition - Our Diocese and Bishop Shannon are Full Speed Ahead!**

It was a mere four weeks ago that Bishop Shannon was consecrated the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont. Already she has presided over her first Diocesan Convention taking place this past Saturday! The delegates gathered at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Burlington to discuss and discern the business of the diocese.

One can only imagine the òlearning curveö for our new bishop to absorb all that presiding at a convention entails, not to mention taking on leadership of all the many facts and faces of the life of our diocese as our bishop.

The atmosphere of the convention was harmonious and high spirited, with Bishop Shannon occasionally consulting the Chancellor (Tom Little) and Canon to the Ordinary (Lynn Bates) for points of procedure and process. As we have become accustomed to, the topnotch technical and video expertise of our Communications Minister Maurice Harris, gave everyone large TV screens nearby to view close-up all speakers, documents, and worship materials! A remarkable job well done!

### **An unexpected piece of business...**

Among the various resolutions at each convention it is the responsibility of the Diocesan Council (the òvestryö of the dioceseö) to recommend levels of compensation of clergy serving parishes. This year, the Province of New England has recommended a 2.8% increase in minimum clergy compensation and the Diocesan Council has followed suit.

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HOWEVER, this year, the Deacons of our diocese presented a landmark amendment regarding COMPENSATION FOR DEACONS SERVING PARISHES !!

Have no fear, this is not a runaway financial boondoggle that is being proposed. It does involve some information that most of those in the pews know little or nothing about, namely, the many dimensions of the support and benefits of the Church Pension Fund.

The Church Pension Fund provides resources for clergy and lay employees of churches in the Episcopal Church. One of the resources is CREDO, a wellness resource, that helps both active and retired clergy pension plan participants by presenting a holistic approach to wellness for mind, body, spirit, and heart. Participants examine and evaluate their health and wellness from the spiritual, vocational, physical and emotional health and financial points of view. Up to now, **such opportunities** have been exclusively limited to the clergy who are priests and bishops "working for pay" for the Church. Deacons in the Episcopal Church in Vermont serve in their assigned parish and diocesan positions as deacons without remuneration.

Through their years in ordained ministry, several of our deacons have inquired of the Church Pension Fund if they could attend CREDO conferences. Previously they received a firm "No!" However, surprisingly, in recent conversations representatives of the Church Pension Fund have stated that if deacons were paid a nominal amount these deacons would be eligible for these wellness benefits.

This proposed amendment asks that congregations make such a nominal payment of \$25 a month to deacons, as well as a payment of 18% (\$4.50) to the Church Pension Fund to enable them to participate in the programs and benefits available through the Church Pension Fund.

Now, with passage of this amendment to our Diocesan Compensation Resolution, the Pension Fund has indicated that these wellness benefits would be open to deacons serving parishes, such as our Peggy Mathauer. The proposed \$354 total per year is a very small price to pay for any congregation with an assigned deacon.

No doubt there will be details to be worked out with the Pension Fund to implement this. But the passage of this aspect of the Diocesan Clergy Compensation Resolution goes a long way toward recognizing the service and dedication of our deacons.

*As a footnote: Also at the convention, we were made mindful that there are other non-stipendiary clergy who serve parishes, particularly priests raised up out of covenant or Local Ministry Support Teams. Further study and exploration will be required as to how and whether the wellness programs of the Pension Fund could be opened to these clergy.*

## NOVEMBER AT ALL SAINTS

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends!**

*Set your clocks BACK 1 hour on Saturday night.*

All Saints Day Observance - Names of the faithful departed will be read from the All Saints register at both services.

Folk Group will lead the music at 10 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Outreach Meeting

**Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26**

4-5 p.m. Prayer Group

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am – 2 pm**

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR!!**

**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

7 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

1 p.m. Book Club

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

Last Sunday after Pentecost

11:30 a.m. Pastoral Care meeting

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

*Advent begins Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>*

## NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

The book we are reading for November is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. The story features Kya, the "Marsh Girl" who finds herself alone in the marsh after she is deserted by her family for various reasons. This best seller follows her journey to adulthood and beyond, with a twist at the end.

We will meet on **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.** All are welcome.

## WORTH REPEATING!

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We currently have only 4 teams of hostesses in the rotation, and we are putting a plea out for others to join this important ministry for our church. Each team of two is responsible for set up, clean up, and providing some of the food for the coffee hour. We could really use a few more teams to join this ministry, as the more teams we have the less frequent the responsibility. Men, women, husbands, wives, children ó all are welcome! Please consider teaming up with someone to host an All Saints Coffee Hour. See Margaret for the how-to if you are new to this.



**ALL SAINTS HOLIDAY BAZAAR!!**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM – 2 PM**

The Bazaar will feature Antiques & Treasures, Bake Sale, Books, Crafts, Jewelry, Luncheon, Plants and an Indoor Yard Sale.

Please consider helping make this a success. You can bake something for the bake sale, make food for the luncheon, make a craft, donate books, jewelry, or items to sell, buy or sell raffle tickets or volunteer to work at one of the areas that day.

Come and enjoy a special day of fun and fellowship!

*Chris Sheil, Chair*

**NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH AT ALL SAINTS**



Our theme this year will be "A Miracle", as I will explain in the letter you will receive in this week's mail. Each Sunday we will have a short talk by a member of the parish about miracles they have observed in their lives. Thank you all for making your pledge for 2020 by the end of November, and for the miracle of community together.

Warmly,  
*Glenn Sproul, Senior Warden*

## **Ribbon Cutting Launches South Burlington Food Shelf**



**Located at 356 Dorset Street customers are invited to shop beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Hours are: Thursdays 6-8 pm; Fridays 8-10 am; Saturdays 8-10am.**

Donations also may be dropped off at these hours as well as Wednesdays 10 am ó Noon.

Old friend Peter Carmoli, (former director of Chittenden Meals on Wheels) is the newly appointed Executive Director of the new S.B. Food Shelf. Peter's extensive experience in working with volunteers is well known, so this would be an excellent volunteer experience.

If you are interested in volunteering call [\(802\) 858-5267](tel:(802)858-5267) or go to the website [southburlingtonfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:southburlingtonfoodshelf@gmail.com)

Many of us find Father Richard's *Daily Meditations* to be inspiring and thought provoking. What follows is a recent meditation which gives an overview of the ways in which Christians and others are evolving and emerging spiritually. To subscribe to receive these Daily Meditations, here is the URL <https://cac.org/sign-up/>

**Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation**  
*From the Center for Action and Contemplation*

**The Emerging Church**  
Monday, October 28, 2019

I do believe that what some refer to as the "emerging church" is a movement of the Holy Spirit. Movements are the energy-building stages of things, before they become monuments, museums, or machines. In the last sixty years, several significant events have taken place, both within and alongside the various Christian churches, to foster this movement. Spiritual globalization is allowing churches worldwide to profit from these breakthroughs at approximately the same time, which of itself is *a new kind of reformation!* No one is directing, controlling, or limiting this movement. We are just trying to listen together. It is happening almost in spite of all of us, which tells me the Spirit must be guiding.

Just so you know I am not merely arguing for my own agenda within the Catholic Church, I want to briefly identify some of the historical developments that I see propelling this movement throughout Christianity:

1. Our awareness is broadening, recognizing that Jesus was clearly teaching nonviolence, simplicity of lifestyle, peacemaking, love of creation, and letting go of ego, both for individuals and groups. More and more Christians are now acknowledging Jesus's radical social critique to the systems of domination, money, and power. In the past, most of Jesus's practical teaching was ignored by Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians. The establishment chose instead to concentrate on private sinfulness and personal salvation and, as Brian McLaren says, on an "evacuation plan" into the next world.
2. There is a common-sense and growing recognition that Jesus was clearly concerned about the specific healing and transformation of real persons and human society "on earth as it is in heaven." The Church, more than Jesus, historically focused on doctrinal belief and moral stances, which ask almost nothing of us in terms of real change. They just define groups, often in an oppositional way.
3. We are *recovering* the older and essential contemplative tradition within Christianity, starting with Thomas Merton in the 1950s, and now spreading to numerous denominations, like a "treasure hidden in the field" (Matthew 13:44). Some emerging church leaders have yet to grasp the centrality of contemplative and inner wisdom.
4. Critical biblical scholarship is occurring on a broad ecumenical level, especially honest historical and anthropological scholarship about Jesus as a Jew in the culture of his time. This leads us far beyond the liberal reductionism and the conservative fundamentalism that divide so many churches. We now see the liberal/conservative divide as a bogus and finally unhelpful framing of the issues.

While these may not seem like significant changes in and of themselves, together they are causing sea changes in modern theology as well as practice. These shifts may be the very reason we are currently so divided as Christians, with some clinging to an older way of doing and thinking while others are pulling in these new and "emerging" directions.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, "The Emerging Church: Beyond Fight or Flight," *Radical Grace*, vol. 21, no. 4 (Center for Action and Contemplation: 2008), 3.



Dear Friends of Syrinx,

Syrinx will be singing three concerts in November, featuring several pieces written by me, three African-American Spirituals, two Broadway favorites, a charming arrangement of the song Simple Gifts, and more. This fall some of our pieces will be accompanied by our wonderful new member Jan Gallant. The programs are all in Burlington senior living facilities which have graciously agreed to welcome listeners from outside their communities. Times and places are as follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 PM at Three Cathedral Square on Cherry Street

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:15 PM at The Converse Home on lower Church Street

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:00 PM at Heineberg Senior Housing, 72 Heineberg Road

We would be delighted to see you at one of these events.

Warmly, *Glenn Sproul*



**UNITED THANK OFFERING**  
**ANNUAL INGATHERING ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**BRING YOUR BLUE BOX OR YOUR OFFERING TO CHURCH**

A communication from UTO listed the 53 grants that were given this year amounting to **\$1,535,740.55**. It is amazing what coins in a box can amount to when gathered. Everyone who contributed to last year's ingathering helped to address human needs and alleviate poverty. This is accomplished by personal spiritual discipline of gratitude and generosity. Every penny collected in the recognizable UTO Blue Box is given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church not otherwise funded.

**All Saints collected \$553.83 last year.** Even if you are not using a Blue Box, please bring an offering on December 1<sup>st</sup>. New Blue Boxes will be available to pick up and use for the coming year. This is an ongoing program throughout the Episcopal Church that has been in effect since **1889....130 years**. Please plan to take part.

**JOINT URBAN MINISTRY PROJECT FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> , 5 – 7:30 p.m.**

Soup, salad, bread, and dessert plus Silent Auction  
Unitarian Universalist Society, top of Church Street.

Tickets \$20 adults/\$10 children.



**Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> , 7 p.m.**

**Taizé Evening Prayer at St. Paul's Cathedral**

Payer, Silence, Music, Candle-light

*Free Parking*



## NOVEMBER 2019 SCHEDULE

### 8 a.m.

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

November  
3 Joe Nieters  
10 Julie Bonanno/Martha  
Chambers  
17 Dana Brown  
24 Julie Bonanno  
December  
1 John Bertelsen

### 10 a.m.

#### CRUCIFER

November  
3 Josh Cheney  
10 Glenn Sproul  
17 Julie Bonanno  
24 Dana Brown  
December  
1 Glenn Sproul

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

November  
3 Whye Yap  
10 Marga Sproul  
17 Martha Chambers  
24 Marian Halloran  
December  
1 Marga Sproul

### LECTOR 1

November  
3 Laura Buel  
10 Linda Morrell  
17 Cheryl Hooper  
24 Laura Buel  
December  
1 Phil Reynolds

### LECTOR 2

November  
3 Deborah Johnson  
10 Ellie Bushweller  
17 Becky Fox  
24 Deborah Johnson  
December  
1 Becky Fox

### INTERCESSOR

November  
3 Becky Fox  
10 Jackie Arbuckle  
17 Sandi McGowan  
24 Margaret MacLean  
December  
1 Hilla Damm

### USHERS & GREETERS

November  
3 Marian Halloran/Chuck Conn  
10 Stewart & Julie Pierson  
17 Susan Hartman/Candace Smith  
24 Sandi McGowan/Dominic Abbondanza  
December  
1 Whye Yap/Josh Cheney

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

November  
3 Chris Sheil/Erinn Wetherby  
10 Margaret MacLean/Linda Morrell  
17 Sandi McGowan/Hilla Damm  
24 Yolande Franklin/Ellie Bushweller  
December  
1 Margaret MacLean/Linda Morrell

### ALTAR GUILD

November  
3 Deborah Johnson  
10 Hilla Damm  
17 Becky Temple  
24 Pam Valance  
December  
1 Marga Sproul

### BREAD FOR COMMUNION

November  
3 Hilla Damm  
10 Audrey Park  
17 Peggy Mathauer  
24 Hilla Damm  
December  
1 Audrey Park

### VERGER

November  
3 Sandi McGowan  
10 Chuck Conn  
17 Don Crofut  
24 Chuck Conn  
December  
1 Whye Yap

### COUNTER

November  
3 Josh Cheney  
10 Glenn Sproul  
17 Martha Chambers  
24 Marian Halloran  
December  
1 Hilla Damm



### EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF SUGGESTIONS

Cereal (low sugar)  
Peanut Butter  
Baby Food, Baby Formula,  
Diapers  
Canned Soup (low sodium)  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Fruit in juice or light syrup  
Pork & Beans  
Canned Vegetables (low sodium),  
Tomato /Spaghetti Sauce  
Dry Pasta, Rice  
Juice (100% juice)  
Meals in a can

If you wish to make a monetary  
donation, every gift helps.

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.

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Chelsea Martin  
10 Ben Park  
12 Rick Lockwood  
20 Joe Suarez  
21 Jackie Arbuckle  
24 Kathy Bosley  
28 Marga Sproul  
29 Marie Benoit  
30 Allison Bosley

#### ANNIVERSARIES

7 Allan & Jackie Arbuckle  
8 Dana & Vicki Brown

#### IN MEMORIAM

5 Gil Rood  
14 James Wright  
16 Marge Whittlesey  
24 Muriel Woodaman



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