



The All Saints MESSENGER October 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
Assistant Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling

Church Secretary/Administrator:
Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:
Katrina McGibney

Middle School & Teen Ministry:
Don Crofut

Adult Education Leaders:
Josh Cheney/Whye Yap



Dear Parish Family,

I am grateful for the leadership of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry who, in the following speech (see below), succinctly expresses that voting is, “an act of moral discernment and decision.” I am sharing excerpts from Bishop Curry’s address in this October *Messenger*, because, in Vermont, all of us who are registered will have the opportunity to vote before we receive the November *Messenger*. Vermont is one of the states in our country in which mail-in ballots are sent to all registered voters.

Most likely you have already received your ballot by mail. Promptly voting, following all the directions, and mailing your ballot back, or delivering it to city hall now, or bringing it to your polling place on election day, will assure your vote is counted.

Again, as Bishop Curry reminds us, voting is an act of moral discernment and decision.” What a succinct statement of a moral imperative!

Blessings,



What follows are excerpts from an address by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

What does voting have to do with the Gospel? What does voting have to do with being a Christian? An election for public office is not a popularity contest between two or more people. It's a contest of ideas about how to shape the future of a community, nation and maybe even a world. It's a contest, a debate, a discernment of moral values and their relationship to public policy. Voting is an act of moral agency. It is an act of moral discernment and decision. It is how a community or a nation decides how the moral values that it holds and shares shape public policy and the lives of people. The children of God. It is salutary to remember that partisan neutrality does not mean moral neutrality.

As you know, The Episcopal Church does not endorse, support, or oppose political candidates for elective office. And there is good reason for that. First, in the United States, tax exempt, religious, and charitable organizations are by law prohibited from such endorsement, support, or opposition to candidates. This does not prohibit churches from engaging in voter education, voter registration, helping people get to the polls to vote, or even advocating for issues of public policy reflective of the tenants of our faith. And every citizen, including those of us who are members of the church have our rights and responsibilities as well.

So what can we do? Well, we can vote as individuals. We can vote, and we can help others to register and to get to the polls and cast their vote. We can encourage others to vote as their conscience leads them.

Secondly, there are good and faithful followers of Jesus Christ who are Episcopalian. Some are Republican, some are Democrat, some are independents, some liberal, some centrist, some conservative. And just as we must respect the right of every citizen to cast his or her own vote according to the dictates of their conscience, so we must do so in the church, the body of Jesus Christ. And that is how it should be. The Bible says we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, not one political party.

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A Message from Katrina McGibney

Happy Autumn !!

I'm excited to share what I hope will be an inspirational and informational Sunday School year with the children of All Saints.

I invite you join me for Sunday School, in our "Zoom Room", on **Sunday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m.**

Our class will:

9:00 Gather & Greet
Share
Morning Verses
Songs
Story
Activity
Closing Prayer
9:45 Good-bye

Listed below are the themes I have planned for the month of October:

4th: **Welcome to Sunday School** - What do you want to learn in Sunday School this year?

11th: **A Time to Harvest** - Old Testament Story

18th: **St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals**

25th: **The Christian Year**- Create a Calendar

If you would like to participate, please email me katrinawaters@comcast.net, and I will send you a Zoom invitation.

Holiday Bazaar

After much thought and discussion, there will not be a Holiday Bazaar this year.

Let's take this time to reflect on past success we've enjoyed and think of new exciting ideas for 2021!

Stay safe and healthy,

Chris Sheil
Chairperson

Adult Forum Returns!

Adult forum is back with a new six-week series, The God We Can Know. We will meet via Zoom at 9 am **beginning on Sunday, October 4th**, for approximately forty-five minutes before the morning prayer service. Each week we will watch a short video and then explore the following topics:

Introduction: "Knowing the Great I Am"

Session 1: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Session 2: "I Am the Light of the World"

Session 3: "I Am the Good Shepherd"

Session 4: "I Am the True Vine"

Session 5: "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Session 6: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

The series, presented by Rob Fuquay, senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, is sure to be thought-provoking and spark some great conversation.

To register for the series, ask a question, or get Zoom assistance, please call/ text Joshua Cheney at 802-343-7425.

A Message From Your Senior Warden

Dear fellow All Saints-in-training,

The month of November is traditionally the time when we talk about Stewardship at All Saints, which means reflecting on what we value and cherish in our life together. In this October Messenger I am excited to announce that four of our parishioners have agreed to share in writing a few of the reasons that All Saints is important in their lives. Our parish is a community of people who lovingly support each other in good times and challenging times, and having a few people among us being willing to share their personal stories deepens our connections with them and with each other. Here are the contributions from Chuck Conn, Laura Buel, Sandy Aldrich and Becky Fox which I hope you will all enjoy. Thank you, Chuck, Laura, Sandy and Becky!

Peace, *Glenn*

Glenn Sproul, Senior Warden

From Chuck Conn

I was recently asked to write a brief testimonial about what All Saints means to me. When I began reflecting upon this question, the word *home* kept coming to mind. As a result, I thought about what the meaning of *home* really is, and it became abundantly clear to me why I associate that word with All Saints. Allow me to elaborate.

Home is a physical space that evokes feelings of warmth, peacefulness and comfort whenever we enter. That is All Saints!

Home is a place of sanctuary, where we feel safe and secure, and where healing of the emotional wounds that can sometimes be inflicted on us by the outside world can occur. That is All Saints!

Home is a place where quiet spiritual reflection can take place, allowing us to open our hearts and minds to the soft voice of the Holy Spirit, and to receive the message of love which God wants all of us to hear. That is All Saints!

And most importantly, in my opinion, home is where people who are very special to us reside – those who always offer us love, support and nurturing, and accept us for who we are. That, most definitely, is All Saints! This fact began to come into focus for me the very first time I visited our wonderful little church 22 years ago. I, of course, was invited to take part in the coffee hour after the service, and in so doing encountered a welcome like I have never experienced anywhere else. The genuine kindness and warmth shown to me that day is almost indescribable! I think I can say without exaggeration that everyone who was present in the Deforest Room that Sunday morning, most of whom I had never met before, came over to offer a friendly welcome and make me feel comfortable. What a blessing! I was one of the last people to leave the church that day, had already been recruited to be on the stage crew for the annual play, and been handed a member information card to fill out. Is it possible to come home to a place you have never been before? I say the answer is yes, and offer as proof that amazing day all those years ago when I first entered All Saints Church and realized I was home!

So very clearly, the answer to the question I was asked to write about is that All Saints means home to me. And while I, of course, don't live at the church, in many significant ways it is just as much a home for me as my house in Williston. The current COVID-19 crisis has only served to reinforce this feeling, as I find myself experiencing "home sickness" over the inability to gather with my wonderful church family in the place we all love. Though we are fortunate to have Zoom as a means of staying connected with one another during this difficult time, nothing can replace actually being together as a parish community at our beloved All Saints Church. May the Good Lord hasten the day when that joyous reunion occurs!

Chuck Conn

From Laura Buel

I came to All Saints only two years ago although I've been in the Diocese of Vermont since 1980. I attended Christ Church, Montpelier for 31 years and then most recently Holy Trinity Church, Swanton for the next 7 years before I moved to South Burlington.

As I write this it occurs to me that much of what I love about All Saints has been interrupted by Covid-19. I really miss coming to church and worshipping with other people at the same time in the same place. I miss sitting and talking with people. I have to say that my favorite part of Sunday morning is the Adult Forum that meets at 9am. Even though more and more I feel I'm struggling with the traditional liturgy, the Adult Forum topics and discussion lets us get to the heart of our faith. I love the tradition of folk music one Sunday every month. I love the modern open church sanctuary. I like the relative simplicity of All Saints in that it consists of one fairly modern church building and no other property so the parish can focus more on worship and less on property maintenance. I enjoy the grounds clean-up days in the spring because it's a chance to get to know more people in more ways.

Laura Buel

From Sandy Aldrich

The Stewardship Committee has invited me to share a little about myself and my connection with All Saints Church. I live in Milton, and I have two married daughters and four grandsons. I grew up in Old Lyme, Connecticut and have many happy memories attending St. Ann's Episcopal Church with my parents and sister.

Nearly 10 years ago, as I was helping my parents move to their South Burlington apartment, I drove by All Saints noticing the Episcopal shield and felt drawn to the church. The decision to attend a service was one of the best I've made. My first Sunday at All Saints I was warmly welcomed by David and the parishioners, and I very quickly felt that I had found a church family. All Saints has become more and more important to me for my spiritual growth and my relationship with God. The Sunday service has been an opportunity to reflect on my many blessings and pray for personal concerns, and as a congregation to pray for universal concerns such as gun violence, social justice, and global climate change. I've enjoyed the fellowship of participating in the outdoor cleanup, Lent Madness and the bazaar, and there are many other activities I'm looking forward to when the pandemic has ended.

The work that has gone into creating the Sunday service since it's gone online is so appreciated. At this difficult time, I'm more grateful than ever for All Saints and feel so hopeful as we pray for an end to this pandemic. When we were worshipping in person, I attended the 8:00 service, so the Zoom services have given me the opportunity to see the other members of the congregation and to enjoy the music ministry. I'm so happy to be on this spiritual journey with such a caring community.

Sandy Aldrich

From Becky Fox

A Tradition

Our lives are upside-down because of this pandemic but in truth this is a repeat in my family history. My Grandmother Fox, Minnie Irene Craig, was born on July 4, 1888 in Carntown , Kentucky. As a young girl her family migrated to Connersville, Indiana in search of a high school from which she and her sister, Rebecca Mae, graduated in 1906.

The residents of East Connersville wanted a church to be built, and old Herman Fox, my grandmothers' future husband's grandfather donated the land, and as reported in church records, a frame building was constructed, becoming affiliated with the Methodist Church in 1889. Arriving in Connersville in 1902 the two sisters were actively involved, teaching Sunday School and participating in all church activities.

Meanwhile, my grandmother met Arthur Fox and got married in 1910 settling in a house right down the street from East Side Methodist Church, close to her sister's new home and proceeded to have three sons, my father being the youngest. Unfortunately, her world was turned upside-down and Arthur died on January 6, 1919, during the flu epidemic. With her widowed mother in tow, she moved to Indianapolis to find work as a bookkeeper to provide for her family. She states in her brief memoires, "I have always kept up my membership at the East Side Methodist Church in Connersville." Those sons grew up to have families of their own, and in the 1950's I spent my teenage summers in East Connersville with my Aunt Mae. I attended church, went to youth group meetings and I even helped deliver pies to the church "pie tent". Those years were very meaningful to me.

I have to admit, I've never made a pie for our All Saints' Holiday Bazaar, but I have always supported All Saints in some most wonderful endeavors; our fabulous musicals, Saint of the Month, Bazaar raffles, pledge drives, greeting and ushering, music and precious activities with my granddaughter. In reality, I am just a continuation of a tradition that started in the 1800's and I pray that we all stay safe and that this pandemic is soon over so that we all may continue to worship and support our All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Becky Fox

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Kim Richburg
3 Sam Huffman
4 Gavin Vile
5 Ed Darling
6 Whye Yap
7 Michael Huffman
9 Susan McCoubrie
13 Betty Howard
14 Erinn Wetherby
Lorna Kiley
15 Linda Morrell
Lainey Averyt
17 Dan Foss
20 Judy Lawson
21 Julie Bonanno
Marian Halloran
Judy Citarella
24 Yolande Franklin
29 Jerry Huetz

ANNIVERARIES

3 Jerry & Judy Huetz
Peter & Margaret MacLean
12 Richard & Jean Page

IN MEMORIAM

3 Janice Cheney
8 Matina Conn
10 Allie McIlvaine
11 Helene Weremeichik
20 John McGibney
24 Don Hadd
Edmund Mastrianni
Bob Kelley
31 Theodore Pawlowski



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