



The All Saints MESSENGER October 2023

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10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II or
Morning Prayer

The Rev. Peggy Mathauer, Deacon

Vestry:

Ed Darling Senior Warden
Craig Wielenga Junior Warden
Art Hessler
Cheryl Hooper
Judy Lawson
Pam Roberts
Katrina McGibney
Candace Smith
Whye Yap

Vestry Clerk: Pam Roberts
Treasurer: Sandy Aldrich

Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling
Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling

Church Secretary/Administrator:
Margaret MacLean

Children's Ministry:
Katrina McGibney

Adult Education
Joshua Cheney

A Letter From the Vestry: What is Discernment?

The dictionary defines discernment as, "the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure; an act of perceiving." In the Christian faith, it is a similar concept, but it is bestowed by the Holy Spirit. A gift that can be requested, used, or ignored. It is a gift that comes from insight as much as from learned experience and knowledge.

When I first learned that our priest was making a swift departure, I was tested. Once the initial shock passed and I had an opportunity to think and pray, understanding, discretion, and prudence were the gifts of the spirit.

The Vestry's role and responsibilities shifted to maintaining ministerial responsibilities and making this transition as easily as possible. We are still coming to terms with our recent past.

We are appointing members of a discernment committee, strengthening our relationship with the Diocese, and establishing our new direction in the constellation with St. Paul's Vergennes.

In addition, we are working on a stewardship initiative, caring for our building and grounds, managing shifts in leadership and lay leadership, and oversight of our fiscal responsibilities.

The Vestry is leaning heavily on discernment and trusting God's leading.

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All Saints is fortunate to have an assemblage of clergy to uphold our worship schedule and provide pastoral care. During times of transition, feelings of anxiety, abandonment, and inertia are common. If you are experiencing conflicting emotions, we encourage you to reach out to our pastoral care team.

The Bishop has recommended The Rev. Canon Linda Grenz for oversight of the transitional ministry. Linda has met with the Vestry to assist in the selection of an Interim Priest, advise us in appointing a Discernment Committee, and to review the search process.

Working in accordance with guidelines established by the Diocese of Vermont, we, the Vestry will appoint a Discernment Committee. This committee will be comprised of vestry and parish members from both All Saints and St. Paul's, Vergennes. Each Vestry will designate a chair to report on the discernment process to the congregation. The committee is slated with the task of recommending one candidate to the Vestry. The Vestry will interview the candidate to verify the work of the committee. Whether or not to call the candidate is the Vestry's decision. The Bishop serves as the highest authority and must grant final approval for the call of any new clergy into the diocese.

The Vestry is aware of the time, talent, and commitment the members of our congregation demonstrate. We continue to be amazed and inspired by the ways in which we come together as a church family. If you have ideas, observations, or feel called to leadership, please come forward.

On behalf of the vestry, I thank you for your continuing involvement and support.

Katrina McGibney

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OCTOBER AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday, October 1st

Service of Holy Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher, The Rev. Jill Rierdan

Thursday, October 5th

7 pm Joint Vestry Meeting with St. Paul's on Zoom

Sunday, October 8th

10 am Service of Morning Prayer

Thursday, October 12th

2 pm Pastoral Care Meeting in person
7 pm Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, October 15th

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher, The Rev. Jill Rierdan

Sunday, October 22nd

10 am Service of Morning Prayer

Wednesday, October 25th

5:30 pm Prayer Group Meets in DeForest Room

Sunday, October 29th

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher, The Rev. Jill Rierdan

Tuesday, October 31st

Happy Halloween!



ALL SAINTS HOLIDAY BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 9AM - 2PM

The Bazaar will feature Antiques & Uniques, Bake Sale, Books, Crafts & Christmas, Jewelry, Raffle and Yard Sale. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to participate in an important fundraiser for the parish. A portion of the profits goes to support our end of the year Outreach donations.

There are many ways to participate this year! Even though we have volunteers for each area of the event, we can always use more helpers.

We really try to emphasize the FUN part of fundraiser! Please consider volunteering a couple of hours or the whole day. Other ways to lend a hand: bake a pie, donate items (Household for the Yard Sale, Jewelry, Crafts or Christmas decorations, Books, Antiques & Uniques). Come the day of and share in the fun and shop. We will also welcome cash donations to help make this year a success.

If you have any thoughts, questions or suggestions for this event, Please contact me.

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Revised Food Shelf List

The Food Shelf has given us some new items to add to our monthly list that you will find on the Duty Schedule page.

Please note there is a particular need for Rice which they run out of often, and Paper Towels that are in high demand. They are also low on cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, and baking supplies.

Around the grounds in late summer



Pam's green thumb and eye for blossoming gardens have created a new welcome for the church.

Chuck and John have met the challenge of keeping the lawns mowed during an unusually wet summer. A six-hour job for each mowing. Here's Chuck on the church's zero-turn riding mower.



Sealing crew – Craig, Katrina, Candace, and Ed (not pictured) found a rare sunny day to waterproof the wooden parts of the new footbridge.



Jake Brown gave the hedges and trees their annual pruning.



While Matt steadied the ladder, Craig removed the four mirrors of Kate Pond's 2001 "Odyssey of Light" sculpture. Bill Gottesman, the mathematician who designed the mirrors, is going to give them a needed readjustment. The mirrors cast a moving light on the labyrinth on all sunny days, with a special cross at equinoxes and solstices.



Labyrinth restoration: Craig has removed years of grass growth to reveal the labyrinth's original crushed-stone path, giving it a fresh look that emphasizes its enormous size with 12 circular paths.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

CRUCIFER FOR EUCHARIST

October
1 Joshua Cheney
15 Glenn Sproul
29 Josh Cheney

MORNING PRAYER OFFICIANT

October
8 Peggy Mathauer/Reflection
Julie Bonanno
22 Yolande Franklin/Reflection
Iris Darling
November
5 Julie Bonanno

EUCHARIST MINISTER

October
1 Marian Halloran
15 Marga Sproul
29 Julie Bonanno

LECTOR 1

October
1 Julie Bonanno
8 Matt McGibney
15 Becky Fox
22 Judy Lawson
29 Sheila Stanton
November
5 Iris Darling

LECTOR 2

October
1 Candace Smith
8 Yolande Franklin
15 Craig Smith
22 Laura Buel
29 Marian Halloran
November
5 Matt McGibney

If you have a conflict, arrange to switch with someone and let the office know. If that doesn't work, we will fix it!

INTERCESSOR

October
1 Cheryl Hooper
8 Jackie Arbuckle
15 Margaret MacLean
22 Candace Smith
29 Judy Lawson
November
5 Cheryl Hooper

USHERS & GREETERS

October
1 Whye Yap/Becky Fox
8 Chuck Conn/ Marian Halloran
15 Candace Smith/Becky Fox
22 Craig & Lori Wielenga
29 Becky Fox/Whye Yap
November
5 Candace Smith/Whye Yap

ALTAR GUILD

October
1 Pam Roberts
8 Debra Lunn/Flowers Cyndi Freeman
15 Marga Sproul
22 Pam Roberts/Flowers Cyndi Freeman
29 Debra Lunn/Flowers Cyndi Freeman
November
5 Peggy Mathauer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

October
1 Margaret MacLean/Ed Darling
8 Chris Sheil/Erinn Wetherby
15 Ellie Bushweller/Margaret MacLean
22 Becky Fox/Ed Darling
29 Chris Sheil/Erinn Wetherby
November
5 Margaret MacLean/Ellie Bushweller

VERGER

October
1 Whye Yap
8 Chuck Conn
15 Chuck Conn
22 Help!
29 Whye Yap
November
5 Whye Yap

COUNTER

October
1 Craig Wielenga
8 Cheryl Hooper (Monday)
15 Candace Smith
22 Art Hessler
29 Craig Wielenga
November
5 Cheryl Hooper

MUSICIANS

October
1 Anne Bergeron
8 Matt McGibney
15 Anne Bergeron
22 Ed Darling
29 Ed Darling
November
5 Matt McGibney



EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF SUGGESTIONS

Cereals
Peanut Butter, Jams & Jellies
Canned Soup
Canned Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Hash
Canned Fruit
Baked Beans
Canned Vegetables
Tomato /Pasta Sauce
Dry Pasta
Rice (especially needed)
Baking Products (flour, sugar, cooking oils, etc.)
Mac & Cheese boxes
Coffee & Tea
Ketchup
Sauces and Salad Dressings
Bottled Water (individual)
Paper Products (Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues)
Feminine Hygiene Products
Soaps (hand, face, dish, and laundry) Shampoos
Monetary gifts and Supermarket
Gift Cards are always welcome.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Sam Huffman
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

IN MEMORIAM

3 Janice Cheney
6 Gloria Foss
8 Matina Conn
10 Allie McIlvaine
Flossie Eaton
11 Helena 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.”