

The All Saints MESSENGER July/August 2021

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8 a.m. Rite I
10 a.m. Rite II
9 a.m. Adult Forum
10 a.m. Christian Education for Children

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

Vestry:

Glenn Sproul Senior Warden
Whye Yap Junior Warden
Sandy Aldrich
Josh Cheney
Charles Conn
Hilla Damm
Susan Hartman
Cheryl Hooper
Katrina McGibney

Vestry Clerk: Julie B. Pierson

Treasurer: Marcia Corey
Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling
Assistant Pledge Secretary: Laura Buel

Church Secretary/Administrator:
Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:
Katrina McGibney

Adult Education Leaders:
Josh Cheney/Whye Yap

Waiting!!

Dear Parish Family,

“Wait for it...” “Wait for it...” “Wait for it...” **FINALLY!!**

Eleven days ago, Bishop Shannon released Congregations from Diocesan Covid-19 restrictions! I know that some of you do not receive emails and newsletters from the diocese, so I have included Bishop Shannon's letter on a separate page in this *Messenger* to keep you all informed.

These past fifteen months have been a long, unique mix of worry, grief, innovations, impatience and WAITING! Well, at least these last few months have been characterized by much waiting...waiting for the governor to lift restrictions when 80% of Vermonters would become vaccinated.

Admittedly, there was considerable impatience waiting for when parishes would be able to get back into church's buildings for face-to-face worship. However, to my knowledge there has not been a single Covid death amongst our diocesan family due to Bishop Shannon's pastoral priority of protecting her diocesan flock. While we often have been impatient, we also have been safe.

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As we open our building, looking forward to being with one another in-person, our firm plan is to continue to include those parishioners who cannot be with us in person. We will live-stream our services on Zoom and continue to be connected each Sunday with all of our parishioners. Following the service itself we will continue “Virtual Coffee Hour” with those who have worshipped in person able to converse with those who have watched from home. We are in the process of securing the camera and other equipment to make all of this possible.

Our first in-building service will be Saturday, July 17th at 11:00 AM for the Memorial Eucharist to remember our long-time friend, parishioner, and priest Peter D. MacLean. Our first Sunday worship is planned for the next day, July 18th at 10:00 AM.

There are many details needing attention as we prepare for returning to in-building worship. For example, a major cleaning of the inside of the building is a priority, it having been dormant for many months. As we looked toward reopening, each parish was asked to make an evaluation of the air-flow in their worship area. The more fresh air available from windows in the nave, the safer the quality of air. This was a somewhat startling realization for us at All Saints because we have no windows in the floor to ceiling stained glass walls! Essentially, the nave is a glass box with only the entrance doors at the narthex for some fresh air (not much in winter) and, at the opposite end, a door into Margaret’s *interior* office.

At that point we realized the need for a means to purify the air breathed out and in by the congregation during services. We were reminded that the Covid virus has not gone away, witness new variants appearing. Also, during cold and flu season, a means of sanitizing the air promises to cut down on transmission of flu and cold viruses.

Based on these considerations, the vestry voted to procure Hepa filter-Ultraviolet units to be placed strategically around the nave. Certainly, Covid and its variants are a current concern but reducing the transmission of flu and cold viruses also seemed a good investment for the safety of our parishioners. You will notice these units (about the size of a travel suitcase), and they will need getting used to. Yes, there is some “hum” produced when they are on. Think of “hum” as “health”.

Returning to in-person worship will also entail other differences. We have talked some about patience being strained during the pandemic. We also will need some patience to adjust to some other differences, such as at Communion. You have seen Bishop Shannon’s letter and her prohibition of using the “Common Cup”. At least at the outset of this transition we will continue to use Communion Kits when folks come forward for Communion (at least the kits don’t need to be picked up in the parking lot).

There will be some differences, but with gratitude for having survived the pandemic and by the Grace of God, joined in faith with one another, we will adjust to the changes together. We are All Saints Strong!

Blessings, 

Releasing Congregations from Diocesan COVID-19 Restrictions: An Update from Bishop Shannon

June 18, 2021

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Vermont:

Earlier this week, Governor Scott announced that Vermont has become the first state in the country to vaccinate 80% of its population, and released our state from all COVID-19 restrictions. In keeping with this milestone of progress against the pandemic to which we have lost so many beloved children of God, I am also releasing congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont from diocesan COVID-19 restrictions and oversight.

Although our state's excellent vaccine progress is cause for celebration, the pandemic is not yet behind us. I strongly recommend that you continue to keep precautions in place to help protect children not yet eligible to be vaccinated, those who are immunocompromised, those who cannot be vaccinated for other medical reasons, and those who have chosen not to be vaccinated. While your congregation may not have members known to meet those descriptions, our ministry of hospitality includes creating a safe space of welcome for all; members, visitors and newcomers may be vulnerable to the virus.

In particular, I recommend that you continue to require that masks be worn while singing, and that you forego the common cup at Communion. I also encourage congregations to continue online or hybrid worship, both for the sake of those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person, and also for the sake of those who are homebound or isolated and have found online worship during the pandemic to be a source of new connection and comfort.

The Restart Team no longer requires congregations to submit plans for safe worship, but we ask that all congregations continue to plan their gatherings carefully and pay attention to news about the spread of worrisome virus variants and other pandemic issues that may require your response. If you have questions for the Restart Team about safe reopening, or about any concerns that might arise in the coming weeks, please email the Rev. Fred Moser, who has led the team's work with great care and generosity for over a year.

Since March 2020, we have responded to the devastation of the pandemic with care for the most vulnerable people in our midst, with love for our neighbors, and with creativity and innovation that have helped keep our congregations connected online. None of us will emerge from this pandemic unchanged, and while I grieve those we have lost, I celebrate the resilience, generosity, and fortitude that you have shown during this extraordinarily difficult time. I give thanks to God for our ministry together and to you for your witness during these days.

Peace and blessings,

Bishop Shannon

July/August Schedule at All Saints

Wednesday, July 14th, 7 pm

Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, July 17th, 11 am

Memorial Service for The Rev. Peter D. MacLean
Gifts in his memory may be made to to All Saints.

Sunday, July 18th, 10 am

Return of first in-person Sunday morning service
since March 8, 2020

Tuesday, July 20th

Regular church office hours return on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
9 am to 3 pm

Wednesday, July 28th, 1 pm

Committal Service for Richard Whitcomb
in Memorial Garden

Thursday, July 29th, 4 pm

Pastoral Care Meeting on Zoom

**DAVID WILL BE ON VACATION
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**Supply for Sundays in August will be
The Rev. Lisette Baxter**

**Schedules are being worked on for Crucifers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors,
Intercessors, Altar Guild, Ushers, Vergers and Counters will be sent out shortly.
Coffee Hours will not begin until September.**

Welcoming baby AJ!

Adam James Mathauer-Pudvah
Born June 21, 2021, 9:48 am 7lb. 9oz.
Parents, Kirtani and Adam
5 Chaffee Road
Fairfax, VT 05454

Mom and dad, baby, and big brother Kayden
are home and doing well.

Please welcome our new organist, Bethany Blake!

In May we had to say Goodbye to Nancy Osborne, our primary organist for seven years. Nancy provided us with many wonderful musical treats during her time with us, and we will miss her.

Now it is time for All Saints to welcome Bethany Blake as our talented and highly accomplished organist. Starting on August 15, Bethany will be playing for us two or three times each month.

Bethany holds many advanced degrees, including a PhD in Music History from Stony Brook University and a Master of Music in Keyboard Instruments from the University of Michigan. She is an experienced church organist, having played for eight years for the Caroline Episcopal Church in Setauket, NY. We are lucky to have her joining us!

Bethany lives in Essex Junction with her husband David and their three daughters: Nora, Aldoy and Kira. Kira, the youngest, was born this year on June 6.

Welcome Bethany!

THANK YOU!!

I wish I could thank each one of you individually for all the prayers, cards, calls, personal notes, visits and loving wishes I have received from this congregation. Your care and concern has touched me deeply. I am so happy that we will soon be together in person again on Sundays, although it may take a while for me to get used to sitting at the back of the church without Peter next to me.

Again, thank you so much for all your comforting words and offers to help. Please know how much I appreciate every single one of you.

Margaret

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER – TAKE TWO!

Q: When can we get back in our building?

A: Finally, we have an answer:

Saturday, July 17, at 11 am for the funeral service for our beloved Peter MacLean and Sunday, July 18, at 10 am for our first in person worship service since March 2020.

What a joyful blessing it is for us to plan a return to in person worship at our beautiful blue building at the corner of Spear Street and Swift Street!

We want to return safely, with recognition of the needs of all worshippers, those who are vaccinated, those who are not vaccinated, and those who have other health conditions that put them at increased risk. We want to protect everyone not only from COVID 19 and its many variants, but also from colds, flu, and whatever future epidemics may arise.

Your clergy and health officers have developed a set of guidelines for our behavior to assure our safe return. The Vestry has reviewed and approved the guidelines.

The guidelines have been developed in accordance with the guidance of the Diocese of Vermont, the Vermont Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control.

We trust that all members of our community will respect the needs of others and make safe and appropriate decisions.

Marga Sproul MD
Chief Health Officer

GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO IN PERSON WORSHIP
IN THE ERA OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

1. Please stay home if you are sick or if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - a. Fever of 100.4 or more
 - b. Cough
 - c. Breathing difficulty
 - d. Chills
 - e. Unexplained fatigue
 - f. Muscle or body aches
 - g. Headache
 - h. Sore throat
 - i. Congestion or runny nose
 - j. Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
 - k. New loss of taste or smell

2. For your safety and that of others, if you are unvaccinated, you must wear a mask. This currently applies to all children under age 12.

3. If you expect to be interacting significantly with people who are unvaccinated you must wear a mask. This applies to church school teachers.

4. We rely on the personal responsibility of worshippers to make appropriate decisions about mask wearing. We will not be asking anyone about their vaccination status. Anyone who wants to wear a mask is welcome to do so. Please bring your own mask. We will have a small supply on hand in case you forget.

5. Please sanitize your hands when you arrive at church. There will be a hand sanitizing station at each entry.

6. There will be no specifically designated socially distanced seating. Unvaccinated people and anyone else who wishes may request an usher to assure that they are socially distanced from others.

7. Please remain in your pew during the exchanging of the Peace and avoid direct physical contact such as hugs or handshakes. Explore other ways of exchanging the Peace, such as a warm smile or the Namaste position.

8. There are no restrictions on singing. However, our bishop prefers that we wear masks when singing.

9. During services and other meetings in the nave all seven air purifiers will be run on the highest setting. During any meetings elsewhere in the church the air purifier will be run on the highest setting during the entire meeting. Ideally, purifiers will run for an hour beforehand and will remain running for an hour following.

10. When coffee hour resumes, anyone serving food or beverages must wash or sanitize their hands thoroughly and then don disposable gloves. Gloves must be worn throughout the period of serving food and beverages.

Asylum Seeker in need of housing

Hello, friends,

A month ago we shared the exciting news that CASAN is welcoming and assisting a new family – a mother and her baby and preschool child!

We are still seeking housing in the greater Burlington area, including Essex, Winooski, Colchester, Willison, S. Burlington – a one (or two) bedroom apartment, an in-law apartment, or something similar. And near a bus line.

As someone in the asylum process, the mom is not allowed to receive many kinds of public assistance, nor is she authorized to work for at least a year. We are committed to raising funds for the family's living expenses – and for housing – for as long as needed. CASAN will co-sign the lease/rental agreement and pay the cost of housing until the mom is able to work and begin to support herself.

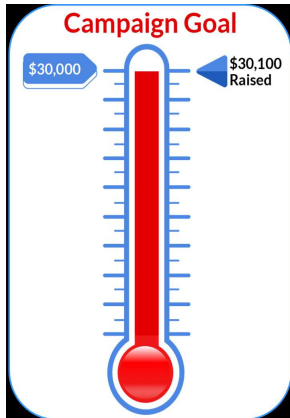
For these reasons, we need a place with rent as reasonably priced as possible (under \$1,300 would be ideal but could be higher). While we are already working with several organizations to find housings for which the mom may be eligible, we are also interested in working with a private landlord who may have an apartment. Or, if someone has suitable space to “donate” for a low monthly cost, that would be wonderful.

Please share this continuing need -- and if you can help, contact Board member Richard Smiles at locustsmiles@gmail.com

Thanks so much!

Jan Steinbauer, Coordinator
Chittenden Asylum Seekers Assistance Network

JUMP Reaches \$30,000 Spring Campaign Goal!



The Joint Urban Ministry Project, JUMP has reached, and exceeded the 2021 Spring Campaign Goal. Campaign funds will be used to help economically disadvantaged people in search of essential basic needs and assistance to gain independence to help themselves.

People in the greater Burlington community continue to be affected by COVID-19, with lost or diminished wages. Economic recovery appears unpredictable at this point. We anticipate increased needs for food, utilities and [transportation](#). Spring Campaign funds will help us fill the gap created by COVID.

Ron Pynn, Board of Directors President, "I am so heartened by the generous commitment shown by JUMP's loyal, dedicated supporters in helping JUMP reach its goal of \$30,000 for the Spring Campaign. The past year has been a difficult, trying time dealing with the COVID pandemic, all the more so for JUMP's clients. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and much needed. So on behalf of the more than 2000 JUMP families I offer a sincere thank you!"

Lastly, Wanda Hines, Director, "JUMP is most grateful to the many individual donors who funded our campaign. Your support will mean we can provide grocery vouchers, utility assistance, gasoline for transportation, laundry vouchers as well as cleaning supplies and personal care items. Especially now when food vouchers and stabilizing living situations through utility assistance are the two greatest needs sought by low income and homeless households reaching out to JUMP."

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Candace Smith
- 5 Pamela Hoover
- 7 Luke Carlson
Grayson Jane Parr
- 8 Martha Chambers
- 10 Kathy Hessler
- 11 Audrey Park
Cheryl Hooper
- 13 Dylan Lawrence
- 16 Ava Carroll
Lisette Baxter
- 17 Craig Smith
- 22 Marcia Corey
- 24 Judy Huetz
Dana Brown
- 25 Patty Giroux
- 26 Matt McGibney
- 27 Iris Darling
Laura Dattilio
- 30 David Hamilton
- 31 Becky Temple

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Peter Stanton
Carolyn Provine
 - 2 Larry Baxter
 - 3 Stefani Franklin
Vance Johnson
 - 4 Sylvia Burrill
Riese McBride
 - 10 Hal Woods
 - 21 Becky Fox
 - 23 Burke Hoover
 - 29 Alex Possidente
 - 21 Jacie Knapp
- IN MEMORIAM
- July 3 Betsy Yung
 - July 4 Hossein Nemazee
 - July 18 Esther Porto
 - July 28 Dick Adams
 - August 12 Belen Nemazee
 - August 12 Carol Burnett
 - August 15 Ellen Gillies
 - August 18 Ann Beattie
 - August 19 Helga Whitcomb
 - August 20 Dorothy Johnson
 - August 22 Pat McDonald
 - August 28 Phyllis Powell
 - August 30 Chris Sutherland

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Nick & Laura Dattilio
- 10 James & Dot Edgerton
- 11 Michael & Kim Richburg
- 12 Hal & Stephanie Woods
- 24 Peter & Chris Sheil
- 28 Larry & Lisette Baxter

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Aaron & Kate Welch
- 18 Dom Abbondanza & Sandy McGowan
Adam Pudvah & Kirtani Mathauer
- 24 David & Jane Hamilton
Stewart & Julie Pierson
- 25 Marcia & Randy Corey



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