



ALL SAINTS' NEWS



FROM THE RECTOR

Do you want to experience spiritual freedom in your life? The Fourth of July, which we recently celebrated, is a reminder of independence and freedom. Although we may understand the importance of political and religious freedoms, as Christians, do we appreciate the gift of spiritual freedom?

Spiritual freedom reminds us that Jesus has set us free to expect the unexpected from God. One of the unexpected blessings we have received is our new Associate for Pastoral Care, The Rev. Janice D. Watts. Janice is the first female priest to serve on staff here at All Saints. Close to 140 people unexpectedly attended the festive 4th of July picnic/reception to welcome Janice and her husband, Patrick.

In the midst of such festive occasions, it is important to remember that Jesus has set us free to trust in God's unconditional love. The freedom to which Jesus calls us is not a mindless, superficial optimism, nor is it an alternative to facing life's problems. Jesus charges us with the responsibility of daily decision-making.

Daily decision-making involves not only taking care of your self physically, mentally, and emotionally, but spiritually as well. One of the important ways you can take care of your self spiritually at All Saints is your commitment to stewardship. It is not only a commitment of your time and talents, but your financial resources as well. There are those who say to me that they have limited financial resources and that they can only give of their time and talents to All Saints.

We are deeply appreciative of all those who offer their time and talents. However, no matter what the extent of one's financial resources, everyone, (or every household), is capable of making a commitment. Making a financial commitment to All Saints is not only tangible means of thanking God for the blessings in your life, but supporting our operating budget as well.

Committing to tithing one's financial resources to the Lord here at All Saints, as I have and will continue to do, is not only a joy and blessing, but a way of experiencing spiritual freedom. If you have not reached a point of tithing, why not consider increasing your pledge to All Saints?

Peace, Bob



FROM THE ASSOCIATE

Thanks to all of you here at All Saints of the Desert, I feel I am "settling in nicely." Fr. Bob, the staff, Vestry, Marv, and Ken have been especially helpful. Patrick and I felt warmly received at the picnic on July 4 (and I do not mean the 119 degree temperature and sick air conditioner). The turnout of parishioners was a thrill and your hospitality has made us feel right at home.

We have spent the past few weeks getting acclimated to our home—each day there are fewer and fewer boxes to unpack. It feels good to have my office settled into; all my books and memorabilia I've collected from seminary and along the way are hung on the walls and on the bookcases. A vase of flowers, lamps, and throw pillows give it that "feminine touch" as Fr. Bob and others have commented how cozy and "settled in" my office looks. The decorating touches even overflowed into the staff restroom with a rug, flowers, and pictures on the wall. To say the least, I feel comfortable and at home here; and, in that comfort, hope to be creative and productive as I serve All Saints in the ministry of Pastoral Care.

I have kept a written log of my daily phone calls and pastoral visits. Things have been busy, but I don't feel overwhelmed because I love what I do. Besides, each of your smiles, kindnesses, help, and warm wishes have energized me and helped me to "settle in."

The Rev. Janice D. Watts,
Associate for Pastoral Care



"IT'S SATURDAY!"

- What? Marketplace Thrift Shoppe
- Where? All Saints' Storage Annex
9502 W. Hutton Drive, Sun City
- When? Grand Opening, Saturday,
September 18, 2010, 8am-12 noon.
- Why? Long preparation with only two-day
purchasing opportunity replaced by
weekly, more controlled sales
venture.
- How? Your generous donations will be
shown and sold every Saturday,
except holidays, with selected
contributions to go to other larger
outlets to keep stock moving and
new for our weekly shoppers.
- Who? You and everyone you can inform
and encourage to shop at "It's
Saturday!" to join in our outreach
efforts to help others.

For more info, please contact Pat Hofstetter at (623) 875-3471.

MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Please join us on the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30pm for \$10 a person. There will be 10 concerts starting in September and the season tickets are on sale now at the church office. We are offering a 10% discount for those who buy the season pass.

On Thursday, September 9, we will begin a series of "matinee concerts" twice a month, one Tuesday and one Thursday, from 1:30–3pm. This will be an afternoon concert and is \$8 per person. These matinees will be geared toward seniors living in independent/care facilities and for those who cannot attend evening performances, however, all are welcome. Our kickoff matinees are as follows:

9/9: "Rags Allen & Friends"

9/21: "Blu Notes"

If you'd like to help with the afternoon concerts, please call (623) 572-9354 or email me at jean4jazz@cox.net. Thanks for your support. —Jean Bayus

DYSART SCHOOLS...

Dysart School District is looking for volunteers. If you have a few extra hours a week to contribute your talents, skills, life experiences, and time to the life of a child, please contact Pat Rumsey, Volunteer Coordinator, via email at pat.rumsey@dysart.org or call (623) 594-2618.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE...

At the last meeting of the Worship Committee, a question was raised about the use of applause to show appreciation for music by either the choir or a soloist. For some who are new to our tradition, there may be a question of whether such a response is usual or not. If they see someone who does not applaud, does it mean that person did not like or enjoy what they heard?

For some, the applause is a spontaneous response of the Spirit. For others, silence is the appropriate way to show appreciation. An example of this difference in thinking may be shown by our response to other parts of the service. A period of silence follows the sermon so that reflection on the message may take place. In some other branches of Christianity, vigorous vocal responses are the norm, and are a sign of agreement with the speaker.

Generally, musicians will respond positively to a favorable comment as you leave the sanctuary, or during coffee hour. An exceptional event might even generate a personal note—always remembering that music during worship is not a performance, but an offering of thanks to God.

—Marta Sigmon, for the Worship Committee

JUNE TREASURER REPORT

INCOME	CURRENT	
	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
PLATE OFFERING	\$ 350.00	\$ 4,319.25
PLEDGES / NON	\$ 22,802.25	\$ 159,832.20
DONATIONS	\$ 399.00	\$ 3,383.93
SPECIAL INCOME	\$ —	\$ 2,440.00
MISC. INCOME	\$ 1,486.56	\$ 8,285.74
MISC. PROGRAM INCOME	\$ 332.50	\$ 22,553.97
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INCOME	\$ 210.00	\$ 185.00
MEMORIAL FUND INCOME	\$ —	\$ 145.00
COLUMBARIUM FUND INCOME	\$ (420.00)	\$ 730.00
ENDOWMENT INTEREST	\$ —	\$ 29,268.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 25,160.31	\$ 231,143.17

EXPENSES

PERSONNEL	\$ 21,461.81	\$ 135,647.29
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,396.13	\$ 14,728.27
BLDG / GROUNDS	\$ 2,298.87	\$ 31,471.19
BEYOND PARISH	\$ 6,438.17	\$ 56,571.60
CHURCH GROWTH	\$ 1,002.42	\$ 2,956.30
OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 366.07	\$ 5,812.81
MISC. EXPENSE	\$ 762.00	\$ 3,541.09
SPECIAL EXPENSE	\$ —	\$ 814.30
MISC. PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 1,476.19	\$ 12,747.10
COLUMBARIUM EXPENSE	\$ 263.34	\$ 1,060.37
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 36,465.00	\$ 265,350.32

INCOME OVER / (UNDER)

EXPENSES \$ (11,304.69) \$ (34,207.15)

AS OF JULY 25, WE HAVE RECEIVED 195 (2010) STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS TOTALING \$316,434.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT TO ALL SAINTS OF THE DESERT EPISCOPAL CHURCH! BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS YEAR TO DATE: \$1,535 DIMES FOR DYSART TO DATE: 498.85

SENIOR WARDEN...

It is exciting to see all the new people who joined our congregation this past year and have the opportunity to get to know them. These parishioners have officially transferred in and have become All Saints' members since January 2010: George and Margaret Ann Hayes, Jack and Kerry Jo Hanstein, Pat Evans, Pat Lameyer, Jim and Jan Drake, Ken and Emilie Mead, Margaret Wiesner, Michael Keever, Fred and Sandy Chilese. (Please see the September newsletter for more names of those who have recently joined). I am so impressed with your energy and willingness to get involved right away in the life of our church. Thank you for joining us. We want you to feel loved and a part of our family! If you have any questions or needs, please give me a call.

—Shirley Champion, Senior Warden

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