



# All Saints' News



## FROM THE RECTOR

Why do you go to All Saints? There are those who might say that regularly attending All Saints is a familiar routine and part of their spiritual discipline. Others might indicate that attending All Saints is a social occasion. Some come for the Eucharist, some for the music, some for fellowship, others the sermons, (At least I like to think some come for the sermons). Some come for pastoral care, others for outreach or education. Some attend All Saints because of the beauty of the sacred space, or for others, it is a temporary escape from the anxieties of daily living. Some may attend for a combination of these or other reasons.

Honesty is a virtue. Occasionally, someone will remark to me that they don't attend church regularly because it is not an important priority in their life. I find their honesty refreshing. However, one may sometimes get the wrong impression of the Episcopal Church. Years ago, I made a call on a parishioner who was not homebound for any apparent reason. During the visit, I remarked that although I had been Rector at this church for several years, I never had the opportunity of meeting her. She said to me, "Oh, I don't attend. That's what I love about the Episcopal Church. It's the church you can belong to, but don't have to attend."

While worshipping at All Saints, it is easy for us to share our opinions regarding the content of the liturgy, the music, the sermon, the prayers, the friendliness of the congregation, and even church politics. It is challenging, however, to open our hearts to God and ask the question, "Lord, what are you telling me today? What changes do I need to make in my life?"

There is a striking similarity between the book of Nehemiah and Luke's gospel. Nehemiah writes about Ezra saying, "And the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law" (Nehemiah 8:3). And Luke says about Jesus, "And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him" (Luke 4:20). The voices of these two authors continue to amplify a message we desperately need to hear today: **true worship is experienced when we focus our ears and eyes upon the Lord.**

Why do you go to All Saints? Whatever the reason, you are always welcome as we seek to be **"Caring, Christ-Centered, and Reaching Out."**

Peace,  
Bob



## FROM THE DEACON

The liturgical group involved in our worship services includes lay people as well as clergy. An **Acolyte** is a person who may function in various ways: carrying the processional cross, lighting and extinguishing candles, holding candles at the reading of the Gospel, helping with the collection of the offering, and helping with the presentation of the bread and wine as well as administering the chalice, usually while wearing an alb or other vestment.

A **Lector** is a person who reads lessons from the lectionary at a lectern. This is the name of a role, so the lector could be a lay person or an ordained person.

We welcome and encourage any of our parishioners to be involved in this vital ministry, either as an **Acolyte** or **Lector**. Training/update meetings will be provided for all participants. If you would like to be considered for this ministry at All Saints, please contact Dick Studley at (623) 974-8404.

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**  
**EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: 5pm**  
**LENTEN SUPPER/SPEAKER: 5:30pm**  
 Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**FRIDAYS, 11am & 4pm**  
 March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**PALM SUNDAY— MARCH 28**  
 The Palm Sunday Liturgy  
 Saturday: 4pm • Sunday: 8am & 10am  
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**HOLY TUESDAY— MARCH 30**  
 Morning Prayer: 9am  
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**HOLY WEDNESDAY— MARCH 31**  
 Morning Prayer: 9am  
 Holy Eucharist & Healing: 10am  
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**MAUNDY THURSDAY— APRIL 1**  
 Morning Prayer: 9am  
 Holy Eucharist & Agape Supper: 5pm  
*(Offering: All Saints' Discretionary Fund)*  
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**GOOD FRIDAY— APRIL 2**  
 Morning Prayer: 9am  
 The Good Friday Liturgy: 12pm  
 Stations of the Cross: 11am & 4pm  
*(Offering: Work of the Church in the Holy Land)*  
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**EASTER EVE— APRIL 3**  
 The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter:  
 4pm  
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**EASTER DAY— APRIL 4**  
 Festival Eucharist: 8am & 10am



## ALPHA COURSE INTEREST?

We are planning to start a new Alpha Course in the Spring of 2010. Who is Alpha for? Alpha is for anyone who is unsure what their life is about. People attend from all backgrounds, religions, and viewpoints. We will investigate questions about the evidence of God and the purpose of life, the afterlife, the claims of Jesus, and more. Some people want to get beyond religion and find a relationship with God which is personal...that really changes life. Others will participate because of the friendships and companionship which we'll build during the course.

The course usually lasts 10 weeks, with a day or week-end retreat in the middle. Courses vary in size from small groups to large groups meeting simultaneously. Each meeting begins or ends with a meal, which provides a chance to get to know each other better. There is also a short talk, followed by a time of discussion within small groups where everyone is welcome to contribute their opinion and ask questions.

We hope and expect to attract a large number of our members to attend Alpha Courses this summer and fall. If you are interested, please sign up by contacting the church office at (623) 974-8404 or contact Dave Woellner at (623) 434-4392.



## BIBLE STUDY

On March 4 at 10:30am, the Bible Study group will begin a course of study which will examine the birth of Christianity, its development, and its affect on western civilization.

The course consists of 24 lectures by a distinguished New Testament biblical scholar. The lectures are on DVDs which are approximately 30 minutes in length. The course covers the period from the development of early Christianity in the early 1st century, as a sect of Judaism, up until the conversion of the Roman Emperor Constantine in the year 312. Near the end of the 4th century, the Roman Emperor Theodosius decreed Christianity the official religion of the state.

The course begins with the life of Jesus as well as developing the people and traditions that are foundational for the emerging Christian religion. In addition to addressing the various "Christian Theologies," in this formative period some of the early writings which were never included in the Christian Bible will be explored.

This lecture series presents a scholarly view of the Christian Church which has been the most powerful religious, political, social, cultural, economic, and intellectual institution in the history of western civilization.

This is a compelling and informative series. All are invited to attend.

—Deacon Dick Studley



## MARKETPLACE

How could March have come already? Wasn't it just last week I took down the Christmas tree? Well—maybe not. Anyway, here is the proposed schedule for the week of Marketplace:

Monday, March 15, 8am—1pm: We need able-bodied table and shelf movers to set up the departments.

### Tuesday, March 16—Thursday, March 18, 8am-1pm:

Departments are set up and merchandise arranged. Department heads should be scheduling workers for the next days.

### Friday, March 19, 8am—2pm:

Workers should plan to be here at 7:30am to check in with their department heads. Doors open for selling at 8am. Wear comfortable shoes and happy smiles.



### Saturday, March 20, 8am-1pm:

Workers arrive at 7:30am. Marketplace starts at 8am and we close sales at 1pm. After sales are closed, we need helpers to box up remainders and help move shelves and tables back into place so that everything is in place for Sunday.

If you have worked Marketplace before, you already know that aside from being tired at the end of the day, it is one of those really "feel-good" experiences. If you have not tried it yet— jump on in. Work hours can be arranged to fit your schedule. If you have not been personally asked to participate in one of the departments already, come over during work hours, Tuesday—Thursday to pick your special place. We need your talents and we are eager to have you with us. (If your schedule won't allow time Tuesday—Thursday, please phone Marta at (623) 815-0529 or e-mail her at [martasigmon@cox.net](mailto:martasigmon@cox.net) instead. Thanks!

—Marta Sigmon



## TEA & FASHION SHOW

The tickets are selling fast for the Tea & Fashion Show which will be held Friday, March 5 at 3pm. Tickets are available for sale at the Gift Shop. We are still in need of the loan of teapots and tea kettles, as well as non-heirloom cups and saucers. If any of you ladies in the parish can assist us in the baking department, we would appreciate your help. Please contact Tommie at (623) 876-1895 for more information. Thank you!



## COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are still needed to serve as hosts after the 10am service. The first three Sundays will be served by the Vestry, Brotherhood, and Daughters of the King. We are looking for volunteers for the last Sunday of the month.

This is a fun way to meet new people. Please contact Bob Brotemarkle at (623) 556-1222 or Tommie Crudo at (623) 876-1895. Try it—you'll like it.



## ENDOWMENT

You probably noticed that we have \$871,896 in the Endowment Fund. Thanks to many of our members, we have built up this nice balance. The contributors to the Fund have said that the church is to use only the income from the funds given; thus, this year we will be receiving \$29,268 from which 50% will be going to outreach with balance for church use.

### Church Account

This account balance of \$298,033 consists of money given to the church where no restrictions are placed on the funds use. The Vestry controls how these funds may be used. All money is invested conservatively so the 20% appreciation was mostly generated from the rising stock market in 2009.

### Capital Improvements

Four years ago, we had a major fundraising campaign to finance some much needed improvements to our buildings. Some pledges were paid right away that were to be paid over a few years. With the rise in construction costs over the next few years, it was found necessary to scale back some of our plans. Now, with the receipt of some of these extended period pledges, you are now seeing improvements that have been going on in various areas of the church. Again, these funds were all pledged for the planned building program, the final results which you are seeing now. —Fred Heyer



## THERE ARE MANY DOORS...

...And then you strolled through our All Saints' doors, doors most of you have walked through many times before; but something was different. You were in an art gallery with ambience and a new glow of color.

Throughout the day, people would come and go viewing the interesting array of art. It was a moment to visit, admire, lift a glass, and to relax in a different atmosphere with soft music in the background. Sometimes you would observe a bidder overbidding your bid, so something needed to be done about that!

A beautiful seascape centered a table heaped with goodies, the punch carefully designed to protect carpets. This table was never short of refreshment, but this was not the complete moment.

The real excitement was centered around the portrait of Jesus drawn by Jesse Ramirez, Director of Valley View Community Food Bank, the chosen recipient of our efforts. Here, many Valley View volunteers, serious supporters of those in need of the necessities for life, pooled their money to reassure and give hope to those in the depths of despair. Their generous bid reinforced our appreciation of the twists and turns of life as the portrait of Jesus was returned to its home.

Thanks to all of you who made it possible for us to provide \$3,700 to help our neighbors. You know who you are and so does the One who is smiling because we seem to be finally catching on. "The Arts Can Fuel the Human Spirit!"

—Jean Fritts



## JAN. TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
PLATE OFFERING	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 1,089.00
PLEDGES / NON	\$ 33,105.15	\$ 33,105.15
DONATIONS	\$ 312.00	\$ 312.00
SPECIAL INCOME	\$ 1,009.90	\$ 1,009.90
MISC. INCOME	\$ 957.71	\$ 957.71
MISC. PROGRAM INCOME	\$ 1,445.50	\$ 1,445.50
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INCOME	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
MEMORIAL FUND INCOME	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
COLUMBARIUM FUND INCOME	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 38,954.26</b>	<b>\$ 38,954.26</b>

### EXPENSES

PERSONNEL	\$ 22,890.43	\$ 22,890.43
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,643.83	\$ 2,643.83
BLDG / GROUNDS	\$ 10,354.13	\$ 10,354.13
BEYOND PARISH	\$ 7,210.75	\$ 7,210.75
CHURCH GROWTH	\$ 252.84	\$ 252.84
OTHER SUPPORT	\$ 315.56	\$ 315.56
MISC. EXPENSE	\$ 653.27	\$ 653.27
SPECIAL EXPENSE	\$ 916.04	\$ 916.04
MISC. PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 1,815.14	\$ 1,815.14
COLUMBARIUM EXPENSE	\$ 104.15	\$ 104.15
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 47,156.14</b>	<b>\$ 47,156.14</b>

INCOME OVER / (UNDER)

EXPENSES \$ (8,201.88) \$ (8,201.88)



## VESTRY INFORMATION

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Champion

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Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting held on January 24th. The new members elected to the Vestry are Zoe Arnold, Bill Brooks and Wayne Woodworth. Delegates to the 2010 Convention will be Zoe Arnold, Shirley Barr, Dan Jones, Virginia Reutter and Wayne Woodworth. We appreciate the efforts of all those who assisted in making the meeting so successful.

—Shirley Champion, Senior Warden



## LIBRARY NEWS

We just received a remarkable book donated to us by Connie Castillo, entitled, *Rowan's Rule: the Biography of the Archbishop of Canterbury*, by Rupert Shortt. The book provides a sympathetic but clear-eyed assessment of a remarkable, gifted, and much maligned leader as he seeks to steer the Anglican Communion through the stormiest period in its history. It is eminently readable, without ever being trite.

Visit the library for another favorite, *The Gifts of the Jews*, by Thomas Cahill, (History and World Religions), about how a tribe of desert nomads changed the way everyone thinks and feels. It is entertaining, captivating, as well as persuasive. Don't you wonder where the idea of religion really got started? This book takes you way back in history to the ancient Sumerians.

—Shirley Fackelman, Librarian



## ST. PATTY'S DINNER

Your Events Committee announces that All Saints will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 14, with an Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage. The doors will open at 5pm with dinner served at 5:30pm. The event is \$7 per person and is limited to the first 100 people who submit their fee in an event envelope. No tickets will be sold at the door. Join the fun by wearin' a touch of green, singing along, and maybe even kissin' the Blarney Stone.

Please call the office at (623) 974-8404 for further information. Thank you!



## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The EfM program for All Saints of the Desert began in September and concludes in May. This year we have students participating in Year 1,3, and 4. We will have 3 students completing the 4 year program in May.

EfM is a 4 year program preparing students to explore, identify, and exercise their personal ministries as Christians in today's world. Included in that preparation: Bible Study, Worship, Theological Reflection, and faith community building. Participants are asked to commit to 1 year at a time, completing the 4 years at their choosing. Year 1 covers Old Testament; Year 2-New Testament; Year 3-Church History; and Year 4-Theology and Contemporary Church. EfM meets weekly, Monday evening, from 5:15-7:15pm.

—Rev. John E. Turner, Mentor

**2010 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS:** As of February 17, we have received **191** (2010) Stewardship Commitments, totaling **\$311,290**. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



## LOVE BEAR MINISTRY

We say goodbye to the "Love Bear" outreach ministry and hello to the "Prayer Shawl & Blanket" outreach ministry.

On Sunday, March 21, Father Bob and I will deliver our thanks and recognition to the dedicated volunteers and donators who have been a part of the "Love Bear" ministry. Volunteers will sit in the front middle pews on that Sunday.

This ministry has been in existence for 10 years and will conclude April 1, 2010. If you are interested in continuing this ministry, please contact Victoria Brown for information and support. The success of this ministry is credited to the continued work and it's yearly achievements by the volunteers and the generosity of material donations and monetary gifts from our beloved church family. The joy of giving to ill and homeless children, nearly 6,000 bears, has been a blessed reward for all.

I personally thank you for your thoughtfulness, dedication, and support.

We will be starting up a new outreach ministry, "Prayer shawls and lap blankets," in September. We will be knitting and crocheting, in our homes and at our leisure. Our finished shawls and blankets will be dispersed to our members during hospital stays and to our shut-ins. We pray that we will be supported and successful and eventually extend our giving to others beyond our own church members. It is up to us to achieve these goals. Will you help? Do you knit? Do you crochet? Do you create tie-blankets? Would you be interested in joining us? The patterns are available and easy, (no fringes). We also need your support and donation of skeins of yarn. Please bring your donations to the closet located in the narthex that we used for Love Bears.

This coming ministry offers the opportunity to share our caring and loving hearts. If interested, please call me at (623) 566-1943.

Praise God and thanks to all who have been a part of the "Love Bear Ministry." A grateful thanks to our church office staff for their support. —Victoria Brown



## HUNGER SUNDAY

The third Sunday of every month is designated as Hunger Sunday at All Saints. On this Sunday, we encourage all of you to bring gifts of canned or packaged food and place it the wagon in the narthex labeled "Hunger Sunday." These gifts will be given to the West Side Food Bank for distribution to folks in need. In addition, all \$1 bills in the collection plate on that particular Sunday will also go to the food bank to provide even more for those in need. Please, if you are able, remember this very real need and donate food and/or dollars each month on Hunger Sunday. There are many who need our love and care. Thank you for stepping up and sharing your resources and love with fellow neighbors.!