
Saints' Alive

March 2017



Twenty-three years ago a wonderful man of Lebanese origin, named Gus Abraham, gave me a white fava bean with a cross marked on it. He gave it to me as a gift when I first arrived as newly ordained deacon at Good Shepherd, Lake Charles. Over the years this small bean has aged with time and it has turned a much darker color. Gus told me when he gave it to me that if I had it on my person anytime he saw me around town, then he would give me a dollar and he always did. More often than not, the dollar was a Sacajawea dollar coin. I think Gus liked the look of a gold coin.

There is really no way of telling how many dollar coins Gus handed out every day over the course of so many years. Gus also pointed out that as long as you had this special bean in your pocket you would always have something to eat.

I posted this story on Facebook and got immediate responses from old friends in Lake Charles, LA. Many of them still have the special bean Gus gave to them even though he entered into the Kingdom of God several years ago. I'm still amazed at the sheer number of fava beans with crosses that Gus must have handed out. I'm even more amazed at how many people have held onto them even though Gus is no longer around to give them a dollar.

I was a stranger to Lake Charles when Gus Abraham welcomed me with his unusual gift. Welcoming the stranger who comes among us is at the core of Christian hospitality. There are some who are able to gracefully live into this commandment to the fullest. They make a lasting first impression and greatly ease the discomfort of those who know what it feels like to be a stranger in a new land. I'm sure that the reason I have kept that fava bean all these years is because of my relationship with Gus and how he made me feel at home in a new town.

Now, here I am once again, a stranger in a new land. I cannot say that five years ago I would have ever seen me making a move to Morristown, TN. Yet here I am. My wife and I are slowly making the transition from Baton Rouge, LA to All Saints' Church in Morristown, TN. In many ways, each day is a new adventure.

That said, you have welcomed this stranger with open arms. You have given me temporary shelter as I look for a new home. You have invited me into your homes to break bread and form new friendships. You have taken me out to lunch and told me the story of how you came to make All Saints' your faith community. You have shown me the best of Christian hospitality.

I'm so grateful for this warm embrace from the people of All Saints'. As a stranger it is comforting to know I am welcome among you as your new priest. Together we will worship God. Together we will engage in ministries that make a difference to our neighbors in Morristown. Together we have begun a new relationship that I am confident will endure for years to come.

God's Peace, Fr. Mark+



Greetings! It is with great honor that I have been elected to oversee the Parish Life Groups!

First I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to continue to serve as chairmen and members of the different Parish Life Committees. These groups consist of Bulletin Boards, Breakfast Teams, Sunday Hospitality, ECW, Parish Receptions and Picnics, Wise Men, BBQ Committee, Foyers, Wednesday PM Dinners, Scrapbooking and Funeral Receptions.

Our church is filled talented and gifted parishioners who can make our times of fellowship a successful ministry with a fun time to be had by all. With this being said, I have reviewed the Rally Day Sheets and if I have not already contacted you then I will be in contact soon with parishioners who have signed up for the different committees.

We have selected BBQ dates of May 11-13 and October 19-21. This is a big undertaking, but many hands make for light work. We are also looking at ways to revamp Wednesday Evening Programs by joining with Outreach and Evangelism to reach the greatest number of adults and children in our community by possibly having two Wednesday nights per month that involve activities for adults and children.

If you are interested in joining any of these committees or have questions, please contact me at 423-714-6407 or sdkitts1@gmail.com and I will do my best to find your perfect fit within these groups. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better and am excited to be involved in such a large committee that encompasses so many aspects of the church family.

Blessings,

Shamron Stambaugh, Parish Life Vestry Liaison



The Evangelism Committee chaired by Cindy Selby met February 6, 2017.

Persons attending were Cindy Selby, Judy Carter, Lena Giles, Henry Selby, John Hutchins, and Bob Harmon.

The Committee discussed several projects that are currently in progress.

- Welcome Bags. Cindy Selby and John Hutchins are working on Welcome Bags for visitors and new comers. We are still working on the contents. We welcome suggestions.
- Mary Ann Mills is working diligently on updating the Parish Directory. Letters are being sent out to parishioners whose information we believe is incorrect requesting they contact Mary Ann or Lynne Ann with corrections. We also plan to announce this during announcements on Sunday. We will note in the Sunday Bulletin and on the website corrections as they are made.
- We are in discussion on doing a new Pictorial Directory in color. We are checking on the cost and will see if we have enough in the budget to do one this year.
- Our Card Ministry is still ongoing. Martha Simerl is currently sending cards to those having anniversaries, birthdays or grieving a lost or illness.
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There is a planned Wednesday night presentation on "Evangelism by Introverts" February, 22 at 5:30 PM. Contact Cindy Selby for more information.

We are also planning a Newcomers Dinner sometime this spring. More details to follow as plans are finalized.

We welcome anyone interested in helping with the Evangelism Committee. The Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Memorial Room.

Thank you,

Bob Harmon, Vestry Liaison for Evangelism



Bingo will be March 8th at Noon. Marylou will be back calling the Bingo (this in itself is a good reason to come.) It has been suggested that parishioners play bingo too. You sit with the Morristown Housing Authority folks and if you Bingo you donate your prize to someone at your table. It's something to consider. Thanks to all the parishioners who show up every month to help set up, prepare the meal, help dish out the meal and clean up.

Food on Foot - the bag days are during our Wednesday Agape dinners on March 8th and March 22nd with March 25th being the Saturday that All Saints' assists with handing out the bags of food. This is done at Food on Foot located on Morris Blvd and is an opportunity to see the other end of the cycle. Handing out the food bags to children and their families takes about two hours of your time. So don't watch cartoons on Saturday March 25th and be at Food on Foot around 11:00am – you can even bring the kids.

You may or may not be aware that the loose offerings every 2nd Sunday of the month go to Outreach. The January and February loose offerings are going to Serenity House. At this time the amount has not been tallied completely so the total going to Serenity House will be published in next month's newsletter. For March CASA is being considered as a possible recipient. All recipients go through the Outreach Committee for approval and then approval by the vestry. If you know of a non-profit group that would benefit from our support please contact an Outreach Committee member.

Speaking of CASA – Denise Aludo, who is the Lakeway area CASA director, will be the next Outreach guest speaker. She is agreed to come and be with us as part of Wednesday's Agape dinner on March 29th. So what is CASA? CASA provides a voice for abused and neglected children in our community, advocating on their behalf in the juvenile court system. CASA is an acronym for "Court Appointed Special Advocate". The Rev. Gigi Sharpe was on the Lakeway area board of directors and now Sharon Oats is on the board of directors. All Saints' has other ties to CASA Sheree Cardone is a CASA volunteer. For more information about CASA visit their website - <http://www.lakewaycasa.org/>.

ECW has outreach plans in the works for CEASE the local women's shelter. Not sure of the plans at this time, but will let the parish know as they develop.

Thank you for all you do, truth of the matter is - *the parishioners of All Saints' are Outreach.*

The Outreach Committee: Cookie Larkin, Ginger Goolsby, John Hutchins, Sue Justis, Jackie Fleming, Louise Dyer and Larry McGowan. (Your name could be here too!!!)

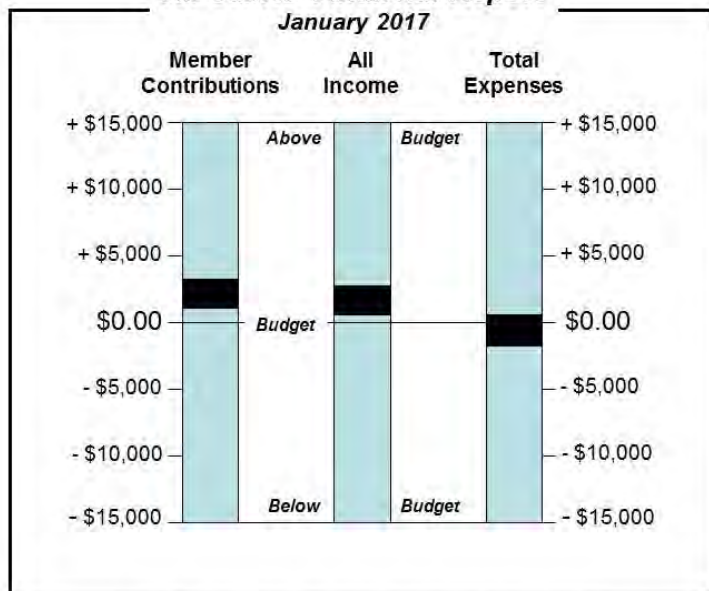


Daylight Savings Time begins March 12



Change clocks on Saturday night!!!

All Saints' Financial Report January 2017



Your Vestry thanks you for your support !

Greetings parish family,

We have much to celebrate for the coming year!! Everyone that has been serving on the ROTA has been doing a great job, unfortunately the 8 am service could use several volunteers, especially Chalice Bearers, Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Hospitality and Acolytes. If you are interested, please give me a call and we will get you set up!

To get all the subcommittees of worship running smoothly I still need someone to chair the sound and chalice bearers. If you are interested, please feel free to talk with me and we will get things going.

Reminder Easter is coming up, and if you are going to be out of town, please let me know soon so we can schedule appropriately.

Many blessings, Dillon Wines 423-258-3015

ALL SAINTS' HIKERS!
SUNDAY NIGHT HIKE
AND DINNERS WILL
RESUME ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

5:00pm at Spooner
Shelter, Panther
Creek State
Park



Where Do You Go If You Have A Question?

You can look at the large Organizational Chart for 2017 on the east wall of the Fellowship Hall. Does your question have to do with outreach, worship, finance or etc? Look under the picture of your current Vestry members. Which Vestry member is the liaison for Outreach, Worship, Finance or Etc.? That would be a good place to start. They might be able to answer your question or they might refer you to the person in charge of a certain area such as HUD Bingo or Adult Choir that deals with your question.

For those questions that have to do with the area of Office Functions certainly consult with Lynne Ann Anderson.

Some questions particularly those that require certain elements of confidentiality might best be broached with Fr. Mark.

The Vestry and the Congregation are governed by the By-laws of All Saints Episcopal Church and the broader canons of our diocese and The Episcopal Church. Our website includes a wealth of information including a copy of our By-laws, a current calendar of events, and current and back issues of Saints Alive. The website of the East Tennessee Diocese contains an additional wealth of information including the canons.

We encourage all members of the congregation to be involved and welcome all inquiries and comments.

Raymond Lowry, Vestry Liaison to the Administration Committee



March 1, 2017

8:15AM All Saints' School HE & Ashes

Noon HE & Ashes at church

7:00PM HE & Ashes at church



Our Youth and Children have had a busy start to 2017. We kicked off the year with a ski trip to Cataloochee, shared ideas and BBQ with Knoxville Episcopal Youth at St. Elizabeth's, and participated in the DIY Chancel Drama workshop.

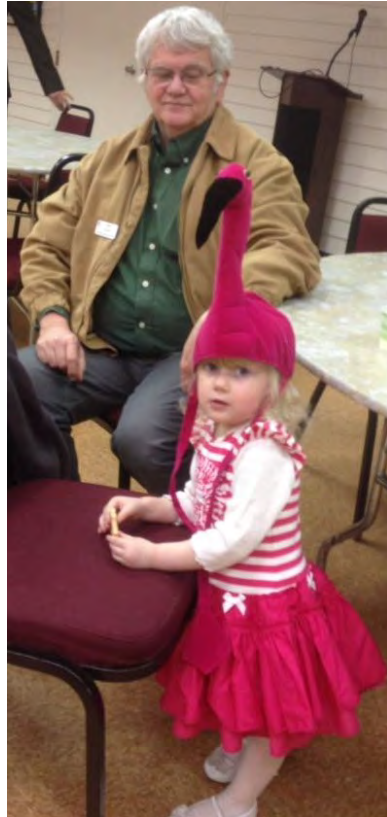
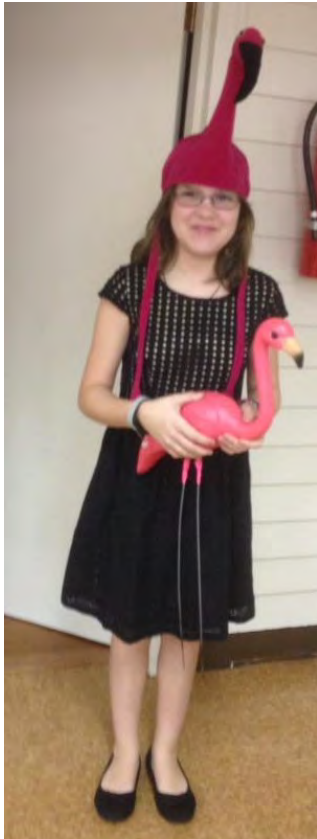
We are currently in the middle of our flamingo flocking fundraiser.

Upcoming events include the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and Talent Show on February 28th and the Happenings weekend at Grace Pointe March 3rd-5th.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

Sam Neill Vestry liaison for Youth

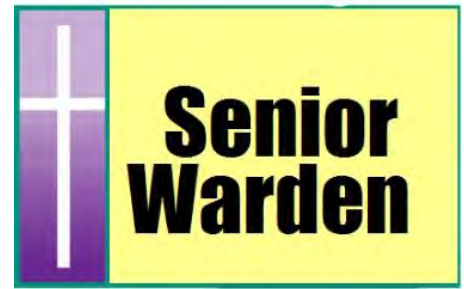




Flocking 2017



What an exciting time here at All Saints'! Our new Rector, Father Mark, is here and fits so well it is as if he has always been here! At the Vestry Retreat I was selected to be our Senior Warden and we are very fortunate to have a great Vestry working for us this year! What a wonderful congregation!! So many new and old activities being supported!



All Saints' is going to have an *amazing and exciting* year. Father Mark moved in on February 1st and is enthusiastically starting his journey as our Spiritual Leader. He has been busy meeting you beginning with his first dynamic Sunday on February 5th. He had the opportunity to attend the Diocesan Convention. I know the Diocese is as happy that he is with us as we are. He has been led to us! He kindly opened himself to us with a Q&A Forum on Wednesday the 15th. He has now almost got his library set up too!

Some things I would like to share with you:

- On the bulletin board in the parish hall is our organizational chart. I am asking you to review all the committees available for you to participate. We would love for *every one* of you to contribute your talents and time as well as your treasures.
- Stewardship of Time, Talents and Treasures is a year-round ministry. When asked last year, you stepped up in your financial contributions and we ask that you continue your financial commitment.
- You will also see our Vestry Covenant which is our commitment to *help inspire* us to achieve the vision and mission of All Saints'!

At the Vestry Retreat we also identified what we considered to be All Saints' TOP THREE GOALS FOR 2017 and how we should address them. We invite your participation and suggestions.

- *Bringing Young Families to our church*-through Programing, Consistency
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- Intergeneration Programs, Spiritual Branding and Special Activities
- *Communication*- Defined Media, Parish Meetings, Education of our Parish Committees, Directional Signage, Audio-Visual and Open House Events
- *Stewardship (T, T & T)*-Parish Fund Raising, Summer Long Activities and Enhanced Services, Welcoming-inviting people to participate.

We were blessed to have Fr. Rob Henley with us. He has been a spiritual force for us and his sermons have been a shining light!

Marylou Mauney deserves a huge debt of gratitude. We can never know the time and effort she has contributed to us!

And so.. what I am asking of you all, is to join our committees and participate to make this the best year ever and welcome Fr. Mark to All Saints' with enthusiasm and joy!

Judy Yates, Senior Warden of the Vestry

memorials & gifts

In memory of Billy Adams
(son of Tykie & Jerry Feldmann)

Judy Altom

In memory of Richard Dunning
(brother of Mary Zabrosky)

Lena & George Giles



Debby Hayes; Getter Hall; Ashley Auton Taylor, daughter of Dave Auton; Fran Carroll, sister of Larry McGowan; Beverly Goolsby, daughter-in-law to Ginger Goolsby; Frank Sewell; Rob Holiway, son-in-law of Pat Clevenger; Cookie Larkin; Al Taylor, brother of Ginger Goolsby; Walt Justice; Judy Viens; Charlie Rose; Wandalene Howell, friend of Barbara Garrett; David Wampler; B.J. Pate, grandson of Judy Altom; Taylor Davenport; Anne Charles; June Murphy; Shirley DeGroff; Mary Skinner, Maudie Briggs

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our sister missions in South Dakota: St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala; St. James', Mobridge; St. John's, Bullhead; St. Paul's, Little Eagle

Those in the Armed Forces: Joseph Carson; Dakota Faw; Ryan Oliver; Daniel Thomas; John Minarik; Jacob Frederick; Timothy Ellison; Austin Pieters



Birthdays & Anniversaries









- 1 Barbara Garrett, Larry Jones
 - 3 Susan Fuhr
 - 5 Jeffrey Torres
 - 6 Liz & Mark Holland
 - 11 Jim Anglin, Mary Ann Mills
 - 14 Talia McCarty, Christina & Daryl Spencer*
 - 15 Skeet & Nancy Jernigan*
 - 16 Preston Husk, Udo Wender
 - 17 Lily Hall, Seth Hall
 - 21 Katherine Joyce
 - 23 Sharon Pritchard
 - 24 Lynn Walton
 - 26 Jean Coffman, Meghan Cordle
 - 27 Martha Simerl, Wayne & Pat Pigmon*
 - 28 Matthew Leonard
 - 31 Sarah Gose, Sheila & Dick Rice*
- *Anniversary**

Thank you to those who have provided cards for All Saints' card ministry. It's a big help and I appreciate it.

If you know of someone from our congregation whom you feel needs a card, please call me (423.754.2316) or email me (jimsimmartha@gmail.com)

Martha Simerl

	3/5/2017	3/12/2017	3/19/2017	3/26/2017	4/2/2017
ALTAR GUILD	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
	Judy Anglin	Judy Bartholomew	Brooke White	L. Giles	Judy Anglin
	Pat Pigmon	Carolyn Dean	Diane Fox	Sheri Chiapetta	Pat Pigmon
	Toni Dosil	Virginia Carey	Taryn Herzog	Alyssa Chiapetta	Toni Dosil
	Shirley DeGroff	Janis Dixon	S. Stambaugh	Jamia Blazer	Shirley DeGroff
BREAD MINISTRY	Mary Zabrowsky	Martha Simerl	Mark Joyce	Louise Dyer	L. McGowan
ACOLYTES 8	K. Torres	Dave Auton	Cody Nelson	Earl Hall	K. Torres
CHAL/INTER 8	Glenn Thompson	Cindi Husk	Kathy-Jones Litz	Sam Yearly	L. McGowan
2ND CHAL 8	K. Torres	Dave Auton	Glenn Thompson	Dave Auton	K. Torres
GREETER 8	P. Kirkley & V. Bailey	R & G. Miller	M.L. & H. Mauney	P. Kirkley & V. Bailey	M.L. & H. Mauney
HOSPIT 8	Tykie Feldman	Carol-Jean Webster	Virginia Carey	Robin Miller	Nathan Kirkley
LECTOR	MaryLou Mauney	Sam Yearly	Hobart Smith	Martha Simerl	Hobart Smith
USHERS 8	Skeet Jernigan	K. Torres	Howard Mauney	Robin Miller	Skeet Jernigan
	Blue McGowan	Skeet Jernigan	M.L. Mauney	Gary Miller	Blue McGowan
VPR 8	L. McGowan	R. Lowry	J. Yates	H. Selby	L. McGowan
ACOLYTES 10:30	TEAM 5	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM3	TEAM4
	D. Garber	J. Fuhr	C. Sexton	Jay Gose	D. Wines
	R. Garber	C. Neil	R. Anderson	J. Hamblen	S. Sexton
	M. Sawyer	J. Neil	Tommy Will	L. Hamblen	M. Cordle
CHAL/INTER 10:30	Dan Dickens	Susan Fuhr	Jack Fishman	Cindi Husk	Kathy-Jones Litz
2ND CHAL 10:30	Mark Joyce	Cookie Larkin	Carolyn Dean	Mark Joyce	Carolyn Dean
FLOWER CARRIERS	Judy Upton	Judy Anglin	Judy B	Tykie Feldman	Pat Pigmon
GREETERS 10:30	L. Giles & S. Stambaugh	Jim & David Gose	J & J Yates	L. Joyce & S. Chiapetta	Judy B. & S. Stambaugh
HOSPIT 10:30	Dickens/Joyce	Mitrik/Connellee	Chiapetta/Dosil	White/Taylor	Giles/Cordle
LECTOR OT 10:30	Dan Dickens	Martie Anderson	Sheila Carton	Jason Dockery	Bill Mitrik
LECTOR NT 10:30	S. Stambaugh	Judy Carter	Sarah Gose	Mary Dockery	Cindy Selby
PRESENT 10:30	Sue & Tommy Justis	George & Lena Giles	B. White & D. Wines	Udo & Judy B.	W. S. Stambaugh
L.E.V.	Mark Joyce	Cindy Selby	Raymond Lowry	Sue Justis	Mark Joyce
SOUND 10:30	Tommy Justis	Jackson Hutchins	Jack Yates	Dan Dickens	Udo Wender
USHERS 10:30	Holley Dickens	Ronnie Bledsoe	Janis Dixon	Holley Dickens	Ronnie Bledsoe
	George Giles	Udo Wender	Larry Mills	George Giles	Brooke White
	David Gose	Bob Garrett	Mary Ann Mills	Ginger Goolsby	David Gose
	Jim Gose	Sam Neill	Judy B	Bill Connellee	Jim Gose
VPR 10:30	L. Joyce	R. Lowry	J. Yates	H. Selby	L. McGowan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM HE I 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM HE Rite II 8:00 PM NA	27 4:00 PM Purkey Music	28 Shrove Tuesday 4:00 PM Purkey Music 5:30 PM Pancake Supper 6:00 PM No-Talent-Required Talent Show 8:00 PM AA	 1 8:15 AM HE & Ashes @ ASES 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM HE & Ashes 4:00 PM Purkey Music 6:00 PM Parish Choir 7:00 PM HE & Ashes	2 9:30 AM Admin Committee 12:00 PM ALANON 4:00 PM Purkey Music 5:30 PM AA/NA After-care	3 6:00 PM Purkey Music 8:00 PM AA/ALANON	4 10:00 AM Purkey Music 8:00 PM NA
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Coffee Call with the Rector

Sometimes parishioners want to spend some informal time visiting with the clergy. Sometimes they would rather not come to the church to do so because people wonder why they are meeting with the priest behind closed doors. Sometimes people just have too much time on their hands.

In an effort to make myself more available to my parishioners and to the public in general, I will take up residence at Java Garden from 8:30 AM until 10:00 on most Thursday mornings. I'll post on Facebook to confirm that I will be there.

So come on by and visit. Let's share a cup of coffee over breakfast and learn more about each other. There is no specific agenda here it is just a chance for us to deepen a new relationship.

Peace, Mark+