

THE CHURCH IN THE MIDST OF METAMORPHOIS

When I was a child in 5th grade we lived in Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. My father was stationed there in the Air Force. As a military dependent I went to school on the base. Our teachers were imported from the states under contract to teach us for the year.

Winter in Labrador is about 8 months out of the year. It's cold. It's dark when you go to school and dark when you come home from school. It wears on you. So when a creative science teacher orders a box of caterpillars to teach the biological process of metamorphosis - well that is a red letter day.

When the box arrived we opened it up and saw the wiggly caterpillars feeding on the food that was shipped with them. We followed the instructions on how to care for them. In a couple of weeks the caterpillars slowed down and spun their cocoons which eventually morphed into a chrysalis. To our amazement, what once was a caterpillar eventually emerged from the chrysalis as a butterfly. It started out as one thing and right before our eyes it was transformed into something completely new and different.

I truly believe we are living in a time of metamorphosis for the Christian Church. To be sure, the process began sometime ago. The Covid-19 virus has caused it to speed up the process of change. We are witnessing the Christian Church entering a period of isolation and cocooning while we are being transformed into something wonderful and new.

I see a church becoming more engaged in the world. I see a church that wants to champion the poor and the oppressed with more than just words. I see a church that is moving from maintenance to mission. Naturally, this is upsetting the status quo and turning everything upside down.

As followers of Jesus Christ we really shouldn't be surprised. Jesus' entire ministry upset the status quo. It was a radical departure from what was comfortable for many. It was also a welcome change for those who were marginalized and suffering.

Will the Church survive the Covid -19 virus? Absolutely! Will it go back to the way it was before? I hope not. Are we open to what might be the new way of being the Church in the 21st century? I pray that we are brave enough to do so.

Fr. Mark+

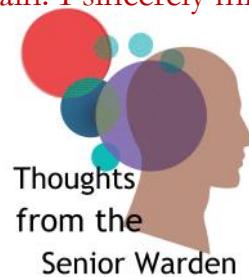
After our last in-person Vestry meeting on March 12th, a major unprecedented event happened. Father Mark got a call from Bishop Cole to discuss the announcement he was going to make to the East Tennessee Diocese that church services, meetings, and gatherings would cease the following Monday due to the COVID19 virus. What?... no church services, all the planned events for 2020, and especially our BBQ?? Needless to say, it was surreal.

As Father Mark noted, the church building has been closed but not All Saints' Church. I have been so thankful for and amazed at our church leadership as well as the support from the East Tennessee Diocese. The challenges were met head on. I would like to share just some of the major milestones.

- What I call our “Frontline Team”, worked hard to begin providing virtual Facebook services within 2 weeks of closing the building! This involved numerous tasks and personal time dedicated to move forward during this challenging time. Thank you, Frontline Team! We are now looking into expanding audio/visual capabilities to continue online worship in the future.
- Online giving was made available; Payroll Protection Plan loan was applied for and received; and the Foundation Trust Committee continued discussions and decisions via emails.
- The Vestry held meetings via Zoom beginning the week after closing the building and continued with weekly meetings for 4 to 5 weeks to be abreast of new developments within the National Church and our diocese. Bishop Cole kept the clergy of our Diocese updated on a weekly basis as well.
- Vestry adjustments were made when Diane Baker, our Junior Warden, had to resign due to health issues. Bill Connellee is now serving as Junior Warden, Sue Justis is now the liaison for All Saints' Episcopal School (ASES), and Brooke White, who was the next person on the ballot at our last Vestry election, is now filling Diane's unexpired term. She will serve as the liaison for Pastoral Care.
- I attended Bishop Cole's Zoom meeting for all the Diocese Senior Wardens on April 20th to discuss what we are seeing, experiencing, and learning during this time. Numerous issues were discussed with much emphasis on encouraging parishioners, Vestry, and Clergy to keep in touch with each other. In addition, I attended the April 28th meeting for Senior Wardens with Chancellor Arrants and our Diocesan Vice-Chancellor team to discuss legal and canonical topics relevant to the current crisis.

And finally, the reopening of All Saints Church on June 14, 2020!!! Honestly, the reopening of All Saints' couldn't have happened without the leadership, knowledge and commitment of Victor Bailey. Let's all thank him for this! And, yes, he had support from the rest of the Administration Committee and the Vestry and I thank them as well. Some may not care for what all is required to reopen, but we considered your health, our legal liabilities and CDC regulations. Please be patient and understand that we too look forward to the day we can all worship together again. I sincerely miss my Parish Family.

In Christ,
Susan Fuhr, Senior Warden



As we begin to open the church in small steps, some forward and perhaps some backward, I am watching the weeds start to show the lack of our caring touch. The playground is a great resource for us, particularly now with our social distancing requirements. I would very much like to organize as many of us as possible to do a series of mini-weedings around the grounds beginning the second week of July. If you are interested, please let me know and we'll have groups of 3-4 to get everything back in order. Thanks!

Bill Connellee

Junior Warden



Our beloved All Saints' Episcopal School is facing some it's biggest challenges ever as we prepare to open for the 2020/2021 school year. School is scheduled to open on August 10, 2020. Mother GiGi, the Board of Trustees, Staff and Faculty are working hard to make sure they open in the safest way possible following closely CDC guidelines as well the guidelines of the Diocese of East Tennessee.

At noon today we had 107 students registered; at this time last year we had 97 registered. They are receiving a lot of inquires as parents are more concerned than ever for the safety of their children. Many are seeing the advantages we can offer with smaller classroom sizes not to mention a quality education in a Christian environment.

Please keep Mother Gigi and all concerned in your prayers as they learn to navigate uncharted waters.

Sue Justis

Vestry Representative to All Saints' Episcopal School



My name is Brooke White and I am the liaison to the vestry for pastoral care. We haven't had a lot of food activities due to the virus. Food was delivered to Liz Holland after her surgery.

If you have any pastoral needs please feel free to call me. 423-231-8372

Brooke White, liaison to the Vestry

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (July 2020)

How amazing it is July. Funny how life is, one day it can be normal then change comes with covid. However, God is still on our side helping and giving us strength and courage.

Our church can continue to grow in this time of restrictions. Gatherings will be altered and not the same, but our relationship with God will be our strength and refuge each and every day. Reading and studying the word of God, in our quiet moments, will give us spiritual nourishment that is needed.

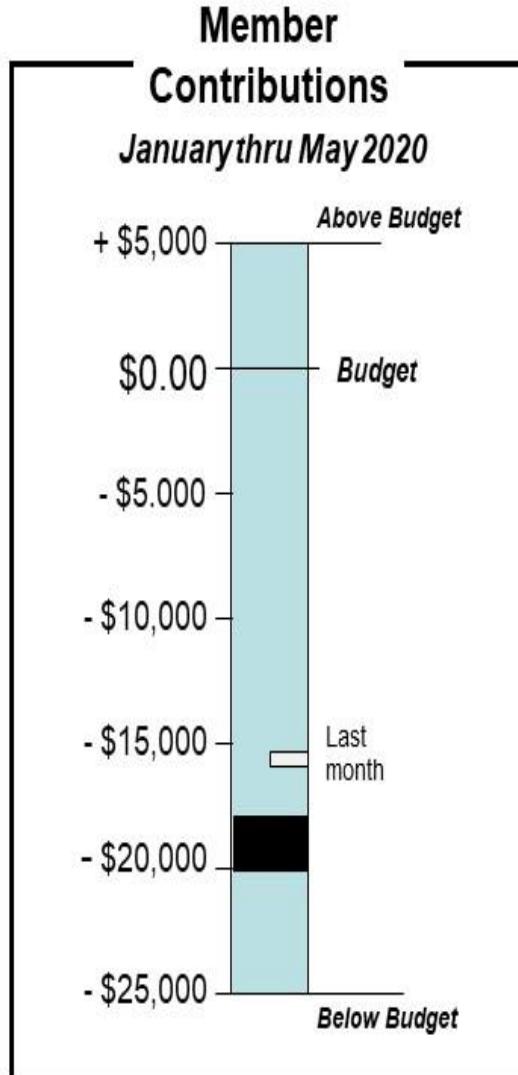
Please let me know if you have any thoughts about our adult education for All Saints'. I would enjoy hearing your thoughts and ideas.

Blessings to you and your family,
Jeanie Schub, Vestry Member

The shutdown of many of our church programs during the Covid-19 Pandemic has greatly affected our financial results and has made a meaningful comparison of "Total Income" and "Total Expenses" to the existing "2020 Budget" difficult to understand without a long list of adjustments and exclusions.

For the next few months we will only present the "Member Contributions" part of our graph since that data is not skewed by the shutdown of our programs.

The Finance Committee will be working during the summer to evaluate and update the Budget to reflect the impact of the Pandemic and we hope to resume our usual graph by Sept.



Available on the App Store

Your Vestry thanks you for your support !
A reminder in these difficult times to keep your pledge current
- catching up can be hard -
- On-line giving is now available -

To: Parishioners of All Saints' Episcopal Church

From: Fr. Mark & the Vestry

Subject: An Appeal for Ongoing Stewardship Support

It has been said that, "The sum of the parts is greater than the whole." The basic idea is that whenever we are all pulling together with a common purpose, then we can accomplish almost anything.

No doubt these past three months have been a difficult test for all of us. The necessary quarantining and social distancing that has caused a suspension of our corporate worship at All Saints' has been a challenging situation for us all. There has been a high degree of anxiety and uncertainty in our lives with so much that we once took for granted.

The financial good news through all of this has been that our monthly operating expenses are down significantly. The Diocese of East Tennessee has worked with every parish to ease some of our burdens. The parish staff and vestry are making wise and prudent spending decisions. The trying part of this financial situation for us is that our regular pledge and non-pledge giving have decreased somewhat.

As we begin the process of opening back up the church for Sunday morning worship and all the various midweek programs begin meeting once again, our operating expenses will continue to rise. This is why I am asking on behalf of the vestry that we each do our part to help pull together for All Saints'. As your individual situations permit, I ask that each of us work to get current with our financial support of our church.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mark+



Whitney Blake Auton Scholarships Awarded



*Congratulations to
Corrina Madison
& Rebekah Garber*

*And we salute
Charlie Neill,
Timothy Rice,
Corrina Madison,
Rebekah Garber
for their successful completion
of High School!
Onward & Upward!!!!*



A new Saint is born!!!

*Welcome
Maksim Ren Montgomery was born on
June 8 at 6:21 AM,
weighing in at 5lb 3 oz.
Proud parents: Kseniya & Garrett
What a blessing!*



Youth Group Leaders are looking forward to better times when we can gather together and plan group activities.

*For now, please be safe and stay well!
Wear your masks and social distance!!!!*



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Week 3: Lin Mitrik; Sam Simerl; Campbell Maben; Benny Reynolds; Nadine Peters; Don Watson; Matt Joyce; Bill Auton; Pat Harmon

Week 2: Don Jackson; Norma Hall; Louise Dyer; Pat Turner; Diane Baker

Week 1: Marilyn Acuff; Ed Morrisett; Belinda Slighter; Benny Littrell; Tykie Feldmann; Liz Holland; Kasey Witucki; Mother Gigi

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Prayers for the Country; and 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 & First Responders: Austin & Luke Whitelaw; Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog; Hayden & Hunter Dome

PARISH LIFE

Greetings! We have been on this weary journey for several months now. At times life events and circumstances can overwhelm us. These are also the times we can be thankful we have our faith and our friends to lean on. Our All Saints' family has been protecting each other by social distancing and that knowledge is comforting. However, we know we all LOVE to get together over a fine meal with lots of love, laughter and conversation! I am looking forward to the time we are safe to gather and celebrate life together!

Enjoy all the beauty of this season!

Godspeed,

Linda Haas, Vestry Liaison



In memory of Betsey Brock

Jim & Martha Simerl

In memory of Jim Anglin

Judy Altom

Jim & Martha Simerl

In memory of Kate Shortsleeves

Judy Altom

Jim & Martha Sinerl

In memory of Doc Rooney

Jim & Martha Simerl

In memory of Robert Clinton Camp, Sr
(father of Thelma Sheneman)

David & Susan Culvern

In memory of Ruth Frederick

Larry & Mary Ann Mills

Roland & Kenny Zitt

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Sophia Cardone, Jackson Hutchins,
Lauren & Sam Yeary*,
Sharon & Bill Pritchard*
- 3 George Upton
- 4 Martha & James Simerl*, Rus Mattocks
- 5 Alex Cunningham
- 6 Bonnie Vick, Rowena (Ro) Garrett
- 7 Dan Dickens
- 8 Charleen Julson
- 9 Linda Nash
- 10 Pat Pigmon, Owen Othokian
- 12 Ann Hale
- 15 Tykie & Jerry Feldmann*
- 16 Jake Terry, Thelma Sheneman
- 17 Colleen Andrews-Roach
- 21 Tristan Lindsey, David & Diane Baker*
- 22 Bob Harmon, Eve Cardone
- 25 Jim Sharp
- 28 Amy Neill
- 29 Lily Walton
- 30 Ray & Kim Torres*

***Anniversaries**

If your name does not appear in the appropriate month, please call the church office.

**We hope to keep seeing you online
as we continue live-streamed services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

Based on feedback from the congregation, All Saints' has adopted a platform to support ON-LINE giving for the church. We have chosen Vanco as our platform partner based on their positive recommendations from several local churches and their ability to integrate with our existing database software PowerChurch. You may do this at the church website, <https://allsaints.dioet.org/>

Website



Mobile App



The ALTAR GUILD ROTA for the rest of 2020 is as follows:

July 5 - Team 3 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12 - Team 4 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19 - Team 1 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 26 - Team 2 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2 - Team 3 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9 - Team 4 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16 - Team 1 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 23 - Team 2 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30 - Team 3 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6 - Team 4 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13 - Team 1 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20 - Team 2 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27 - Team 3 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4 - Team 4 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11 - Team 1 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18 - Team 2 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 25 - Team 3 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

November 1 - Team 4 - All Saints - WHITE

November 8 - Team 1 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 15 - Team 2 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22 - Team 3 - Last Sunday after Pentacost - Christ the King - WHITE

November 29 - Team 4 - First Sunday of Advent

December 6 - Team 1 - Second Sunday of Advent

December 13 - Team 2 - Third Sunday of Advent

December 20 - Team 3 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Team 4 - Christmas Eve - WHITE

December 25 - Team 1 - Christmas Day

December 27 - Team 2 - First Sunday after Christmas



June 30, 2020

All,

I've been watching the many reports of the continued spread of the Covid-19 virus. Several reports have identified upper East Tennessee has a growing hotspot. Hamblen County has seen a significant rise in infections.

Given that developing information, in consultation with the wardens of the parish, I've decided to delay the opening back up of All Saints' Church to outside groups until the 1st of August. In addition, we will continue with a single 10:30 AM Sunday morning Facebook service that alternates between Rite I and Rite II, open for in person worship under the established guidelines adopted by the vestry. We will also delay the implementation of a 8:00 AM service for at least one more month.

With all the uncertainty surrounding this pandemic we do not want to put anyone at risk of contracting the virus. I hope you understand our deep concerns for your safety.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mark