

FINDING YOUR NEW RHYTHM

The past few years of us dealing with the COVID pandemic has created a much bigger disturbance in my life that I originally thought that it did. So many aspects of my life had their own unique rhythms and now I'm discovering they are all out of sync. Certain things in my world once brought me dependable comfort because I could depend on them. Now it seems the loss of them can be a source of great distress. This was made abundantly clear to me during my own recent bout with COVID.

Like so many of you I have taken all the shots. After two and a half years, I was confident I had been spared the worst. This turned out not to be the case. The deadly respiratory virus found me and punished me with a vengeance. I woke up on a Saturday morning and instantly knew something was very wrong. My body was aching. I had a low grade fever. My head was congested and I felt as if I had been run over by a truck. So, I took an at home test and watched it quickly turn positive.

For the first time in my priesthood, I missed two consecutive Sundays because I was sick. Then the virus spread from me to my wife. Next it went to our daughter. We were officially living in a quarantine zone. For a week we didn't leave the house or go anywhere. Life was turned upside down. I finally saw firsthand what so many millions of others knew about COVID. It has been a slow recovery process to get back to whatever is the new normal in life.

Churches across the country have learned how to overcome the COVID disruption and find a rhythm once again. Social gatherings that were cancelled are starting to return. There was no in-person worship for over a year. Now people are coming back to church along with those who found us online. Gone were the first Sunday morning breakfasts with mountains of bacon. Bingo and other outreach offerings were postponed. We had to discontinue the nursery on Sunday mornings. All these things are returning in September.

Here we are almost three years into a post COVID world, and we are having to find new ways to live together. Some of us now work from home. Students understand that the wearing of masks might come back in a moment's notice. We are just starting to come out of forced isolation.

A new rhythm in our common life is emerging. We have let go of some traditions that no longer have meaning nor relevance in our lives. We can once again embrace those things we have missed and now we want them back. As our BCP reminds us, "Life has changed, not ended." COVID is not going away anytime soon. So be it.

We the Church will focus on what the new 21st Century Church can and will be. We will learn to adapt and overcome any and all obstacles, some that we couldn't even imagine before. We accept that a church in 2023 and beyond will need to have a regular online presence. New opportunities to witness the mission of the church, like the Blessings Box outside our parish offices will now become part of us. We will double down and reinvest in human relationships because our hearts are heavy over the loss of over 1.3 million souls as a result of this pandemic.

Pre or post pandemic, the basic mission of the Church remains the same. "Love the Lord your God with all your hearts, all your minds, and all your strength." The second part is like unto it. "You will love your neighbor as yourself." So, let's get busy and rediscover what that new rhythm is.

Peace, Mark+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Happy September Everyone!

BBQ is here! That means it's **Volunteer Season at the Pit!** The Fall BBQ will be held the week of October 1st , with Tent Sales on Friday October 6th & Saturday October 7th .

Here are a couple of notes on changes and needs for this fall's festival of goodness:

- We ran out of beans last spring – we'll be **Cooking Beans both Wednesday & Thursday** to make sure there are enough – which means we'll need extra help! (many thanks to wonderful Mary West & Rebecca Fowler who will be working with the always awesome Brooke White to lead this effort)
- We need a **Volunteer** to help coordinate **Corporate Sales Packing** in the Parish Hall - some of our stalwarts will be absent this year and we need some kind soul to help us out here.
- We also need a **Volunteer** to help coordinate the **Plate/Sandwich Packing Crew** in the Parish hall on Friday.

Our schedule of Activities for BBQ week is as follows:

Sunday October 1st	Parish Breakfast between services Parish Hall Set-Up after 10:30
Wednesday October 4th	Tent Set Up Slaw First Bean Cook & Packing
Thursday October 5th	First Pit Cook Second Bean Cook & Packing
Friday October 6th	Corporate Sales First Day of Tent Sales Second Pit Cook
Saturday, October 7th	Second Day of Tent Sales Clean-Up



Sign up sheets will go up in the Parish hall the weekend of October 2nd . All of us are busier than ever, but please find time to sign up for at least one activity.

Reminder: We still need **BOXES** and **BAGS** for use in the tent and for packing corporate orders. Stay tuned for more to come and as always, **Thank You!!!!**

Peace,
Colleen Andrews
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Family

I'm embarrassed to admit that it was only a few years ago that I connected Mary and Martha at the dinner for Jesus to the sisters of Lazarus who are at his tomb. Perhaps its because one story is in Luke and the other is in John and we hear them at different times in the liturgical calendar. Perhaps I just wasn't listening or seldom read the bible for myself.

I tend to shop, cook, and clean when we visit our daughters and grandsons. (I know my way around the All Saints kitchen, too.) I do yard work and small repairs as well. I struggle to sit down and relax. Sometimes being busy helps me avoid conversations I don't want to have. Or by straightening up, I get a false sense of control. At work, I was a hands-on manager. I'd spend several hours a day walking around the plant looking for problems. I worked a lot of extra unpaid hours. I joke with my older (medical doctor) daughter who is always at work even when she's at home, that it's a curse that has served me well.

I must admit that I'm a 'Martha'.

I need to "Let go and let God."

Activities for August

- Installed new ice maker in the parish hall pantry.
- Trimmed the trees over the mailbox sidewalk.
- Trimmed the trees hanging over the west driveway.
- Trimmed the trees in the east yard.
- Killed the vines that had completely overgrown the BBQ firewood.
- Tightened toilet bowl seats.
- Helped sexton Sheri put pads on the bottom of chairs.
- Cleaned a clogged gutter over the main entrance.
- Wire brushed and vacuumed the rust and ash out of the ovens.
- Cleaned the grease from behind the main griddle.
- Freed up the door on the Blessing Box.
- Installed four new door stops.
- Sharpened the kitchen knives.
- Replaced the batteries in the parish hall thermostat.

It's still fun!

Dickens
Junior Warden



PEGGY BROCK 100TH BIRTHDAY WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION



Saturday, September 9th 2-4pm Drop in Party

Please come join us to celebrate
Peggy's 100th trip around the sun!
Drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 PM
at her home on McFarland.
(Address can be found in the directory)
and enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and
conversation with her!

Please come in the front door,
where there is plenty of parking!

No gifts,

just a card she can read at her leisure.

Hosted by Lynne Ann Anderson, Jill Bruce,
Virginia Carey & Sharon Oats

Sunday Worship September 10th 10:30am

A Centennial Worship Celebration With Reception to Follow

Join us for a special service celebrating
Peggy's 100 years! As a beloved & long
time devout Christian &
member of our parish she is
greatly celebrated.

We are pulling out all the stops for this
celebration.

Special music during the service, a cake
at the reception, & more!

The parish is asked to bring a vegetable
side dish or salad for the meal.

All else will be provided.

Feel welcome to bring a card or note for
Peggy in congratulations.

We are excited to celebrate with you!

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING AT CRUZE FARMS

Contact Noah Adkins (423-231-6599)
or Kathlyn Wender (423-258-8873) if you are
interested in Young Adult Ministries or
attending gatherings!

Geared towards college aged adults - ??? &
those who support their interests & formation
in the Episcopal Church.

You're not too old to join!



ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Cindy Selby has agreed to take on the maintenance of our Online Church Directory.

You may be hearing from her if she needs a family photo for your listing. She will keep the addresses and other information updated, but she needs your help with this. Please check your listing on the app, and text or email her with any updates if needed.

If you are new to All Saints', we want to get to know you, so please contact Cindy or Kathlyn in the church office to learn how to get the Instant Church Directory app and submit your family's information. It's a great way to put names with faces!

If you grew up at All Saints' and have been listed in the Directory with your parents, but have graduated from college, or gotten married and/or started a family, you can have your very own listing with your current contact information!

You don't have to attend every Sunday or tithe to be in the Directory. If you consider yourself to be a member of All Saints' and to want to keep in touch with you're a All Saints' friends, or if you are a parent interested in children and youth ministry, the Directory can be helpful in getting to know and keep in touch with others in and out of the church walls!

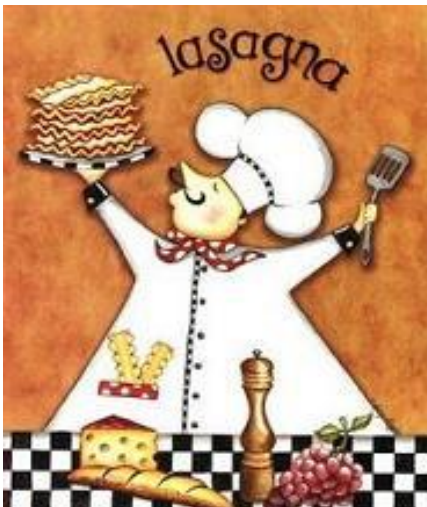
Just let Cindy (804-761-3802) or Kathlyn know that you are wanting your own listing and access to our Directory.

Join us for our Italian Night Supper - LIVE

Ciao, y'all! It's time once again to unleash your inner Italian!

Come and enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner, bread, salad, drink, and dessert!

PLUS entertainment – you never know who will show!



When: Saturday, October 28th at 6 PM

Where: All Saints' Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Tickets are available now!

Adults: \$20 Children <12: \$10

Family Maximum: \$60

**Tickets can be purchased from any Vestry Member
or through the Church Office**

Proceeds to support the All Saints' Episcopal Church Music Program.

FOOD ON FOOT

I recently talked to Carolyn Jarnigan, founder of Food on Foot, and she shared with me the following information:

Food on Foot handed out in excess of **830 backpacks** loaded with school supplies just before school started this year.

Teachers are still occasionally calling and requesting backpacks for students in their classes who are in need. **Currently they are delivering 560 food bags weekly** to the schools for students, and that number is likely to grow. **Last year they ended the year at 613 food bags per week.**

Teachers see a child who needs food, tells the principal and the principal contacts Carolyn with the request to add another food bag.

The bags we filled on August 27 will have been handed out at the Food on Foot warehouse on the first Saturday in September, the 2nd . Because our hand out dates are always the first Saturday in the month, we end up handing out the bags filled the previous month.

We will fill food bags in again in September and October, but **we will not hand them out at the warehouse again until November 4, the first Saturday in the month.** For those Saints who can help in November, I will get a reminder in the church bulletin the last Sunday in October.

There will be a **benefit sale (think nice yard sale) on Sat. September 30** with all the proceeds going to feed the school children. The sale will be under a big tent on Berkline Drive near the FOF warehouse. They plan to open at **8 a.m. and will stay until about 4 p.m.**

Go shop with them and help feed a hungry child.

If you would like to donate-please coordinate directly with Food on Foot or with Ginger. We will not be taking donations for the sale at the church.

Thank you for your continued help for the Food on Foot Outreach project.

Ginger Goolsby

Member of Outreach Committee



BINGO UPDATE

Hello everyone!

After taking a summer break, we will be having Bingo on

Wednesday, September 13th @ 12pm

We will let you know the menu soon.

In the meantime, we need prizes. See the list below.

Please use containers in Narthex.

Coffee and filters

Shampoo and conditioner

Large packs of toilet paper

Walmart Gift Cards

Thanks for supporting bingo,

The Bingo Team



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**BBQ Sauce Making
Friday, September 15th**

All those interested in helping
text or call Bob Harmon (423-258-1826)

**Pastoral Care**

If any pastoral care concerns or need of prayers
arise please let Brooke White,
vestry pastoral care liaison, know.
We have plenty of prayer shawls!
423-231-8372 jnbwhite@hotmail.com

**WELCOMING DR. STEVEN SORRELL,
NEW ALL SAINT'S SCHOOL HEADMASTER, & FAMILY**

Dr. Steven Sorrell and family
will be in attendance at our 10:30am
service on Sunday, September 17th.

We plan to welcome them to our
All Saints' family and celebrate their arrival to
Morristown with a reception on that Sunday!



“Steven Sorrell writes: “It is an absolute privilege to be selected as the next Head of School for All Saints’ Episcopal School. My family and I are eager to return to our home state and to get to know the All Saints’ family and the Morristown community. During our campus visit I sensed a community that loves its school and that is invested in the school’s future. I truly appreciated the time I spent with the faculty, administration, parents (represented on the PTSO), and the Board of Trustees. I witnessed a community that appreciates All Saints’ past and is excited about its future. There is a palpable energy surrounding the school community.”

More information on Dr. Sorrell and his journey to be appointed to this position can be found at
<https://www.asestn.org/newheadofschool>



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Dustin Chandler**
- 5 Theresa Clemet**
- 6 Jerry Feldmann, Kathy J. Litz
Debbie Young**
- 9 Dan & Linda Leonard***
- 10 Peggy Brock**
- 11 Lauren Cordle**
- 12 Larry & Cheryl Jones***
- 13 Natalie Ramirez**
- 14 Chris Sharp**
- 15 Harold Nichols, Cindi Husk**
- 16 Kenny Story**
- 18 Braxton Mattocks**
- 19 Patrick & Holley Hoyle-McAneny***
- 20 John Willis, Patty Kirkley**
- 21 Henry & Cindy Selby***
- 23 Linda Haas, Erica Grace Hall
Bill & Linda Mitrik***
- 24 Anne Ross, Geoffery & Anna Garrett***
- 27 Riley Anderson**
- 28 Merryn Adele Garrett**
- 29 Sandra Hoyle**

***Anniversary**

If your name never appears on the birthday/anniversary list, that means you need to call the church office with these special dates for our records! Thanks!

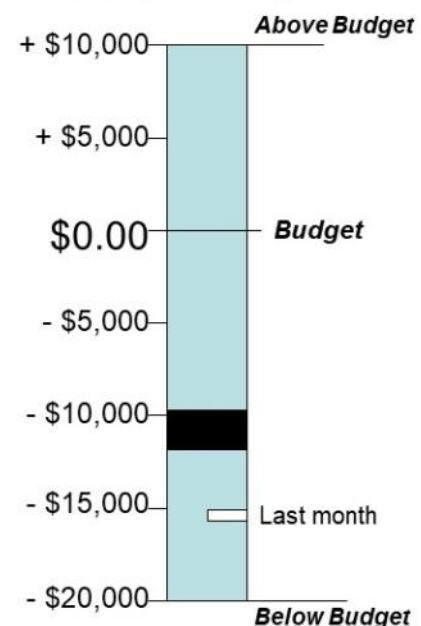
1st Sunday Breakfast is back!!



**Join us for breakfast Sunday
September 3rd @ 8:45am
between the services.**

Member Contributions

January thru July 2023



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 -



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**SISTERHOOD GATHERING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 5:30PM**

HOLSTON'S RESTAURANT
More info & menu sent by email.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

****PLEASE NOTE -
THIS IS EARLY AS TO HOW THE FIRST WEEK
OF AUGUST ARRIVED**
RSVP ASAP**

All ladies of the church are invited -
Come celebrate our birthday babes!

If you didn't receive the email
or would like more info contact Janis.

Janis Dixon
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Janisbd48@gmail.com



Parish Prayer List for Healing and Comfort:

*Jim Gose; Louise Dyer; Margaret Blazer;
Bill Auton; Ashley Auton Taylor; Ward Williams;
James Earl Carter; George Giles; Cleve Edwards;
Whitney Dixon Mason; Dennis Larkin;
Spencer Husk; Mary Doherty;
Holly Hoyle-McAneny; Joanne Crane; Greyson Pope;
Linda Lewanski; Rose Adams; Eugene Kirkland;
Pat Pigmon; Sheila Rhodes; Roy Boggs; Kyle Watkins;
Autumn Farley; Kaitlyn Harville; Kent Elkins;
Sam Kirkley; Hernando Plata; John Hutchinson;
Brittany Shockley; Joyce Hart; Joshua Akins; Pete Blair;
Kelley Hudgens; Darby Taylor*

Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

For 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:

Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog;
Hayden & Hunter Dome; Azlynn Megan Ross;
Daniel Thomas; Luke Adams; Hunter Case;
Kristie Kirby; Kevin Smith; Luke & Austin Whitelaw;
Amber Berry Gilliam; Rebecca & Ashley Boatman;
Matt Storey; Nick Burchell

*Those added to the prayer list for healing & comfort
will remain on the prayer list for 3-6 weeks.*

*If removed and you would like to request more time,
please contact the church office.*



**Thursday September 28th
6pm**

**Living Promise
Lutheran Church**

Contact Janis Dixon for
more info
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Change of Date



VPR	Colleen Andrews	Chris Sharp	Brooke White	Nickie Smith
8:00 AM	9/3/2023	9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023
CRUCIFER	Colleen Andrews	Earl Hall	Dillon Wines	Earl Hall
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Bill Mitrik	Kim Torres	Dave Auton	Cindi Husk
2nd CHALICE	Linda Leonard	Cindi Husk	Linda Leonard	Issac Boling
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Kim Torres	Martha Simerl	Marylou Mauney	Martha Simerl
GREETERS/USHERS	Martha Hall	Skeet Jernigan	Howard Mauney	Gary Miller
	Earl Hall	Nancy Jernigan	Marylou Mauney	Robin Miller
10:30 AM	9/3/2023	9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023
CRUCIFER	Dillon Wines	Susie Carter	Colleen Andrews	Rebecca Boatman
ACOLYTES	Jake Neill	Rebecca Boatman	Ginger Goolsby	Hayden Sharp
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Mark Joyce	Lauren Cordle	Bill Mitrik	Mark Joyce
2nd CHALICE	Isaac Boling	Liz Holland	Dan Dickens	Ginger Goolsby
OT LECTOR	Cookie Larkin	Marty Anderson	Ethel Rhodes	Anne Ross
NT LECTOR	Lynn Cross	Alex Cunningham	Paige Mattocks	Judy Yates
PRESENTERS	Rhonda Doherty	Janis Dixon	Lena Giles	Jake Yates
	Lynn Cross	Sandra Hoyle	George Giles	Valen Auker
SOUND/VIDEO	Larry McGowan/ Wayne Stambaugh	David Briggs/ Bill Connellee	David Briggs/ Bill Connellee	David Briggs/ Bill Connellee
GREETERS/USHERS	Amy Neill	Louise Joyce	Anne Ross	Louise Joyce
	Sam Neill	Anne Ross	Judy Yates	Janis Dixon
	George Giles	Janis Dixon	Jack Yates	Anne Ross
	Lena Giles	Nickie Smith	Lynn Cross	Nickie Smith
ALTAR GUILD	Team 2 (Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon, Rebecca Fowler, Mary West)	Team 3 (Susie Carter, Sheri Chiappetta, Isaac Boling, Noah Adkins)	Team 4 (Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandra Hoyle)	Team 1 (Amy Sharp, Sue Justis, Chantal Combs)

If unable to serve as scheduled, please find your own replacement then communicate the change with the VPR & church office as soon as possible.

Thank you!

A Godly Encounter

Submitted by Sandy Hoyle

After slowing to a stop along a 4-lane road, 2 lanes of which are separated by a grassy median and unable to drive any further distance seemed to give way to my surprise feeling of relaxation rather than frustration.

With eyes slowing gazing in circling directions (remember, I'm relaxed) my sight suddenly caught the appearance of a man crossing in the center of the road, not at a safe crosswalk as one would hope or might even expect. Very quickly I noticed his rapid pace turning into a run and an anxious thought came to me, "From wherever this man is employed, I bet he is chancing this crossing to hurriedly purchase lunch." My heart leaped out to him immediately and I prayed to God to keep from harm.

Licity-split, the next thing I noticed was the man's return crossing carrying a brown lunch bag in one hand. Aha, I knew it! – and laughed to myself as I sent thanks to God who answered my prayer for a man I knew absolutely nothing about and yet came my own need to reach out for the Lord's help.

Even now, I often wonder about that man as I try to imagine what he might have thought or felt knowing a complete stranger was praying for his well-being.

As for me, I now find many instances to pray for someone who is totally unaware of my prayer bringing joy to my heart as I offer thanksgiving to God who imparts such loving, personal, and spiritual experiences. These concealed encounters are kept like secrets between God and me.

Have you memories of serving in such ministry of prayer?



All are welcome to contribute to our monthly Saints Alive Newsletter.

If you have an article or an event you would like to submit for publication,
please email contributions to Kathryn by the 20th of each month
for the next month's Saints Alive.
kwender@allsaintsmorristown.org