

Saints' Alive

July 2018



Malcom Gladwell is the author of numerous books with keen insights as to what makes things work the way that they do. In his book, **Outliers**, one of the concepts Gladwell puts forth is the need for lots of practice before any skill can be mastered. Gladwell states that it takes roughly 10,000 hours to achieve a level of mastery for any given field. I really believe that Gladwell is on to something important here.

Years ago when I first read **Outliers**, my youngest daughter was practicing for the tryouts for her varsity volleyball team. We did not have the financial resources at the time to pay for her to be on a traveling volleyball team in the offseason. Our daughter knew the only way for her to make the varsity high school team was by hard work and practice.

So she decided to put in the many hours of practice by serving overhand against the sidewall on our brick garage. Now you might not think it is possible, but you can actually wear the white leather right off a volleyball if you serve it enough times against an abrasive brick wall. You might not think it is possible, but you can actually beat down into packed dust a formerly healthy green lawn if you stand and jump on it repeatedly by serving a volleyball over and over again. By the time tryouts came around I am quite positive more than 10,000 hour were spent by our daughter in practice and yes, she was successful and she did make the varsity team.

This got me to thinking about things we should probably work on in our own lives. What might happen if we spent 10,000 hours practicing a central tenet of the Christian faith? How would our lives be transformed if we put in the time and all the many hours of practice learning how to forgive each other?

I'm thinking it is probably not enough just to be able to say the words, "I forgive you." That's a good start. What might be the result if we followed Gladwell's theory to the letter? What might we discover about ourselves, our neighbors, and life in general, if we could learn to master the skill of forgiveness?

I'm thinking we could really take the Great Commandment to heart once we learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. I'm thinking that so much bitterness and anger would dissipate from our lives when we could finally tell someone who has betrayed us in the past by saying to them with complete sincerity, "I forgive you." It is also quite possible that our learning to forgive those who have wounded us in the past might open up for us the possibility of asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt or betrayed.

Will it be easy to forgive, no it won't. Will it be painful to forgive, probably. Will it be humbling to ask for forgiveness? You better believe it. Then again, we have all heard the expression, "No pain, no gain."

If each of us dedicated ourselves to the discipline of investing 10,000 of learning how to forgive, truly the Kingdom of God would draw closer for us all. It looks like there is only one way for us to get there. Yep, it's practice, practice, practice. Time to get busy.

God's Peace , *Mark+*



Thoughts
from the
Senior Warden

July is upon us already. Besides being officially "summer" now, the year is officially half over.

The year so far has seen improvements in the church building and grounds. Not to mention

an improvement in attendance on Sundays over last year. It is nice to see the pews fuller and new some new faces in them on Sundays.

Many parishioners will be taking vacations this month. Those that are, I wish you safe travels, a relaxing and refreshing trip, and many new memories to cherish. We will look forward to seeing you when you return.

Bill Mitrik, Senior Warden

Adult Education programs continue during the summer! Each Wednesday night we gather for the ancient Christian fellowship tradition known as the "love feast", or "Agape." The food is remarkable, but so is the great conversation and mission-driven activities that join us together. One date you will want to mark on your calendar is July 25th. That's the Wednesday when we are planning an outdoor picnic at either Panther Creek or Martin Luther King Park. It will be a "main course provided by Adult Ed with side dishes contributed by everyone else. We're also considering buying a gas grill to keep at the church for grilling events! [There has been LOTS of discussion about not using this as a traveling grill in order to keep it from rattling apart!]

There is NEVER a charge for dinner. We have a basket for free-will offerings at the head of the line; that money is used to help buy items for the Food on Foot programs. Twice each month we actually fill those bags before we eat dinner. Once each month the Outreach Committee provides dinner and a speaker. Linda Haas is anxious to hear your thoughts concerning programs for the fall. In the meantime, join us each Wednesday night for great food and fellowship at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted, Henry G. Selby
Vestry Liaison



Kudos to these Saints for their hard work at the new Serenity House. Many hands make quick work!

Thanks, folks!

Serenity House – the interior of the new Serenity House is looking much better. The reason being that All Saints' parishioners have spent several days painting at their new residence on 421 North High Street. A better way to understand this is twenty gallons of paint were applied to walls, trim and ceiling, 825 yards of painters tape was used up and so were 17 rollers. Glenn Thompson, George and Lena Giles, David Baker, Paul Daniels, Tom Justis, Gary Miller, Glenn Burchell, a few Hamblen County Trustees and I comprised the painting team. Oh, and we can't forget Stephanie Hamill, the Executive Director who provided support and food during the process.

Food on Foot – it hard to believe but FOF is gearing up in preparation for the coming school year. Outreach is asking parishioners to help provide school supplies and backpacks for the children who have registered with Food on Foot. These supplies are for kindergarten through 12th grade and will be distributed at the Food on Foot warehouse on Saturday, July 28th. **All donations need to be brought to the church by Wednesday, July 25th.** Ginger Goolsby will deliver these supplies to the warehouse as they come. FOF needs time to pack the supplies in order to be ready for distribution on the 28th. There will be a container in the parish hall where you can drop off donated school supplies. The following supplies are needed:

Wide and college rule paper

One subject spiral bound notebooks

Composition books (black and white non spiral)

Folders with pockets

Fat pencil boxes for supplies for the younger children

Zippered pencil pouches that fit in notebooks for older students

Crayons

Washable markers....all colors

Colored pencils

Red, blue and black ink pens

Glue and glue sticks and

Backpacks (especially for middle school and high school aged students)

FOFOF food bags will not be filled this month as FOF wants us to focus on the supply list above. Also we do not have to help with distribution as they have a group to help with the school supply distribution. If they do need our help with distribution, they will let us know.

Where can you eat and be entertained at the same time? Bingo! If you have come to Bingo you know what I am talking about. Marylou is approaching cult status with her Bingo calling. Those of us who come regularly are now "followers." She asks us to bring in food. We do. She asks us bring in prizes. We do. She asks us, can you help with Bingo this month? We do.

See what I mean. So, bring in food or bring in a prize or just help out on July 11th that's the date for Bingo this month. It begins at 11am.

ECW will receive the loose offering for July. The loose offering was to go for scholarships for summer camp however that did not happen this year. ECW has many projects throughout the year and this will help them with those efforts.

Saturday July 28th is the date for the ALPS walk to remember. This is an annual event and Jim Fuhr is putting together a team from All Saints for the walk. It's a couple of miles but is rated as moderate to easy depending on how good of shape you are in. Look for more information during the month.

Outreach Committee meeting at the McGowan hacienda on July 10th at 5:30pm.

Larry McGowan – Outreach





Hello all,

Due to changes made to Camp Billy Johnson we were only able to send 3 kids from Morristown this year. Hopefully we can arrange things for next year.

So just to have one fun day for the Food on Foot kids (and parents) we are having a picnic at Fred Miller Park. There is a nice splash pad & playground. The pavilion and parking are close to the splash pad and restrooms are in good shape.

The picnic will be Tuesday, July 24th. 11:00 to 3:00.

Please let me know if you can volunteer in anyway. Also you and your children and grandchildren are also invited.

We would like to plan a lunch and games for them. But we need lots of help.

Can you let me know if you can volunteer to help? And if you have kids or grandkids that would like to come, please bring them.

Please let me know asap if you can help.

Thanks for all you do.

Marylou Mauney



DOC'S SCOUT NEWS

Our scouts from Troop 197 had a great week at Davy Crockett Scout Camp! They earned over 20 merit badges in leather-working, citizenship in the nation, cooking, basketry, shotgun, animation, ect. and completed many requirements toward their next rank.

Thank You Parish Family for all you support!





The final preparations for the trip have begun and the departure date is July 8th. We have an amazing group of youth as well as 6 adult chaperons that will leave out on this date to travel to Whitley City, Kentucky. What does this mission trip entail? Well once we arrive at our designated camp ground, we make camp and then embark on a spiritually reflective experience.

We will divide into two groups and then be assigned to our host families who we will work with on home repairs starting on Monday morning. We will work on basic home repairs for the two assigned families through Thursday of that week. Then on Friday we will have a team building day and share in a hiking adventure. Each day we will have many opportunities to share our experience with each other and to reflect on the power of service to others. In addition to our service hours to others we will also have have dedicated payer time and opportunities to reflect on the benefits of our mission.

The Organization coordinating our mission trip is Adventure Serve Ministries. While much of the focus of the week is the home repair project(s), AdventureServe Ministries desires for groups to see a grander picture of their service. They are serving God, not just a family. They are working on a family's home, not just a project. They are helping families in need, not "poor people" or "those less fortunate." As stated by AdventureServe ministries, the heart of the Home Repair mission is service to the Appalachian region. We focus on meeting the basic housing needs of the elderly, widows, handicapped/disabled, single parents, and low-income families. In meeting these needs , it's our desire to develop relationships with the homeowner(s) and share the reason for our service, Christ. We will be holding our official kick off meeting on Sunday, July 1st immediately following then 10:30 service. This allows all participants and their families to discuss final preparations before departing the following Sunday. If anyone would like to join us and participate in these final preparations, all are welcome. As our youth and their chaperons prepare for this trip please hold the power of this mission trip in your prayers.

Victor Bailey

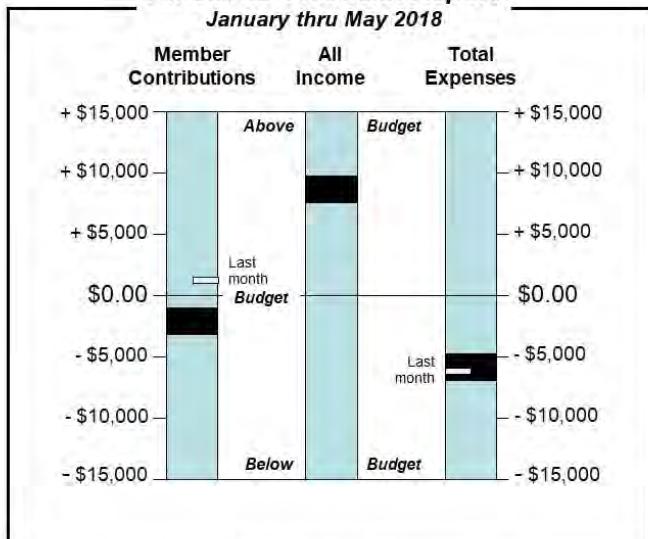
We have been gathering tools that we will need for various repairs, but we still need the following:

Paint brushes (6 or more)
Paint scrapers (3)
Rags (many)
Disposable dust masks
Carpenter Pencils (2 dozen)

Paint roller & trays (3 sets)
Drop Cloths
Disposable putty knives (2)
Latex Gloves (medium & large)

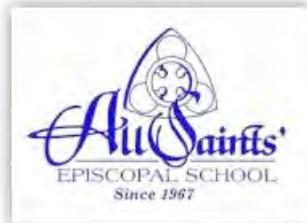
All Saints' Financial Report

January thru May 2018



Your Vestry thanks you for your support!

- A reminder to keep your pledge current -



- May 18th completed a successful school year with graduation and awards day ceremonies
- 2018-19 Enrollment is currently at 103 (same as end of 2018 year) and projected to be 115 + by start of school
- The Board of Trustees added 5 new members (Sarah Gose and Bill Connellee from ASEC) at May meeting and board training is scheduled for July 12th
- Summer camp is currently in session
- Administration and staff are working hard every day preparing for the start of school year. New changes to curriculum, religious life, teacher and student handbooks.
- Working toward recertification by SAIS

Sam Neill, Vestry Liaison for ASES

The Grief Support Group is active - however during the summer months we will meet only once per month (due to vacations & attendance)

However if anyone needs to meet with someone from the GSG - just give me a call - 423 748 1516

Beginning in September we will begin another 12 week session. This is open to anyone who has experienced a loss. (I will let you know when & day & time when Sarai & I meet to prepare plans)

In July - we will meet 7/26 at 6 pm for an hour or so of sharing (we will bring appetizers to share) This group includes those who attended the first 12 week session. However anyone who has experienced a loss is welcome to join us. This is a relaxed & informal gathering - which some may find appealing on their first visit. Please put this in the July monthly newsletter & appropriate Sunday bulletin. Will let you know about August when set.

Any questions - please give me a call/text/email.

Thank you

Janis

423 748 1516

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Our Pastoral Care Committee here at All Saints' covers a broad

spectrum of caring. We have a casserole committee that with a mere phone call, is ready to spring into action to provide a meal to someone for whatever reason; perhaps, a death in the family, sickness or just because they need a boost. Tykie Feldman mails our service sheet to several people every week that for some reason are not able to attend church. These folks say that receiving the service sheet every week really helps them feel connected to the parish.

Martha Simerl takes care of the card ministry letting people know that the parish is thinking of them in sickness. We have a Prayer Shawl team that keeps us stocked with shawls to share with people that are sick and suffering. We have flower carriers who take the flowers from the altar to shut ins. We have Lay Eucharistic Ministers to assist our clergy with taking communion to people who aren't able to come to church. We have people that are willing to give anyone a ride to church, doctor appointments, etc. The list goes on and on. If you know of anyone that is in need of any of these ministries, or if you would like to be a part of any of these ministries, please let me know; after all, we are called to care for one another.

Sue Justis 423-231-5920 sbtjustis@aol.com



We are seeking contact information for the people listed on our Prayers for military and first responders. Rodney Collins would like to send cards of support to all of them. If you can provide this, please email to

Lynne Ann,
landerson@allsaintsmorristown.org.

Current names on prayer list: Sarah Casey; John Minarik; Ryan Oliver; Jacob Frederick; Kalleen Steele; Austin & Luke Whitelaw; Gryfin Broyles; John Kortz



Building & Grounds

We are looking for volunteers to help with the weeding of the beds. Anyone interested in joining the Lay Weeders please contact me so I can add you to our list.

We are also planning on painting the exterior doors and railings later this summer. Please contact me if you would like to help prep or paint.

Bob Harmon, Junior Warden



The Administration Committee met on June 5th at the Parish Hall. Those in attendance were Susan Fuhr, Bill Mitrik, Diane Baker, Judy Yates, Wayne Stambaugh, Wanda Kirby and Carol-Jean Webster.

Diane and Wayne presented the new Facility Utilization Policy and Procedure. This was approved by Father Mark and the Vestry on June 14th.

In addition, the committee updated the Vestry Instructions used when you are the Vestry Person Responsible. A copy was provided to all Vestry members at our June 7th meeting. We also reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities of the Vestry procedures. Numerous changes\updates are needed. Judy and Susan are working on this.

Lastly, we reviewed: By Laws\Procedures\Election process for Vestry Membership which will begin in July. Our next committee meeting is August 7th at noon in the Memorial Room.

Susan Fuhr ,Vestry Liaison



Walk to Remember

The 27th annual ALPS Walk To Remember will be held on Saturday, July 28th at 8:00 AM. As usual, All Saints' Episcopal Church will field a team of walkers. We need all the team members we can get. ALPS is a wonderful area resource and this fundraiser provides a fantastic opportunity for All Saints' community outreach. Let's put lots of feet on the ground! The walk should be over by 9:30, so Food On Foot workers will have sufficient time to get to their event. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall or you can register online through the ALPS website. Team members raising \$50 or more will receive a 2017 ALPS Walk To Remember T-shirt. The walk will begin at the ALPS Center on Daisy Street.



Korey Kinsler

The Whitney Blake Auton Scholarship recipient for 2018 is Korey Kinsler. Korey is the grandson of Virginia Carey and a graduate of Morristown West and Walter State Community College. This fall he plans to attend the University of TN, Knoxville, to pursue a bachelor's degree in urban forestry. He is currently enrolled in UTK in the Multicultural Scholars Program.

This summer Korey is an Arborist Intern at Anakeesta in Gatlinburg where he is helping maintain the mountains and restore the forest that was destroyed by the Gatlinburg fires of 2016.



In memory of Getter Hall

Anne Armstrong

Susie Carter

George & Lena Giles

Tommy & Sue Justis

Roland & Kenny Zitt

Gary & Robin Miller

Raymond & Suzy Lowry

Dick & Sheila Rice

Father Jim & Pringle Patrick



Special Memorial to All Saints'
from Earl & Martha Hall:

In thanksgiving for our All Saints' family
for the outpouring of love and care
for Mom and Dad



OUR PARISH PRAYER LIST

(Names will remain on the list for three weeks.
 To place a name on the prayer list or request that a
 name be retained, contact Sue Justis,
sbtjustis@aol.com, or
 LA, landerson@allsaintsmorristown.org)

Rob Holiway; Michael Cardone; Kenneth Dyer; Mike Miller, brother of Gary Miller; Ian Bond; Libby Brooks; Nancy Howell; Sylvia Hinsley; Janice Tehie; Sue Reavis; Eva Justis; Chuck Clark, brother of Cindy Selby; Tammy Gerber; Frank Sewell; Riley Osmon; Lori Brown; the Rev. Jack Hice, father of Joe Hice; Bill Auton; Duane Pieper; Kate & Will Townsend; Ashley Auton Taylor; Rachel Lepree; Pris Jackson; Ed & Linda Bireley; Lexi Jones; Lucille Carter, sister of Lena Giles; Hayden Fugate; Sam Simerl; Monica Neubert; Angel Jones; Dennis Larkin; Norma Hall; Jane Gibson; Elijah Yount; Joe Neill, father of Sam; Anne Armstrong; Robin & Gary Miller

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 & First Responders: Sarah Casey; John Minarik; Ryan Oliver; Jacob Frederick; Kalleen Steele; Austin & Luke Whitelaw; Gryfin Broyles; John Kortz



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
- 7 Dan Dickens
- 8 Charleen Julson, Judy Upton
- 10 Pat Pigmon, Robert Cadman
- 13 Clifton Barnes
- 15 Tykie & Jerry Feldmann*
- 16 Jake Terry
- 22 Bob Harmon, Eve Cardone
- 27 David Gose
- 28 Amy Neill
- 30 Ray & Kim Torres*

*Anniversaries

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

	7/1/2018	7/8/2018	7/15/2018	7/22/2018	7/29/2018	8/5/2018
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
	Judy B.	Brooke White	Lena Giles	Judy Anglin	Judy B.	Brooke White
	Carolyn Dean	Cindy Selby	S & A Chiappetta	Martha Hall	Carolyn Dean	Cindy Selby
	Virginia Carey	Taryn Herzog	Jamia Blazer	Toni Dosil	Virginia Carey	Taryn Herzog
	Janis Dixon	Logan McGinnis	Shamron Stambaugh	Chantal Combs	Janis Dixon	Logan McGinnis
Bread Ministry	Mary Zabrowsky	Martha Simerl	Anna Lee Lewis	Mark Joyce	Lena Giles	Nathan Kirkley
Acolytes 8	Larry McGowan	Dave Auton	Kim Torres	Earl Hall	Larry McGowan	Dave Auton
Chal/Inter 8	Sam Yearly	Cindi Husk	Larry McGowan	Sam Yearly	Kim Torres	Cindi Husk
2nd Chal 8	Larry McGowan	Dave Auton	Kim Torres	Hobart Smith	Larry McGowan	Dave Auton
Greeter 8	ML & H Mauney	P Kirkley & M Hall	Robin & Gary Miller	Jernigan/McGowan	S Jernigan & R Zitt	ML & H Mauney
Hospitality 8	Tykie Feldman	Nathan Kirkley	Blue McGowan	Robin Miller	Carol Jean Webster	Martha Simerl
Lector 8	Martha Simerl	Kenny Zitt	ML Mauney	Kim Torres	Kenny Zitt	Hobart Smith
Ushers 8	Mary Lou Mauney	Skeet Jernigan	Robin Miller	Nancy Jernigan	Skeet Jernigan	MaryLou Mauney
	Howard Mauney	Nathan Kirkley	Gary Miller	Nathan Kirkley	Roland Zitt	Howard Mauney
VPR 8	Larry McGowan	Victor Bailey	Sam Neill	Dillon Wines	Susie Carter	Victor Bailey
Acolytes 10:30	7/1/2018	7/8/2018	7/15/2018	7/22/2018	7/29/2018	8/5/2018
	Jay Gose	Jim Fuhr	Dillon Wines	Jay Gose	Jim Fuhr	Dillon Wines
	Susie Carter	J. Neill	Riley Anderson	Susie Carter	Rebekah Garber	J. Neill
	Dillon Wines	C. Neill	Corrina Sullivan	Meghan Cordle	Dillon Wines	C. Neill
Chal/Inter 10:30	Carolyn Dean	Jack Fishman	Lauren Cordle	Dan Dickens	K.J.T.L.	Carolyn Dean
2nd Chal 10:30	Mark Joyce	Susan Fuhr	Mark Joyce	Cookie Larkin	Henry Selby	Jack Fishman
Flower Carrier	Tykie Feldman	Lena Giles	Judy B.	Judy A.	Tykie Feldman	Lena Giles
Greeters 10:30	T Justis & B Harmon	L Joyce & S Chiappetta	Judy B. & A Neill	L Giles & S Stambaugh	David & Jim Gose	Jack & Judy Yates
Hospitality 10:30	Chiappetta-Dosil	White/Taylor	Giles/Cordle	Stambaugh/Neill	Justis/ Zabrosky	Dickens/Joyce
OT Lector 10:30	Virginia Garrett	Martie Anderson	Alex Cunningham	Judy Y.	Sheila Carton	Bill Mitrik
NT Lector 10:30	Sarah Gose	Judy C.	S. Stambaugh	Jamia Blazer	Dan Dickens	Ginger Goolsby
Presenters	J Blazer & L McGinnis	Bill & Lin Mitrik	Henry & Cindy Selby	J & N Fishman	Judy B. & Susie Carter	L Cordle & B White
L.E.V.	Cindy Selby	Raymon Lowry	Sue Justis	Mark Joyce	Cindy Selby	Raymond Lowry
Sound 10:30	Jack Yates	Wayne Stambaugh	Dan Dickens	Jackson Hutchins	Tommy Justis	Udo Wender
Ushers 10:30	Brooke White	Bill Connellee	Udo Wender	Louise Joyce	Jack Yates	Bob Harmon
	Jim Gose	Janis Dixon	Ronnie Bledsoe	George Giles	Judy Yates	Ronnie Bledsoe
	David Gose	Larry Mills	Sam Neill	Shamron Stambaugh	Judy B.	Larry Mills
	Sarah Gose	Bob Garrett	Holley Dickens	Udo Wender	Brooke White	Louise Joyce
VPR 10:30	Larry McGowan	Victor Bailey	Sam Neill	Dillon Wines	Susie Carter	Victor Bailey

If unable to serve, please find your own replacement and notify church office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Guest Musician: Kari Novilla, Harpist 8:00 AM HE I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 8:00 PM NA 8:00 PM NAR-ANON	2 4:00 PM Purkey Music 6:00 PM Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM Scout Troop 197	3 4:00 PM Purkey Music 8:00 PM AA	4 4:00 PM Purkey Music 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Agape and Program	5 8:30 AM Coffee Call @ Java Garden 12:00 PM ALANON 4:00 PM Purkey Music 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM NAR-ANON	6 6:00 PM Purkey Music 8:00 PM AA/ALANON	7 10:00 AM Purkey Music 8:00 PM NA
8  8:00 AM HE I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 8:00 PM NA 8:00 PM NAR-ANON	9  4:00 PM Purkey Music 7:00 PM Scout Troop 197	10  4:00 PM Purkey Music 6:00 PM Youth Advisory Board 8:00 PM AA	11  4:00 PM Purkey Music 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Agape and Program	12  8:30 AM Coffee Call @ Java Garden 12:00 PM ALANON 4:00 PM Purkey Music 6:00 PM VESTRY 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM NAR-ANON	13  6:00 PM Purkey Music 8:00 PM AA/ALANON	14 10:00 AM Purkey Music 1:00 PM Ridges of Recovery 8:00 PM NA
15  Guest Organist: John Brock 8:00 AM HE I 10:30 AM HE Rite II 8:00 PM NA 8:00 PM NAR-ANON	16 4:00 PM Purkey Music 7:00 PM Scout Troop 197	17 4:00 PM Purkey Music 8:00 PM AA	18 Father Mark vacation 4:00 PM Purkey Music 5:30 PM Simple Supper 6:00 PM Agape and Program	19 Father Mark vacation 8:30 AM Coffee Call @ Java Garden 12:00 PM ALANON 4:00 PM Purkey Music 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM NAR-ANON	20 Father Mark vacation 6:00 PM Purkey Music 8:00 PM AA/ALANON	21 Father Mark vacation 10:00 AM Purkey Music 8:00 PM NA
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While Father Mark is away on vacation, please contact our Senior Warden, Bill Mitrik, with any important matter.



"Home is the nicest word there is."

- Laura Ingalls Wilder

Home is one of the nicest words in the English language. Like other Little House on the Prairie fans, I can still see Melissa Gilbert in all of her calico dress, braided hair, and buck-tooth glory saying those words to an ever tearful Michael Landon. Ah - television back in the day!

But, there are also many other words out there that can be considered '....the nicest word there is'. How about Love? Welcome? Please? Thank-you? Peace? Friendship? Unity? Warmth? Family? The list can go on and on.....

A couple of weeks ago, 60 Women of the Church participated in what was more than a retreat - But, what I would term, "A Gathering". A gathering of Love. A gathering of Faith. A gathering of Unity. A gathering of Friends. A gathering of - yes, the Church. And, in that Gathering, we shared what Shelter was for each of us. What Sanctuary is. What does it look like - and perhaps, more importantly, what does it feel like. How we were exactly that to one another - as well as to others not only in our homes and communities - but in the world. How we see and experience Christ in each other.

And, here within our very own Homeland - especially at this time in our history - are we not called to truly look for Christ in ALL people? Men, women, and especially, children. To be that Homeplace of peace and welcome. It's in our Baptismal Covenant, right? "Will you seek and serve Christ in ALL persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." To BE Love. To BE shelter. To look for and be Christ in the flesh.

I am so thankful to be a part of a church which does just that. Every month, every week, and every day of the year.

Summer is here and with that is my season of Camp Nursing. I have gone out to Gracepoint for 2-3 weeks every summer for the past 8 years. And - it honestly is not just about the nursing aspect of it. The wrapping and icing injuries. The passing out ibuprofen and spraying bug spray and cleaning cuts are all a very important part of what I do. But, what I REALLY do is - engage in relationship with kids from all walks of life. To look for Christ in the flesh. And He is there. And here. And on our borders....

There is a wonderful camp song that we sing most every evening - someday I will sing it for you - But, the words are:

Love, Love, Love, Love

All the Gospel is ~ is Love

Love your Neighbor as your Brother (Sister)

Love, Love, Love

I love that song.

Let us Continue to Be Love & Shelter ~ for All ~

Deacon Sarai

