

Saints' Alive



July 2023

THE 247TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE

Next Wednesday will be a national holiday. People will take off from work and gather with their families to cookout, maybe head over to the lake, and later set off fireworks at night. They might overeat and some will certainly over drink. This is what Americans tend to do on the 4th of July. Not all that much time is given to reflect on why this day is so important and celebrated. We are so caught up in the moment of waving our red, white, and blue flags, that we forget the important ideals that were carefully crafted into words to give us such a unique country in which we live.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

We live in a country that puts forth the bold guarantee that all of us are created equal. Regardless of where we were born. Regardless of our gender or the color of our skin. Regardless of whom we choose to love. All of us have been created equal. Or as we Episcopalians choose to live this ideal out:

*“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- I will with God’s help.”*

It seems to me that this might be the real test. How does my nationality and my faith come together and have a direct impact on others? When we squabble over laws that are designed to limit another person’s Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness, we have truly missed the point of it all. It saddens me to see how much effort has been put into restricting a person’s ability to cast a ballot, to love whoever they choose, to make medical decisions concerning their own bodies, read a book of their own choosing, or worship as their faith leads them. Real independence requires discipline and tolerance. It demands our understanding of another person’s point of view.

Is there a way to bring together the promises of our Baptismal Covenant and the founding principles of our nation’s independence? Perhaps there is.

*“You will Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it, you will love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Have a happy and safe 4th of July, Mark+

Welcome summer! July is typically the month All Saints' "rests"; the choir does not typically practice, the Vestry takes a break, there's no breakfast, EFM and Adult studies pause...



Yet, even in the still of the summer heat, we continue to turn our faces to God in prayer each Sunday, sunflowers chasing the light. Flowers are arranged, the Altar is dressed, the Finance Committee soldiers on, the bills get paid, the candles are lit, choristers still show up and raise their voices in songful praise, and the doors are open. It is in this month that the contributions of those who serve in many ways become the most visible.

In this edition you will find several opportunities for service. We have an opportunity to renew several programs that have fallen off during our long battle with Covid, such as the flower ministry and nursery/Children's Chapel. We also need to revitalize current offerings, such as Sunday Hospitality and the Worship Team. Please take some time to reflect on how you would like to engage with our many ministries and further enrich your life in our Parish.

And many, many thanks to all of you who serve. Special thanks to Rebecca Fowler and Mary West, who selflessly stepped in to take up much of the hospitality duties after the 10:30 service (those cakes were amazing!!!) during the last month. Many thanks to Brooke White for everything (and it's a lot) she has done this last year to make our many Parish functions so wonderful. Deep gratitude to Henry Selby for stepping in as our choirmaster over the last year. Great thanks to everyone who serves at the altar during the summer (especially when it would be so much easier to sleep in during the cool mornings before the heat gets going). Thanks to all of you who busy your hands and hearts in the service of the lord. And above, all, Thanks be to God.

Peace, Colleen Andrews, Senior Warden

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The best time to call or stop by the office is **Monday— Thursday 10am-3pm & Friday 10am-12:30pm**. Often times our Parish Admin, Kathlyn Wender, will be in the office outside of these hours to suit the needs of the church. Appointments or call ahead are preferred to be sure that Kathlyn and/or Fr. Mark is available to welcome in you the office door as we are blessed with flexible schedules allowing for personal appointment setting and generous vacation time. Fr. Mark maintains his own calendar and is usually in office during these hours, but is off on Tuesdays. He can be reached by email or cell phone as listed in the directory to set an appointment for pastoral care, church related, or personal need.

Of course, you are welcome to drop by and attend to church or pastoral care needs anytime during these hours. If these hours do not work for your needs please let Kathlyn know and she will do her best to accommodate.

Office Phone: 423-586-6201 Kathlyn Wender Email: kwender@allsaintsmorristown.org
Fr. Mark Holland Email: fathermark@allsaintsmorristown.org

If you are having a difficult time reaching either Kathlyn or Fr. Mark and have an emergent need for any reason please feel welcome to reach out to our Deacon, The Rev. Sarai Wender or our Senior Warden, Colleen Andrews.

Contact information can be found in the church directory.

If you need access to our directory Kathlyn will be happy to assist.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Pilgrimage

The entire month of June was spent on an all-expenses paid (by me) Jr. Warden training mission to London, UK.

Weekly sessions were held at Westminster Abbey (Anglican), Westminster Cathedral (Roman Catholic), St. Paul's London, St. Luke's HTB Chelsea, St. Mary's The Bolton, the chapel at Hampton Court Palace, and All Saints -Fulham at Putney Bridge.

We visited a parish that was over 600 years old and met the original Sr. Warden and Jr. Wardens.

Both said they were there because the other man made up stories and needed to be corrected.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

We saw Hamilton at the Victoria Place Theatre in the West End, Lion King at the Lyceum, and Van Morrison at The Royal Albert Hall. We even joined the crowd on the Mall to Buckingham Palace to watch the Trooping of the Colours and the King's Birthday Parade. The things a man will do to stay married.

When I retire from the vestry, I may pursue becoming a verger. I already have a pretty mean shillelagh. But I'm sure about one thing, I don't want to be the junior warden at a place as large as Westminster Abbey.

Dan Dickens, Jr. Warden



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER



We are delighted to welcome Dr. Jonathan Richardson as our new Organist and Choirmaster here at All Saints. Jonathan grew up in Elizabethton, TN and began playing piano in 5th grade. His teacher, David Estep, encouraged him to study organ while in high school. He received a music scholarship to Carson-Newman where he studied organ with James Pethel and Mary Charlotte Ball.

He has been an area church organist and elementary music teacher for 25 years. He received graduate degrees in Education from Tusculum and Lincoln Memorial, including the Doctor of Education degree in Executive Leadership.

He has directed music for local choirs and theatrical productions.

Aside from music, he enjoys cooking, traveling, and chocolate.

Jonathan is excited to start this adventure with All Saints!

His first official Sunday with us will be July 9th



A WORD FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild would like to welcome two new members: Kenny Story and Noah Adkins. We would also like to recognize our Sacristan, Taryn Herzog, who orders all the supplies we work with and is the oil that keeps the flame of the Altar Guild burning.

If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild, please reach out to Martha Hall
– the more the merrier!

Team 1

Amy Sharp
Chantal Combs
Sue Justis
Kenny Story

Team 2

Carolyn Dean
Janis Dixon
Rebecca Fowler
Mary West

Team 3

Susie Carter
Sherri Chiapetta
Isaac Bolling
Noah Adkins

Team 4

Judy Anglin
Sandy Hoyle
Martha Hall



Kind regards,
Mary Martha (Marti) Hall
Chair, Altar Guild Committee

CALL FOR FLOWER CARRIERS

Historically, All Saints has a practice of taking our Altar Flowers each week and “carrying” them to people who were not able to enjoy them in person. Sue Justis has shouldered this ministry over the last several months (thank you, Sue) and we’d like to find some people to help her out. Flowers can go many places – to parishioners who are home ill or unable to travel, to nursing homes, to Serenity House and the other hospices in the region, to people in the hospital.

If you have an interest in joining this ministry, please reach out to Sue Justis.



A WORD ABOUT HOSPITALITY

Enjoy that sweet or savory treat after each service?

Please think about **joining the Hospitality Team** and contributing to the cause!

We need 8am Service attendees to sign up for hospitality after each service.

This should not be elaborate at all – we’re just looking for people to bring a little bite (e.g., a box of cookies – the Senior Warden has a special place in her heart for Oreos). Can you help out? **Please sign up in the Parish Hall.**

We are in search of at least six (6) 2-Man Teams to help provide hospitality after the 10:30 Service.

Typically, this is a little more food than is involved than the earlier service - there are more people who remain to socialize, and this is the service to which we welcome most of our church visitors. But again, this does not need to be elaborate (Mary and Rebecca have set a baking bar few of us can aspire to) and can mean several types of cookies (e.g., Chips Ahoy and...Oreos) and a pitcher of lemonade (the mix is always on hand in the kitchen!). Having six teams means that no one needs to do this more than once every two months. In addition to Mary West and Rebecca Fowler, Colleen Andrews and Robin Connel-lee have already raised their hands to be a team:

Please join them and **sign-up in the Parish Hall.**

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Covid, while still a concern, is no longer epidemic in our region and our Parish has grown with the addition of new families – many of whom have younger children. After consideration and ongoing discussion, the Vestry has made the decision to re-open the nursery this fall and to also explore the potential to re-boot a children’s worship program for our youngest church members.

For many years we had robust programs for younger children – these were primarily parent-driven and were exceptionally meaningful in the life of many in our Parish.

If you are interested in joining this conversation and understanding how you could support these programs, please reach out to Father Mark.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Bill & Sharon Prichard*,
Sam & Lauren Yeary*,
Jackson Hutchins,
DeAnna Bradley-Cook

2 The Rev. Gigi Sharp

3 George Upton

4 Jim & Martha Simerl*, Rus Mattocks

5 Alex Cunningham

6 Rowena Garrett

7 Dan Dickens

8 Charleen Julson

9 Linda Nash

10 Bill & Robin Connellee*, Jessica Smith,
Owen Othokian

12 Andrea Campbell

15 Jerry & Tykie Feldmann*

16 Jake Terry

17 Colleen Andrews

21 Alex Cross, Tristan Lindsey

22 Bob Harmon

25 The Rev. Jim Sharp

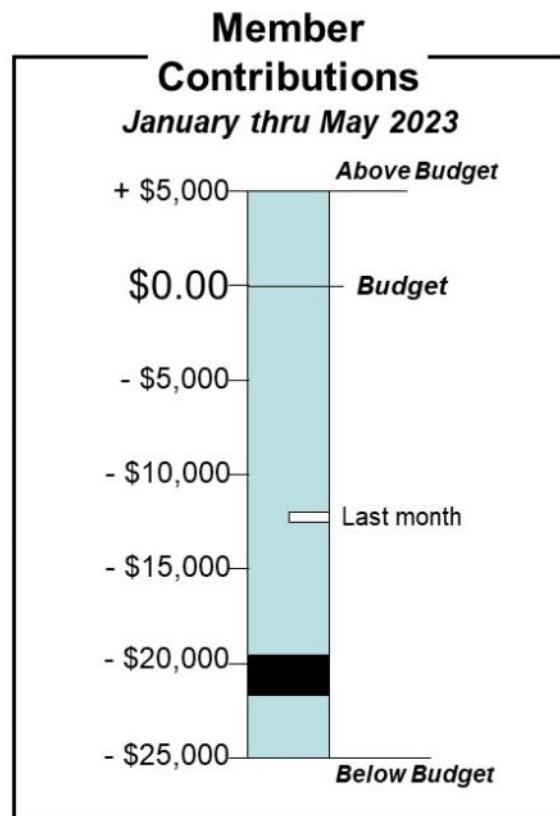
30 Ray & Kim Torres*, Nick Musall

*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!

No Parish Breakfast in July

1st Sunday Breakfasts will resume in August



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 -



Vanco Mobile
Faith Engagement
Available in the App Stores

Mid year pledge reports will be distributed in July



Thursday 7/27 6pm.

Location:
Living Promise
Lutheran Church

Hwy 160

DON'T WALK THE PATH OF
GRIEF ALONE -
COME SHARE WITH OTHERS
ON THE SAME PATH

Contact Janis for more info
Janis Dixon
423 748 1516
Janisbd48@gmail.com



SISTERHOOD GATHERING
TUESDAY JUNE 18TH 5:30PM
HOLSTON'S RESTAURANT
More info & menu sent by email.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**PLEASE NOTE -
THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL DUE
TO ROOM AVAILABILITY**

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

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

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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; Kent Elkins; Barbara Garrett;
Cleve Edwards; Whitney Dixon Mason; Sheila Rice;
Dennis Larkin; Spencer Husk; Dale Pendland;
Julia Bales McCoy; Nikki Campbell; Jeanine Ivy;
Amy Hixson; Jack Fishman; Kim Waltz; Suzanne Poole;
Kerri Robb; Mary Doherty; Sara Spriggs; Rick Fishburn;
William Ebert; David Carter; Paul Maben; Cathy Scott;
Holly Hoyle-McAneny

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.*



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

FOOD ON FOOT

We will hand out our filled food bags at the Food on Foot warehouse on the first Saturday in July, which will be the first day of the month. Please be at the warehouse by 10:30 so we can have everything ready for the 11 o'clock start.

We continue to see families with children, but we are also seeing older adults in line that just cannot manage to make their meager incomes last for a whole month. While we will fill food bags in August, will not hand them out again until September 2nd.

If you are able, come join us and see Outreach in Action.

Thank you, Ginger Goolsby
Member of Outreach Committee



BINGO UPDATE

Our next Bingo won't be until September 13.

We will advise what food we need closer to the date.

In the meantime, please continue your generosity in providing prizes. The most popular items are packs of toilet paper, coffee and filters, name brand detergent and gift cards.

There are containers in the narthex for collection.

Thanks so much,
The Bingo team



FROM THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

'23-'24 Licensed Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities

All baptized Christians are called to ministry.

The Episcopal parish and its surrounding community are stocked full of opportunities to answer those calls.

Some of you, however, are called to be more deeply formed for specific ministries and licensed for more confidence and credibility in the practice in your parish.



The Episcopal Church in East Tennessee has dedicated staff and other resources to the discernment, formation, support, and licensing of lay ministers for more than two decades.

The challenges of the recent pandemic slowed traditional, local formation while also creating opportunities to partner with other institutions and find innovative ways to provide instruction. We can now offer numerous formats for education of lay ministers.

To Attend, contact Beverly Hurley Hill, Canon for Mission & Lay Ministry at (205) 213-6640 or bhurleyhill@dioet.org or Emily Kirk, Parish Support Specialist at (865) 966-2110 or ekirk@dioet.org. Please note that all classes have a minimum and maximum number of students, so timely contact is necessary to assure access to the various offerings. You must make contact no later than Friday, August 4.

To see the full list of available opportunities visit

<https://dioet.org/blog/23-24-licensed-lay-ministry-formation-opportunities/>



2023 Sees Renewal of Kondoa Relationship

Have you ever eaten lunch in a mud hut?

Have you been greeted in the African bush by hundreds of people who have walked hours to go to church with you - many of them with a drum made from a tree trunk carried on their head?

Have you ever blessed goats and cows in a Maasai boma with a tree branch dipped in water that the people had dug for during the night?

If you are ready for a life-changing trip, these people are waiting for you to come visit them in our sister diocese of Kondoa, Tanzania!

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Kondoa as well as the pilgrims from our diocese who will be traveling in June to go visit Bishop Given Gaula and his people in their villages.

A future pilgrimage is in the planning stages, so if you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Colonna at elizabethacolonna@gmail.com.

To sign up for Diocesan News & Events visit E-Newsletters

<https://dioet.org/join-our-newsletters/>

OUTREACH

The 2nd Sunday of each month's loose offering is given to outreach to distribute to local non-profits and partner organizations as an Agape offering for our community in addition to the other fundraisers we do for these organizations throughout the year. Here is our giving report for our half way mark of the year and the schedule for the rest of the year. Thank you all for your generosity and love for our partners in ministry.

January- CASA \$212

February- Scouts \$414

March- Noah's Ark \$251

April- Gracepoint \$110

May- Helping Hands \$671

June- MATS \$149

July- ALPS

August- ASESchool

September- Food on Foot

October- Kingswood School

November- Serenity House

December- Central Services

We will be collecting donations for the nurses and workers at the hospital for at least the next couple of months. Please bring individually packaged snacks such as crackers, individual bags of trails mix, sweet treats, anything easy to grab and eat on the go. Cases of water would be great donations as well!

-Nickie Smith, Vestry Outreach Liason



VPR	Cindi Husk	Dan Dickens	Brooke White	Nickie Smith	Rebecca Boatman
8:00 AM	7/2/2023	7/9/2023	7/16/2023	7/23/2023	7/30/2023
CRUCIFER	Colleen Andrews	Earl Hall	Dave Auton	Earl Hall	Dave Auton
CHALICE/ INTERCESSOR	Cindy Husk	Kim Torres	Cindy Husk	Bill Mitrik	Kim Torres
2nd CHALICE	Dave Auton	Linda Leonard	Kim Torres	Linda Leonard	Isaac Boling
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Janet Zachmann	Mary Lou Mauney	Martha Simerl	Bill Mitrik	Kim Torres
GREETERS/ USHERS	Gary Miller	Howard Mauney	Martha Hall	Nancy Jernigan	Howard Mauney
	Robin Miller	Marylou Mauney	Earl Hall	Skeet Jernigan	Marylou Mauney
10:30 AM	7/2/2023	7/9/2023	7/16/2023	7/23/2023	7/30/2023
CRUCIFER	Ginger Goolsby	Dillon Wines	Susie Carter	Rebecca Boatman	Dillon Wines
ACOLYTES	Nickie Smith	Jake Neill	Nickie Smith	Colleen Andrews	Colleen Andrews
CHALICE/ INTERCESSOR	Mark Joyce	Carolyn Dean	Dan Dickens	Liz Holland	Mark Joyce
2nd CHALICE	Lauren Cordle	Rebecca Boatman	Lauren Cordle	Mark Joyce	Bill Mitrick
OT LECTOR	Anne Ross	Paige Mattocks	Ethel Rhodes	Alex Cross	Sarah Gose
NT LECTOR	Paige Mattocks	Lynn Cross	Cindy Selby	Rebecca Foster	Mark Doherty
PRESENTERS	Lena Giles	Mary West	Judy Yates	Alex Cross	Louise Joyce
	George Giles	Rebecca Fowler	Jack Yates	Lynn Cross	Janis Dixon
SOUND/ VIDEO	Larry McGowan/ Wayne Stambaugh	David Briggs/ Bill Connellee	David Briggs/ Bill Connellee	David Briggs/ Bill Connellee	Bob Harmon/ Jim Fuhr
GREETERS/ USHERS		Sam Neill	Mary West	George Giles	Jeannine Rosso
	Louise Joyce	Amy Neill	Rebecca Fowler	Noah Adkins	Rebecca Fowler
	Mark Doherty	Holley Dickens	Holley Dickens	Anne Ross	Rhonda Doherty
	Rhonda Doherty	Dan Dickens	Brook White	Louise Joyce	Mark Doherty
ALTAR GUILD	Team 1 (Amy Sharp, Sue Justis, Chantal Combs, Kenny Story)	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, Kenny Story)

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

Thanks, Colleen Andrews

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 it to Kathlyn by the 20th of each month for the next month's Saints Alive.

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