

# Saints' Alive



August 2023

## A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are officially past the 21st of June, so that means the days are now getting shorter and the nights are getting longer as we move closer into the fall. It used to be that the school year began in September right after Labor Day. That is no longer the case. Gradually over time the start day for a new school has now been pushed up almost to the beginning of August.

“Time keeps on slipping into the future,” as the Steve Miller Band said in the song Fly Like an Eagle. Time is elusive. We want more of it. Sometimes when we are excited about the future we can’t wait for it to pass. Nonetheless, time is constant and relentless in its marching on.

A few things told you that school was almost ready to start like the gathering up of new school supplies for the new year. Over the past few weeks I’ve noticed how many parishioners have been generously dropping off school backpacks and school supplies to share with the children of Morristown. Thank you all!

Starting the year with a new backpack and school supplies sets the tone for the whole year. You feel good about a new year. You feel that the past is behind you and what is ahead has endless possibilities. You are no longer focused on old mistakes. This is a new year and it is filled with the hope of the future.

At the beginning of the school year I always hold what has lovingly become known as the Crayon Mass at the first chapel service. There is also a Blessing of the Backpacks. Each child lines them up their pack on the floor in front of the altar. During the homily I hold up a large Box of 64 Crayons (the one with the built in sharpener), and I remind the children that a new school year is like a new box of crayons.

The point of each crayon is new and unbroken. The protective paper hasn’t yet been peeled back. There is nothing like the feel and smell of a new box of crayons. The kids get it. They are quick to make the connection between a simple box of crayons and a new school year.

I simply place a couple hundred new crayons in a basket. Next I tell each child when they come forward for communion to choose a color crayon of their liking and keep it. I want them to hold on to it as an icon for their future. Not surprisingly, the orange ones go first. This is after all Volunteer country. In Baton Rouge it was the purple colors that went first.

Regardless of what color crayon a child chooses it is theirs. It is a reminder that they have a big say in how successful this new year will be. Anything is possible. It doesn’t matter how broken any of us are. It doesn’t matter if our point is worn down and our paper covering is peeled back or we are broken into two pieces. We can each be made new once again.

It really makes me wonder. If the children can so easily understand this message, then why is it so hard for the adults to do the same?

Peace, Mark+

## **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

As we start to roll-up the sidewalks of summer, it's time to begin to think about our Fall Parish Plans. Many thanks to you who have answered the call to help with the Flower Ministry and who have offered to train for the Worship Team. We continue to need volunteers in several areas, including the Worship Team, the Flower Team, the Altar Guild, and for Hospitality at both services. Please also reach out to Dustin Chandler and to Father Mark about any interest you might have in being part of a children's program or youth group.

Fall BBQ will be the Week of October 1st (sales on Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th). We will hold a meeting of the Fall BBQ Planning Committee on Wednesday, August 9th in the Parish Hall. If you are a committee head, please plan to attend.

Look for some information shortly on an **upcoming Saints and Sinners Party!**

Many thanks to all the hands that serve and to all of our wonderful parishioners. It is such a blessing to worship and participate in fellowship with each other.

Peace, Colleen Andrews  
Senior Warden

### **Welcome BACH!**

Hello all! I'm excited to resume choir in August. We will meet on Wednesdays in the Choir Room from 6:00-7:00PM beginning August 9th. We will begin by singing selections of Johann Sebastian Bach. Choir is open to anyone high school aged and up. Please contact me if you are interested in joining and are not currently in our choir.

I can be messaged on Facebook and emailed at [JRichardson@allsaintsmorristown.org](mailto:JRichardson@allsaintsmorristown.org).

Dr. Jonathan Richardson,  
Church Musician



## **JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT**

Doubt.

Tommy Justis once told me somewhat facetiously that he was worried about his mother because faith requires doubt, and ‘the woman had no doubt’ (about her belief in God).

To a large extent we believe what we believe because of where and by whom we were raised. Had I been born in a different part of the world I might believe some entirely different details. I went through a season of doubt a year or so ago. It was so bad that while serving as intercessor/chalice bearer on the altar, during the Eucharistic prayer, I’m standing there thinking to myself, “This is silly. How likely is it that there is an afterlife? When Jesus told the apostles he’d be back, they thought he meant next Thursday. There’s Matthew 24 that mentions before this generation passes away. It’s been two thousand years. Where is He?”

It’s hard to suggest prayer to a friend that’s struggling with some major life issue with that going through my head. I’ve sometimes wondered, does the devil attend church on Sunday? I certainly hope so, otherwise there’s only me to hold accountable for the bizarre thoughts in the back pew.

The twelve step programs have a saying, “Meeting Makers, Make It.” I think the same might be true for church goers. I found my way back to a strong belief the more regular I became in Sunday worship. I guess the pandemic took more of a toll than I realized. I typically watched only part of the service online. Fast forwarded to the sermon and the announcements. A few times I counted the number of people that went to communion. And sometimes it was Wednesday or the following Saturday before I got around to it. Our first couple of weeks back, the in-person service seemed really long.

Recently we went to church every Sunday the month we were in London. It was anchoring. There are a lot of Church of England (Anglican) congregations in London, it was comforting. We stood in line for an hour and a half and were rewarded with third row seats for the 11:15 a.m. Sung Eucharist at Westminster Abbey. Six of the choir boys were confirmed by the bishop. King Charles had been crowned fifty feet away a month earlier. We knew the prayer responses and all the songs. It was wonderful.

I saw a sign in the gift shop:

Bidden  
Not Bidden  
God is Present

Amen,  
Dan Dickens  
Junior Warden



## PARISH ADMIN NEWS

In the upcoming months we will be launching a new to us Church Management Software— Realm from ACS Technologies.

At this time you need to do **nothing**. I am simply wanting to prepare you for a **slow change** that will happen over the next several months.

We will not be taking away our Instant Church Directory App or current Online Giving process immediately, but we will be slowly transitioning from these two software programs to one central hub in Realm which includes these & many more helpful ministry tools that are more intuitive & user friendly for both our congregants & support personnel.

Feel welcome to research Realm and ask any questions you may have!



**WHY REALM?** Realm strengthens church organization & connection. Realm helps us serve you better and leads this church well between & preparing for Sunday worship. Realm creates a seamless ministry hub directly through our mobile devices or computers. It engages & supports healthy relationships essential to our church's mission. We'll stay organized, & you'll stay informed about all of the ministry, volunteer, & fellowship opportunity. Realm allows you to manage your personal information & who is allowed to see it, control your giving in the same platform, & keep in touch with the groups that matter to you.

**WHAT ABOUT MY PRIVACY?** Realm is safe, private, & secure. Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm is only made up of the people in your church, it's not like a social network that's open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe & gives you control over what information you share & who can see it.

The best time to call or stop by the office is **Monday– Thursday 10am-3pm & Friday 10am-12:30pm**. Fr. Mark is out of office on Tuesdays & keeps his own calendar. Feel free to email or text him directly for appointment inquiries. Office Phone: 423-586-6201 Kathlyn Wender Email: [kwender@allsaintsmorristown.org](mailto:kwender@allsaintsmorristown.org) Fr. Mark Holland Email: [fathermark@allsaintsmorristown.org](mailto:fathermark@allsaintsmorristown.org)

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

Since Mary Ann and Larry Mills have moved to Knoxville, 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 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!

No, you don't have to attend every Sunday, and you don't have to 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 ll Saints' friends. If you are a new parent, the Directory can be helpful in getting to know other new parents and arranging playdates.

Just let Cindy (804-761-3802) or Kathlyn know that you want your own listing in the Directory.



### **A Newcomers Welcoming Dinner is planned for Thursday August 24th at 6pm in the Parish Hall**

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship & to learn more about our parish  
& the Episcopal Church.

Alex Cross (484-985-1358) & Cindy Selby are leading the organization of the event. If you are interested in helping or attending please reach out to them & RSVP.

We are happy to have you with us & hope you will join us for this event!

## **FOOD ON FOOT**

My sincere thanks to all who support Food on Foot by service, donations, and prayers. The need for food for those at risk of hunger continues to grow. The number in need is increasing due to the higher cost of food. Also, families with children, who are home during the summer, are not getting breakfast and lunch at school. While we will fill food bags in August, we will not hand them out again until our Saturday in September. We will hand out our filled food bags at the Food on Foot warehouse on the **first Saturday in September** which will be the second day of the month. Please be at the warehouse by 10:30 so we can have everything ready for the 11 o'clock start.

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

Thank you, Ginger Goolsby

Member of Outreach Committee



My sincere thanks to everyone for your generous support for the Food on Foot School Backpack program.

Each Monday I delivered the donated school supplies to Carolyn Jarnigan at FOF.

Carolyn has always told me how very thankful she is for all the ways All Saints helps them. You contribute school supplies for backpacks, we fill 100 food bags each month for those at risk for hunger and you help me hand out these food bags. We have also made Christmas donations in the past. I just tell Carolyn that the Parishioners at All Saints are the best!!



## **BINGO UPDATE**

Hello everyone. After taking a summer break, we will be having Bingo on September 13th. 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



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

**Pastoral Care**



BBQ Sauce Bottling on Tuesday August 8th  
4:30 in the Parish Hall.

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

## **FROM THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE**

### **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](mailto:elizabethacolonna@gmail.com).



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



## Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries

1 **Allison Herzog**  
 6 **Kyle Prichard**  
**Lisa Sholtis**  
 8 **Gary Miller**  
**Gary & Robin Miller\***  
 9 **Albert Combs**  
**Bob Garrett**  
 11 **Udo & Sarai Wender\***  
 12 **Dennis & Cookie Larkin\***  
 13 **Anna Garrett**  
 16 **Earl & Marti Hall\***  
 18 **Martie Anderson**  
 19 **Wayne Stambaugh**  
**Mallory Elizabeth Sawyer**  
 21 **Toni Dosil**  
 22 **Corrina Madison Sullivan**  
**David Webster**  
 23 **Cookie Larkin**  
**Paige Mattocks**  
**Tommy & Sue Justis\***  
 25 **Robert & Debbie Young\***  
 26 **Peggy Stultz**  
 28 **David & Carol-Jean Webster\***  
 29 **Tracy Harmon**  
 30 **Larry McGowan**

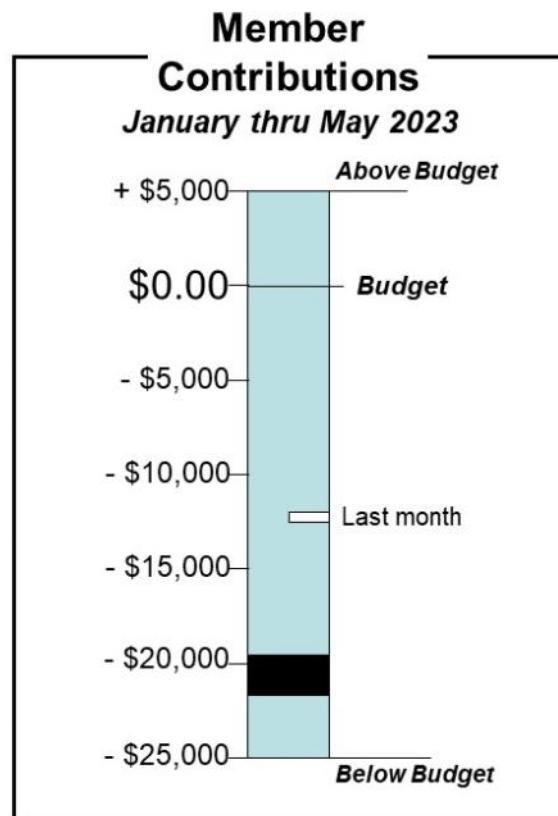
\*Anniversary

## 1st Sunday Breakfast is back!!

We will resume in the first Sunday in August



Team Harmon August 6th



**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 AUGUST 8TH 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



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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; Barbara Garrett; Cleve Edwards;  
Whitney Dixon Mason; Sheila Rice; Dennis Larkin;  
Spencer Husk; Jack Fishman; Kim Waltz; Suzanne Poole;  
Kerri Robb; Mary Doherty; Sara Spriggs; William Ebert;  
David Carter; Paul Maben; Cathy Scott;  
Holly Hoyle-McAneny; Joanne Crane; Greyson Pope;  
Linda Lewanski; Rose Adams; Eugene Kirkland;  
Pat Pigmon; Sheila Rhodes; Roy Boggs; Kyle Watkins

**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.*

## AN INVITATION TO THE HOUSE BLESSING OF LAUREN & MEGHAN CORDLE



## The Reno is Finally Done-o

Please join Meghan and me for an afternoon of Margaritas and merriment!

Parking can be tricky because Lochmere Drive is a main road in the sub-division.  
Please park on Kandeanna Drive and walk across the street to our home.  
366 is the unit on the right.

No need to knock, just come on in!  
Drop in for a minute, stay for a while ... whatever you like!  
No need to RSVP - we will be happy to see you!  
Congratulate or Roast Lauren as she hits the half century mark!

VPR	Alex Cross	Dan Dickens	Dan Leonard	Cindi Husk
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8/6/2023</b>	<b>8/13/2023</b>	<b>8/20/2023</b>	<b>8/27/2023</b>
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Earl Hall	Dave Auton	Earl Hall	Dave Auton
<b>CHALICE/INTERCESSOR</b>	Kim Torres	Bill Mitrik	Kim Torres	Cindy Husk
<b>2nd CHALICE</b>	Linda Leonard	Colleen Andrews	Linda Leonard	Kim Torres
<b>LECTOR OT/P/NT</b>	Marylou Mauney	Bill Mitrik	Martha Simerl	Janet Zachmann
<b>GREETERS/USHERS</b>	Howard Mauney	Martha Hall	Nancy Jernigan	Gary Miller
	Mary Lou Mauney	Earl Hall	Skeet Jernigan	Robin Miller
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>8/2/2023</b>	<b>8/13/2023</b>	<b>8/20/2023</b>	<b>8/27/2023</b>
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Dillon Wines	Susie Carter	Dillon Wines	Rebecca Boatman
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Jake Neill	Rebecca Boatman	Colleen Andrews	Nicky Smith
<b>CHALICE/INTERCESSOR</b>	Carolyn Dean	Dan Dickens	Mark Joyce	Henry Selby
<b>2nd CHALICE</b>	Mark Joyce	Susan Fuhr	Lauren Cordle	Liz Holland
<b>OT LECTOR</b>	Anne Ross	Paige Mattocks	Ethel Rhodes	Sarah Gose
<b>NT LECTOR</b>	Alex Cross	Mark Doherty	Lynn Cross	Cindy Selby
<b>PRESENTERS</b>	Lynn Cross	Mary West	Louise Joyce	Lena Giles
	Alex Cross	Rebecca Fowler	Janis Dixon	George Giles
<b>SOUND/VIDEO</b>	Bob Harmon/Jim Fuhr	Bob Harmon/Jim Fuhr	Larry McGowan/ Wayne Stambaugh	Larry McGowan/ Wayne Stambaugh
<b>GREETERS/USHERS</b>	Sam Neill	Jack Yates	George Giles	Anne Ross
	Amy Neill	Judy Yates	Lena Giles	Rebecca Fowler
	Janis Dixon	Holley Dickens	Rhonda Doherty	Mary West
	Louise Joyce	Rhonda Doherty	Mark Doherty	Louise Joyce
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Team 2 (Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon, Rebecca Fowler, Mary West)	Team 3 (Susie Carter, Sheri Chiappetta, Isaac Boling)	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 you!

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

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