

SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

By nearly any measurable metric, 2020 was a difficult year for all of us to endure. We watched a horrific pandemic spread relentlessly across our nation and the entire world. To date more than 500,000 lives have been lost in the United States to the COVID -19 virus. Those among us who were the most vulnerable to the virus have been the elderly, people of color, and those living with underlying medical conditions. Because of the danger created by this virus we have been unable to gather for in-person worship here at All Saints' for almost a year.

One of the first signs of real hope that things might finally be improving has been the introduction of a couple of promising vaccines. People are proudly posting on social media when and where they've received their shots. Each day more and more of us are getting vaccinated. Every newly vaccinated adult raises up our hopes that life might eventually return to something like it was before we ever knew about COVID-19.

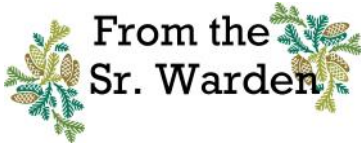
I'm now beginning to schedule baptisms that have been long delayed. Those infants waiting to be baptized are now toddlers. I'm optimistic that we will be able to open up All Saints' for in-person worship during Holy Week and Easter. How wonderful it would be to celebrate a new life in the church near the Feast of the Resurrection.

In my own household we are looking forward to my son's wedding in March. Christian and his fiancé, Molly, are getting married in New Orleans. I'm deeply honored that they have asked me to be the officiant at their wedding. I've officiated at over 450 weddings throughout my priesthood. And while all of those weddings were indeed special, this particular one will be even more so for me.

March in New Orleans is especially beautiful. The dogwoods and azaleas are in full bloom. The St. Augustine lawns will have returned to their usual lush green color. Spring in New Orleans means the temperature will be mild and the humidity will be low unlike it usually is during the summer. Everyone rides the St. Charles streetcars with their windows down. Boiled crawfish will be in season and the local cuisine will naturally be Cajun and spicy.

Signs of new life will be ever present and increasing in the weeks ahead. People will start cautiously venturing out once again. I hope this time we will accept how fragile the world is in which we live. We still might need to wear masks for a few more months. I hope that we will understand how much more we can experience when we choose to cooperate and work together for the common good. There are abundant signs of new life all around us. May God give us the wisdom to see new life wherever it springs forth.

Peace, Mark+



Though many have traditionally used the Lenten season to refrain from foods, beverages, and habits, others have been taking a different tack - beginning Lent by giving of themselves as new members of the All Saints' Vestry. This year we welcome six new members to the group, fully half of the Vestry: Alex Cunningham, Colleen Andrews-Roach, Dan Leonard, Chris Sharp, Danny Turner-Wines, and Cindi Husk. We have another interesting year ahead with what I am certain will be new challenges and opportunities and I'm sure they'll find themselves equal to the task.

As we reopen the church to live in-person worship and begin to re-start our ministries, there are a lot of questions to be answered. The most important is who is going to be helping with what. Our last Rally Day was in 2019 and as our various committees begin to re-form, the chair of those committees will be trying to contact each of you who signed up at that time. This process will commence quickly, as we are hoping that the trends of decreasing numbers of infections and increasing numbers of vaccines in the community will allow us to reopen fully and we hope that those who filled the rota before the pandemic will again agree to help.

Some of our major ventures are, of course, the Spring and Fall BBQ's. We are hoping to have one in either May or June and anticipate a full BBQ in October. The Vestry will be holding a reorganizational meeting for BBQ very soon and we will announce that meeting in the Order of Service notes, the All Saints' Facebook page, and personal contacts to those who have been participating over the last many, many years so that we can regroup and once again provide Morristown with our famous BBQ while using the proceeds to help fund our ministries. It's a yeoman's task and requires dedication and hard work from many, many of you.

And finally, I would like to thank the recently-departed vestry members who served so willingly over the last few years. Victor Bailey acted as chairman of the administration committee for 2020 and his contribution to ensure the safety of the church and his tireless work to update the by-laws to allow the accommodation of so many changes because of the pandemic was truly heroic. Mark Joyce does so much for All Saints' and a lot of it is unknown to most. His chairmanship of the Evangelism committee was key that last year and every other. Sue Justis is another whose work was non-stop for three years on the vestry and her pastoral care ministry didn't end when she took the mantle of liaison to All Saints' Episcopal School part way through last year. Susan Fuhr had the unenviable task of being the Senior Warden during one of the most tumultuous logistical and financial years in All Saints' history. Her dedication and guidance served all and I express the deep gratitude of the parish for her taking the helm. Again, thanks to all and Godspeed.

Respectfully,

Bill Connellee, Sr. Warden

Outreach

Dear Parish Family,

This month All Saints would like to support Noah's Arc Animal Rescue, a no kill shelter celebrating 30 years of animal care and adoption programs. Their largest fundraiser is the "15th Annual Reverse Raffle" being held virtually March 13, 2021. You can buy a ticket for \$100 for a chance to win \$10,000, only 425 tickets are sold. If you would prefer to give a donation mail to P.O. Box 1031, Talbott Tn 37877. Check out their Facebook page for up-to-date info on buying raffle tickets.



Also, the MATS homeless shelter would like large homemade pots of chili, spaghetti, or hearty soups to be placed in small containers for the homeless street folks to access when they are allowed in the shelter for the night. You can deliver the soups most any time as there is always someone there.

Again, we are keeping hope alive that COVID will start to wind down and we will have BBQ this May. If you are aware of community needs, please contact martie08@hotmail.com

At last, spring is just around the corner. With Covid-19 vaccinations and the reduction of new cases, we have promising indicators that we may get back to a “new” normal. I am looking forward to working the Building Committees to reopen our church complex in the near future.



I was an accountant for my working life, so I will need all the help I can get to perform the responsibilities of Junior Warden. I would like to thank Bill Connelle and Susan and Jim Fuhr for their counseling and guidance.

Late in March, we will need to have a landscaping party (social distancing) so the church grounds will be ready for Easter. I will be looking for volunteers once the weather improves.

Howard Mauney
Junior Warden



Pastoral Care

If anyone knows of anyone that is sick or needs a meal anytime
please contact me at 423 231 8372
or jnbwhite@hotmail.com. or contact the church.

Brooke White Pastoral Care Liaison



Thank you parishioners of All Saints' for your support and the opportunity to serve you on the Vestry. We have completed our new Vestry member orientation and have also completed our Vestry retreat that includes all of the vestry. There are many opportunities for the parish as we grow and re-open this year. At this time a specific area of responsibility has not been assigned to new members. I look forward to serving the parish to the best of my ability during my term on the vestry.

Sincerely,
Alex Cuningham



Special Prayer for Those afflicted with Covid -19

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers; Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR ALTAR GUILD

All Saints' Altar Guild is the ministry that "sets the stage" for all our worship services, including weddings, baptisms, and funerals, and is responsible for the care and placement of the vessels, candles, linens, and vestments.

Have you considered joining the Altar Guild? Here are some reasons God may be calling you to this ministry:

- Preparing God's table can be a time of friendship and sharing while serving God and the All Saints' community.
- You will grow spiritually. This ministry can be a form of prayer that draws you closer to God.
- Members of the Altar Guild are absolutely vital to passing on the tradition and ritual of the Episcopal Church.



Altar Guild members serve on a rotation as members of a small team. It is not an every Sunday responsibility. With our busy lifestyles, we recognize that not everyone has the same amount of time to help so we try to be very flexible with our scheduling.

THIS IS NOT A MINISTRY FOR WOMAN ONLY. HOW ABOUT A MEN'S TEAM?

OR A FAMILY TEAM?

New members to the Altar Guild receive on-the-job training. We also have a good reference manual that can be downloaded from our website.

What some Altar Guild members have said:

"I think it's a good way to give and serve without having to be up in front of everyone. I like that it is a behind the scenes ministry."

"I developed a deeper faith by learning the reasons behind why we do what we do. It's an honor."

"After 20 years, I'm still learning. You never know everything. That's what keeps it interesting."

"I like when we go in and do the preparation when nobody's around. It's just very centering, for me at least."

"We need to let people know that the Altar Guild is open to everyone, men and women, young and old."

"It's a ministry of service with love!"

"Serving on the Altar Guild is very fulfilling in many ways! Why else would I still be a member after 38 years?"

If you enjoy preparing for celebrations and working "behind the scenes" in small groups, or if you are interested in learning more about the liturgical traditions of the Episcopal Church, then maybe the Altar Guild is the ministry for you. To learn more about this ministry, join, or just try it out, please contact Father Mark, or Carolyn Dean.



Sunday
March 14



Possible in-person worship during Holy Week ...

Watch for email announcements soon!

Palm Sunday—March 28

Maundy Thursday—April 1

Good Friday—April 2

Holy Saturday—April 3

Easter Sunday—April 4

Streaming Team Schedule February and March

Name	Date
Sarah & Mark	1/31/2021
Sarah & Mark	2/7/2021
Sarah & Mark	2/14/2021
Wayne & Larry	2/21/2021
Wayne & Larry	2/28/2021
Wayne & Larry	3/7/2021
Bill & David	3/14/2021
Bill & David	3/21/2021
Bill & David	3/28/2021

If you have a scheduling conflict
please get a replacment.

Susan Garber or Skeet Jernigan
have volunteer as possible
substitutes.



Please welcome our two newest members to the Altar Guild, Anne Ross, and Danielle Darter. We are so happy to have them with us! If you were thinking about joining the Altar Guild too, there is still plenty of room. Covid precautions taken.

Team 1: Carolyn Dean, Chantal Combs, Anne Ross
Team 2: Judy Bartholomew, Janis Dixon, Virginia Carey
Team 3: Carolyn Dean, Jamia Blazer, Danielle Darter
Team 4: Susie Carter, Judy Anglin, Sheri Chiapetta

ROTA

March 7 - Team 4 - Third Sunday in Lent - Purple
March 14 - Team 1 - Fourth Sunday in Lent - Purple
March 21 - Team 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Purple
March 28 - Team 3 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - Red
April 1 - Team 4 - Maundy Thursday - Red
April 2 - Team 4 - Good Friday - None
April 3 & 4 - Team 1 - Easter Vigil and Easter Day - White
April 11 - Team 2 - Second Sunday of Easter - White
April 18 - Team 3 - Third Sunday of Easter - White
April 25 - Team 4 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - White
May 2 - Team 1 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - White
May 9 - Team 2 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - White
May 16 - Team 3 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - White
May 23th - Team 4 - Day of Pentecost - Red
May 30th - Team 1 - Trinity Sunday - White



Your financial support is needed for special music, palms and floral decorations for our Easter Season services. To contribute, complete this form and mail to office or call Lynne Ann with your dedication.

Deadline is Sunday, March 21.

Make check payable to All Saints' Church.

Name _____

Contribution is in

() honor, () memory, () thanksgiving

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

You are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**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





*Altar and Chapel Flowers
Dedications*

*In loving memory of
Robert Phillip Harmon
who is always in our thoughts
and prayers
by Bob & Tracy Harmon*

*In thanksgiving for
our grandson, Owen,
by Howard & Marylou Mauney*



*Recent Memorials
to All Saints'*

*In memory of Al Taylor,
brother of Ginger Goolsby,
Larry & MaryAnn Mills*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Barbara Garrett, Larry Jones
- 3 Susan Fuhr
- 5 Jeffrey Torres
- 6 Father Mark & Liz Holland*,
Bethany Musall, Michael Musall
- 11 Mary Ann Mills, Annie Turner
- 14 Talia McCarty, Tim Roach
- 15 Skeet & Nancy Jernigan*,
Garrett Turner
- 16 Preston Husk, Udo Wender
- 17 Lily Hall, Seth Hall
- 22 Cameron Hughes
- 23 Sharon Pritchard
- 24 Lynn Walton
- 26 Jean Coffman, Meghan Cordle
- 27 Martha Simerl
- 28 Diane Baker
- 30 Jack Othokian
- 31 Sarah Gose, Sheila & Dick Rice*

*Anniversary



THE
Beach Ball
FLIP-FLOPS AND DRESSY TOPS
ALL SAINTS AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE...

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
All Saints' Annual Auction
THE BEACH BALL FLIP-FLOPS AND DRESSY TOPS

APRIL 17, 2021 · 6:00 P.M.

AT THE DEAN COFFMAN ACTIVITY CENTER
TO RESERVE TICKETS CALL 423.586.3280


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