

## *HURRICAN RELIEF AND REBUILDING*

Like many of you I've been watching the news to learn about the destruction that followed Hurricane Laura making landfall. August is always an anxious and difficult time for those living on the gulf coast below I-10 from Texas to Florida. It is relatively flat and low-lying land that hurricanes have pummeled for centuries. Global warming has only made the situation even more dangerous.

My first church that I served as a priest was the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Charles, LA. I've seen pictures of ancient oak trees down outside my old office window. Good Shepherd had some minor roof damage to the church and gym. That was not the case across town. Fr. Seth Donald is the rector of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lake Charles, LA. The physical plant of St. Michael sustained severe damage. The rectory, where he lives was also severely damaged. The homes of many of his parishioners were damaged by the high winds and rainwater.

For the people of Lake Charles and the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana the rebuilding process begins once again. They have been there before. Each time it is a process that is overwhelming. There is so much destruction that you never know where to begin. So you start with the small things that give you a sense of making some measure of progress. You salvage what little there of your personal possessions that can be salvaged. Over the years I've noticed that the family china and Christmas ornaments are the first two things people focus on saving. These are items that emotionally connect us to the past and give us some hope for the future.

Next you start throwing things out. Damaged and spoiled food items are the first to go. Then the water damaged piles of clothes and shoes. Water logged furniture and carpets are next. The piles of discarded items that end up on the curb stretch as far as the eyes can see. Everyone on your block is doing the same things that you are. It is absolutely heartbreaking to see people who have been forced to start all over again.

They will rebuild. It will be difficult. There will be many tears shed. Then again, they know that they are not alone. Because of the common loss shared by so many, the bonds of their community will eventually become stronger. They will share limited resources freely. They will help their neighbor and lend a hand even if that neighbor is a complete stranger. It is what you do in order to rebuild after a natural disaster.

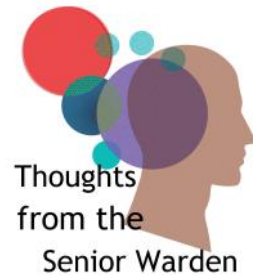
After awhile the names of all the storms begin to run together; Camille, Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Laura, and so many more. In your head you mark time by the names of a given storm. You grieve your many losses.

You give thanks for those who generously reached out to you when you were down and suffering. You are grateful for all the meals that strangers prepared for you. You are so thankful for the many out of state utility workers putting in overtime to help to restore local power. You remember what a blessing it was when you took your first warm shower in several days. You remember literally jumping for joy when the electricity and water came back on after weeks of doing without. With God's help and the generosity of many strangers you will rebuild.

I'm planning on sending a personal check along with a check from the Parish Discretionary Fund to Fr. Seth Donald and the people of St. Michael and All Angels to help them rebuild. If you would like to contribute please send a check to All Saints' marked "Hurricane Relief". I would like to send this rebuilding gift by the 15th of the month.

God's Peace,  
Fr. Mark

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I don't know about you, but I am so ready for cooler temperatures and less humidity! Thank you, God for the Fall season!

And at All Saints', it's that time of the year that we look forward to our election process for the 2021 Vestry membership! Yes, in spite of COVID-19, we move on to the business of the Nomination/Candidacy process and your Administration Committee (the Committee) will be starting to work via emails and Zoom meetings soon.

**At this time, on behalf of the committee, we are inviting ALL Parishioners to submit nominees including yourself, if interested, to the Committee by September 20<sup>th</sup>.** The Committee members are: Victor Bailey, Vestry Liaison, Bob Harmon, Judy Potter-Yates, Carol Jean Webster, Mary Ann Mills and myself. Sue Justis and Mark Joyce who are outgoing Vestry members will also assist the Committee. Their contact information is in the Church Directory. Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

At the August Vestry Meeting, the proposed updated All Saints' Episcopal Church bylaws prepared by the Committee were presented. The bylaws were later approved unanimously by the Vestry. They are being finalized and will be available for your review on our website soon. You will be notified when they are available.

I hope each of you are safe and doing well. I look forward to seeing you and worshiping in person together soon. Meanwhile, see you at virtual church!

God's peace.

Susan Fuhr, Senior Warden

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It's nice having help that is not only unrequested, but also totally anonymous. I had been looking at the gardens surrounding the church a few weeks ago and realized that our last weeding expedition had been almost a month prior. The regrowth was amazingly quick and the need was quite obvious. I came home and told the family that we were going to have another "outing" (as in pulling out the weeds) and we needed to find a day that wasn't going to be too hot. A few days later I visited the church for an unrelated matter and the gardens had all been weeded. They looked so beautiful and well-kept. That's one of the joys of All Saints' – nobody was asked to help, nobody posted a note on Facebook about how virtuous he was to have done so, and I still don't know who did it. It's a second home for all of us.

Thank you to the often-unknown people who weed our gardens, provide support for the clergy to stream a service every Sunday, arrange altar flowers every Sunday, keep the building tidy, and do a myriad of little things to help us preserve our faith that we will one day emerge from the COVID restrictions stronger than ever.

Bill Connellee, Junior Warden





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

## **Please Join us for Our 1<sup>st</sup> Ever "ZOOM" Lasagna Night Supper**

(Sponsored by All Saints' Episcopal Church)

**When: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6 PM**

**Where: In the comfort of your own home**

**Why: To enjoy a meal together remotely with your parish friends via "ZOOM"**

*Proceeds will go to the Parish Discretionary Fund to assist people affected by the Covid-19 Virus.*

All Saints is planning a "ZOOM" Lasagna Supper Evening on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 PM. This evening will allow all of our congregation and friends to get together via "ZOOM" to socialize and enjoy a meal remotely from your own home. Here's how it works:

Lasagna(s) will be made ahead of the event and frozen at church. You will supply the rest of your meal (Bread, salad, dessert, beverage of choice). Get your meal ready at home prior to the appointed time, then log on to the "ZOOM" app on your smartphone, iPad or laptop to join the meeting. Socialize with all your friends from All Saints. Relax and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun. Plus Entertainment – you never know who will show.

To participate in this event, you will need to pre-order your LASAGNA(s) by emailing **Mark Joyce** at [MLM-LKJOYCE@AOL.COM](mailto:MLM-LKJOYCE@AOL.COM), or calling/texting him at **865-765-5669**. All orders must be in by Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in order to prepare the Lasagnas, freeze them, and have them ready and available for pickup during church office hours. If you need to have them delivered to your home, please let me know when you place your order. Each Lasagna will feed 4 to 6 people, and you can decide if you need more than one for that evening. Please feel free to order an extra Lasagna to put in your freezer for future dinners as well.

### **"ZOOM" LASAGNA NIGHT SUPPER – ORDERING FORM (Please Print)**

|              |               |                |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Name:</b> | <b>Phone:</b> | <b>E-Mail:</b> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|

The cost of each Lasagna is \$25.00 Dollars.

| ITEM DESCRIPTION:              | Quantity | TOTAL COST |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| MEAT LASAGNA w/Tomato Sauce    |          |            |
| VEGGIE LASAGNA w/Alfredo Sauce |          |            |
| <b>Grand Totals</b>            |          |            |

**"Pickup" at church** \_\_\_\_\_

(Oct 5 - 9, 2020 - 9 AM to 12 Noon)

Office Phone: 423-586-6201

**Needs Delivery** \_\_\_\_\_

Call Mark Joyce at 865-765-5669

(Payment is due at time of "Pickup" or "Delivery") – Thank You

Please note any allergy concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

All Saints' Episcopal School has been in session for a month now and everything is going well. Children are so resilient and have accepted the changes of wearing masks and social distancing like champs!

All Saints' Students Showing Gratitude by Serving Others Project for the month of September is East Tennessee Children's Hospital resource closet for patients and families. This event is being coordinated by the 7th Grade.

The Master's Golf Tournament is a big fund raiser for the school and is planned for October 30th. (Details on next page)

Please spread the word!

Sue Justis  
Vestry Liaison



**You Are Invited to Tee up for our  
26th Annual Master's Golf Tournament!**



**Friday October 30, 2020**

**The Country Club • 1635 Doyal Drive  
Morristown, TN 37814**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • <b>Lunch 12:00 noon</b>        | • <b>Player Gift</b>            |
| • <b>Shot Gun Start: 1:00 pm</b> | • <b>Door Prizes</b>            |
| • <b>3 Flight Winners</b>        | • <b>Mulligan Packages</b>      |
| • <b>Putting Contest</b>         | • <b>19th Hole Refreshments</b> |

**MORE INFO AT: [WWW.ASESTN.ORG](http://WWW.ASESTN.ORG)**

We continue to have fresh flowers on our altar every Sunday even with our Covid shutdown. You are welcome to call the church office should you want to sponsor flowers on some Sunday. Here are our dedications for the month of August 2020:

***Altar and Chapel flowers are given to the Glory of God***

***~ in appreciation of Father Mark & Lia***

***by Louise Dyer***

***~ in honor of our 13th Wedding Anniversary***

***by Gary & Robin Miller***

***~ in joyful thanksgiving for 30 years of marriage on August 12***

***and in prayerful anticipation of the marriage***

***of their daughter, Karina, to Mr. Justin Wheeler***

***by Udo & Sarai Wender***

***~ in thanksgiving for my church family who I miss very much***

***by Susie Carter***

***~ in memory of my father, Benjamin Hazen Brown,***

***by Judy Bartholomew***

***~ in honor of the birthday of Corrina Madison Sullivan***

***by Robin, Bill & Riley***

***~ wishing Happy Birthday to Traysi Elkins & Christian Brotherton***

***by Dave Auton***

***~ in celebration of Tracy's birthday***

***by Bob Harmon***

***~ in memory of my son, Baron Holt, on his 39th birthday***

***by Janis Dixon***

***~ in loving memory of our parents***

***by Tony & Janet Zachman***

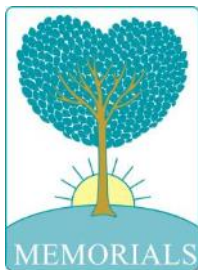
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Lin Mitrik; Campbell Maben; Joe Toskey, father of Judy Yates; Lyn Leach; Mike Cardone;  
 Kim Walker, sister of Lyn Walton; Anne Armstrong; Norma Hall; Diane Baker; Louise Dyer; Linda Dietrich; Tykie Feldmann; Gary Miller; Leslie Collins; Randy White; Sarah Gose; Gene Jolley;  
 Dick & Sheila Rice; Jackson Orio; Hugo Anthony Fabiano, father of Sheri Chiappetta

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: Austin & Luke Whitelaw; Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog; Hayden & Hunter Dome



*Given to All Saint's Church*

*in memory of Sam Simerl, son of Jim & Martha,  
 by Peggy Brock*

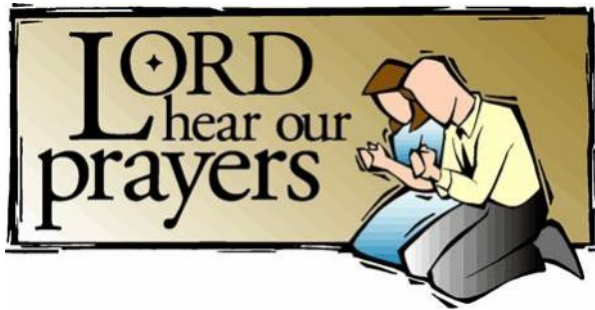
*in memory of Sam Simerl  
 by Glenn & Barbara Thompson*



Father Mark will host Bible Study every  
 Wednesday at 11:00AM  
 Via Zoom. The link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2536918581>

Meeting ID: 253 691 8581



***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.*

*BCP, page 456*



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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| 01 | Marley Sharp  |
| 04 | Dustin Chandler                                       |
| 05 | Teresa Clement  |
| 06 | Kathy Jones-Litz, Jerry Feldmann,<br>Carter & LA Orio |
| 09 | Linda & Dan Leonard*                                  |
| 10 | Peggy Brock   |
| 11 | Lauren Cordle,  |
| 12 | Cheryl & Larry Jones*, Clara Morrisett                |
| 14 | Robin Miller, Chris Sharp                             |
| 15 | Cindi Husk, Harold Nichols                            |
| 18 | Braxton Mattocks                                      |
| 20 | Patty Kirkley, John Willis                            |
| 21 | Hugh Clement. Cindy & Henry Selby*,<br>Janet Zachmann |
| 23 | E.G. Hall, Linda Haas, Bill & Lin Mitrik              |
| 24 | Geoffrey & Anna Garrett                               |
| 25 | Kaitlyn Harville                                      |
| 26 | Bob Vick  |
| 27 | Riley Anderson  |

\*Anniversary

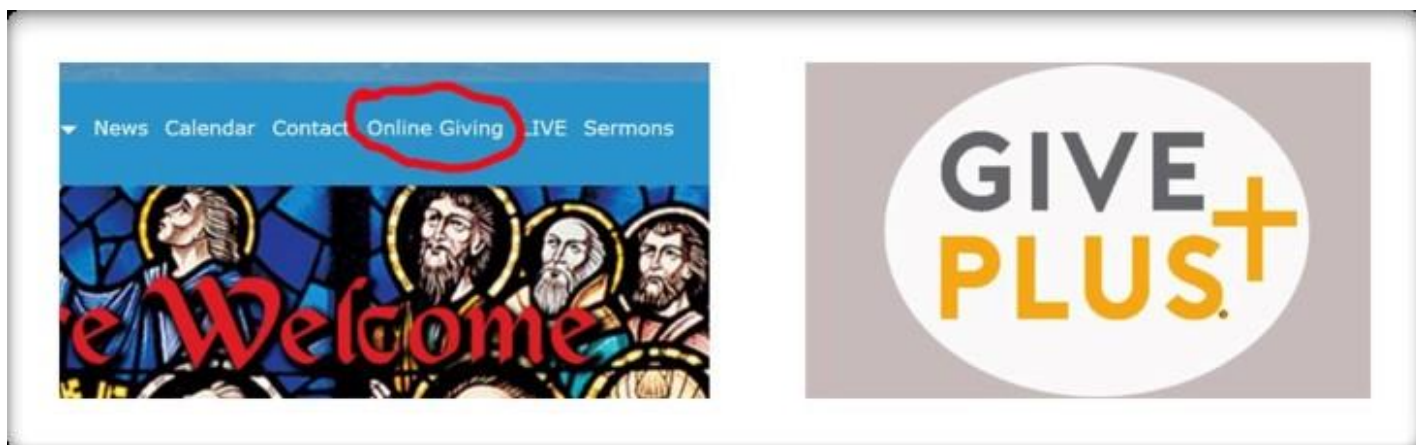
If your name does not appear in the appropriate month, please call the church office.

**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



Some members of our church have been quite busy working toward getting the new shelter for abused persons up and ready. This new facility needs a lot of repair to the building. The needs are to get the building ready while planning to furnish the rooms. Our church can help by sending money for building supplies and workers and by forming small groups of friends who can collectively furnish or partially furnish a room. Make checks to "Harbor of Hamblen" and send to parish office or **Harbor of Hamblen, 2348 W. A.J. Hwy. Suite 272 Morristown Tn 37814.** Call 423 353 4766 if you can donate building supplies. Collection of items for bedding and scrubs will resume after building nears readiness.

Martie Anderson, Outreach Vestry Liaison

The **ALTAR GUILD ROTA** for the rest of 2020 is as follows:

September 6 - Team 4 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13 - Team 1 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 20 - Team 2 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27 - Team 3 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4 - Team 4 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 11 - Team 1 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18 - Team 2 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 25 - Team 3 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

November 1 - Team 4 - All Saints - WHITE  
November 8 - Team 1 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 15 - Team 2 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 22 - Team 3 - Last Sunday after Pentecost - Christ the King - WHITE  
November 29 - Team 4 - First Sunday of Advent

December 6 - Team 1 - Second Sunday of Advent  
December 13 - Team 2 - Third Sunday of Advent  
December 20 - Team 3 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Team 4 - Christmas Eve - WHITE  
December 25 - Team 1 - Christmas Day  
December 27 - Team 2 - First Sunday after Christmas





What a challenging year 2020 has been. Yes I know, that is really an understatement. I can't recall anything in my experiences that could have prepared me for the challenges the Coronavirus and physical distancing brought to my 'normal life'. So, if you're feeling overwhelmed, afraid, angry, or in shock...I get it. So much feels different and is different. And yet some things remain: the abiding love of God, the connections of friendship and prayer within our congregation, and our commitment to reach out in service to our neighbors.

Here at All Saints', we are learning new ways to still be the congregation you treasure. Father Mark, our music director Ryan and others began offering virtual services on "Facebook Live" in March. The Vestry and some of our committees moved to virtual meetings to conduct church business. Our Deacon Sarai continued her ministry by moving the EFM classes online with Zoom and continuing her contacts with our shut-ins by telephone. Brooke White, pastoral care chairperson, continued support of parish families in need making sure they feel supported by their church family.

**We don't need a building to be a church, but we do need each other to be All Saints'.**

The Vestry wants to thank you for your continued financial commitment to All Saints'. Your gifts have helped sustain the faithful mission and ministry of our congregation. Your support is critical to our sustainability. The pandemic has forced us to suspend almost all of our committee programs for this year including our major BBQ and ECW fund raisers. That means the church's income has been almost completely limited to contributions by you, our members. We were able to obtain a PPP loan from the SBA to cover expenses in May and June but even with that assistance we will still use a significant part of our cash reserves to get through 2020.

Looking forward into 2021, we all hope this virus disappears soon and we are able to return to a more normal existence. I expect that the return to a more normal process will be slower than we would hope and that slow return will present some financial challenges in the coming year. The church will need your continued support to overcome those challenges.

I hope your circumstances will enable you to continue your usual contributions. If they have changed, please know that we understand. Conversely, if you find you are able to make an additional gift beyond your normal amount, that would be wonderful! Please know that your donation, no matter its size, is deeply appreciated and empowers us to carry out our church's ability to make a difference in people's lives.

Some in our parish and community face personal economic challenges because of this pandemic. Please reach out to Father Mark if you need support. The church has some limited funds so that we can help each other through this time. If you would like to contribute to that fund please send a check to the church office marked "Discretionary" or use one of our On Line Giving Apps. Together, we can support each other through this pandemic. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically apart.

**Together we will remain All Saints' Episcopal Church.**

With gratitude,  
Skeet Jernigan, Treasurer