

Oz and Uncharted Waters

In the *Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy shares her observation with her dog, Toto; "We aren't in Kansas anymore." It was a moment of awareness when Dorothy realized that the situation in which she now found herself was something strange, unusual, a bit frightening and totally new to her. That said, it is clear to me that the Church is having to learn how to live into a new reality. We are experiencing a brand new set of circumstances where we too, have discovered "We are no longer living in Kansas anymore."

Perhaps a better analogy to understand the times in which we are living is the idea of being forced to navigate uncharted waters. We don't know what the many hidden hazards below the surface might be. We don't fully know the tides and the currents of these strange new waters. We don't know if just beyond the horizon there might be treacherous rapids or a deadly waterfall. There is so much that we just don't know or understand.

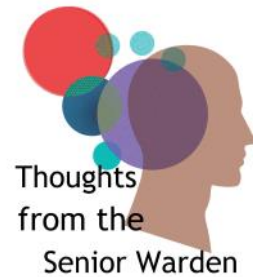
Those things that we lovingly embraced as sacred traditions used to work for so well for us. We were comfortable with them. In the Episcopal Church anything done for the first time is a novelty usually done at the rector's urging which should be carefully examined with righteous suspicion. Something done for a second time is now considered somewhat familiar and therefore minimally threatening. If that same thing is done for a third time, then it is considered a beloved tradition enshrined on the altar of "We've always done it that way."

In a Covid-19 world many of our much loved traditions will be challenged. We will need to ask if we should continue to dedicate valuable and limited resources to keep them. There will also be opportunities for new ministries that we've never considered before. Which means that All Saints' will be entering a period of discernment. What is our true mission and driving purpose here at All Saints'? Why are we here and how do we make a difference?

The vestry will be challenged to reexamine each line item in the budget for 2021 with the strict metric: "Is this our real mission?" Just because we've always done it, does it mean we have to keep on doing it? Are there new ministries that we should undertake? What might be the hidden obstacles for us to overcome for those ministries to come to life? We are discovering that All Saints' is now surrounded by uncharted waters. Then again, I believe these new waters will be a source of new life for us. So when you see the oncoming rapids, don't get scared. Just focus, face down stream and paddle faster without looking back.

Peace, Mark+

Autumn is here and there are many reasons to love this season. Fall is a resplendent time of change - cooler temperatures, colorful foliage, need for warm and snuggly clothes, football, pumpkin spice everything, schools are back in session, harvest time, time change, and our beloved All Saints' BBQ (which we will regretfully miss). And this year we have to add the elections. Scrolling through daily Christian devotionals, I found the following quote that I want to share...



“The donkey and the elephant are fighting. Look to the Lamb for answers.”

There is still time to submit your nominees including yourself, for consideration to be a Vestry Candidate. 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.

As noted in the September Saints Alive, the proposed updated All Saints' Episcopal Church bylaws prepared by the Administration Committee were presented. The bylaws were later approved unanimously by the Vestry. They are now available for your review at **Bylaw- 2020-2 allsaints.dioet.org**. There are numerous updates including additions and changes from the East Tennessee Diocese due to COVID-19. One bylaw modification that may be of interest deals with the number of Vestry members.

As requested by the Diocese of East Tennessee, and as your Senior Warden, I will be attending a ZOOM discussion on October 5th to discuss legal, canonical, and practical considerations around planning for digital parish meetings, including elections/voting issues as well as online annual meeting in Fall of 2020. Stay tuned!

I hope each of you are safe and doing well. I look forward to seeing you at our Zoom Lasagna Night Supper on October 10th!

God's peace.

Susan Fuhr, Senior Warden



Parish family, as we look towards Fall, I think about cold weather and providing shelter for the homeless. The Outreach committee met with Tonya Polidoro, the new and dynamic director of M.A.T.S., to learn how we can help. It was interesting to discover that the new M.A.T.S facility on main street actually can house more folks than the large old house they used to have! The M.A.T.S. building houses individuals and families who are actively seeking employment and housing and cannot take in the street homeless for warming until after about 10pm, when the residents move toward bed. Someday M.A.T.S. hopes to build a separate “warming station” just for the street homeless. I dream of helping them do this. When M.A.T.S. began, our church was among the 5 founding churches who saw and filled this need in our community. At that time families in the churches were asked to help by giving 5 to 10 dollars a month. If you are able to help M.A.T.S. get ready for winter, please send a contribution to M.A.T.S., 733 W. Main Street, Morristown 37814. They also always need bleach, white towels, bottled water: you can drop items off at their door. If you would like to be placed on their quarterly newsletter contact: www.matstn.com

Also, I would like to report that Helping Hands Clinic is still going strong through the COVID pandemic and because we have used extreme caution we have been able to continue to see a lot of folks either in person or via phone. If you are able to get medical supplies, we can always use small bottles Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, hydrocortisone cream, antifungal creams, multi vitamins, diabetic supplies, cold and cough medications. I will have a container in the narthex, or you can drop them off at our clinic near the hospital: 1111 Watercrest St. Mon-Thur 9 to 5.

Until we are able to meet in larger groups for services and take up a loose offering, we ask that you donate directly to our monthly cause. If you are aware of a need please contact Martie at martie08@hotmail.com

Martie Anderson, Vestry Liaison for Outreach



Building & Grounds

As we continue our in-person worship after re-opening late last month, we are not yet to the point of safety where we need acolytes, crucifers, lectors, ushers, etc. But each Sunday with one service we still need more people to volunteer to help stream the service on the church webpage and on Facebook. Please let either me, Susan Fuhr, or Lynne Ann at the church office know and we'll have the trainers contact you for the needed training.

Thanks to all those who have been helping behind the scene without recognition.

Bill Connellee, Junior Warden



Pastoral Care continues to give out prayer shawls, send cards and provide food.

If anyone knows of anyone needing anything
please contact me at 423 231 8372 or jnbwhite@hotmail.com.

Brooke White, Pastoral Care Vestry Liaison



Everything continues to go well at the school.

The students are collecting food for the Daily Bread Thanksgiving Dinner for their Service Project this month. This effort is being led by the 6th Grade.

The annual Golf Tournament is planned for October 30th. Please spread the word and support this event!

Sue Justis, Vestry Liaison for ASES



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

MORE INFO AT: 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 September 2020:

Altar and Chapel flowers are given to the Glory of God

***in remembrance of Kelly Jones, beloved daughter,
by Skeet & Nancy Jernigan***

***in memory of my son, John , on the 42nd anniversary of his birth
by Brooke White***

***in joy and delight for being married to my best friend for three decades!
~thanks be to God for blessing our union
by Carter & LA Orio***

***in celebration of our 31st Wedding Anniversary
by Dan & Linda Leonard***

***...Happy Birthday to Cindi Husk!
by Dave Auton***

***in memory of my daughter, Tonya, born of September 24, 1971
by Brooke White***

***in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dick & Karen Farris
by Jim, Martha & Kim Simerl***

***in thanksgiving for the birthdays of James Wayers, Merryn Garrett and Emile Marceau Colpart
by David & Virginia Garrett***

***in thanksgiving for the Wedding Anniversary of Geoffrey & Anna...
and the birthday of Jodi Moore
by David & Virginia Garrett***

***in celebration of the birthday of Riley Nicole Anderson
by Bill & Robin Connellee***

***in thanksgiving & celebration of the birthday of our granddaughter, Zoey Grace Forcey,
by Jim & Susan Fuhr***

***in memory of my mother, Peggy Ross, on the 87th anniversary of her birth
by Anne Ross***

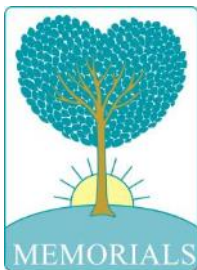


Lin Mitrik; Campbell Maben; Joe Toskey, father of Judy Yates; Lyn Leach; Father Smokey Oats; Kim Walker, sister of Lyn Walton; Dan Westmoreland; Jim Stoltz; Bobby Marcum; Sandi Morgan; Norma Hall; Diane Baker; Louise Dyer; Linda Dietrich; Mary Hepler; Lisa Wright; Marilyn Acuff; Bill Auton Tykie Feldmann; Gary Miller; Leslie Collins; Randy White; Sarah Gose; Dick & Sheila Rice; Jackson Orio; Lynne McCoy; Doug Burroughs; Linda Nash

In Memoriam: 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 Eddie Beckner

Ethel Rhodes

In memory of Sam Simeral

Nathan & Patty Kirkley



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.*

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 02 Brian Fuhr, Annie & Garrett Turner*
- 03 Alyssa Chiappetta
- 07 Mark Joyce
- 08 Anne Armstrong, Skeet Jones,
Shereé & Michael Cardone*
- 09 David Garrett
- 10 Louise Joyce
- 12 Bill Pritchard
- 14 Trevor Murphy, Earl Hall
- 15 Dennis Larkin, Jack Yates
- 17 Elizabeth Atwood
- 20 Joe Hice
- 21 Caleb Anderson
- 25 Susie Carter, Lin Mitrik, Rhonda Doherty
- 29 Denver Rhodes

*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



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

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



