
Saints' Alive

August 2020



PRAYER AND PATIENCE

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Many of you will recognize the about prayer better known as the Serenity Prayer. The American theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, is credited for having written it. It is also one of the cornerstone prayers for those in 12-step recovery programs. Over these past couple of months nearly everyday I find myself praying it myself.

We feel helpless being held captive by a microscopic virus we cannot see. Our fears have been steadily increasing as the death toll continues to climb. While the initial wave of infections were located in major cities on the east and west coasts, the Covid-19 virus has found its way into less populated areas including Hamblen County in east Tennessee.

I cannot change those who refuse to wear a mask in public. I cannot change those who choose to gather in large groups at bars and parties. I cannot change the minds of those who refuse to consider real science as a guiding force in making decisions about how to react to Covid-19.

However, I can choose to support those businesses that protect their employees with PPE. I can choose to patronize those places of business that require everyone inside their establishment to use hand sanitizer and wear a protective mask. I can choose to be patient and supportive of those working to find a vaccine to rid this virus from our midst.

Here is the good news in all of this. It really doesn't take very much wisdom to know the difference between the two. Wear a mask when you go out. Wash your hands often. Stay away from risky social situations. Encourage each other instead of passing judgment on those who disagree with you. Listen to those who offer the evidence of sound science rather than personal opinion and partisan hyperbole. By the Grace of God we will get through this difficult time together.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mark

As we continue with the challenges of coping with COVID-19, I am finding myself thankful every day for our All Saints' family. It's a true blessing to work with the leadership of our church (Father Mark, Skeet, Lynne Ann and the Vestry). As you know, the Vestry continues to meet via Zoom whenever it is necessary. It has been difficult to make some of our decisions which include delaying the opening of the church to outside groups; and most recently, going back to online services only and cancelling the Fall BBQ. Again, these decisions were very difficult but were necessary based on current circumstances and our concerns for everyone's health and safety.

On another note, I am so thankful that we can continue to worship together on Sunday at 10:30! Thank You Father Mark, Sarai, Gigi, Skeet Jernigan, Ryan and Susan Garber, Mark Joyce, Paige-Munroe Mattocks and Shelia Carton for your dedication and support to serve. And a special thanks to Skeet for his time, research and support to provide for an expanded audio/visual capability for continued online services. The installation is scheduled to be complete by the end of August.

Lastly, I want to share a portion of an EFM devotional provided by a group member that really spoke to me.

"The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace."

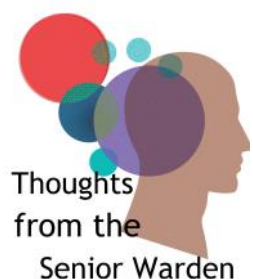
- Psalm 29:11

"As a Christian you might feel very distant from God, because you are not able to actively go to church or participate in your Bible groups like you once could. It can be hard to stay faithful when you feel isolated from His other children. God, though, is watching over all His people and giving them strength. He is blessing us all with peace. You are not alone in this. Reach out to your church friends and family, watch a livestream of a sermon on the internet, or do your own Bible devotional. This will help you feel connected to others and God, and He will provide you with strength."

Looking forward to the day we can all worship together in person and celebrate!
Meanwhile, be safe!

Peace,

Susan Fuhr, Senior Warden





I see so much online judgmental things people say about others, fights about politics, wearing masks or not, value of medical measurements and treatments, etc. With this myriad of things we encounter, isn't it nice that we at All Saints' have a group of a few hundred people who miss each other so much and ache for the time we can worship together in person? I see the comments on the streaming Sunday

services and imagine each of their faces. I remember seeing them in person and cannot wait until we can all once again experience that joy. I will imagine seeing you every Sunday until we're in the church again.

Bill Connellee, Jr. Warden



One of the essentials for inner peace is that you have a sense of belonging. I have found that with all of you at All Saints'. This is the peace we can share even while distanced.

Stay safe and enjoy this season!

Until we meet again, peace.

Linda Haas, Vestry Liaison



Our Fall BBQ
 has been
 cancelled
 due to Covid-19
 Pandemic.

Growing up in the late 1960's and early 1970's, I enjoyed the adolescent things that were geared toward girls entering their teen years ~ Slinkys, Lava Lamps, 33 LP records and turn tables, Pet Rocks, and Ditto Jeans in a rainbow of colors. Those were the days. Bright, happy, and full of childlike wonder. All ingrained and immersed- into the body and mind of an emerging young woman.

I was very content in my bedroom listening to David Cassidy and Bobby Sherman for hours on my turntable. And one of my very favorite television shows at that time (with the exception of *The Partridge Family*) ~ was the long-forgotten classic ~ *Here Come the Brides*. Running from 1968 - 1970. Remember: "*The bluest skies you've ever seen, in Seattle! And the hills the greenest green, in Seattle! Like a beautiful child growing up free and wild. Full of hopes and full of fears. Full of laughter. Full of tears. Full of dreams to last the years. In Seattle!*"

Impressionable words for a young girl in the 1970s. And - also now, as I think about it ~ impressionable words for all ages. For everyone in our world. Words of hope ~ which pull us forward. Hope ~ which at times, is filled with tears. Hope ~ which calls us to look up and see Those bluer skies and those greener greens. Hope ~ which calls us to envision our dreams Even in fear... Those dreams for the future...

These past and, yes, coming weeks of COVID-19 seem to have cast a shadow over those bluer skies and greenest greens for many. I, too, feel the dense weight of this time ~ and yet I wait ... in hope. I have said to many people recently, 'I have never worked so much in my 30 years of marriage as I have since March!' But I do it - and I see hope. I see 'Faith > Fear'. I see resurrection.

Remember those beautiful *Lane Hope Chests*? Those big cedar chests that young girls would get to put things in for preparation of their futures. Usually with the spoken or unspoken plan for marriage. Gosh, I wanted one of those! I never did get one though...

I wonder ~ was it in part because my mom did not want me to keep my hope in a box. I like to think of it that way. Hope is not meant to be hidden in a box or a cedar chest. But hope is to be visible and active. In our daily life and work - hope can be our guide leading us through these times of uncertainty. Our hope can be light for others... I've seen it... and I bet you have as well.

One of my favorite hymns last verse is, "*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be thou our guide while troubles last, And our eternal home!*" I find myself humming that hymn often ~ especially at work and it brings me a sense of comfort. Comfort in knowing that I am not alone. Comfort in knowing that we have a guide and a hope For years to come.... And it is not in a box.

I miss seeing you. I miss being with you. My prayers are with you.... I hope you feel them....

In Christ's Love,

Sarai

All Saints' Episcopal School will be opening on August 10th. Mother GiGi and the staff are working very hard to make sure the school meets all the CDC Guidelines and to meet the challenges they will face whether in person or virtual classes.

I have found these unprecedented times to leave me feeling helpless in ways to help others on so many levels. Here are some ways we can all help the school by just doing what we are already doing....shopping! Link your Food City and Ingles Cards to the school once it opens. After August 10th, when shopping at either of these grocery stores, just ask the cashier to link your card to All Saints' Episcopal School. Also, make sure you link your Amazon Account to the school. The school will benefit from purchases we make from all of these. It may seem like a small thing but if we all do these things, it can make a difference.

Above all, please keep the faculty and students in your prayers as they begin their new school year.

Sue Justis
Vestry Liaison



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 July 2020:

Altar and Chapel flowers are given to the glory of God

~ in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary (July 4)

by Jim & Martha Simerl

~ in thanksgiving for the birth of our country and also for Rowena's 6th birthday

by David & Virginia Garrett

~ in celebration of the 24th birthday of my son, Jake Terry, on July 16

by Kathy Jones-Terry

~ in thanksgiving for 48 years of marriage

by Jerry & Tykie Feldmann

~ in celebration of Bob's birthday and in thanksgiving for our church family

by Bob & Tracy Harmon

~ in celebration of our 30th Wedding Anniversary

by David & Diane Baker

~ in celebration for the birth of our son, Maksim,

by Garrett & Kseniya Montgomery



Dear All Saints' Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to me after my knee surgery. They were so pretty and really brightened up my room! My recovery has been slow but steady. Hopefully I'll be able to give everyone a hug when we can finally come together.

Thank you again! Liz



On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I would like to personally thank those who were able to donate school supplies for Food on Foot or send a check for supplies. Carolyn at FOF was very grateful for the help. As you can imagine, the need this year was probably greater than in the past.

Thank you and stay safe.

Ginger Goolsby

Member of Outreach Committee



Pastoral care continues to give out our hand made prayer shawls to families.

Should you have a need for pastoral care, please call me or email me.

Brooke White Vestry liaison.

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Don Jackson; Norma Hall; Louise Dyer; Pat Turner; Diane Baker; Marilyn Acuff; Ed Morrisett; Belinda Slighter; Benny Littrell; Jerry & Tykie Feldmann; Liz Holland; Kasey Witucki; Lin Mitrik; Sam Simerl; Campbell Maben; Nadine Peters; Matt Joyce; Bill Auton; Joe Toskey, father of Judy Yates; Lyn Leach; Mike Cardone; Mother Gigi; Hugo Anthony Fabiano, father of Sheri Chiappetta; Leslie Collins; Gary Miller; Kim Walker, sister of Lyn Walton; Randy White; Rob Neill

In Memoriam: Paul Murphy, grandfather of Trevor Murphy; Hobart Smith; John Lewis

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



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.



*In memory of Ruth Frederick
Laura Frederick*



O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges,
and universities
and especially

All Saints' Episcopal School,
that they may be lively centers for
sound learning, new discovery, and the
pursuit of wisdom;
and grant that those who teach and
those who learn may find
you to be the source of all truth; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 01 | Allison Herzog, Mark Sawyer, Judy Carter |
| 05 | David Baker, Susan & Ryan Garber*,
Deedra & John Zieba |
| 06 | Kyle Pritchard |
| 08 | Gary Miller, Robin & Gary Miller* |
| 09 | Bob Garrett, Albert Combs |
| 10 | Taylor Carter |
| 11 | Udo & Sarai Wender* |
| 12 | Dennis & Cookie Larkin* |
| 13 | Anna Garrett |
| 15 | Amy & Sam Neill* |
| 16 | Earl & Marti Hall* |
| 18 | Martie Anderson |
| 19 | Mallory Sawyer, Wayne Stambaugh |
| 20 | Angie Plum |
| 21 | Toni Dosil |
| 22 | David Webster, Corinna Madison |
| 23 | Cookie Larkin, Paige Mattocks,
Tommy & Sue Justis* |
| 25 | Robert & Debbie Young* |
| 28 | David & Carol-Jean Webster* |
| 29 | Tracy Harmon |
| 30 | Larry McGowan |
| 31 | Daniel Garber |

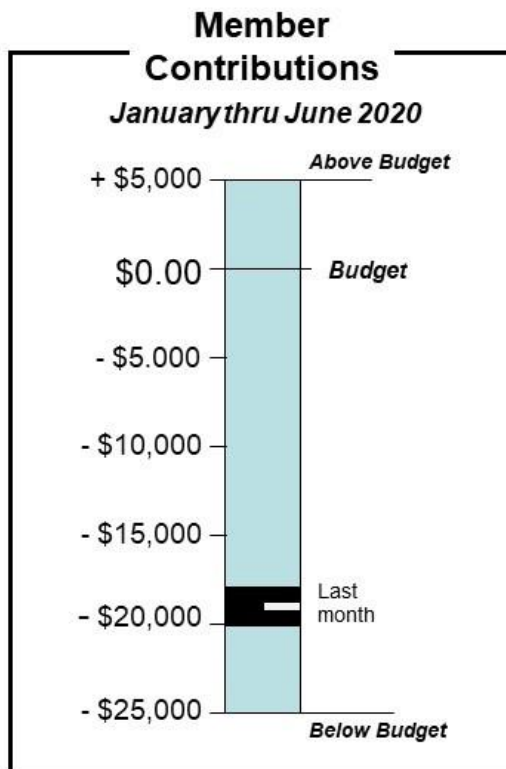
***Anniversary**

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

The shutdown of many of our church programs during the Covid-19 Pandemic has greatly affected our financial results and has made a meaningful comparison of "Total Income" and "Total Expenses" to the existing "2020 Budget" difficult to understand without a long list of adjustments and exclusions.

For the next few months we will only present the "Member Contributions" part of our graph since that data is not skewed by the shutdown of our programs.

The Finance Committee will be working during the summer to evaluate and update the Budget to reflect the impact of the Pandemic and we hope to resume our usual graph by Sept.



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 -

**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:

August 2 - Team 3 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9 - Team 4 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16 - Team 1 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 23 - Team 2 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30 - Team 3 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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





People of All Saints'

The world in which we are living is evolving rapidly. This of course causes us to respond accordingly. The Covid -19 virus has found its way to East Tennessee. We are now considered a national hot spot due to the recent rise of infections in our area.

You might be wondering how this will affect us here at All Saints'. For starters, we will be going back to online worship only for the foreseeable future. Hamblen County schools are delaying their start of the new year until after Labor Day. All Saints' School was originally set to start on July 31st. That has been pushed back until August 10th. More and more national chains and local stores are now requiring that all people wear proper face masks before entering the premises. Without a viable vaccine being available, the wearing of masks, washing our hands with sanitizer and social distancing are our best options to quell the spread of this virus.

Looking down the road to our annual Fall BBQ the vestry has decided to cancel it for this year. This was not an easy decision for us to make. August would be the time when orders for meat, produce, bread, and other materials would need to be made. An outlay of about \$12,500 would need to be spent upfront without knowing if we could find the volunteers to make it all happen. It was decided not to go forward with plans for a Fall BBQ this year.

I know this is disappointing information for you to receive. We all would love to be able to gather in person and worship together once again. We also want people to be safe and not expose themselves to a potentially lethal virus.

As our situation changes so will our response to the pandemic. When the infection rate in our area drops back down to a safe level then we will open the church back up for public worship.

God's Peace,

Fr. Mark