

Is This Really Our Best?

There have been numerous times in my life when even after giving my very best effort I came up short. I didn't come in first place. I didn't win the blue ribbon or hoist above my head the coveted golden trophy. I used all the resources at my disposal along with my outside of the box imagination and still I missed the mark.

Yet, as long as I really knew that I had given my best effort I was content. As long as I knew in my heart if I were to replay the situation before me over and over again, the outcome would remain the same, I could live with that. You see, there is no shame in giving all that you have for something you dearly believe in. There is no shame in trying your absolute hardest and still falling short of accomplishing your original goal.

Which is why with recent events in the news, I'm left struggling. Is this really our best? We just crossed the million-person mark for lives lost to COVID-19. A million is a lot of anything. We fought over vaccines, the wearing of masks, and social distancing. Some said it was all a hoax and the body tally kept increasing. Others said it will go away when the weather warms up. Now we wonder how did we allow ourselves to get to this point? Why did we let our pride, our fears, and complete ignorance, inflict such damaging losses on this, the most powerful nation the world has ever known?

Then over the last two weeks we've all watched in horror as two mass shootings have once again wreaked carnage in a grocery store and an elementary school. The media covers the aftermath like a blanket. Our elected officials send up the usual thoughts and prayers. Many of us are outraged to live in a country where there are more mass shootings that days in the year. As for me, I have to ask, "Is this really our best?"

I understand the deeply polarized world in which we are living. I know how tribal we have become. Our leaders have become experts at exploiting our fears and hurts to raise billions of dollars for the next election cycle, though in terms of any real action nothing ever changes. The list just gets longer: Columbine, Red Lake, Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois, Sandy Hook Elementary, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Santa Fe, Oxford, and now Robb Elementary joins the ever growing list of mass shootings.

Is just maintaining the status quo really our very best effort? Is doing nothing the preferred choice instead of engaging the difficult work of finding compromises? Has it now become acceptable for us just to send our children off to school and let them take their chances in life's lottery that they might be the next shooting victims?

I believe that to date, we have not yet given these issues our very best effort in finding new and better solutions. I know that we can do better. There is certain to be another future wave of COVID that will take even more lives. Without any meaningful changes in how we handle firearms in this country we are certain to have more and deadlier mass shootings inside of our schools.

We need more of us who are willing to offer our very best to find new answers for entrenched problems plaguing our nation. What we have given so far, simply isn't enough. To break the vicious cycle in which we find ourselves stuck, it will take all of our best.

Thanks so much for all of those who participated in the BBQ. It was a successful one day event. BBQ sales were over \$25,000 and profit was \$11,000.

There will be a Spring BBQ Meeting to discuss how things went and make plans for adjustments at the Fall BBQ if necessary. Fall BBQ is tentatively planned for Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. TN has home games the other three Saturdays in October.

Another big thanks to Henry Selby and performers and food preparers that made the cabaret "Le Club de Lux" so successful. It was a really fun night for the audience.

One more thanks to all that helped make the May Bingo a big success. We had over 40 guests who enjoyed our own BBQ sandwiches. The next Bingo will be in August.

Pentecost Sunday will be June 5, and there will be a reception afterwards. Everyone is encouraged to wear red. Father Mark plans to return to the Common Cup on Pentecost Sunday; however, Parishioners will have the choice of Intinction or drinking from the Common Cup.

Howard Mauney



Just in time for summer, we have completed a major renovation of the bathrooms down the hall from the Memorial Room. We've updated with new tile, vanities, paint and, very importantly for some of us, adult-size commodes. Please feel free to stop by and take a peek!

As soon as our materials arrive, we will begin the project to update the lighting in the Parish Hall. This project will consist of upgrading our lighting to new, modern LED fixtures in the Hall itself, the upstairs bathrooms, and the back stairway. We apologize in advance for any disruption and will keep you apprised of the dates for the renewal as soon as we can.

As many of you are aware, our beloved BBQ tents were irreparably damaged in a major storm last month. We are working through the insurance company to process our claim and exploring new tent options so that we can be ready for our next BBQ in October.

Many thanks to all of the hands that work tirelessly to keep our building and grounds in order and our kitchen shiny, bright and up-to-code. Once again, we passed our semi-annual health inspection with flying colors!

Peace,
Colleen Andrews, Junior Warden





The next time All Saints' will hand out food bags for FOF is Saturday, June 11. Due to the increase in food prices, more people are coming to FOF needing help. The number of elderly especially because they are on a fixed income. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you.

We are still working to find drivers to deliver and pick up kids to and from Grace Point. The first camp will be June 9th and pick up will be June 14th. If anyone is available to take one child to Camp on the 9th please let me know.

Kingswood Home for Children/School will be the recipient for the June second Sunday love offering. They provide a safe home for children who have been neglected, abused, and abandoned. They also provide all their basic needs such as emotional support, education, and spiritual growth.

The ALPS 31st ANNIVERSARY ALPS WALK TO REMEMBER will be SATURDAY, JULY 30st at 8:00 am. Once again, the walk will begin at the ALPs Center and will take us through Fulton-Hill Park. ALPS is a nonprofit adult day care program for families needing help caring for adults with cognitive or physical decline. ALL SAINTS' has long supported and often used this facility for some of our All-Saints' Family. ALPS is a wonderful area resource, and this fundraiser provides a fantastic opportunity for All Saints' community outreach.

Let's put lots of feet on the ground! Plan to either walk or to sponsor the All Saints' team. To Register through the ALPS website, go to <https://www.alpsadulthoodservices.org/>, click on the ALPS 31st Walk icon, click on Register, then click on "Join A Team", and search for All Saints' in the Teams Search Bar. Don't want to walk, but do want to donate? You can donate at the same site. We'll also put up a sign-up sheet in the Parrish Hall and will be doing All-Saints' T-Shirts this year. Questions? Talk to Colleen Andrews or Nickie Smith. Stay Tuned for more Information on this fun event!

Nickie Smith
Outreach vestry Liaison



Walk to Remember



Summer Camp & Enrichments

The ASES Summer Camp begins Tuesday, the day after Memorial Day, May 31. If you want to be a part of it and haven't registered yet, now's the time. Camp begins receiving students at 7:30 am and ends at 5:30 pm, just like our academic day. Weekly themes, age appropriate activities and great fun are all on tap. It is also open to non ASES students; last August, 7 of the summer convocation became Eagles for this school year.

This summer, we've added several enrichment experiences to our summer slate, scheduled for a week at a time and catering to a variety of interests (ie. CSI Morristown, Literacy Escape Room, soccer, beginner's volleyball, math camp, chess, cheer, martial arts, and more!). Again, if you want to be part of any of these, we need to know, now, so the instructors/leaders can prepare materials for everyone. Call the School (423.586.3280) or speak with Ms. Emily in our ELC (eraymond@asestn.org) for more information and/or to register.

Faculty

Last year there was a mass exodus of ASES faculty and administrators during March, April and May. Burnout, the pandemic, new employment opportunities, and the prospect of working with me led 40% plus out the door. This year, not so much. Most of the staff we're adding for next year is due to growth in our enrollment, especially in our ELC. Two teachers of long standing have chosen to retire. For Mrs. Holland, a new grandmother for one daughter and mother-in-law to be for her other, we have an internal hire, Mrs. Harville, who will step in for her by going full instead of half time. For the other person retiring, Mrs. Haggard, there is no replacement, just a substitution. Finishing her 49th year in education, she does not have a peer the likes of which we're ever likely to know. "Well done, good and faithful servant" is the verse that leaps to my mind.

If you know of a gifted K or 1st grade teacher who might be interested in joining our faculty, please send them my way. We have a talented and versatile bunch in our Lower School Division, a standard I mean to uphold.

Admissions

Interest in grades 5 and below, especially our Early Learning Center (ELC) and Kindergarten, is quite strong. As of this writing we do not have a waiting list, though with only a few more applications in select grades we'll be there. My counsel: if you are on the fence or slow to reply, best to get a move on. My request: if you know a middle schooler in need of a stellar education, a safe space in which to learn, and a faculty who genuinely cares about their students and those students' education, send them our way. This really is a great place to grow! We continue to have plenty of tuition assistance available, so pricing should not be their/your first thought.

Next year's academic program will be quite similar to this year's, though with some enhancements:

- Again, we'll do Student Led Conferences (SLC), but twice instead of once. They are scheduled against Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks, meaning those who schedule their turn at the table quickest have a longer break. There will not be classes on SLC days, only childcare for those who need it.
- Our nationally referenced assessment will be administered in the fall, enabling us to receive its data quickly enough to apply any revelations for curriculum adjustments in the second half of the year.
- In addition to our robust music and visual arts programs, we're adding Band for grades 5 and above. (If you have a musical instrument clogging up a closet and would be open to it getting new life at ASES, please bring it by or let me know when I can pick it up. Gift or lend, we'll take good care of it.)
- Our school day will begin as it has this year. It is almost certain that it will end at least 15 minutes later because of the addition of Faith Studies and Service Learning. We have extended a contract to a chaplain who will help us grow in spirit, service and character. (Also, I'm in conversation with someone to teach Drama, another potential upgrade to our program putting pressure on our schedule/ending time.)
- Beginning and ending days, breaks, high/holy moments – they'll all be familiar.

Head of School Search

Soon you should be learning the general outline of the search for the next head of school. Led by Kris Yarlett, the process will involve townhalls, surveys, the development of a school profile, the collection of names and use of a head hunting firm, Zoom and on campus interviews, selection, transition, and celebration. Please stay tuned; please say "Yes" if called upon to help or give input; please pray for the committee and the discernment process.

Many in the independent school world say that selecting a head of school is the Board of Trustees' most important job. Get it right and maintaining the mission of the School and seeing to the sustainability of the institution is quite manageable. Get it wrong and there is much consternation and difficulty.

Do say your prayers. Should you have questions, please reach out to me. I'm not on the Committee but am assisting in the hunt.

Blessings,

Smokey +

headofschool@asestn.org



On Friday afternoon, April 29, participants of Education for Ministry, along with three alumni, departed for a two-night retreat at Gracepoint Camp.

The theme of the retreat was "Awe and Wonder." Time was spent in conversation and reflection of where we experience the awe and wonderment of God in our lives and in our world ~ Recalling the prayer at baptism ~ "Give them an inquiring and discerning heart. The courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works." BCP Pg. 308.

A reflective time of retreat, renewal, refreshment, and remembrance was experienced during our time together. This year's session of EfM will conclude on June 4th. Lauren Cordle will receive her certificate of completion of this four-year program - on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, at the 10:30 service.

Education for Ministry is a program produced by The School of Theology at The University of the South - Sewanee.

The Education for Ministry session for this year at All Saints' will resume in September of 2022. Meetings are primarily held via Zoom in the comfort of your own homes on Saturday mornings. The coming session will run from September 2022-May 2023. And it goes fast! If you would like to know more about EfM, please reach out to either myself or Lauren. We would love to have you, "Join in the conversation" of learning and reflection together!

Liebe Christi, Deacon Sara





SUNDAY, June 5

*“Our Christian feast on the seventh Sunday after Easter
commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles .”*

The Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

**[Google translations for different languages so you can speak “in tongues” with
congregation reading the Gospel on Pentecost morning!!!]**



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*Master's Golf
 Tournament*



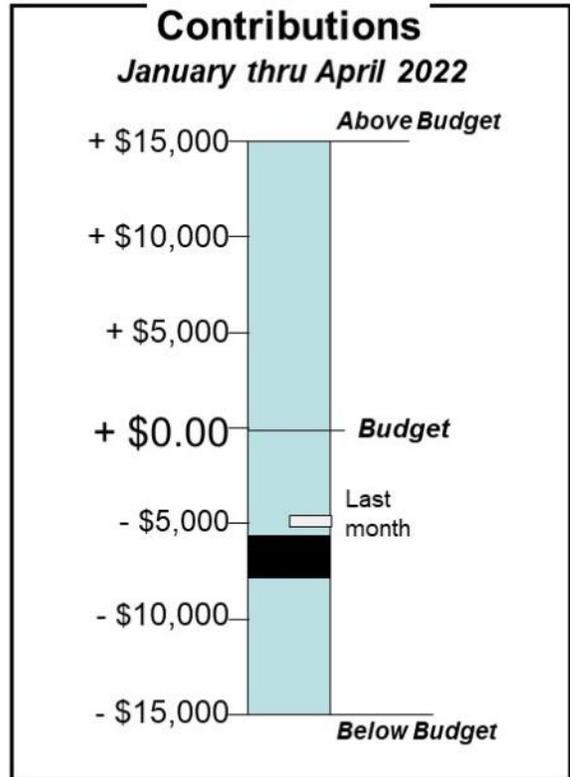
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Sisterhood—Tuesday June 14— 5:30pm TCC

Grief Support— Thursday June 23—6pm at church.





For healing and comfort: Sheila Carton; Lynne McCoy; Daisy Richardson; Nadine Peters; Mike Bartholomew; John Bell; Wanda Kirby; Sylvia Hinsley; Jim Gose; Mike Snider; Pam Martin; Gerald Davis; Janis & Richard Dixon; Louise Dyer; Davin Auton; Sally Wells; Pat Harmon; Dawn Phillips; Patty Kirkley; Glen Roach; Jimmy Collins; Penny Blakeley; The Odom Family; Dave Auton; Ashley Taylor; Laura Auker; Bronnie Allen; Steve Whisenant; Nancy Forrest

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



~Welcome the newly baptized~
Everleigh Jane Faye Rose Sexton

- 2 **Jamia Blazer**
- 3 **Lauren Yeary, Sam Neill**
- 5 **Cheryl Jones**
- 6 **Virginia Carey**
- 9 **Sam Yeary, Tommy Justis**
- 10 **Susan & Larry McGowan***
- 12 **Dusty Chandler, Jr.**
- 14 **Jake Neill**
- 15 **Joe Kucan**
- 16 **Virginia Garrett**
- 17 **Brooke White, Mike Chiappetta**
- 19 **Virginia & David Garrett***
- 20 **Marylou Mauney, Jaiden Rohe**
- 21 **Lisa Sawyer, Darby Taylor**
- 23 **Jean Jones, Gary Johnson**
- 26 **Holley & Dan Dickens***
- 28 **Barbara & Glenn Thompson***
- 29 **Ed Wing**
- 30 **Carolyn & Ben Dean***

***Anniversary**



Members of the Altar Guild carry out the “behind-the-scenes” ministry of preparing our place of worship. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or think you would be interested in joining, please contact Father Mark, or Carolyn Dean. You can also visit our website page at <https://allsaintsmorristown.org/altar-guild/>

ROSTER

Team 1: Carolyn Dean, Chantal Combs, Anne Ross

Team 2: Judy Bartholomew, Janis Dixon, Virginia Carey

Team 3: Carolyn Dean, Danielle Darter, Amy Sharp

Team 4: Susie Carter, Sheri Chiapetta

Team 5: Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandy Hoyle

Sacristan: Taryn Herzog

June 5 - Team 1 - Day of Pentecost - Red

June 12 - Team 2 - Trinity Sunday - White

June 19 - Team 3 - Second Sunday after Pentecost - Green

June 26 - Team 4 - Third Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 3 - Team 5 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 10 - Team 1 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 17 - Team 2 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 24 - Team 3 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 31 - Team 4 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Aug 7 - Team 5 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Aug 14 - Team 1 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Aug 21 - Team 2 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Aug 28 - Team 3 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

To those of you with prior experience not currently serving, we would love to have you back on the roster.

We have five teams again so it's the perfect time. Please consider and give us a call or [e-mail cdean@allsaintsmorristown.org](mailto:cdean@allsaintsmorristown.org)

VPR	Danielle Darter	Cindi Husk	Howard Mauney	Colleen Andrews
8:00 AM	06/05/2022	06/12/2022	06/19/2022	06/26/2022
CRUCIFER	Dave Auton	Earl Hall	Dillon Wines	Dave Auton
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Kim Torres	Cindy Husk	Cindy Husk	Liz Holland
2nd CHALICE	Dave Auton	Kim Torres	Linda Leonard	Dave Auton
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Kim Torres	Martha Simerl	Mary Lou Mauney	Kim Torres
GREETERS/USHERS	Gary Miller	Martha Hall	Howard Mauney	Gary Miller
	Robin Miller	Nathan Kirkley	Mary Lou Mauney	Robin Miller
10:30 AM	06/05/2022	06/12/2022	06/19/2022	06/26/2022
ACOLYTES	Susan Garber	Jake Neill	Riley Anderson	Susan Garber
	Rebecca Boatman	Ginger Goolsby	Susie Carter	Rebecca Boatman
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Dan Dickens	Mark Joyce	Carolyn Dean	Mark Joyce
2nd CHALICE	Mark Joyce	Lauren Cordle	Mark Joyce	Carolyn Dean
OT LECTOR	Cindy Selby	Sarah Gose	Anne Ross	Ethel Rhodes
NT LECTOR	Henry Selby	Henry Selby	Mark Doherty	Ginger Goolsby
PRESENTERS	Janis Dixon	Bill Mitrik	Beka Selby	Lena Giles
	Rhonda Doherty	Lin Mitrik	Cindy Selby	George Giles
SOUND/VIDEO	Othokian/ McGowan	Stambaugh/ Doherty	McGowan/ Stambaugh	McGowan/ Stambaugh
GREETERS/USHERS	Jack Yates	Sam Neill	George Giles	Louise Joyce
	Judy Yates	Amy Neill	Lena Giles	Brooke White
	Holley Dickens	Lin Mitrik	Rhonda Doherty	Janis Dixon
	Rhonda Doherty	Louise Joyce	Brook White	Ginger Goolsby

**If unable to serve as assigned, please find your own replacement
and contact VPR.**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and crocheters!!! We are in need for more prayer shawls for our parish family and friends.

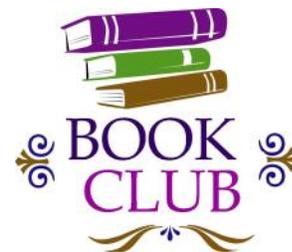
"We have made this prayer shawl for you, praying as we knit that you should receive all that God has for you. As you wrap it around you., may you know God's healing and comfort and may His love enfold you always."

Our next Book Club meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 6:00 pm. We'll meet in the Memorial Lounge, and we'll be discussing The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman. Many thanks to Sarai for the recommendation! This work of historical fiction dramatizes the Siege of Masada (73-74 A.D.) by troops of the Roman Empire. Janis Dixon visited Masada, which is on the eastern edge of the Judean desert, in March 2020 and is bringing her picture album to our meeting. Janis said, "... this book made me understand more about my visit." I love when books inform our lives! Here's hoping many of you will be able to be there. Remember: you don't have to be a "book club member" to attend the meetings (no secret handshakes involved!), and if you haven't read the book but just want to come for good discussion, light snacks, a beverage, and great fellowship, please join us!

In the meantime, here's wishing you

Happy Reading!

Sharon



Thought for the day: "You think your pains and heartbreaks are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or who have ever been alive." - James Baldwin