

## ALL THINGS COVID

How can something so small, something that technically isn't even alive, take away so many lives and totally destroy how we live every day because of it?

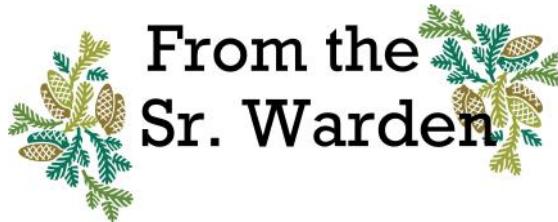
A few years back, Dr. Lewis Thomas wrote a book titled *Late Night Thoughts on Listening to Mahler's Ninth Symphony*. It's one of my favorite books in my personal library. Basically, it is a series of short essays on a variety of topics intended to provoke the human imagination. In one chapter Thomas discusses what he considers to be the modern "Seven Wonders of the World". His fourth "wonder" is a virus. The scrapie virus to be specific. It is a slow moving but deadly virus that affects livestock. He notes that at the time of his writing, science has yet to fully understand the true nature of this virus. Thomas also notes that a few isolated exposures can eventually spread to infecting billions.

Thinking about Thomas' book caused me to reflect on our present-day scourge, the Covid-19 virus and all of its mutations. To date over 688,000 Americans have died from this pandemic. Over 4.55 million people have died worldwide from it. Put that into perspective it means that 1 in every 500 Americans have died from the Covid-19 virus since the pandemic began a year and a half ago. Broken down further by age: 1 out of every 35 Americans over 65 years of age have died from it. The Covid-19 virus is no longer a hypothetical threat to us living in Morristown, TN. We've had numerous parishioners here at All Saints' become infected. Covid-19 has even taken the lives of loved ones in our parish and others closely connected to our parish.

Covid-19 virus has changed everything. Civility, tolerance, and understanding, are all once highly prized virtues that are now in short supply. The pandemic has caused divisions between family members, coworkers, and close friends. It has raised all manner of suspicions and all types of unimaginable false conspiracy theories. If you choose to wear a mask, then you are likely to be called a scared sheep by some. If you choose not to wear a mask, then you demand the right to confront those "fascist oppressors" who are preventing your "right" to go where you please. Reasonable discourse no longer seems to matter in our culture. Which makes me wonder where it all went off the tracks. At what point in time did it become acceptable to put others who were vulnerable with underlying medical issues at risk to the exposure of a known deadly virus?

In Matthew's gospel there is the passage of the "sheep and the goats". Jesus admonishes his followers by telling them that whatever you do to the least of these (the thirsty, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, and those in prison) you do also to me.

I would argue that getting vaccinated and wearing a mask should follow under that same directive found in Matthew. Those of us who do get vaccinated and faithfully wear a mask in public do so because it directly impacts the very least among us. It helps the sick, the weak, the old and the vulnerable. At the very least it's the Christian thing to do.



As most of you are already aware, the Vestry voted to cancel the Fall BBQ again because of the high number of active cases of Covid-19 in our area. We will continue to pray that by next Spring the community will be safe enough for us to have a regular BBQ event.

We are already planning our third reopening of All Saints' when it is safe again to do so, perhaps by early November. All of the efforts involving this process require coordination among the Rector, the Vestry, and the various groups who gather in our building. Let's pray that more members of our community see their way to getting vaccinated, as we are still hovering in the 40% range.

The Vestry is the management team of the church and members are elected by the parish to represent it. Each member serves for three years and the time for that election cycle starts soon. This year we are electing three members to replace the four people whose terms will be finished in February. The reason that we are adding one less than we are losing is that we are in process of reducing the size of the vestry. This year we go from eleven members to ten next year.

Please see if you can find a place in your heart to devote to helping All Saints' rebound from the very rough past couple of years by contributing your time to working on the Vestry. If you know of a member of the parish who is a good candidate, please let them know. When we begin the selection process, we'll make it easy to add your name to the list of candidates.

Peace +

Bill Connellee

Sr. Warden

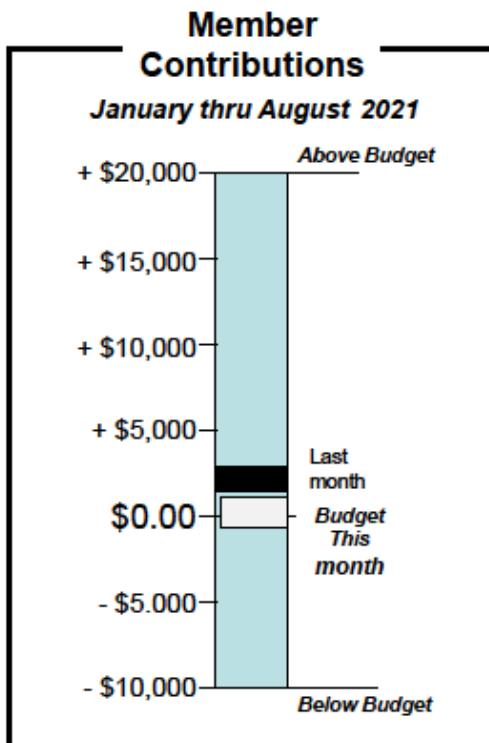


Summer is over and fall is finally here. Covid-19 keep the church closed for September but hopefully we all will be back together in late October. There has been very little to do at the Church and nothing to report. Everyone keep your guard up and stay safe.

Howard Mauney, Junior Warden

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 "2021 Budget" difficult to understand without a long list of adjustments and exclusions.

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



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**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 -

To the ASEC congregation:

Greetings from the Woolsey family! We greatly appreciate the prayers and support on our behalf that your church and its members have made in support of our work in Mongolia. We just wanted to provide you all with an update about some changes that have occurred over the last few months to keep you current with what is going on in our ministry.

First, there has been a major change with our sending agency. For many years Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) has been under the umbrella of CRISTA Ministries, which is based in the Seattle, Washington area. On July 1, 2021, CVM officially separated from CRISTA to form its own non-profit organization. Overall, we do not expect any deleterious effects on our ministry. The leadership and those we work with will remain unchanged. Veterinary missions was never really in the vision of CRISTA, but they had graciously provided support to CVM over the years so that CVM could continue its ministry. After much prayer and consideration, the Board of Directors and leaders for CVM decided that since our vision was significantly different from the rest of CRISTA and with continued growth experienced over the last years, we could fulfill our purpose and vision best by forming a new organization. Since we work with animals, I like to think of in terms of a fledgling bird. CRISTA help see CVM through the developing years, but now it is time to leave the nest. We know there will still be many difficulties ahead but are confident that the Lord has equipped us for what lies in the future. Many of you may have received letters or other communications telling about this transition and how to continue to keep up with us. If you didn't, we apologize we missed you and invite you to connect with us again. This can be done quickly and easily by going to [www.cvm.org/woolsey](http://www.cvm.org/woolsey) and signing up for our newsletter. If you would like to financially support our work, this can be done from the same website.

The second update is that we have had to temporarily returned to the USA. Our son was having some ongoing GI issues, and we were unable to determine the cause while in Mongolia. It was also becoming apparent that without vaccines our ability to do much of anything in country (from traveling to getting your hair cut) would be significantly limited, and we were not comfortable with the vaccine options available to us. As we took all of this into consideration, we determined that the best thing would be for us to go ahead and return to the USA to see some GI specialists and get vaccinated. We have hopefully found out the main issue for Caleb is that he is unable to digest lactose and to a lesser extent sucrose. We are grateful to be getting some answers and that we can treat the issue by simply avoiding certain things. However, we also recognize that there could be difficulty in finding appropriate dietary foods in a developing country. Many of the dairy substitutes that are available here, won't be available there. So, we certainly appreciate your prayers as we navigate through determining how to handle this. We are looking forward to returning to Mongolia once the doctors feel we have a good handle on everything.

Other things to keep in your prayer include the small animal clinic I work with. For the second time in just under a year, we were forced to leave our physical building and have yet to find a replacement location. Also, you can pray for some of the countryside ministries. They were significantly limited due to COVID-19, but recently, some outbreaks of infectious animal diseases have limited the ability to travel to certain areas even more. Blessings to you all.

Justin, Helen, Caleb, and Caroline



Outreach had hoped to host Dr. Justin and Helen Woosley and their children this month **in person** to receive an update on their Christian Veterinary Mission. Due to COVID we cannot meet with them in person but have asked they share information with us in this newsletter. As you know, Helen is the daughter of our own Lynn Ann Anderson. Please support the mission as our outreach project this month.



The Woolsey family serves with CVM in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



There are more than 22 domestic animals for every person in the vast and sparsely populated country of Mongolia. An even more striking statistic is that out of 3.2 million nationals, only around 2% are Christian. Our family is honored to join the work God is doing through V.E.T. Net in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. It's our goal to see the number of those living for Christ increase. Using quality animal care to improve lives, we build relationships and share the Hope of Christ across the country.

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[www.cvm.org/woolsey](http://www.cvm.org/woolsey)



You Are Invited to Tee up for our  
27th Annual Master's Golf Tournament!



**Friday October 22, 2021**

Morristown Country Club • 1635 Doyal Dr  
Morristown, TN 37814

- Lunch 12:00 am
- Putting Contest
- Shot Gun Start 1:00 pm
- Player Gift
- 3 flight Winners
- Mulligan Packages

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





The PTSO of All Saints' School is organizing/hosting a Trunk or Treat event from 5 to 7 pm on Tuesday, October 25.

Food trucks  
vendors  
games for children  
trick or treating along the row of car trunks

The public is welcome.  
Rain delay is Thursday, Oct. 28.



Bishop Cole is visiting the School for chapel,  
October 29 at 8 am.

Happy Fall to All.....

I have decided to schedule our October Sisterhood birthday Celebration for  
Tuesday October 12  
5:30pm  
The Country Club.

1. Attendees must be vaccinated.
2. Gathering will be on the patio overlooking the pool (dress according to weather)
3. Temperatures will be checked as you enter.
4. Masks are required except while eating
5. Distancing as much as possible
6. And if you are experiencing any symptoms – please do not take any chances.  
(This month should be a smaller group as several regular attendees will be at the beach)

SO... if you feel comfortable joining – the menu is:

Southwest Wraps – with or without chicken—Southwest Ranch – Romaine lettuce – black beans – corn – cheese – tortilla strips – tomatoes – onions  
wrapped in a spinach tortilla - Served with Chips & Salsa -  
Water \$15.00 Cash bar

Please RSVP to me ASAP

Love & hugs  
Janis  
423 748 1516



Looking ahead...  
We fall back November 7.



Members of the Altar Guild continue to carry out the “behind-the-scenes” ministry of preparing our place of worship even in times of pandemic when we are unable to worship in-person. 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://allsaints.dioet.org/Worship/altar-guild.html>

#### ROSTER

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, Sheri Chiapetta  
Team 5: Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandy Hoyle  
Sacristan: Taryn Herzog

#### ROTA

October 3rd - Team 5 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
October 10th - Team 1 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
October 17th - Team 2 - Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
October 24th - Team 3 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
October 31st - Team 4 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
November 7th - Team 5 - All Saints - White  
November 14th - Team 1 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
November 21st - Team 2 - Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King - White  
November 28th - Team 3 - First Sunday of Advent - Purple  
December 5th - Team 4 - Second Sunday of Advent - Purple  
December 12th - Team 5 - Third Sunday of Advent - Purple  
December 19th - Team 1 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Purple  
December 24-26 - Team 2 - Christmas Eve, Day, Sunday - White



***Attention knitters, crocheters and quilters***

I am in need of prayer shawls to give out to the sick or to families who have lost a family member. They need to be approximately 42",x 24". If you need supplies, I will be glad to supply what you need. If you have any questions please call or email me.

423 231 8372 or [jnbwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:jnbwhite@hotmail.com).

Thank you.

Brooke White, Pastoral Care, Vestry Liaison



*In Memory of Diane Baker*

*Brandon, Libby, Bonnie & TJ Sullivan*

*Ginger Goolsby*

*Jim & Sarah Gose*

*Jim, Martha & Kim Simerl*

*Susie Carter*

*In memory of Alan Jonas Hice*

*Jim & Sarah Gose*

*Jim, Martha & Kim Simerl*

*In memory of Joseph Toskey*

*Jim & Sarah Gose*

*Ginger Goolsby*

*Rus & Paige Mattocks*

*Susie Carter*

*In memory of Norma Hall*

*Ginger Goolsby*

*Henry & Cindy Selby*

*Jim, Martha & Kim Simerl;*



Monica Conley; Terry Waltz; Pam Bechtel; Eric Barrett; Jim Simerl; Marc Tragler; Bill Young; Dick Rice; Frank Toskey, brother of Judy Yates; Mark Kiser; Lynn Newman; Sylvia Hinsley; Mary Beth Rice; Jim Gose; James & Libby Johnson; Shannon Rice; Jack & Nancy Fishman; Jackie Denton; Glenda McMillan; E.G. & Christy; Sheila Carton; Lynne McCoy; Conner Edwards; Charlie Hurt; Mavis Allen; Susan Fuhr; Dennis Stoltz; Sally Wells; Janet Ketner; Barbara Thompson

[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](#): Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog; Hayden & Hunter Dome; Austin Gibson; Rebecca Boatman; Azlynn Megan Ross; Daniel Thomas; Luke Adams

## OCTOBER



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

\*Anniversary

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

## ATTENTION PARISHIONERS USING ON-LINE GIVING

Our On-Line giving service provider Vanco has informed us that on September 30<sup>th</sup> they will discontinue using “GivePlus+” as their mobile application and move to a new application named “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement.” They will also change the on-line giving Web Page on our parish website.

### MOBILE APP:

To move to the new mobile application download the app to your mobile device from the **Apple App or Google Play Stores.**

When you go to the App Stores look for the following icon:



“Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement”

Find the church within the app by entering: All Saints Episcopal Church Morristown

Your old login and password should transfer to the new app when it is downloaded.

Should you have a problem with your new login try changing your password with the “Forgot Password” command in the lower part of the screen.

You will have to set up your banking information on the new app since it will not transfer.

### WEBPAGE GIVING:

For families using the **Web Page** you will not need to download anything you will be taken directly to the **new site on September 15** when you select “Online Giving.”

Your logon and password should also transfer to the new page.

Should you have a problem with your new login try changing your password with the “Forgot Password” command under the password entry box.

You will have to set up your banking information on the new app since it will not transfer.

Should you have a problem converting to the new application or site please contact the church office.

*Thank you for your continued support for the Parish.*