

ADVENT IS A NEW BEGINNING

For Christian churches that follow a liturgical calendar, we know that the Season of Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. Considering all that we have had to endure this past year with Covid -19 most of us are ready to welcome a new year. We are simply done with this past year. One of the more humorous meme's that I've come across on Facebook points out that my chocolate Advent Calendar says there are only three more days until Christmas. That pretty much sums up my feelings on 2020. I'm just over it.

A new beginning brings with it the hope of better things to come. Christians are a people who are anchored in hope. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians reminds us that these three things endure: faith, hope, and love. Hope allows us to see the possibility of things getting better when the present world in which we are living might not give evidence of it. So I would like to share with you a few of my own hopes for the future.

I'm hopeful that an effective vaccine to immunize the population of the world against the Covid-19 virus will be made available and quickly distributed. Can this really be done? Yes it can. I'm old enough to remember standing in line with my family to get my sugar cube with a dose of the polio vaccine on it. I'm also old enough to remember when the scourge of the small pox virus was declared eradicated from the planet. I still have the faint scar on my left arm as proof.

I'm hopeful that the bitter partisan divides that for years have long crippled our nation will begin to ease and give way to the much sought after practical solutions for the problems we are facing in our world. I'm old enough to remember when there were gifted men and women in government leadership who could courageously reach across the aisle and find elusive common ground to compromise and then pass legislation that could benefit us all.

I'm hopeful that the people of the world can begin to see each other as sisters and brothers who inhabit and share the same precious planet. So that the land upon which we live, the air that we need to breathe and the water we need to sustain human life are once again seen as abundant and no longer in short supply because we choose to be good stewards and share in God's creation.

I'm hopeful that people of faith can be open minded enough to respect the religious traditions of other people. Rather than only focusing on our differences we can begin to recognize every thing that we share in common and in all those things that we consider Holy.

Finally, I'm hopeful that where I've failed in the past I can learn from my mistakes, make amends to those I've offended, and ask for forgiveness of those whom I have caused pain. Because I am a person of faith I believe in hope and the possibility of better things to come. Advent reminds me that hope is eternal and that it is time to turn the page on last year and try again.

Peace,
Mark+



The Christmas season is here! Not only is it a time of lights, gifts, baking our favorite cookies and candy, and watching Christmas movies; but a time of waiting, expecting, and preparing for the celebration of Christ's coming to Earth, as well as a time to look forward to Christ's second coming. Thus, **Advent is an important time to prepare one's heart and mind for Christmas celebration, and allow one** to fully focus on remembering the coming of Christ.

Moving on to All Saint's business, the Administration Committee's recommendation for balloting/voting for Vestry Candidates for the January 24th Annual meeting was presented during the November, 12th Vestry meeting. The recommendation is that all voting will be done by mail only. All eligible parishioners will receive, by mail, a one paper ballot printed on watermarked paper. Once the ballots are mailed, no other ballots will be sent so please mark your ballot and return it in the enclosed envelope by Friday, January 22, 2021. The ballots will be mailed two weeks prior to the Annual meeting. You may either mail your ballot or place it a box located outside the church office. We will be voting for four three-year members and one two-year member to fill out Garrett Montgomery's tenure. After discussion, the Vestry voted unanimously to approve this recommendation. Additional communications will be provided later.

Wishing each of you a safe, healthy and joyous Christmas season!

God's peace

Susan Fuhr, Senior Warden

ASES Staff and Students send their heartfelt thanks for your support of the Winter Wonderland Event in November. They also ask that you mark your calendar for the Annual Auction that will be held on February 26, 2021. This is another fund raiser that is very important to the school and as always, promises to be lots of fun. There will be more information about this in weeks to come.

Thanks to everyone for you continued support!

Sue Justis
Vestry Liaison to ASES





Happy Advent to the All Saints' family! As we enter this year's festive and joyous season, we see things from a different perspective than before. The Christmas wishes we now express are more attuned to the spiritual and emotional needs of our friends and loved ones.

As our mutual experience of "church" has morphed into the mostly-online version we presently experience, there are ever more people working unnoticed to allow us to worship virtually. Thanks to Father Mark, Mother Gigi, Deacon Sarai; the altar guild teams that prepare the church every

Sunday with the appropriate appointments of the season; the choir represented by Dr. Ryan Garber, Sheila Carton, Mark Joyce, and Paige Munroe Mattocks; the greeting crew which directs those attending in person, takes everyone's temperature, and ensures mask and hand sanitizer usage, the sextons who keep the church clean and sanitary; and the teams who provide the audio and video each week.

We don't yet know whether there will be in-person worship for Christmas as the infection rate in the Lakeway area continues to climb and the first priority of the clergy and vestry is to ensure the safety of the parish. Regardless, we will have Christmas spirit at All Saints'.

My Christmas list starts and ends with prayers for the end of the pandemic, the good health of all our families, and the reuniting of our nation. Have a Merry Christmas!

Bill Connelley, Junior Warden

The Christmas season is our time for being refreshed in the joy of God's gifts. It is also a time for wonder, for generosity, and for making time for what is truly important in life.

I pray that Peace and beauty of the season stay with you all through the year.

Linda Haas, liaison for Parish Life



In memory of Sam Simerl

Judy Altom

Jim & Sarah Gose

In memory of Robert P. Harmon

Ann E. Carson

Bill & Barbara Hale

Jim & Sarah Gose

In memory of Ruth Frederick

Jim & Sarah Gose





COLLEEN ANDREWS-ROACH

1. What brought you to All Saints?

My family was a member of All Saints from 1994 – 2005, when we relocated to Knoxville. Joining All Saints originally was an easy decision, we loved the people at All Saints and were strongly committed to the mission of the Episcopal church in our area. I was baptized in this church and was very active in a number of ministries. Last year, when, after several moves, we had the opportunity to return to the Lakeway area, part of our decision to come back to this area was the chance to re-connect with my church family.

2. How have you participated at All Saints?

I raised three of our children in this church and highly active in all facets of our church life. I taught Sunday school, and supported the Wednesday night programs child and adult Christian education programs for a number of years. I was a participant in Disciples of Christ in Community training. I've helped with barbecues, nativity plays, and was very active in the ECW. After our relocation from Morristown, I actively participated as a member at Ascension in Knoxville where I trained and served as a Stephen Minister.

3. What influenced your decision to accept a nomination to the All Saints Vestry?

It was one of those “god moments” when you know the universe has a sense of humor. One evening a fellow parishioner and I were having a deep conversation about “where is our parish going?”, “how are we going to adapt in the future, post-Covid world?”, “how, as an aging parish, do we keep a relevant community ministry and grow?”. I literally received the query about joining the vestry two days later. Clearly it was a call to be more active, whether on the Vestry itself, or in more generally in support of church activities and missions.

4. How do you think you will positively impact All Saints Mission to love, proclaim, learn, and minister?

I hope I can bring maturity, passion and a wide range of experience to help further All Saints Mission. I have been fortunate to have worked most of my career in the human resource field and have developed a great capacity to listen to the needs of people in all sorts of different circumstances and working to help serve their needs. As an adult leadership trainer, I have spent many years training and absorbing the principals of servant leadership. As a Stephen Minister I learned how critical and fulfilling it is to be able to support individuals and the church through intentional prayer and Christian action.

5. In a brief statement, what would you like the congregation to know about you?

I've been married to my wonderful husband Timothy Roche for nine years, Between the two of us we've contributed to raising eight wonderful human beings into adulthood and have seven grandchildren between us. I work for Clayton as a Human Resource manager. I am profoundly grateful that my journey has brought me back to All Saints, Thank you.

DAN LEONARD**1. What brought you to All Saints'?**

- Our son attending ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

2. How have you participated at All Saints'?

- Lector at 8AM service
- BBQ Pit Boss for 5 years

3. What influenced your decision to accept a nomination to the All Saints' Vestry?

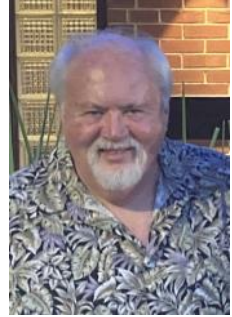
- my wife

4. How do you think you will positively impact All Saints' Mission to love, proclaim, learn and minister?

-always looking on the sunny side of life

5. In a brief statement what would you like the congregation to know about you?

I love flying.

**CHRIS SHARP****1. What brought you to All Saints'?**

My family first began attending All Saints in the mid 1980's. My sister and I would attend services with my grandmother. Over time, our family moved from Frist United Methodist to All Saints

2. How have you participated at All Saints'?

I served as an acolyte as a boy, until I left for college. I was very active in the EYC and acted a counselor for the youth group for several years. I have helped with BBQ's and served on a few committees.

3. What influenced your decision to accept a nomination to the All Saints' Vestry?

I never considered myself a candidate for Vestry. When contacted about the nomination I was a bit stunned. I felt there were far more qualified church members than I to fill this roll. After talking with Amy, I have been blessed by the Lord and the church for many years. If it is my time to serve and give back, I am willing.

4. How do you think you will positively impact All Saints' Mission to love, proclaim, learn and minister?

I feel my experience in school leadership will be a benefit to the vestry. I have spent the last 6 years leading teachers and staff at my school. In my position, I have seen a lot of needs in our area that would benefit from increased ministry. I have experience with local agencies such as DCS, mental health workers, sheriff dept., court system, food agencies, and Gifts for Kids.

5. In a brief statement what would you like the congregation to know about you?

To quote Popeye, "I am, what I am." I believe we are all on an endless journey of spiritual growth. Each of us are at different point on this individualized path. We won't always agree and that is ok. As long as we respect each other, we all can continue to grow.



**ALEX CUNNINGHAM****1. What brought you to All Saints'?**

I have been an Episcopalian my whole life. When I moved to the Lakeway region in 2006, I immediately looked for an Episcopal church to regularly attend. Previously I attended Church of the Ascension in Knoxville.

2. How have you participated at All Saints'?

I am currently a member of the All Saints choir and sing bass. Over the years that I have been at All Saints I have served on the vestry and stewardship committee, and I have participated in many other activities such as men's club, barbecue pit, breakfast team, outreach, and others as needed.

3. What influenced your decision to accept a nomination to the All Saints' Vestry?

During the current pandemic I know that there are many parishioners that are unable to attend church and need help in various forms from the parish. I feel that All Saints needs to focus on pastoral care for our members and the community. I believe it is my time to serve again. I believe that all members should serve if they are able.

4. How do you think you will positively impact All Saints' Mission to love, proclaim, learn and minister?

I believe that God has a plan for me and that if I will just listen then he will guide me to do his work. I am ready to listen and participate in his plans for me and his plans for All Saints.

5. In a brief statement what would you like the congregation to know about you?

I am a truly blessed man. I have two married children in the Atlanta area and five grandchildren. Currently I am still working as a systems test engineer in Knoxville. I enjoy my job but have decided to retire in July 2021. My hobbies include guitar, golf

CINDI SEDLACK HUSK**1. What brought you to All Saints'?**

Initially, the flowers painted on the windows downstairs that were made using handprints of little people. (it was the day school) I saw them and thought, "Good things happen here!"

I was baptized Catholic and spoke with friends that attended All Saints'. I liked the idea of being "Catholic Lite" - The Catholic church practices things that do not align with my theology. Two of the main differences that were important to me is that priests may marry and ALL are welcome to the communion table as I consider it "The Lord's table", not ours.

2. How have you participated at All Saints'?

I have been honored to be a Chalice Bearer, Intercessor, Lector, and Usher and look forward to the day when we have this virus under control and we can return to more "in person" worship.

In the early 90's, I taught middle school Sunday school and children's chapel. As a member of All Saints', of course BBQ participation was expected. I chaired and made what seemed like a gazillion gallons of bbq sauce for several years after gaining permission to make the sauce at Morristown Hamblen

Healthcare system kitchen. I have served on the Outreach and Social committees as well as the Wednesday night dinner cook once upon a time. I also have served a 3 year term on the Vestry. Both of my sons were baptized in this church and attended All Saints' Episcopal School from preschool through 8th grade graduation. I was also blessed to serve as the Director of Development at ASEC and have served on the Board of Directors for the school. We have enjoyed a variety of All Saints' activities including a weekend family event at Grace Point, my oldest son Preston and I went to Washington, D.C. on the choir trip when they were invited to sing at the Cathedral, and a whole host of parish activities. My most recent service was as a member of the discernment committee for a seminary candidate.



Husk continued...

3. What influenced your decision to accept a nomination to the All Saints' Vestry?

I have seen most of my service to All Saints' as a calling. It has been some time since I last served so I thought I would accept a nomination. It is up to the parish as to whether I will serve on the Vestry again. minister?

4. How do you think you will positively impact All Saints' Mission to love, proclaim, learn and minister?

Whether I am elected to the Vestry or not, I strive to promote the values and principles of All Saints'. I am a very positive person and I believe in our mission to love, proclaim, learn, and minister. I try to lead by example in thought, word, and deed.

5. In a brief statement what would you like the congregation to know about you?

I have been at All Saints' for a long time. I was received in the late 80's. I have experienced many trials and tribulations of the church as well as celebrated much joy and advancement of our church. I am a very patient and positive person and embrace the opportunity to be a problem solver.

Inclusion is very important to me and I am so proud of our belief that "All are welcome".

Church elections are a bit of a slippery slope because we are dealing with church family members. While some will be elected, some will be "defeated". I have always felt badly after the Vestry elections because someone "loses". I choose to think that some are just not called to serve in that term. Being a school counselor, obviously, my concern for feelings are abundant. All that said, I would like my church family to choose who they believe will be the best fit for the current upcoming Vestry.

DANNY TURNER-WINES

1. What brought you to All Saints'?

Dillon Turner-Wines. We started dating. My first service was Christmas Eve. I fell in love with the church.

2. How have you participated at All Saints'?

Dillon was on the vestry when we started dating. He showed me how to do what he was doing. I also became an acolyte because I wanted to be more involved.

3. What influenced your decision to accept a nomination to the All Saints' Vestry?

For many years, I was raised Southern Baptist. I stopped believing in the church. Everywhere I went they wanted to change me. All Saints' changed that. Now I feel I need to contribute more.

4. How do you think you will positively impact All Saints' Mission to love, proclaim, learn and minister?

I push and strive for equality. I try to show as much love as I can. Sometimes it's hard, but we are all human. I genuinely love to listen and work towards goals and I love people.

5. In a brief statement what would you like the congregation to know about you?

I grew up locally. I had a very strict upbringing. This taught me that I had to break free of constantly living in fear of the church. Since joining All Saints' my faith in church has been restored. I want to do the best I can if elected to continue the love that All Saints' shows.

Also I play softball a lot (all LGBTQ+ league) should you ever wish to come support!

I'm active in the community through work. I'm in charge of what we (O'Charley's) do for charities, etc.

Dillon and I love animals (as you well know.)





Christmas time is upon us, and *still* we stay home avoiding COVID! I know last Spring when we stopped in person services, we never dreamed COVID would still be raging here in winter. Many of us have avoided travel and eating out this year and have saved a few dollars. What better way to spend some savings than help brighten up a family's Christmas! The **Holiday Hope Fund** has been sponsored by Citizen Tribune for many years and is the main revenue for holiday giving to families in need. Consider donating by sponsoring a food box for a family or an angel tree gift for a child. Go to holidayhopefund.org to chose how you would like to give. If you prefer you can mail a check to Holiday Hope Fund, P.O. Box 1622, Morristown Tn, 37813.

Central Services is accepting **volunteers** to help prepare these items. This year they are asking for small groups or couples to come together and work alone to avoid large crowds. It will take more small groups working over many days to prepare the items. If you and a friend would like to volunteer call Central Services 423 586 9431 to be placed on schedule.

Also, we will be collecting canned goods for Central Services at the church for the **Paul Rohe Advent Food Collection**. There is a container in the narthex and one ground level near office for drop off. Much needed are protein foods like canned ham, tuna, chicken, and peanut butter.

Food on Foot will **not** give pajamas this year but **is** providing a treat bag and a stuffed animal to all kids along with a family food bag. Send donations to this group to Food on Foot, Christmas Treat Bags, P.O. Box 2129, Morristown Tn. 37816

Kingswood Home for Children has asked for support, both financial and for volunteers. If you are a retired teacher or can tutor math or reading to young children, they could use help. Call 865 767 2121. To financially partner with this home go www.kingswoodkids.org I have some friends who lived at this home during part of their childhood due to family crisis and it made a huge difference in their lives. There is truly so much need and ways we can help!

I sure do miss seeing you all and will miss our traditional packed Christmas Eve Service. I challenge you to **right now** pick a way to help our community have a better Christmas and donate to one of the above organizations. If you are aware of needs in our parish or community Outreach may help [with](#), email martie08@hotmail.com Wishing all my parish family a blessed and joyous holiday!

Love to all, Martie





Norma Hall; Diane Baker; Louise Dyer; Linda Dietrich; Marilyn Acuff; Bill Auton; Allie Barnard; Cade Fugate; Jim & Rose Murphy; Robin Miller; Randy White; Jackson Orio; Lynne McCoy; Doug Burroughs; Linda Nash; the family of Alice Shugart; Bill & Lin Mitrik; Campbell Maben; Kim Walker, sister of Lyn Walton; Dan Westmoreland; Jim Stoltz; Pam Martin; Mike Parta; Fuzz Davis; Roy & Susan Row; Sharon Munroe, mother of Paige Munroe-Mattocks; Peggy Brock; Betty Blevins; Amy Eversole; David Holland

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

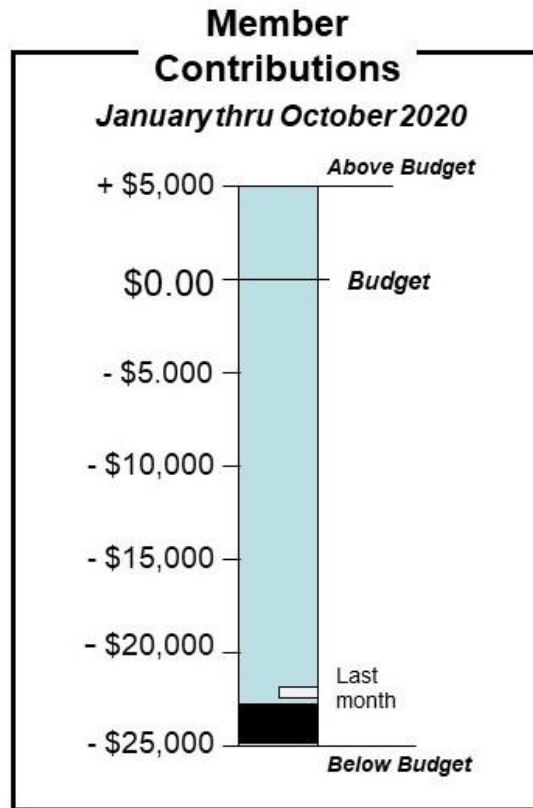


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- 05 Laura Shiveler
- 6 Holley Dickens, Dan Leonard,
- 7 Howard Mauney
- 07 Sheri & Michael Chiappetta*
- 08 Shereé Cardone, Mary Ann & Larry Mills*
- 09 Tony Zachmann
- 10 Jim Gose, Judy Altom, Robin Connellee
- 12 Jean & Skeet Jones*,
- 13 Janis & Richard Dixon*
- 14 Tenna Willis
- 15 David Briggs
- 17 Suzy & Raymond Lowry*, Denise Johnson
- 19 Willow Chandler. Lynne Ann Anderson, Shamron & Wayne Stambaugh*
- 20 Kathryn Hutchins
- 21 Christina Spencer
- 22 Michael Cardone, Jackie Fleming
- 23 Sue Justis, Kenny Zitt, Jasmine Lindsey
- 25 Dick Rice, Skeet Jernigan
- 26 Teresa & Hugh Clement*
- 27 John Zieba
- 28 Susan & Jim Fuhr*
- 29 Josh Mattocks, Sarah & Jim Gose*, Amy & Chris Sharp*
- 30 Ed Wing
- 31 Barbra Stephenson, Nancy Fishman, Judy Yates

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 and fall to evaluate and update the Budget to reflect the impact of the Pandemic.



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



Thank you to our Altar Guild for continuing to work behind the scenes as you always have—faithfully—and for being flexible during this pandemic. You are a vital part of All Saints' worship experience and can always be depended upon for numerous important tasks from filling oil candles to vesting the chalice. Altar Guild is also a great way to participate in worship even if you are not yet ready to come in person during the Sunday service.

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



Everyone is invited to help deck the halls!

On Sunday, December 20, after our worship service, we will start our set-up by unpacking our tree and decorations and getting the pew candles ready.

Then on Wednesday, December 23, we will gather at 1pm to place the manger and poinsettias, and hang the greenery.

Please join family and friends...wear your mask...and we will social distance of course...many hands make short work!

And, we need clippings of greenery by Sunday, Dec 20...pine, fir, holly, spruce...
Thanks in advance for your help!



Donations and Gifts for Poinsettias, Music and Greenery

Even in this unsettling time, we will have our church decorated for Christmas services whether we only have online or whether we are able to worship in person.

Your financial support is needed for special music and floral decorations.

To contribute, please print this form and, along with your check, place in the alms basin any Sunday through December 15;

Or email landerson@allsaintsmorristown.org

Or call Lynne Ann at church office with your dedication and mail your check at your convenience.

Your gifts are always gladly received; however,
for printing your dedication in the program,
the deadline is December 15.

Please make your check payable to All Saints' Church.

Name: _____

Contribution is in () honor, () memory, () thanksgiving
