

Saints' Alive

March 2023



THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT SPRING

I really love the fact that we have four real seasons here in East Tennessee. This was not the fact when I lived in Louisiana. There, the fall season was about three weeks long starting from Mid-November. Next we would get our first peak at winter with the first frost. More often than not it was followed by a fake fall which meant the temps went back up to the mid 80's again for a couple of weeks.

Winter might actually be as long as ten days. This occurred when the temperature dropped below 40 degrees. Though in Louisiana most people were known to fire up the gas fire places when the air temp got below 55. Spring might possibly be as much as three weeks long. Spring was easily identified by the blooming of azaleas and dogwood trees. Then it was followed by a weeks return to fake winter for a week or two depending if Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow or not that year. Then we settled in for basically eight months of summer. This meant 100% humidity and temps in the high 90's or even higher.

When I lived in Chicago it was pretty much reversed. Winter was eight months long with temps seldom above 30 degrees and we could have months of gray overcast skies where we never saw the sun. Spring only lasted one week. It was usually the first week of June. Fall also lasted only about one week before the first blizzard. Summer could fluctuate from three to six weeks depending if we were lucky.

Here in Tennessee we get the best of all four seasons. Though I have to admit spring is my personal favorite. I love this time of year when the daffodils are in bloom. I love waiting for the wild Dogwoods and Redbuds to come alive. We don't have much in the way of azaleas here but we do have Rhododendrons which are spectacular by any measure and well worth the drive into the mountains to see them in full bloom.

Another sign of the return of spring happen when the TVA begins to let the water levels rise in the local lakes. Life begins to emerge from its winter hibernation. Wildflowers are in abundance everywhere you look. One night you would swear that your front yard was brown and then overnight it is suddenly appears a verdant green.

So much in nature reminds you of the sheer abundance of God's creation. Spring reminds you that what might appear dormant is really never dead. It's good to live in East Tennessee. We are blessed with so much that most of us tend to take for granted. Enjoy it. Enjoy it all. Get your hands dirty in potting soil. Put in your vegetable gardens. Share a portion of your produce with your neighbors. For God has been especially good to those of us who live in Tennessee.

Peace,
Mark+

The Vestry convened for it's annual meeting on Saturday February 11th. We had a great session and spent a good deal of time talking about expanding Parish Events and Community Outreach – more to come on that in the coming months.

One of our annual duties is to pick committee chairs for our various Parish Activities. Our Chairs for 2023 will be as follows:

Chris Sharp - Administration
Cindy Husk - Parish Life
Brooke White - Pastoral Care
Nicky Smith - Outreach
Rebecca Boatman - Christian Formation
Alex Cross - Evangelism
Isaac Bolling - Worship

I'd also like to extend my thanks to the esteemed Dan Dickens for accepting the role of Junior Warden. Dan will do an outstanding job in this role!

A couple of notes about upcoming events:

We will hold a **Mini-Rally Day on Sunday, March 5th** between the services. Come enjoy pancakes (and bacon! It's the first Sunday Breakfast!) and also spend some time chatting with us about how you might want to help with our Worship Services. We need additional Lectors, Ushers, Altar Guild Members, and Altar People – please think about helping us out and sign up!

We will hold a **BBQ Committee Meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 in the Parish Hall** to begin preparations for our May 11-13th Pork Extravaganza. If you are a BBQ committee head (or interested in contributing), please feel free to join us!

We plan to reconvene **Foyers for Spring Supper season in March** – if you are interested, please sign-up in the Parish Hall.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do everyday to further the mission of All Saints.

Peace,

Colleen Andrews
Senior Warden



Who me???

I sometimes tell people I don't want God speaking to me directly from a cloud or a burning bush. First, no one is going to believe it. Second, He doesn't do it very often, so it's likely to be something big. Third it's not going to be easy or something I'm thrilled about being asked to do. I much prefer a gentle spiritual awakening, where suddenly, I realize how to handle a situation that previously baffled me. Some of you know what I'm talking about. And so it came to pass in the year of our Lord 2023 (are we still allowed to say that), that Howard Mauney nominated me, the parish elected me, and Father Mark 'assigned' me Junior Warden. I've avoided saying yes for years because I knew this is what would happen. I'm reading the Parish Bylaws for an escape clause, and I think I've found one, but I'm keeping it a secret for now because I already love being Junior Warden. I bought a shirt.



Here's the first weeks' worth:

- 1. Sharpened kitchen knives.**
- 2. Tested hot water at all kitchen sinks. All get hot. Requires the water to be run for a relatively long period. Will investigate insulation needs.**
- 3. Removed mold under center section of west columbarium.**
- 4. Installed weather stripping on bottom outside door west side of building near choir spiral staircase.**
- 5. Wire brushed and lubricated closure points at same door.**
- 6. Lubricated lock mechanism at main entrance near parish office.**
- 7. Reattached cash drop box to mailbox bookcase and wall.**
- 8. Removed campsite behind BBQ trailer.**
- 9. Straightened Visitor Parking sign and reinstalled.**
- 10. Reattached candle snuffer board for acolytes.**

Ordered support for sink in downstairs accessible restroom.

Upcoming projects:

Demo playground equipment.

Dusty Chandler has an Eagle Project proposal for BBQ pit improvements

Faithfully submitted,

Dan Dickens

It's hard to believe that February has gone and I've just passed my two year anniversary with the School. My first three months were as a volunteer consultant working under the direction of Mo. Gigi. She did a terrific job as Head of School, leaving me with a wonderful template to continue her good work. Hopefully, when Dr. Steven Sorrell arrives this summer, he'll be able to say much the same of my time in the gray chair. Following are a few details about some topics he and I have been discussing over the last couple of weeks.

Admissions

Reenrollment contracts for the 2023-24 academic year have been issued. To qualify for the Loyalty Discount (5%), a signed document and deposit need to be in Sarah Ringley's hands by close of business, March 1. New enrollments officially start March 1, though in classes with empty seats, we've already begun issuing contracts. With March 1, admissions becomes first come, first serve.

When I started assisting in February, 2021, we had 109 students attending ASES. We opened that August with 109. This year we opened with 139 students. Today we have 151 students enrolled and are looking at acquiring Temporary Learning Cottages (TLC's) to provide additional space for our continuing growth. All of this is to say that if you or someone you know are interested in an All Saints' education, you would be well advised to get your contract in or interest known sooner than later. I can't guarantee a seat will be open then as opposed to now.

Auction & Gala

It is, absolutely, indisputably, the best party in town. The Annual ASES Blue and Gold Auction & Gala starts at 5:45 on Saturday, March 4 in our nearly unrecognizable gym. Tickets are available on the school's website; sponsorships can be arranged through Sarah (sringley@asestn.org), Jersey Girl is catering and I have begun to chill the beverages. A silent auction is live online now including class baskets (blueandgoldgala2023.cbo.io); there will be a live, in person auction the night of the event.

This is my last auction & gala as the head of school. I do hope you will join me, the faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees, and 250 of your closest friends for a terrific time. Dr. Sorrell will not be able to attend but is putting together a screen greeting. If you need someone to sit with, please reach out to Sarah or me. We'll get you hooked up. Attire is dressy casual.

Garden Workday

Jim Hodge, a former Social Studies and Physical Education teacher at ASES, has been helping with our God's Bountiful Garden program for the last few years. To help him and our students along, we are having a Garden Workday on Saturday, March 11, beginning at 9 am. (Rain date is March 18, same start time.)

If you can join us, please do. We've got dirt to spread into the vegetable beds, trees to limb up, bushes to beat back and old plants to sunset. If you have tools to assist in this work (shovel, chainsaw, hoe, lopping shears, etc.), please bring them. And please let me know you are coming so I'll know how much coffee to get. (headofschool@asestn.org)

Spring Break

Our Spring Break begins March 27. If you or someone you know will need childcare during that week (3/27-31), please let Ms. Emily know asap (eraymond@asestn.org). We're scheduling programming and staff and want to be sure we are ready for your student.

Blessings,
Smokey +





Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras was a fantastic evening! Thank you to those who brought food, cooked food, cleaned up, came to the event, etc! We did let the "good times roll"!

A special thank you to Bill Connellee and Becca Boatman for being part of the kitchen team, to Henry Selby and the scouts (they were great helpers), for those who brought amazing cajun cuisine and desserts!

Cindi Husk, Parish Life Vestry Liaison



Outreach has plans to build a blessing box for our community. We will start gathering supplies and hope to get this built soon. Our love offering will go to Noah's Arc this month. They are a no kill shelter here and they need lots of help. Not only do they need financial help but also volunteers to help out at their facility. Thank you for always supporting our outreach needs in helping our community!

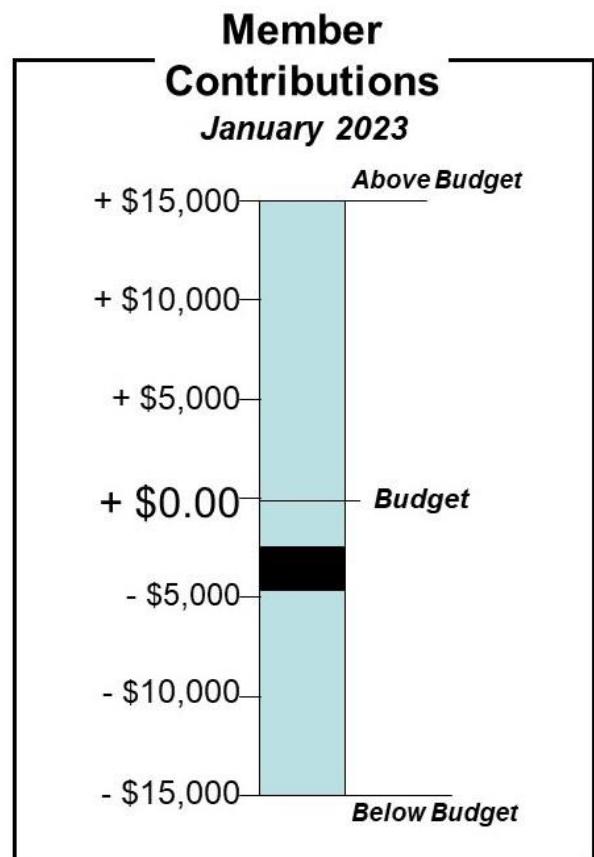
Nickie Smith, Vestry Liaison



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 **Barbara Garrett, Larry Jones**
- 3 **Susan Fuhr**
- 5 **Jeffrey Torres**
- 6 **Father Mark & Liz Holland*,
Michael & Kenny Story***
- 11 **Mary Ann Mills, Annie Turner,
Cindy Thompson**
- 14 **Tim Roche**
- 15 **Skeet & Nancy Jernigan*,
Garrett Turner**
- 16 **Preston Husk, Udo Wender**
- 17 **Lily Hall, Seth Hall**
- 23 **Sharon Pritchard**
- 24 **Lynn Walton**
- 26 **Jean Coffman, Meghan Cordle**
- 27 **Martha Simerl**
- 28 **Lynn Cross**
- 30 **Jack Othokian**
- 31 **Sarah Gose, Sheila & Dick Rice***

*Anniversary



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 -



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OUR MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING WILL BE THURSDAY MARCH 30TH AT 1PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT ALL SAINTS. **THIS IS A DIFFERENT TIME THAN NORMAL** – BUT A SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE A DAYTIME MEETING – AND SEVERAL OF OUR LADIES ARE NOT COMFORTABLE DRIVING AFTER DARK. WE WILL SEE HOW THIS WORKS – HOWEVER I KNOW WE HAVE THOSE STILL EMPLOYED SO I WILL ADDRESS THAT SOON – WE ARE COMBINING OUR EFFORTS WITH LIVING PROMISE CHURH – IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WHO NEED OTHERS WHO ARE WALKING THE SAME PATH.

GRIEF – IS A TERM USED WHEN A SOMETHING MAJOR HAS CHANGED YOUR NORMAL. IT CAN BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OR SITUATION. COME JOIN THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED GRIEF – HOW THEY CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD – HOW THEY HONOR THEIR LOVED ONE – IF APPLICABLE – AND HOW THEY SHOW COMPASSION FOR OTHERS. EVERYONE WELCOME – THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT ON GRIEF.

PRAYERS
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For healing and comfort: Sheila Carton; Jim Gose; Louise Dyer; Edna Colley; Margaret Blazer; Bill Young; Ian Bond; Kristan Roberts Ball; Kent Elkins; Bill Auton; Mason Fishburn; Bill Andrews; Christian Shunk; Dotson Blue Carter; Eugene Kirkland; Paul Elkins; Ashley Auton Taylor; Scott Brotherton; Jonnie Ratcliff; Benny Littrell; Dave Auton; Janis Dixon; Susie Carter; Pat Corbett Hansen

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; Azlynn Megan Ross; Daniel Thomas; Luke Adams; Hunter Case; Kristie Kirby; Kevin Smith; Luke & Austin Whitelaw; Amber Berry Gilliam; Rebecca & Ashley Boatman

Please remember to call the church office when folks need to be removed from prayer list!



Wednesday

March 8

Noon

As usual, we will have bingo/lunch on March 8. Our meal will be Frito Pie and a list of food requirements will be emailed soon. Also, we can always use prizes.



I am the new pastoral care liaison to the vestry. Let me know of any needs that we can help you with.

I would also like any knitters to create prayer shawls for our fellow parishioners who may be ill or shut in. Let me know if you can participate

If you need to reach me please call me, Brooke White, at 423. 231. 8372

Camp



Also, although no date has been set, we will have a rummage sale in the undercroft to benefit Camp Billy Johnson. We used these funds to send as many campers as possible and it's been a few years since we have had a sale. More information on this to follow.

Marylou Mauney and the Bingo Team



Your support is needed for Easter special flowers and music. Form will be in our bulletins beginning March 5/However, you can call the church office to donate and give your dedication to LA or Kathlyn over the phone.

423—586—6201



Welcome the newly baptized, Mason Joseph Kinsler



Sunday, March 5
8:45am
Bacon, bacon, bacon, oink
Team Harmon

The Men are Cookin'



Hello to All,

Our Sisterhood Gathering will be held on Tuesday March 14th at 5:30 pm at Holston's Restaurant (on the Jose' side) to celebrate our March Birthday babes.

Our menu choices are as follows:

- GREEK SALAD – Grilled chicken breast – mixed greens – cucumber – red bell pepper – Kalamata olives – Pepperoncini peppers – Feta – Greek Dressing \$14.00
- MARGARITA CHICKEN – Citrus Marinated Chicken Breast over Rice Pilaf – Pineapple Mango Glaze – Tortilla Strips – Pico de Gallo – Jack Cheese – Creamy Coleslaw \$15.00
- OPEN FACE ROAST BEEF – Shaved Roast Beef & Mashed Potatoes over Grilled Texas Toast – Mushroom Gravy – French Fried Onions - Creamy Coleslaw \$13.00
- AND for our Vegetarians – or anyone wanting no meat
- VEGGIE FAJITAS – Grilled red & green peppers – grilled onions – Fajita spices – shredded lettuce – shredded cheese blend – Pico de Gallo – sour cream – flour Tortillas \$14.00
(No meat included)
- Water included – Adult beverages available.

Arrival time is 5:30 but I request food be served about 6:15 – so please join us if you work later. Hope to see many of you there – it's almost "Spring Time" – RSVP with food choice ASAP. Thank you

Hugs & Blessings

Janis
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VPR	Cindy Husk	Colleen Andrews	Chris Sharp	Brooke White
8:00 AM	3/5/2023	3/12/2023	3/19/2023	3/26/2023
CRUCIFER	Dave Auton	Earl Hall	Dave Auton	Jake Neill
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Kim Torres	Cindy Husk	Isaac Boling	Ginger Goolsby
2nd CHALICE	Linda Leonard	Dave Auton	Bill Mitrik	Liz Holland
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Kim Torres	Marylou Mauney	Bill Mitrik	Henry Selby/Cindy Selby
GREETERS/USHERS	Martha Hall	Howard Mauney	Gary Miller	Sam Neill/Amy Neill
	Earl Hall	Marylou Mauney	Robin Miller	Jack Yates/Judy Yates
10:30 AM	3/5/2023	3/12/2023	3/19/2023	3/26/2023
ACOLYTES	Ginger Goolsby	Jake Neill	Riley Anderson	Dillon Wines
	Rebecca Boatman	Ginger Goolsby	Susie Carter	Rebecca Boatman
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Dan Dickens	Bill Mitrik	Mark Joyce	Carolyn Dean
2nd CHALICE	Mark Joyce	Lauren Cordle	Liz Holland	Mark Joyce
OT LECTOR	Cindy Selby	Sarah Gose	Mark Doherty	Lynn Cross
NT LECTOR	Henry Selby	Paige Mattocks	Alex Cunningham	Martie Anderson
PRESENTERS	Beka Selby	Janis Dixon	Rhonda Doherty	Judy Yates
	Cindy Selby	Brook White	Mark Doherty	Jack Yates
SOUND/VIDEO	David Briggs & Bill Connellee	David Briggs & Bill Connellee	David Briggs & Bill Connellee	Larry McGowan & Mark Doherty
GREETERS/USHERS	Jack Yates	Sam Neill	Rebecca Boatman	George Giles
	Judy Yates	Amy Neill	Nickie Smith	Lena Giles
	Holley Dickens	Janis Dixon	Brooke White	Louise Joyce
	Rhonda Doherty	Louise Joyce	Rhonda Doherty	Brooke White
ALTAR GUILD	Team 2 (Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon, Rebecca Fowler)	Team 3 (Susie Carter, Sheri Chiappetta, Isaac Boling)	Team 4 (Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandra Hoyle)	Team 1 (Amy Sharp, Chantal Combs)

If unable to serve as scheduled, please find your own replacement.
 Thanks, Colleen Andrews



Foyer Reshuffle

Spring 2023 Foyer Groups!!!

Hungry? We've got dinner plans for you! It's time for our annual **Foyer Reshuffle**. This year we'll be doing our reshuffle virtually and will let you know by the end of the month who is in each group. We won't reshuffle again until late September, giving everyone ample time to work around vacations and the random plans of "life".

What's a Foyer group?

Foyer is a French word meaning "hearthside" implying the warmth of a close, small group of friends sharing a common love and concern for each other. The history of Foyer Groups comes from Coventry England. After the World War II bombing of Coventry Cathedral, small groups of people began meeting to rebuild their community: a short litany, a modest meal, conversation. The tradition has spread across many Christian communities and has a long history here at All Saints.

Foyer groups are small groups (usually 5-8 people) open to all church adults- singles and couples - and are designed for the purpose of getting to know fellow parishioners over a meal. We do ask each group to invite someone new to each dinner. Foyers are strictly social events – gatherings can be dinners, brunches or even picnics! Foyer group members take turns hosting a dinner (usually monthly). Foyer meals are not "fancy"- soup and sandwiches are fine–these gatherings are simply an opportunity for fellowship and friendship and lots of laughter. We meet each other where we live and accept each other as God accepts us as we are. You don't need to be a "couple" to join foyer – we'll find a "match" for you or feel free to pair up with a friend!

Ready to join the fun? **Sign up in the Parish Hall** or call Louise Joyce (865-765-5670) or Colleen Andrews (865-765-9187). Come join us – you'll be glad you did!