

WAITING IN ADVENT

Hurry up and wait. That was the constant driving force behind everything I used to do when I worked as an engineer offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Time was money and thus time was an expensive commodity and it was always in short supply. Everyone working on a drilling rig is ready and essentially standing by waiting for another person to get their job done so that we can start our own. Of course this meant that there was someone else who was waiting on us to finish whatever we were flown out by helicopter to the rig to do.

Everyone was always in a hurry. Everyone was waiting for their turn to do what nobody else could do. The pace was fast and it was furious. It was also relentless. I'd no sooner finished the job that I was doing before it was time for me to catch a flight back to land only to fly out the next morning to Another rig somewhere in the Gulf.

Most of us understand what it feels like when the pace of our lives is running at light speed. The faster we go the more likely we are to make a mistake. When we find ourselves ensnared in such a system we look for an exit off-ramp or a way to step away and simply catch our breath.

Think about the culture we find ourselves living in today. The Christmas decorations have been out in places like Lowe's since Labor Day in September. Retailers are well aware that the number of shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas are fewer than usual. Hence the artificial sense of urgency to try and cram even more into the short Advent Season.

Feeling overbooked? Don't think you could find room on your social calendar for another party? Haven't sent out your Christmas cards yet? Still have gifts to buy, stockings to fill and a house to decorate? Looking forward to having dinner with family members who want to pick political fights? Don't forget about putting up all the many outdoor lights so you can rival your neighbors and double your electric bill.

What if you could actually get away from it all even for just 30 minutes? What if you could do something that would feed your soul instead of sap your energy? Along with my clergy colleagues at First Methodist and First Presbyterian, we are offering you such a spiritual respite. You don't have to do anything but show up. You don't need to buy a new party outfit. You don't have to bake or cook anything to share. You just have to come and be still for thirty minutes.

At 6:00 PM on the first three Mondays in Advent, December 4th, 11th, and 18th, our three churches will offer you a time and a place to step back from the hurry up and wait syndrome. As Psalm 46 states, "We are to be still and know that God is God." So come and join us and just be still. Let the sounds of the choir soothe your weary body. Let the quiet of three houses of worship open you up to welcoming the presence of God during the Season of Advent. Allow the words of the prayers that will be offered open you up to more than the chaotic rush of the world.

I invite you to join us and give yourself a gift and be still to know that God really is God.

God's Peace, Mark+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope.” — Romans 15:13

At Sisterhood the other evening, one of the women near me said “2023 is weird – it’s just been a weird and stressful year.” And I had to take that home and sit with it for a bit. It has been a weird year. 2023 – our first full “post-Covid year” – wasn’t the year of reconciliation and return to calm that many of us had hoped for – not nationally and certainly not “in the world”. While not normally a fan of winter (it’s cold and sometimes it - yuck - snows...), this year I am glad for December – for the pause of Advent and the season of waiting, reflection, joy, and hope. As we move into this last month of 2023 – and all the attendant hustle and bustle – I hope you will each take some time for yourself to reflect on the quiet beauty of the season and find a moment of peace in the embrace of God’s world.

On the home front we have many opportunities for both joyful celebration and quiet reflection: We will have three interfaith services on the first three Mondays in December with the first taking place on Monday December 4th 6pm at All Saints— look for additional details in our bulletin and e-newsletter. Lessons in Carols will take place on Sunday the 17th at 6pm followed by the Boy Scouts Chili Cookoff.

We will have four (Yes! Four!) services on Christmas Eve – our two regular Sunday Morning services – after which we will race to decorate the Sanctuary for our next two services at 5pm and 10:30pm. We will also hold Christmas Mass on Christmas Monday at 10:00am.

I look forward to welcoming the season with all of my All Saints family!

Wishing joy and peace to you and your families in this Christmas season,

Colleen Andrews
Sr. Warden





JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT



Neighbor

Who is my neighbor?

Have you met Frank Benton? Frank lives outside. I met Frank at the Blessing Box. I left him a small pan of hot meat at the pit on Saturday after the BBQ. Frank is well organized for a street person. He has backpacks and a bed roll. None of the thin clear plastic bags many try to get by with. He now has so much stuff he can't carry it all. I watched him come across the First Baptist parking lot moving his stuff 50 ft at a time and back tracking for the second load. He recently acquired a yellow Dollar General shopping cart, abandoned by Crazy Tess. I don't know how I feel about that. But anyway.

Frank is originally from Chicago. He's 44 years old. Divorced. No children. He has worked factory jobs most of his life. He's been on the streets of Morristown for about a year. Claims to have no alcohol or substance abuse history. He sleeps around the library and us. I've been tolerating him because he doesn't make a mess, and he gets up and leaves at daylight. I've invited him inside. He attended the bishop's reception and then breakfast in November.

Frank has a soft spoken very gravely voice for his age. It may be from smoking. It may be from his living conditions. We haven't talked about it yet.

Frank has actually helped me. Three new sleeping stations appeared down at the pit and behind the trailer. I hate having to remove someone's very limited worldly possessions. Kathlyn printed a couple of my "Please do not sleep here, everything will be removed for safety and sanitation reasons" signs. I taped one to each site.

In talking with Frank, I asked if he knew who they were. He thought he did and would warn them. The piles of stuff remained several more days. The morning I showed up, resolved to remove it, it was all gone. Later I found out Frank had cleaned up the small mess left behind after they moved on. Not all of it sanitary.

I think if Frank could find housing, he could become employed. I'm going to try to work on that in December.

God demands that we change the whole world, but only requires that we do it one relationship at a time.

Frank is my friend. I am loyal to my friends. Who's saving who?

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JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT CONTINUED

Activities in November

- Reset hot water heater that supplies the office.
- Replaced lower heater element in the same heater.
- Replaced the furnace filters throughout the building.
We have 4 furnaces and 5 filter sizes.
- Found the furnace for the main sanctuary (which is in a room in the Memorial Room) not lit.
- Humphries Heating and Air replaced a small (expensive) exhaust blower,
and we're warm again.
- Took creative measures to make it warm enough during the bishop's visit while we were waiting on parts.
- Cleaned away some very high cobwebs over the altar.
- Install new office sign for parish administrator.
- Continue to not fix the leak behind the new ice maker.
- Surveyed the remaining non-LED lights.
- Requested a bid from Comer Electric to replace lights in the nursery, youth room, remaining four in the undercroft and the parish hall coat closet.
- Requested a service call to repair the blinking light in the sanctuary.
Middle light west side.
- Left the country and went to Cambodia for almost a month.
We'll be back mid-December.



Dan Dickens

Junior Warden (for a few more months!!)



PARISH LIFE

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped prepare (especially Brooke White) for the wonderful lunch that helped make the Bishop's visit with us so special and delicious.

Thank you also to Brooke for helping prepare the lovely reception after the beautiful musical treat by Kari Novilla and her jazz trio!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and Ginger Goolsby, Linda Haas, and Henry's scouts provided and tasty Advent wreath-making afternoon. Thank you so much!



**Calling all Bakers
(and those who like to try)
Dec 17 after 10:30 service
Cookie Exchange
(bars, brownies, etc)
Bake your favorite treat
Family recipe, new to you,
anything goes
2-3 dozen**

**We will set up tables and you can
Grab what looks interesting to you!**



CHRISTMAS AT FOOD ON FOOT

Carolyn Jarnigan at Food on Foot is concentrating on giving food for the holidays as she is aware that so many people in Hamblen County are struggling to pay for food as well as other necessities.

Carolyn has asked if we will fill 100 bags for children to be given away along with a family Christmas Food Box on December 23rd.



FOF has supplied us with Christmas bags, and I have been provided with a list of specific items needed for each bag.

I took this list to both Food City and Ingles and filled a bag from each store for approximately \$15. Mary West filled one at Walmart for \$12! The bags and printed lists will be in the Parish Hall. The receipts from each store have been attached to the corresponding bags. Both of my stores had sales on some things when I shopped on November 4th.

These bags will be your gifts to the children who come to FOF, and I will not be asking for robes or any other gifts this year. If you are able, please Take a Bag and Fill a Bag and bring it back to the church by Sunday, December 17th because they need to be at the FOF warehouse by the 21st so they can prepare for the December 23rd handout.

Thank you.

Ginger Goolsby,
Member of the Outreach Committee





We will be hosting Bingo Outreach on
Wednesday, December 13th @ 12pm
 The Bingo Team is requesting \$10 gift cards
 for our Christmas season bingo.
 Please place them in the collection plate
 or give them to Kathlyn in the office.
 If you would like to give a check,
 please put "Bingo" in in the memo.
 Thank you for your support!
 The Bingo Team

ENDOWMENTS AND MEMORIALS

The All Saints' Endowment Trust committee works with individuals and families who desire to give a gift as a memorial to a loved one. Endowment gifts to the church are given in addition to the regular pledge. A pledge is essential for the church to meet its yearly budget. An endowment maintains the principal gift and uses the interest income to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ by funding parish programs. There are many ways to enhance your Christian stewardship through an endowment. The All Saints' Endowment Trust committee would welcome your thoughts on endowments to existing accounts or new endowments. For further information please contact:

Colleen Andrews

Jim Fuhr

Howard Mauney

Marylou Mauney

Sam Neill

Skeet Jernigan



Continuing What We Started:

Calling All Saints:

Daily Bread Community Kitchen

In 1993 Fr. Smokey Oats was our parish priest. That Thanksgiving he and Hobe Williams, who owned a local furniture retailer and was also very much involved with God's call, organized a turkey dinner to feed 400 out of our church. That was the beginning of what became Daily Bread in Hobe's building on Cumberland Ave.



We had a team which helped serve meals until a little before the pandemic. We are regrouping now and will serve the evening meal on first Thursday of every month at Daily Bread beginning December 7th.

We gather at Daily Bread at 4:15 PM.

All Saints' Episcopal School Hot Dog Lunch

In 2017 we started a monthly program at our school to bring the school and the parish closer by providing a monthly hot dog lunch for the students and staff at All Saints'. It was a resounding success until Covid changed all the rules.

We are restarting that program on the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning on November 28th. We gather at the church at 10:00 to get organized and then move over to the school and serve the lunch. Each of us brings some cookies to serve and the rest is provided by the parish.

Contact Bill or Robin Connellee, Sue Justis, or Marylou Mauney to help or just show up and have fun!





**SPECIAL DINNER
FOLLOWING LESSONS & CAROLS.**

After Advent Lessons and Carols this year (begins at 5:00 on Sunday, December 17th) our three scout units will be serving dinner to the entire congregation!

As usual, it's our "Hillbilly Chili" dinner.

One version is vegan, one version is traditional, and one version is very similar to "Cincinnati" or "Skyline" chili.

In addition to these three options we will have all manner of toppings for the chili (such as cheeses, sour cream, green onions) a tossed salad, bread and butter, desserts and beverages!

The scouts will also lead the diners in some Christmas sing-a-longs! This is always great fun, delicious, and there is a basket for "love offerings" as opposed to a charge for dinner.

Want to know more? Well, Pack 197's "Do Your Best" chili is the traditional version but without beans. Troop 1197's Agrarian Vegetarian chili is just that. Troop 1970's Cincinnati style has pasta and mediterranean spices! Hope to see you there.



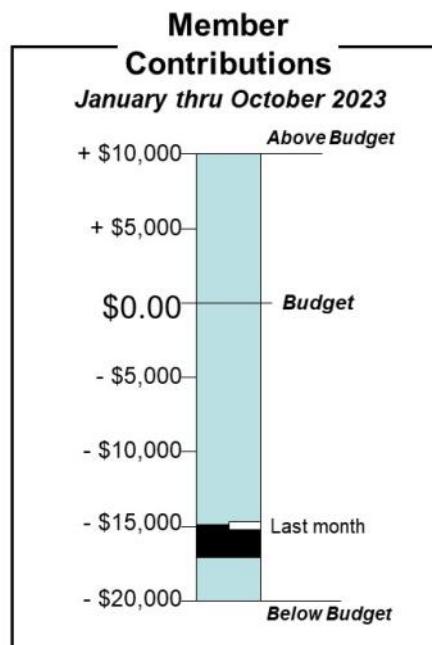
December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Hannah Yarlett
- 2 Lena Giles, Liz Holland
- 3 Janis Dixon, Michelle Zitt Brooks
Roy & Gwen Rogers*
- 6 Holley Dickens, Dan Leonard,
Howard Mauney
- 7 Sheri & Michael Chiappetta*
Isaac & Jessica Bolling*
- 9 Tony Zachmann, Michael Story
- 10 Jim Gose, Judy Altom, Robin Connellee
- 11 Jessica Bolling
- 12 Janis & Richard Dixon*
- 14 Teena Willis
- 15 David Briggs
- 19 Willow Chandler, Lynne Ann Anderson,
Shamron & Wayne Stambaugh*
- 20 Beka Selby, Samantha Selby,
Kathryn Hutchins
- 21 Christina Spencer,
Holly Hoyle-McAneny
- 22 Jackie Fleming
- 23 Sue Justis, Kenny Zitt, Jasmine Lindsey
- 25 Richard Rice, Skeet Jernigan
- 26 Teresa & Hugh Clement*
- 27 Rebecca Boatman
- 28 Susan & Jim Fuhr*
- 29 Josh Mattocks, Sarah & Jim Gose*,
Amy & Chris Sharp*
- 30 Ed Wing
- 31 Barbra Stephenson, Nancy Fishman,
Judy Yates

*Anniversary

If your name never appears on the birthday/anniversary list, that means you need to call the church office with these special dates for our records! Thanks!



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 -



Vanco Mobile
Faith Engagement
Available in the App Stores



Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns or need of prayers arise please let Brooke White, our vestry pastoral care liaison, know.

We have plenty of prayer shawls!



GRIEF SUPPORT

We will not be meeting in December.
 See you in January -
 sending prayers as you spend a holiday
 with an empty chair.
 Hugs. Janis.



SISTERHOOD GATHERING

Tuesday December 19 at 5:30
 Holstons restaurant.

THIS IS A WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL.
 Come be festive with your sisters -
 as we celebrate not only the birthday
 babes but the birth of our Jesus.
 Menu info will be by email.
 See you then.

If you don't receive the email
 or would like more info contact Janis.

Janis Dixon
 (Info in directory or contact Kathlyn in the
 office for Janis' info)



Prayer LIST

Parish Prayer List for Healing and Comfort:

Jim Gose; Louise Dyer; Margaret Blazer;
 Ashley Auton Taylor; Ward Williams;
 James Earl Carter; George Giles; Cleve Edwards;
 Whitney Dixon Mason; Mary Doherty; Rose Adams;
 Sheila Rhodes; Sam Kirkley; Darby Taylor; Mike Miller;
 Jack Fishman; Richard Rice; Renee Leonard;
 Lori Arnette; Lynda Holland Bliss; Larry Bishop;
 Violet Sky Auton; MaryBeth Rice; Nathan Knight;
 Sue Justis; Sonny Stafford; Royce Overbay;
 Martha Hall; Jamia Blazer; Zachary McAneny;
 Holly McAneny; Ashley Stamper; Betty Baker;
 Sarai Wender; Chris Barnes; Martha Simerl;
 Susan Fuhr

Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

For 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; Matt Storey; Nick Burchell;
 Rebecca & Ashley Boatman

*Those added to the prayer list for healing & comfort
 will remain on the prayer list for 3-6 weeks.*

*If removed and you would like to request more time,
 please contact the church office.*

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTISED AT
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**



FROM THE DIOCESE OF EAST TN

The 40th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

Here We Are: Heeding God's Call Again & Again

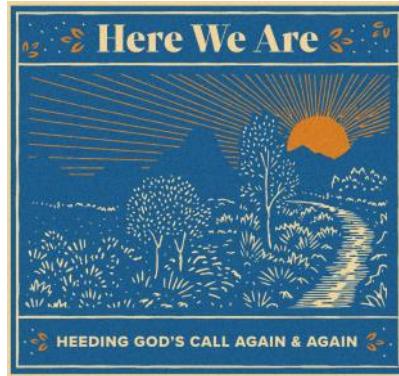
Friday, February 9th, 2024

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Knoxville

& Saturday, February 10th, 2024

Episcopal School of Knoxville

<https://www.diocesecconvention.org/>



VPR	Chris Sharp	Alex Cross	Rebecca Boatman	Dan Leonard	Colleen Andrews
8:00 AM	12/3/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	12/24/2023	12/31/2023
CRUCIFER	Earl Hall	Dave Auton	Dillon Wines	Isaac Boling	Dave Auton
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Cindi Husk	Kim Torres	Cindi Husk	Linda Leonard	Cindi Husk
2nd CHALICE	Isaac Boling	Bill Mitrik	Dave Auton	Kim Torres	Isaac Boling
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Janet Zachmann	Marylou Mauney	Janet Zachmann	Dan Leonard	Marylou Mauney
GREETERS/USHERS	Nancy Jernigan	Marylou Mauney	Robin Miller	Martha Hall	Marylou Mauney
	Skeet Jernigan	Howard Mauney	Gary Miller	Earl Hall	Howard Mauney
10:30 AM	12/3/2023	12/10/2023	12/17/2023	12/24/2023	12/31/2023
CRUCIFER	Susie Carter	Dillon Wines	Rebecca Boatman	Ginger Goolsby	Susie Carter
ACOLYTES	Ginger Goolsby	Jake Neill	Marley Sharp	Jake Neill	Rebecca Boatman
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Liz Holland	Lauren Cordle	Bill Mitrik	Mark Joyce	Dan Dickens
2nd CHALICE	Mark Joyce	Ginger Goolsby	Dan Dickens	Carolyn Dean	Ginger Goolsby
OT LECTOR	Jeannine Rosso	Cindy Selby	Ethel Rhodes	Sarah Gose	Alex Cross
NT LECTOR	Martie Anderson	Cookie Larkin	Judy Yates	Anne Ross	Lynn Cross
PRESENTERS	Lena Giles	Sam Neill	Rebecca Fowler	Judy Yates	Lena Giles
	George Giles	Amy Neill	Mary West	Jack Yates	George Giles
SOUND/VIDEO	Skeet J. & Bob H.	Jim F. & Bob H.	Jim F. & Bob H.	Larry McG. & Wayne S.	Larry McG. & Wayne S.
GREETERS/USHERS	Louise Joyce	Lynn Cross	Judy Yates	Sam Neill	Janis Dixon
	Janis Dixon	Nickie Smith	Jack Yates	Amy Neill	Louise Joyce
	Rebecca Fowler	Rhonda Doherty	Valen Auker	Nickie Smith	Rhonda Doherty
	Anne Ross	Rebecca Fowler	Anne Ross	Lynn Cross	Holley Dickens
ALTAR GUILD	Team 3 (Susie Carter, Sheri Chiappetta, Isaac Boling, Noah Adkins)	Team 4 (Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandra Hoyle)	Team 1 (Amy Sharp, Sue Justis, Chantal Combs)	Team 2 (Carolyn Dean, Janis Dixon, Rebecca Fowler, Mary West)	Team 3 (Susie Carter, Sheri Chiappetta, Isaac Boling, Noah Adkins)

VPR	Dan Leonard
	5pm 12/24
CRUCIFER	Dave Auton
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Linda Leonard
2nd CHALICE	Colleen Andrews
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Sarah Gose
GREETERS/USHERS	Anne Ross
	10:30pm 12/24
VPR	Nickie Smith
CRUCIFER	Rebecca Boatman
	Marley & Hayden
ACOLYTES	Sharp
THURIFER	Dillon Wines
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Cindi Husk
2nd CHALICE	Mark Joyce
OT LECTOR	Martie Anderson
NT LECTOR	Paige Mattocks
PRESENTERS	Beka Selby
	Cindy Selby
SOUND/VIDEO	
GREETERS/USHERS	Jack Yates
	Judy Yates
	Valen Auker
	Keith Auker

If unable to serve as scheduled, please find your own replacement then communicate the change with the VPR & church office as soon as possible.

Thank you!

New wellness class offered by Larry McGowan

Qigong – literally translated means breath work.

Qigong classes have begun and you can join at any time.

Tuesdays at 10am in the Undercroft at All Saints.

The 24 Posture Therapeutic Qigong is a series of exercises that work the whole body.

This is not strenuous exercise.

It is designed to boost “chi/energy” and improve overall health.

Larry McGowan, certified Level 1 instructor, will be leading this class.



If you need access to the church directory please let Kathlyn,
our parish administrator, know!

We can get you set up with our online/app directory!

We are currently utilizing Instant Church Directory but will be making the transition to Realm throughout the next year.

All are welcome to contribute to our monthly Saints Alive Newsletter.

If you have an article or an event you would like to submit for publication,
please email contributions to Kathlyn by the 20th of each month
for the next month's Saints Alive.
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