

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

NOVEMBER

7 Stephanie Hickman
11 *George & Joy Sullivan*
12 Claire Bowes
13 Jake Twitty
18 Aaron Gillis
18 Alaena Sullivan (child)
23 Mara Ballard
27 Jennifer Gillis

DECEMBER

2 Tom Locklair
2 Walter Spencer
3 Marcy Ballard
5 Kevin Marshall
6 Vic Sakellarios
8 Rebecca Kenner
8 Barbara Owens
13 Jacob Gillis (child)
14 Izzy Blevins (child)
17 Sue Sakellarios
18 Katie Morgan
21 Mark Gilliam
23 Tracey Washburn
23 *Will & Tracey Washburn*
26 Barbara Ulmer
27 Arpina Markarian
27 Patricia Cheek
27 Mikael Owens
28 Michael Fish

Who's Who at All Saints'

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Lay Ministry: ML Tanner

Lay Chaplain: Barbara Robinson

Youth Ministry: Rebecca Kenner

INASMUCH: Karen Weathers

President of ECW: Nancy Brooks/Debra Spencer

Men's Group: Mark Gilliam

St. Anne's: Nancy Brooks

St. Mary's: Delores Goodwin

Vestry

Meets 2nd Wed. of Month 6 pm

Christian Formation Team: Katie Morgan

Meets 4th Tues. of Month 6 pm

Parish Life Team: Iris Kleinlercher

See Bulletin for dates

Stewardship Team: Debra Spencer

Meets 1st Thurs. of Month 6:30 pm

Facilities Team: Karen Weathers

Meets 3rd Wed. of Month 6 pm

Spiritual Life Team: ML Tanner

Meets 2nd Tues. of Month 6:30pm

Delegates to 2020 Convention: Debra Spencer, ML Tanner,

Frances Shearer, Gavin Kenner

Alternates: Delores Goodwin, Barbara Robinson

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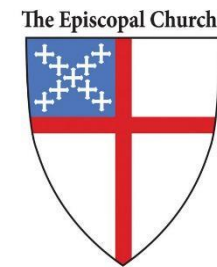
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Dear All Saints' Community,

Here we are moving into traditional holiday season in a time that doesn't feel very festive. Many have cancelled plans for big family gatherings at Thanksgiving or Christmas. It seems like COVID reaches closer and closer to us all, as the numbers of those infected keep rising. Businesses are struggling; schools are an astonishing mixture ranging from full closure to hybrid days to full indoor classes. And we are all getting so-o-o tired of it!

What would Jesus say to us? In the Gospel of John, just before his arrest, Jesus summed up everything he had been teaching by telling the disciples: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11). What an extraordinary gift! What Jesus hopes for us is that in any moment, no matter how stressful, we can listen and learn and remember that his joy is in us and we are already opened to it, to be filled with it.

The other thing he gave to the disciples (and us) that evening was his peace: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27). And, as Frederick Buechner has noted, "...for Jesus peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle, but the presence of love." (*Wishful Thinking*, p.83). We can live in the midst of struggle, and still be open to peace and full of joy.

May the peace and joy of Jesus be with you in the coming weeks,

Patricia+

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November/December 2020 Newsletter





Altar Guild News

It is wonderful worshipping together in the sanctuary each

Sunday. The process is a little different with social distancing, but the worship is still the same, filled with scripture, music, prayer and Eucharist. Please join us as you feel comfortable. November 1st is our All Saints Day service, at 9:00 am with bagpiper & drum. This always lifts our spirits. As in the past, we will also have the reading of the names of loved ones past.

The Advent and Christmas season is a busy time for the Altar Guild. During the Advent season, beginning Nov 29th, the greens decorate the sanctuary. The Christmas tree will be decorated and lit during the Christmas season beginning with the Christmas Eve service, Dec 24th at 7:00pm.

There will be 12 poinsettias sold this year, the same as last year. The cost is \$17.50. Different this year: all orders and dedications are to be emailed or called to Barbara Robinson. When all 12 poinsettias are sold, ordering will close. Sale begins Nov 29th.

In difficult times, we remember much to be grateful for, and much to celebrate in our community of faith.

From the Spiritual Life Team



Above all, fear the Lord and worship Him faithfully with all your heart; consider the great things He has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24 CSB

What a year it has been! I think we can all agree that 2020 has been, in a word, unexpected. We're all adjusting to doing things differently and that includes how we do church. Thankfully, we've been back in the sanctuary for several weeks now where we are able to worship, pray, sing, learn, and celebrate the Eucharist together as a faith family.

Mark your calendar and set your alarm: All Saints' Day is just around the corner and it is happening in conjunction with Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to fall back an hour that Sunday! To accommodate our bagpiper, worship will take place at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 1. Names for the necrology will be collected by Patricia via email or telephone. In lieu of lighting individual candles to commemorate loved ones, the altar will have votive candles on it to be lit by the lay minister.

In other news, Advent is coming! November 29 is the first Sunday in this season. What a wonderful time to worship together and consider all the great things God has done for us, even in the midst of crisis. On the third Sunday in Advent, December 13, we will have our traditional service of Lessons and Carols. Before we know it, it will be Christmas Eve when we will gather for one service at 7 p.m. We will wrap up the Christmas season on January 10, 2021 with the Epiphany service.

Let's finish out 2020 together as a faith-filled, worshipping community!

**Altar Guild Schedule
November-December 2020**

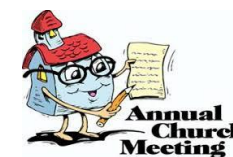
Month	Date	Altar Guild	Hanging Color	Information
Nov	1	Barbara	White	All Saints Day 9:00 am
	8	Cindi	Green	23 rd Pentecost
	15	Tracey	Green	24 th Pentecost
	22	Barbara	White	Christ the King
	29	Barbara	Blue	1 st Advent
Dec	6	Cindi	Blue	2 nd Advent
	13	Tracey	Rose	3 rd Advent
	20	Barbara	Blue	4 th Advent
	24	All Altar Guild	White	Christmas Eve 7:00 pm
	27	Barbara	White	1 st Sunday



HELP US UPDATE THE ALL SAINTS' DIRECTORY!

If your address, phone number, or email address has changed, please notify Patricia in writing through email, snail mail, or a note dropped in the collection basket. We will distribute the updated Directory at the November 29th Annual Meeting. Updates should be submitted by November 22nd.

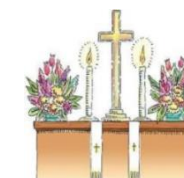
ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th



It will be in the church after the 10:30am service. Please check your emails for information about

the meeting, especially the documents about proposed amendments to the By-laws. Copies were emailed to the All Saints' Community, and paper copies were snail mailed.

If you have not received the proposed amendments, please contact Patricia. The Annual Meeting Agenda will include: Election of new Vestry members, election of delegates to the 2021 Diocesan Convention, voting on the Proposed Amendments, and a review of the 2021 budget. We will hand out folders with Team Reports, Rector Report, Updated Directory, and liturgical calendars will be available. Please plan to attend this meeting!



Flower/Candle Ministry

Thank you for supporting the flower and candle ministry at All Saints. As you know, the flowers and candles that adorn our sanctuary each week comes from a financially self-sustain ministry. All of the 2020 dates were filled.

The 2021 chart for flowers and candles will be available beginning Nov 29th. Barbara Robinson will have it available following the Annual Parish Meeting and then it will be located on the bulletin board next to the church office. The costs remain the same: flowers \$45.00 and candles \$8.00.

A lovely opportunity to help this ministry as well as remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or thanksgiving!



**ALL SAINTS DAY is Sunday,
November 1st**

We will have our usual wonderful service with bagpipe and drum, but there will be a few changes. First of all, the time of the service is 9am. We had to do this to accommodate the bagpiper's schedule. And, remember, it's Daylight Saving Time.

Second, we will not be exiting the church after the service to gather around the bell. We will remain seated as the bagpiper plays in the doorway to the narthex.

Third, we will not have the usual bowl of sand to put individual candles into in someone's memory. Instead, we will have an array of votive candles on the altar.

And, finally, we will not have people fill out slips of paper with the names of loved ones to be read aloud. Instead, we ask that you email, snail mail, or text Patricia with the names.

pandemic, no longer seem so strange. I have enjoyed seeing those of you who feel comfortable coming to church, even though we must be masked. I'm thankful for the new ways we have learned to worship together and for the resiliency of this parish family. I'm thankful for Pastor Patricia and her leadership as we continue to navigate the pandemic. I know that you will be as supportive of the next Senior Warden as you have been of me.

In addition to rotating off Vestry, it's time for me to pass the torch as acolyte master and lay ministry coordinator. Gavin Kenner has graciously agreed to assume these roles, beginning in December. Please join me in thanking Gavin for his willingness to serve. We will be continuing the use of one person as acolyte/lay minister for most services for the time being. I am sincerely thankful for those of you who are willing to serve in this multipurpose role.



**Greetings from the Parish
Life Team!**

Our team would like to thank you all for your continued

support during this difficult time. During a pandemic, the essential needs of all people are sometimes hard to meet. As Christians we are called to help others in need. Our All Saints' family never fails to do so.

Food banks and clothing closets have many more requests for help due to the economic impact of COVID. Here at All Saints' we support Fresh Start at Saint Luke's. While their clothes closet will not

reopen until remodeling is finished, they still offer hot meals on Saturdays. They also do laundry for the homeless and will soon be distributing groceries again. Laundry detergent, paper towels and personal hygiene items are always needed. Not all donated can foods have pull tabs so we are now collecting pocket-size can openers. With winter coming we are also collecting twin-size lightweight blankets that can be easily carried with them. They do not have to be new but in good condition. Anything given in love is always a blessing.

Love and God's peace be with you all.
Parish Life Team

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor." Proverbs 22:9. KJV

**United Thank Offering
Fall Ingathering - November 15**



In these challenging times, gratitude can sometimes be difficult to find. While it may be a challenge, it is not impossible. The United Thank Offering reminds us that it is in the mundane that we find the most joy and thanks for the everyday ins and outs. Whether it is in gratitude for a small star in the sky that you are depositing your coins in the blue box or a burst of sunshine

glowing through the clouds on an afternoon walk that leads you to place a few bills in the box, no matter the size, all is appreciated. We have placed several copies of November 2020 Gratitude Challenge booklets in the narthex beginning November 1. Please feel free to grab a copy to participate at home or print from this link:

https://episcopalchurch.org/files/uto_november_2020_gratitude_challenge_booklet.pdf

All Saints' Fall Ingathering will be November 15. We ask that cash (no coins) or checks be placed in the decorative blue box in the narthex for easier collection and counting during the current pandemic.

Ever Grateful in Christ,
Rebecca Kenner
Joy Sullivan



From the Senior Warden:

I can hardly believe that my year as Senior Warden is coming to an end. What a strange and interesting year it has been! It has been wonderful to be able to engage in corporate worship again. The services in the garden were a special experience for me. Our services back inside the church, while very different from what we were used to before the