

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

July

3 Pam Wise
 9 Harper Kate Owens (child)
 10 Marion Johnson
 14 Jason Priester
 16 Patricia Sexton
 19 Susan Gilliam
 20 Nancy Rattelade
 25 Nancy Kress
 28 Frances Shearer
 28 Lura Twitty (child)

August

1 Matthew Gillis (child)
 2 Tom & Sallie Marcil
 5 Emily Crawford
 6 Robert Priester
 7 Debra Spencer
 10 Robby Barton
 10 Barbara Robinson
 12 Theresa & Marion Johnson
 14 Helen Cooke
 16 Frances Twitty (child)
 20 Gavin Kenner
 21 Adam Feigh
 26 Kathy Minshew
 30 Jeanie Senn
 30 Mary Williams

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Youth Ministry: Rebecca Kenner

INASMUCH: Karen Weathers

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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 5:30 pm

Facilities Team: Karen Weathers

Meets 3rd Wed. of Month 6 pm

Spiritual Life Team: Sarah Weaver

Meets 2nd Tues. of Month 6:00pm

Delegates to 2020 Convention: Debra Spencer, ML Tanner,
 Frances Shearer, Gavin Kenner

Alternates: Delores Goodwin, Barbara Robinson

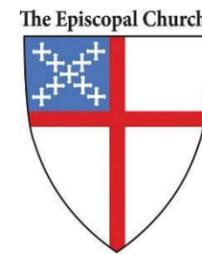
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July/August 2020 Newsletter

July 2020

Dear All Saints' Community,

Over the last few weeks I have talked to parishioners who do not know anyone who has tested positive or died from COVID-19 and wonder if it's really all that bad, and I have talked with parishioners who are grieving the loss of multiple friends from this disease. I, personally, know many people who have tested positive, and just this week alone, I have two friends whose parents died from the disease.

As sheltered or personally safe as we may feel, we must keep in mind that hundreds of thousands of people are struggling to cope with this disease and its effects. It bears repeating that we can look out for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ by simply wearing masks, washing hands, and observing social distancing.

I know we are all getting weary of this separation and interruption of our daily lives, but it's easy to see the effects of abandoning precautions on Memorial Day week-end and the 4th of July in the skyrocketing numbers of new cases in South Carolina and elsewhere. Until we have a better handle on dealing with this virus through treatment and a vaccine, we need to be vigilant. The most helpful advice I can think of to deal with all of this is looking at everything through the lens of the Great Commandment: love God, love your neighbor, love yourself. Amen!

Peace,

Patricia+



Altar Guild News

We all look forward to worshipping together soon.

Until then, please continue to read the lessons and sermon sent by Pastor Patricia each week.

Also, there are online services that provide opportunities to worship, some local as well as from the National Cathedral. I have enjoyed

listening to different speakers from the National Cathedral. The historian John Meacham spoke a couple of weeks ago and was quite interesting!

Details with our reopening will be sent out from Pastor Patricia; based on meeting the guidelines from the diocese and as Bishop Waldo permits.

Hopefully soon... Until then, flowers and candle dedications are on hold and do not need to be paid. We will reschedule those to another date.

Wash your hands, wear a mask, and social distance!

Barbara R

Altar Guild Schedule July-August 2020

Month	Date	Altar Guild	Hanging Color	Information
July	5	Barbara	Green	5 th Pentecost
	12	Cindi	Green	6 th Pentecost
	19	Tracey	Green	7 th Pentecost
	26	Karen/Jano	Green	8 th Pentecost
August	2	Barbara	Green	9 th Pentecost
	9	Cindi	Green	10 th Pentecost
	16	Tracey	Green	11 th Pentecost
	23	Karen/Jano	Green	12 th Pentecost
	30	Barbara	Green	13 th Pentecost

Small Steps Toward Reopening

It has been frustrating for everyone to be away from Sunday worship for so long, but the reality is that we are still in the midst of increasing numbers of new COVID-19 cases in South Carolina – we are currently one of the world’s “hot spots.” For the safety of all, Bishop Andrew Waldo has tied reopening in larger numbers to a decline in new COVID-19 cases, and that’s not happening.

So, what *can* we do? We can meet in groups of 10 or less indoors and larger groups outdoors. Everyone is required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. At All Saints’ we are doing the following:

- The Vestry and Teams are meeting in person in the Parish Hall on our regular monthly schedule.
- Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesdays at 11am on July 22nd
- Early on, we considered holding outdoor services, but there was little interest to do so. But, after so long apart, we have decided to go forward with a simple **9am Morning Prayer service starting on July 26th**. The service will be outdoors, and we are making plans to have music available in some way. Services will be cancelled if there is bad weather on any given Sunday. Bring your own chairs or blankets; wear a mask; sit where directed by ushers; bulletins we be emailed and you can print out your own copy or bring your ipad or smartphone; a minimal number of printed bulletins will be available at the service.
- We will meet outdoors each Sunday until we enter the next phase which allows for 25 or less people indoors.

At that time we will hold two services of 25 people each Sunday. (More information to come when we move into that phase).

I know all of this is difficult, but the motivation behind it is to love our neighbors as ourselves – to protect the health and safety of our community.

Patricia+



Bible Study Resumes July 22nd

What follows is the text of a letter I sent recently to frequent attendees of Bible Study:

When we last met we were studying NT Wright’s “The New Testament in its World” on video. We planned on alternating that with book/Bible study. I have been studying the Book of Ecclesiastes during this “break,” and I would like to start with that. Besides the usual commentary, I have been reading *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End* by David Gibson.

Here is the blurb from the back cover: **“What if it is death that teaches us how to truly live?”**

Keeping the end in mind shapes how we live our lives in the here and now. Living life backward means taking the one thing in our future that is certain—death—and letting that inform our journey before we get there.

Looking to the book of Ecclesiastes for wisdom, *Living Life Backward* was written to shake up our expectations and priorities for what it means to live “the good life.”

Considering the reality of death helps us pay attention to our limitations as human beings and receive life as a wondrous gift from God—freeing us to live wisely, generously, and faithfully for God’s glory and the good of his world.”

Needless to say, it has been an interesting and appropriate read during this COVID season. And it turns out that the Book of Ecclesiastes has more depth than I imagined! We will break at some point to go briefly back to the videos and then return to finish Ecclesiastes.

If you are interested in attending Bible Study, you need to let me know, so I can get a sense of the possible numbers (because we are currently limited to 10).

Blessings,

Patricia+

CENSUS 2020!



Have you completed the 2020 Census yet? Approximately 40% of US households still need to complete the Census. The numbers of people reported in the Census determines the amount of funding provided for schools, hospitals, highways, and more. It only takes about 5 minutes to complete online, and it will make a difference in funding for SC. You can complete the Census survey at www.2020census.gov

The Great EpisGOpal Race



What is the Great EpisGOpal Race?

Let's show our gratitude for all of the ministries responding to the COVID-19 pandemic while staying active! Register for the Great EpisGOpal Race Virtual Run/Walk to support the 2020 UTO Ingathering. You're invited to join us anytime July 24 through August 1 to run or walk, indoors or outdoors, bike, skate, scooter or skateboard, for a half marathon, 10K, 5K or 1 Mile "your way". With a whole week to complete the event, we ask that you please adhere to all CDC recommended social distancing guidelines, maintain a safe distance from others and avoid trails and walking paths during peak times. To register go to:

<https://unitedthankoffering.org/race/>

There is a group for the Upper Diocese. If interested or need help registering email Rebecca Kenner.



South Carolinians Reducing the Spread and Impact of Covid19

During this pandemic, I have been sewing masks for the group "South Carolinians Reducing the Spread and Impact of Covid19." Some days it's been trying when my sewing machine refuses to cooperate. Friends

have given me lots of fabric pieces, so I told them that they have helped to contribute to this project. I'm very thankful that we are able to be a part of this activity for our communities.

Delores

#ItsGrowTime from the Kenners



The time in quarantine at home has afforded us the opportunity to grow in various capacities. The first is our garden. Our previous attempts in years past have failed, but this year we successfully grew a vegetable garden and have enjoyed the fruits of our labor. Squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes have been plentiful. We are thankful for the food and the experience of watching and waiting for something to grow. Each morning, we walk out to hunt under the leaves and on the trellis like it's treasure...what's bloomed, what's hanging on the vines or what needs an extra day to ripen. Oh the joy!

Gavin has returned to work and is keeping busy with his lawn business. Kelby and Rebecca are still hanging out together at the house. He's grown several inches and will probably be 6 foot tall by the time we return to regular services. SC Governor's School Summer Music Camp plans were dashed but online resources are being developed for July. Yeah!!

The other new growth in our household is education. Kelby has been recently diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. We are processing and learning so much to better equip and prepare to ourselves to tackle this new lifelong change in a positive way. Thank you all for the continued prayers.

We hope and pray our church family are all doing well. We miss you and look forward to being together soon. But for now, stay safe and take care.

Love, Grace, and Peace,
The Kenner Family

CALENDAR

July

- 8 Vestry 6pm
- 9 Stewardship Team 5:30pm
- 14 Spiritual Life Team 6pm
- 15 Facilities Team 6pm
- 26 9am outdoor Morning Prayer
- 28 Christian Formation Team 6pm

August

See Sunday bulletins for worship dates

- 6 Stewardship Team 5:30pm
- 11 Spiritual Life Team 6pm
- 12 Vestry 6pm
- 19 Facilities Team 6pm
- 25 Christian Formation Team 6pm

Senior Warden

I hope this finds you safe and healthy. When I wrote my article for the last newsletter, I was optimistic that we would be worshipping together by now. All that we've been experiencing over the past few months has occasionally had me feeling all sorts of things, from scared to sad to alone to hopeful to You get the idea.

I've been trying to read, listen to music, and spend time outside to take a break from the constant news coverage and keep from feeling overwhelmed. Two books that I have really enjoyed are *Guardians of Being* by Eckhart Tolle and *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox, and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. They are short books, with lovely illustrations and messages about being present and being kind.

Are you familiar with the white house on Forest Drive that has the two "robots" standing on the second story patio? Those robots have had a couple of good messages recently. The first time I noticed their banner, it said, "Wash Your Hands". The last time I saw them, they had donned masks and their banner said, "Be Kind". Let's wash our hands, wear our masks, and above all, be kind.

