



All Saints' Episcopal Church SAINTS ALIVE!

106 West Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

December 2009

REFRAINS:

Get Ready: Something's Coming

"If you're not ready for Christmas, just remember: Mary wasn't ready for Jesus either." —Phoebe Griswold

On November 15, I received a resignation letter from Lynn Staininger, our Assistant Music Director, and leader of the Great Hall musicians. Lynn has said "yes" to a new opportunity: to become the Music Director at Evangelical Lutheran Church's Urbana congregation, working closely with the Rev. Dave Albertson. Lynn will begin her new season of ministry on January 1, 2010.

I was not ready for Lynn's resignation. Although staff do come and go over time in a large church like All Saints', Lynn has been a mainstay of the staff and the Great Hall congregation for nearly six years. Her professionalism and the extraordinary musical gifts she shares will be greatly missed. We will need to celebrate well her season of ministry among us at the end of December.

Two weeks earlier, Tracy Boyd, our interim administrative assistant and a member of All Saints', finished her six-month term, as planned, and turned her job over to Alyssia Gilbert. Tracy did a stellar job in this transition time, helping us begin to shape a new vision for that staff position, as we focus more intently on communication for All Saints' in the 21st-century.

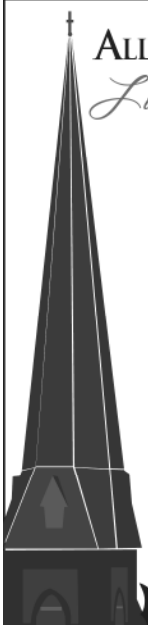
I was ready for Tracy's resignation. And yet, I was not. It was hard, as it will be with Lynn, to see her leave a job done with consistent excellence. It's not about Tracy and Lynn moving away. They will still be around and among us, here in Frederick, and for that, we rejoice. It's about not being ready for the end of things as we knew them. It's about loss, about saying goodbye. And it's about saying hello.

Every year, right after Thanksgiving, we begin a new season the church calls Advent. "Something's coming," say the lyrics from that great musical *West Side Story*. In Advent, something's ending, so something can start. Something and

Someone are coming, something and Someone we didn't expect. We need to get ready (again). Throughout life we need, hard as it is sometimes, to get ready again for both goodbyes and hellos.

Years ago I had the pleasure of meeting Phoebe Griswold. A fierce advocate of ending world hunger through her ministry with Heifer International and a founding member of the International Anglican Women's Network (all of which I am convinced she would have done even if she had not been the spouse of our retired Presiding Bishop), Phoebe is unafraid to speak her mind and heart. It is she who once wrote an article about Mary, the young, unmarried peasant woman who was not ready to give birth to anyone, let alone a Messiah, but said "yes!" Sisters and brothers, if we are not ready - for Christmas, for changes, for life - we need to remember: we are in very good company indeed!

- In Christ, Tom



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lively, Prayerful, Welcoming

We invite you to celebrate this exciting and holy season with us. Our Christmas services are:

CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24

In the Great Hall
4:00 pm Family Holy Eucharist


In the Historic Church
7:40 pm Musical Prelude and Holy Eucharist with Harpist, Beth Myers

10:40 pm Musical Prelude and Festive Eucharist with Harpist, Beth Myers

CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, December 25

In the Historic Church
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December is a busy month around All Saints' when it comes to worship. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 this year. We'll continue our tradition of having a family light the advent wreath in the Great Hall. Here are some special services during Advent and Christmas you'll want to mark you calendar for:

Advent Lessons & Carols

December 13: L&C in the Historic Church

December 20: L&C in the Great Hall

Christmas Eve Services:

4:00 p.m. Great Hall

7:40 p.m. Historic Church with Oxford Carolers

10:40 p.m. Historic Church Festive Eucharist
with incense and full choir

Musical Preludes in the Historic Church
begin at 7:40 and 10:40, and last for 20 minutes.

December 27 will be a Christmas Lessons & Carols combined service at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. Since Christmas is such a short season in the life of the church, this will be an opportunity to join together and sing many of our favorite Christmas hymns that we don't get to sing very often.

Our next date for baptisms will be on Sunday, January 10, the Baptism of Christ. If you or someone in your family is interested in baptism, please contact Fr. Tommy at 301-663-5625 ext. 106 or rev.thomas.rogers@gmail.com. There will be a baptismal preparation class on Wednesday, January 6 at 6 p.m. in the Historic Church.

The worship team is also planning an instructed Eucharist to take place during Epiphany in both the Great Hall and Historic Church services.

-The Rev. Thomas Rogers III

THE CARE TEAMS NEED YOUR EYES & EARS!

Cards, visits and calls help us to maintain close ties with our homebound parishioners who are not able to actively participate in worship services and parish life. We make every effort to keep our contact information for these people current, but we could use your help. If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home, or if you are aware of someone you feel would appreciate contact from the CareTeams or a member of the clergy, please contact Melanie Eyster (240-385-3651 or melanie.eyster@yahoo.com), Jackie Gambill (301-606-5814 or jamgambill@comcast.net), or the church office.

-Jackie Gambill

ADVENT—A TIME OF PREPARATION

A four-week Advent Program starting Sunday morning, November 29 at 9:15 in the Forum of Faith (Parish Hall)

Led by the Rector and others, we will examine the ancient practices of waiting, patience, preparation and anticipation as we get ready for the birth of the Christ among us again. Come and bring a friend!

STEWARDSHIP SCRIPTURE FOR 2010

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the *same Spirit* gives them.

There are different ways of serving,
but the *same Lord* is served.

There are different abilities to perform service,
but the *same God* gives ability to everyone
for their particular service.

*The Spirit's presence is shown in some way
in each person for the good of all.”*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

The difference between our cup being half full
or half empty is YOU!

Have you made your pledge commitment of
Time, Talent and Treasure for 2010? Each drop counts!

*-Your Stewardship Committee: Sharon O'Rear, Bruce Fleming,
Donna Seniff, Eleanor Peckham, and Tim Morgan*

TRINITY SCHOOL UPDATE

December is a busy one for the Trinity School community. Trinity will be participating in the annual Kris Kringle procession in downtown Frederick on Friday, December 4. In addition to classes, projects, and field trips, Trinity students have been busy practicing for their Christmas pageant, to be held on Friday, December 18 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend this lovely interpretation of the Christmas story.

Trinity's Children's Choir is performing in a wonderful Christmas concert with the Lester family on Sunday, December 6 at All Saints' Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. The Lesters will be performing new songs from their recently released CD "Rejoice! Another Christmas with the Lesters." Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with ticket sales and CD sales benefitting the Trinity School of Frederick. Tickets are available online at www.trinityschooloffrederick.org. This concert is a "best kept secret" in Frederick—the music is truly breathtaking. Please join us if you are able.

Our students will share their blessings this Christmas season as they collect gifts for local families in need. Trinity's Giving Tree is an annual tradition at the school and teaches our children the importance of caring for others in need.

In January, Trinity School will begin the admissions season in earnest. This wonderful school has recently made headlines for bringing the mayoral and alderman candidates to Frederick for a town hall meeting with our middle school students. The school also increased enrollment dramatically during the current difficult economy. The small class sizes, customized teaching styles, and nurturing environment make it possible for our students to reach their full potential as they experience a traditional liberal arts curriculum that is delivered in spectacularly creative ways. Please come and visit to see what we mean by "once in a lifetime school." Call 301-228-2333 to schedule a tour or visit www.trinityschooloffrederick.org for a list of open house dates. Merry Christmas to all!

-Kathleen Krach

Trinity School is a partner ministry of All Saints' Church

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS

Exciting new things are happening . . .
Be part of the energy!
Contact Rev. Kay Rice at 301-663-5625
if you are interested in participating.

INTRODUCING COFFEE HOUR TEAMS

New to All Saints' is the formation of Coffee Hour Teams as part of the Fellowship Ministry. Coffee hour is a time-honored tradition at All Saints'. After the 10:30 a.m. services, parishioners have been treated to coffee, sweets, veggies and other snacks as the Great Hall and Historic Church services come together to talk and enjoy each other's company.

Providing this every week can be quite a challenge. To help provide this and give everyone the opportunity to participate, Coffee Hour Teams have been formed. Four teams currently exist, lead by Larry Schodroski, Donna Seniff, Sharon O'Rear and Scarlett Gibb. Teams will rotate weeks, setting up the coffee, providing the snacks and cleaning up. Special events, such as All Saints' Day or Homecoming will still need everyone's assistance.

If you think you would like to help out once every five weeks or so, please contact one of the Team Leaders. If you would like to start your own team, please contact Bill or Scarlett Gibb at gibbs@od.nih.gov or peppermon@msn.com.

-Scarlett Gibb

SAINT MARY'S GREENS SALE

Beautiful artistic prints, cookbooks, and Christmas cards are among the items available at the Greens Sale from December 3 through December 6 at the St. Mary's table. The Christmas cards, note cards and cookbooks are also available in the office. For more information, call Harriet Litras at 301-694-7055.



*Holiday Gifts
and Greens Sale*

Thursday, December 3
10 am to 7:30 pm

Friday & Saturday, December 4-5
10 am to 4 pm

*Gifts for all occasions
Fresh-cut Frederick County greens
Decorated table-top trees
Christmas ornaments
Potted amaryllis and paperwhites
Wreaths, swags, centerpieces
and Much More!*

Soup, Sandwich & Dessert Lunch available

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

How should we do the Christmas pageant? Should we go back to the old way of doing things or continue with the tradition started several years ago? The old way of doing things looked like this: Several weeks before the pageant, the Sunday school children were assigned roles based on their grade. If they had speaking parts, they would practice their lines at home, and at least one Sunday school class time was used for the entire cast to rehearse the play. Then, the Sunday before Christmas, the pageant was held in the Historic Church during the Christian formation hour.

Recently, we have done a more spontaneous “do-it-yourself-on-the-spot” Christmas pageant. The pageant occurs during the evening; this year it’s on a Friday. The children show up, choose the parts they want to play and dress in the appropriate costumes, and then are led through the story by a narrator. There are no lines to memorize and no rehearsals to attend except a quick run-through without music before the final pageant is performed with music. The pageant is followed by a potluck dinner.

There are pros and cons to both ways of doing the pageant, and I struggled with the decision of which type of

pageant to have this year. One of All Saints’ wise men asked me, “Who is the pageant for? Is it for the children, or is it for the parents and grandparents?” My choice became clear. The Christmas pageant is for the children, and I believe the less rehearsed pageant serves the children better. The objective of the pageant is not to entertain or to be entertained. The purpose is to experience the Christmas story. The children pick the parts they want to be, and they get to play pretend. They are allowed to experience the pageant from the perspective they choose, which I believe makes it more meaningful for them. There is no pressure for the children to memorize lines and perform, and therefore, enables them to *be* in the moment. Is the final production a pristine Broadway show? Of course not. Is it entertaining? Absolutely!

I hope you will join us this year for our spontaneous, not perfect, and very meaningful Christmas pageant on Friday, December 18 at 6 p.m., in the Great Hall. Please follow the weekly bulletins for more information about the potluck dinner, which will be organized by the Fellowship Committee.

-Rixey Hoult



Katherine Grandine, Millie Cody and Rev. Columba Gilliss

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING OFFICERS

The Daughters of the King installed their new officers for 2009-2011: Katherine Grandine, President, Denise Parker, Vice-President, Millie Cody, Secretary, and Betty Hedges, Treasurer. The Daughters of the King is an international order for praying and spiritual reflection, for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. We hold monthly meetings and sponsor a variety of spiritually enriching programs. On January 16, 2010, DOK and Christian Formation are sponsoring a Quiet Morning of Meditation. Look for more information in the January Saints Alive!

ALL SAINTS’ SUMMER DAY CAMP 2010?

Unfortunately, there’s a strong possibility that All Saints’ will not have its traditional summer day camp in 2010. This past year, Bill Gibb and his team did a wonderful job with camp. However, there were not enough players. The Junior counselors outnumbered the campers, and there were not nearly enough adult volunteers, which made running the camp arduous for the people who could help. A decision will be made about the viability of camp in early January. All Saints’ Summer Day Camp is usually held the last week of July. If you would like to see this All Saints’ tradition continue and can make a commitment to the camp, please contact Rixey Hoult by January 1, 2010.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

There will be no Christian Formation classes on December 27 and January 3. Classes will resume on January 10, 2010.

If you have questions about the Children’s Christian Formation program, contact me at church (301-663-5625), home (301-696-0172), or rixeyann@comcast.net.

Merry Christmas!

-Rixey Hoult

HABITAT UPDATE—MADISON STREET

Well, it has been a bit of a strange path to get to a point where we can consider building our next Habitat for Humanity project, but I think we are beginning to round the corner. Habitat has completed the rehab work on 512 South Street. The property has been sold to a buyer, and once settled, half of that money will go to helping us get started on our Madison Street project of a duplex home for two fantastic single moms and their families. As you may have noted, there are storage sheds being constructed on the properties, which is a starting point for our builds. We use these sheds for storage of materials and equipment as we begin to build. So we are off and running—well maybe not a run, but we are starting!

Next we will be removing trees from the lot to enable us to lay out and position our foundation concrete slab. Some excavation will be needed; if you know of an excavator willing to donate the work, that would be an amazing help in the cost of the project. Even better, if you know of a concrete company willing to donate or provide at cost, wow, that would be huge! Before all this can happen we need to pay \$73,000 in building and impact fees. This is a very large mountain to climb, and unlike other county Habitats around us, it does not look like any part of these fees will be relieved from Habitat Frederick. Once fees and foundation are in, then it is off to framing and getting the homes under roof—this is the exciting part because we can

ALL SAINTS' GIVING TREE

Once again, All Saints' will be participating in the Giving Tree outreach project to help make the Christmases of local families much brighter. This year, All Saints' will be working with the Frederick Rescue Mission and with the Religious Coalition to complete this very important project. Parishioners of All Saints' have always been very generous by "adopting" angels off of the Giving Tree and remembering that it is always better to give than to receive. Also, the youth of All Saints' have made all of the ornaments for the tree as part of their experience of engaging and living into the Gospel.

The Giving Tree will be placed in the Upper Gathering Space on Sunday, November 29, will be staffed after all of the Sunday services by a member of our committee, and will stay up through December 13. Your wrapped gifts must be returned no later than Wednesday, December 16 so that those gifts may be distributed to both the Religious Coalition and the Rescue Mission by Friday, December 18. If you have any questions, please call Ian McGreevy at 301-748-0592.

-Ian McGreevy

all come together and build. Habitat does not have all the monies it will take to build, so we will be taking a leap of faith in starting these homes in the hope that donations will come in to complete this project. Millard Fuller, Habitat's founder, used to say that a half-built home is one of our very best fundraiser—we are hoping his words ring true, because we are ready and anxious to get started in our efforts to help two amazing families have homes of their own.

Thanks go out to our partners: All Saints' Episcopal Church, Francis Scott Key (F.S.K.) Lions Club, Women's Giving Circle, Lowes, JP Morgan Chase and our Quarter House sponsor Citi and their employees. Without you the dreams and hopes of these two families (Marialva deMatos and Teri Bisceglia) would never come true. It is through you that these families will find shelter, stability, and hope for a better future. Our Frederick Community will be much better for the things you have and will be doing in providing home for these families.

-Ron Cramer

The Habitat project is a partner ministry of All Saints' Church

WHITE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As this time of year bubbles with anticipation, the current economy has created a new, harsher reality for many. All Saints' annual White Christmas appeal is a monetary request to help support non-profits who may struggle to provide for their clients during the holidays. The agencies who will benefit from your White Christmas gifts are The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Need, Hope Alive Inc., and Heartly House Inc. Beginning Dec. 6, specially marked envelopes will be available in the Great Hall, the Historic Church, and in the church office. If you would like your donation reflected on your giving statement, please be sure to include your name, envelope number, and mark "White Christmas" on the memo line of your check. Donations need to be received no later than December 15.

-Rev. Kay Rice

STUFF-A-TURKEY PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

A gracious thank you to all who participated in this year's Stuff-a-Turkey Outreach Program. The 55 decorated turkeys disappeared in record time with instructions to purchase Thanksgiving dinner ingredients and gift cards for local families in need. Due to your generosity, Rev. Kay Rice, Cathy Guzauskas and I were able to deliver a Thanksgiving feast to 20 individual families through Advocates for Homeless Families. In addition, the families staying at Hope Alive for the holiday were the recipients of the same bounty to create a group Thanksgiving supper. Your heartfelt donations were greatly appreciated!

-Tracy Boyd

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Day and Night Volunteers Needed December 2009 through March 2010

The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs is seeking volunteers, 18 years or older, who are willing to serve at the Cold Weather Shelter at least three shifts during this season. The shelter is open seven days a week from mid-November through sometime in March. Each evening contains two shifts: 6—8:30 p.m. or 8:30—11 p.m. See the Day Shelter Manager for daytime details.

Volunteer Duties

Duties include greeting and checking-in our homeless guests, assigning beds, handing out needed supplies, and assisting staff. A staff member will be on duty all hours during which the shelter is open.

There will be training sessions for all new and returning volunteers. See schedule to complete training. Day Shelter information will be distributed at the Cold Weather Shelter training.

To register for evening volunteer training call the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter at 301-631-2670, ext 112.

To register for Day Shelter Volunteer training call the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter at 301-631-2670, ext 108.

Training Sessions

All Shelter volunteers need to attend one of the following training sessions held at the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter at 27 DeGrange Street in Frederick:

Saturdays, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

December 5, January 2, or February 6.

All volunteers should bring their personal calendars to the training so they are prepared to sign up for future dates available.

-Brenda Bell

FOOD BANK

Please sign up to participate in Feed-A-Family for the next month. Information is located in the lower Gathering Space. As part of All Saints' advocacy to the homeless and those in need, we are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Frederick County Food Bank. Please place your offerings in the Gathering Space.



All Saints' Youth Group working hard to build a beautiful deck for the Ice Street Advocates' property

ADVOCATES RAISE A HAMMER TO HELP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Sunday, October 25 volunteers from All Saints' Youth Group worked the entire day making necessary repairs and additions to a deck and fence at the Advocates' Ice Street property, which is shared by four families. Youth, parents and friends all turned out for the event, spending the day sawing, hammering, digging, lifting and doing other tasks that were needed to complete the project. Joey Romagnoli used his expertise to rework the existing deck to make it safer and more enjoyable. Under Dan Lajewski's direction, the Middle School Christian Education Class constructed benches. "The benches were a top-notch finishing touch to project . . . we are so grateful to everyone for the wonderful support to Advocates and the families we serve," said Joe Case, Executive Director of Advocates. The project started at 8 a.m., with people coming and going throughout the day. A delicious hot lunch of macaroni and cheese, chili, fruit and home-made cookies was prepared by parishioners and youth, and was enjoyed by all! Special thanks go to Ray Dinterman and Bill Rife for completing the project's unfinished tasks. As many of you will remember, Ray and Bill recently completed another project for Advocates, re-working a laundry room facility. Thank you!

-Joe Case

Advocates for Homeless Families is a partner ministry of All Saints'.

GOURMET NIGHT

Wednesday, December 9 in the Great Hall

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
\$12 per person

Mushroom vinaigrette marinated seared Salmon
Beet Risotto
Sautéed Beet Greens
Red Velvet Cake

Seating is by reservation only. We can no longer accept walk-ins. To make your reservations, contact the Church Office at 301-663-5625.

Pay online at www.allsaintsmd.org/dinnersignup.php

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of All Saints', please join us for breakfast and worship on the last Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be held on December 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

WOMEN'S SHARING GROUP

Are you seeking a warm, nurturing environment to share your journey through daily life and worship? The Women's Sharing Group is open to All Saints' women and meets every first and third Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Lounge. Please contact Ann Hess at 301-663-1873 for more information.

December Birthdays

1 | Timothy Morgan, Clairra Winget, Nadia Rudy; 2 | Rebecca Weber, Quinlan Griffith-Polysk; 3 | Henry Tribble Jr., Kaleigh Breisch; 4 | Renae Malek, Aimee Hildebrand; 5 | Isabelle von Lazar; 7 | Ted Gregory III, David McCoy; 8 | LeRoy Strawsburg Jr., Robin Jones, Peter Bertulaitis, Matthew Fowle; 9 | Rhonda Scott, Lexie Thrash, Lindsay Mann; 10 | Howard Flook Jr., Mary Taylor; 11 | Clayt Warman, Calvin Barnhart; 12 | Elizabeth Carr; 13 | Jennifer Rice; 14 | Janet McCurdy, Mitchell Scott, Michael Parsons, Kenadie Clouser, Peyton Clouser; 15 | Alice Jones, Jody Deveney, Mary Morgan, Nichole Ruzbachi, Peyton Mason; 16 | James Walker, Clarke Seniff Jr.; 18 | Cleopatra Anderson, Blessing Kaetzel, Keith Thrash, Emma Herrin, Ryan Zaybekian; 19 | Paula Gregg, Lucy Karn; 20 | Nancy Rykhus, Mary Billy, Lane Fields, William Fleming; 21 | Ellen Zaybekian, Ryan Yates; 22 | Charles Bell Jr.; 23 | Frances Fisher; 24 | David Wallace, Ruth Roney, Jason Flynt Bobby Utt; 25 | Lois Tribble, Mandy Lokey; 26 | Arlene Kuhn, Susan Writer, Aimee Smith, Anthony Romagnoli; 27 | Jane Alexander, Adam Kline; 28 | Amy Masser; 29 | Elizabeth Shatto; 30 | Anne Warman, Kenneth Bruchey, Annette Shives, Hailey Sarno Kian Sprague; 31 | Shirley Young, Nan Pue, Jeffrey Phillips.

ALL SAINTS' *Attractions*

DECEMBER 5

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

6:30 p.m.—9:30, Great Hall

A magical evening of dinner and dancing. Appetizers served at 6:30, dinner at 7, and professional dance instruction at 8. The cost is \$40 per couple. RSVP to the church office at 301-663-5625 or to Scott Richardson at rcsinc1@aol.com.

DECEMBER 6

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE LESTERS

3 p.m., Historic Church \$10 Adult, \$5 child

Join Noel Lester and Family for an afternoon of Christmas tunes, guaranteed to start your holiday season on the right note! Proceeds benefit the Trinity School's music program. Tickets available at the school's website, trinityschooloffrederick.org

DECEMBER 13

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Chamber Group

3 p.m., Historic Church Tickets \$20 each

Two Centuries of Strings

Mozart: Oboe quartet in F Major, K. 370

Shostakovich: String Quartet No. 8

Brahms: String Quartet No. 3 in B-flat Major, op.67

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra musicians showcase their virtuosity in a varied selection of chamber works. Visit BSOmusic.org/Frederick or call 1-877-BSO-1444

FELLOWSHIP

FAMILY FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHT KICK-OFF

Where: All Saints' Parish Hall
When: December 4, 2009
What Time: 6 p.m.
Who: all ages, all family sizes
Cost: \$3 adult/\$2 children/\$10 family cap
Bring: a side dish

If we might be so bold as to ask—has it been a while since you've sat down and had a rousing, semi-competitive game of Backgammon? Back in your high school or college days? Have you been itchin' to teach a few friends a new card game like Texas Hold 'em, Crazy Eights, Rummy or Bridge? Is there one you'd like to learn? How about more interactive games like Pictionary, Balderdash, Scene It?, Apples to Apples (Jr), Taboo or one of your favorites? Bring 'em on! Do you and/or your children care to show-off your Chutes & Ladders prowess, your vocabulary in Scrabble, your checkers or chess moves or just want to learn a new game? This is the place to be.

If you feel like a break from the kitchen after a long,

taxing work week, if you're tired of mom's cooking after a mind-numbing school day, or if you'd just like to relax and nosh on some potluck courtesy of Larry Schodroski and your fellow parishioners, this is the place to be.

Bring a game (or two), bring a side dish, bring your gamesmanship, and bring a friend. Come join us "Where the Wild 'Games' Are."

Game Night's been chosen as the maiden voyage into a new Fellowship Ministry at All Saints', Family First Friday Fun Night, which is scheduled to host other events after the new year such as Bingo Night, a Mardi Gras Party a Saint Patrick's Day Bash and much more.

Please join us on this journey into family fun, friendship and fellowship. The sky is the limit; it will be what we collectively want it to be. Contact the parish office at (301)663-5625 or call Scarlett & Bill Gibb at (301)694-0874 or e-mail us at gibbs@od.nih.gov or peppermon@msn.com to RSVP, so Larry will have an estimate for the main course.

P.S.—We could use a little help with set-up (5:30) and clean-up afterwards, thanks.

See you on Friday, Dec. 4!!

-Bill Gibb

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Save the date: December 28 from 4 to 9 p.m. All Saints' will again participate as part of this wonderful tradition. As a Hospitality Center we will need volunteers to bring in baked goods and snacks. While you are baking your holiday cookies, remember us and bake a couple dozen extra. They may be brought in anytime in December and we will freeze them for the tour. Please label them for the Candlelight Tour and leave with the office or in the Parish Hall kitchen. We will also be looking for tour assistance and greeters; please check your bulletin for details as the time gets closer.

-Scarlett Gibb

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

Averages for the month of October

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Wed. Evening chapel	10
Tues. and Fri. Morning Prayer	3
Sat. Historic Church 5 p.m.	24
Sun. Historic Church 8 a.m.	44
Sun. Historic Church 10:30 a.m.	113
Sun. Great Hall 10:30 a.m.	101
Total	295

AVERAGE OFFERING

General Giving	\$ 50,442
Sunday School	\$ 41
Total	\$50,483
Monthly Budgeted Offering Amount	\$ 52,847

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday	5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Historic Church
Sunday	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Historic Church
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation	Parish Hall and Classrooms
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Historic Church with Traditional Music
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Great Hall with Blended Worship Music
Tuesday & Friday	8 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel with prayers for healing

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

The Vestry has approved holding an Open House at the Rectory during the Annual Historic House Tour on December 5 & 6. Although we will not be an official part of the House Tour, the organizers offered to let us invite House Tour Ticket Holders to visit the Rectory. Since the Tour starting point is City Hall, we should have a goodly number of people tour the house. We are hoping to gain additional publicity about the Rectory and its attractiveness. The brochure, which will contain historical data about the Rectory, will also identify what is happening at All Saints' during the Christmas season.

We are restricting the tour to the first floor and will be decorating each of those rooms with Christmas trees, ornaments, toys and garlands. We will also serve mulled cider and have live music during the tour times.

If you would like to help, we are in need of docents, decorating and cleanup help, cash donations for decorations, etc. In addition to the joy of opening the house to those who have an interest in historic homes, it will be a fun time for those who participate in getting the house ready. Please contact Nancy Hennessey (301-606-8447 or hennessey@hood.edu), Diane Huyck (301-466-9403 or takeahyuck@comcast.net) or Tom Litras (301-694-7055 or Thomaslitr@aol.com) for more information and to find out how you can help.

MUTUAL MINISTRY REVIEW WRAP-UP

A First at All Saints'

On November 15 members of the Vestry, Staff, Clergy and the new Parish Council joined the Rector in the parish's first annual Mutual Ministry Review, led by the Rev. Thelma Smullen. We focused on what is going well at All Saints' and where we have room for improvement. All of the feedback was recorded on newsprint. Soon, we will be compiling that information, as well as making plans to address priorities emerging from this Review, for you to see, hear about and engage with us. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at Hennessey@hood.edu or 301-606-8447.

— Nancy Hennessey, Senior Warden.

Have you noticed someone new in the office lately? Alyssia (pronounced Ah-lee-sha) Gilbert is the newest member of our administrative team. She graduated from Hood College in Communications and Public Relations. She is a quick study and is keeping up with the pace of our busy office. Please stop by to introduce yourself and welcome Alyssia to All Saints'.

SEMINARIAN UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of my seminary education! At this time of economic downturn, I know that I am truly blessed to have not only the spiritual and emotional support of my home parish, but also its financial support. I am extremely grateful for your loving gift.

At this point I am almost finished with the first semester of my "middler" year, and am nearly halfway through my seminary training! During this year I continue to take exciting and challenging classes, and am also working at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville, Maryland, in the Diocese of Washington, D.C., for my field education experience. St. John's is a great place to study and learn, and I anticipate working there for the remainder of my time in seminary. My supervisor is the Rev. Paula Clark Green, who has just recently been instituted as the 24th rector.

My trip to Jerusalem is scheduled for January 3rd. Don't forget to send me your prayer requests that you would like for me to carry to the Wailing Wall. You can email them (rtaylor@vts.edu) or send them to my home address. Advent blessings to you all.

In Christ,
Robin Taylor

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Vestry is composed of the rector and a group of elected parishioners responsible for administering the financial affairs of the parish, assisting with personnel management, and providing input into worship and pastoral issues. The Vestry also works with the Parish Council to assist with parish-wide program oversight. With the completion of their three-year terms on the vestry, Dunbar Ashbury, Jim Cox, Jennifer Mariano and Waymon Wright will be "retiring" in February at the Annual Meeting.

All persons who are nominated as candidates for Vestry or interested in standing for election are strongly encouraged to attend a meeting on the "Nuts and Bolts of Serving on the Vestry" to be held Sunday, December 6, at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room.

The Vestry Nominating Committee received names of persons to consider for the slate of candidates through November 26. If you are interested in running for Vestry or have a nominee but missed this deadline, you may contact a member of the committee or attend the *Nuts & Bolts* meeting to find out how to be nominated.

Contact: Dunbar Ashbury – 301-662-4423, Sara Gibson - 301-371-0811, Helen Gregory – 301-662-7793, Steve Hess – 301-663-1873, Jennifer Mariano – 301-606-5821.

—Sara Gibson

ADMINISTRATION

VESTRY UPDATE

The Vestry Leadership wishes you and your families a blessed Advent season.

We had a full agenda for our October meeting. For a complete review of our meeting I encourage you to read the vestry minutes. They are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Communications Policy Approved

Thanks to the hard work of Mark Gibson and members of the Communications Committee, the Vestry approved the Communications Policy and Guideline manual. The purpose of the manual is to establish guidelines for all communications created within and for All Saints'. The Communications Committee, with the support of the Vestry, will be taking the necessary steps to educate all the ministry leaders and the parish-at-large regarding the guidelines.

Horizons Gathering:

Mark Gibson was appointed by Fr. Tom to represent All Saints' at the Horizons Gathering this fall. Over 150 people from churches in the diocese met at Claggett Center to learn about the strategic plan that the Strategic Planning Committee had developed. Out of this meeting, the diocese identified five areas for vision – growing, reconciling, inviting, serving and communicating. Mark shared his thoughts and his enthusiasm for being a part of this. He was pleased

to hear that the strategic planning process that we have undergone at All Saints' is similar to what is going on at the diocese. Mark will continue to represent All Saints' and keep us abreast of what developments occur.

Heavy Timber Proposal:

Buildings and Grounds brought forth a proposal from Heavy Timber to make a church-wide assessment of All Saints' historic buildings and grounds. The purpose of this comprehensive assessment is to determine the steps that need to be taken to preserve the safety and historical preservation of our buildings. This will allow the Buildings and Grounds and the Vestry to make informed decisions based on an overall building analysis. The proposal was accepted by the Vestry.

Options Committee

Tom Litras informed the Vestry that J.B. Powell, the realtor handling the sale of the Rectory, suggested that we be a part of the Christmas House Tour scheduled for December 5 and 6. Nancy Hennessey and Diane Huyck have agreed to help Tom organize a Rectory Tour that weekend. The Vestry approved this plan and details are in the Sunday bulletin and December Saints' Alive (page 9).

-Nancy Hennessey, Senior Warden

PARISH COUNCIL

The mission of the Parish Council is to support and coordinate the work of the ministries of All Saints'.

Worship: Jack Anderson & Fr. Tommy Rogers

Formation: Nikki Thrash

Outreach: Rev. Kay Rice

Hospitality: Darlene Aulls

Pastoral Care:

Jackie Gambill &

Melanie Eyler

Fellowship: Bill &

Scarlett Gibb

Stewardship: Bruce Fleming

Administration: Katie Arendt

Also participating in the Parish Council are Strategic Planning: Linda Proctor and Mark Gibson and Budget & Finance: Denise Parker.

The Parish Council meets in the conference room on the second Wednesday of each month following Gourmet Night.

Share your vision with us!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GREENS

The Christmas Flowers and Greens that adorn our worship spaces each year are funded by your donations (of any amount). If your donation is a memorial or thanksgiving, add this information to the form below and it will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Please place the form along with your check in the offering plate or drop it by the office no later than Noon on Dec. 18. Late submissions will be printed in the next available bulletin. Make checks payable to "All Saints'" and indicate in the memo line "Christmas Flowers and Greens."

Given by: _____

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In Thanksgiving: _____

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Acolytes

Contact: Katy Carmel, 301-473-4229

Altar Guild

Contact Dottie Pratt, 301-668-0477

Bridge Club

3rd Fridays

7:30 PM, Junior High Classroom

Contact: Ann Lebherz, 301-371-7587

*not meeting in December

Budget and Finance Committee

Contact: Denise Parker, 301-371-4390

Buildings and Grounds Committee

1st Tuesdays, 7 PM

Conference Room

Contact: Dan Lajewski 301-667-0536

Care Teams

Contact: Jackie Gambill 301-846-0785

Forum of Faith (formerly Adult Forum)

9:15 AM, Various locations

Contact: Niki Thrash

240-575-9054, nikithrash@hotmail.com

Communications Committee

1st Tuesdays, 7 PM

Jr/Sr High Classroom

Contact: Waymon Wright, 240-529-2800

Daughters of the King

2nd Saturdays

10 AM, Junior/Senior High Classroom

Contact: Katharine Grandine

301-698-4999

Diner's Out

5:30 PM, Monocacy Crossing

Contact: Alec and Paula Gregg

301-865-1069

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Monday nights

7 PM, Senior High Classroom

Contact: Judy Haines

301-682-9756

Flower Guild

Contact: Mary Ann Wesselman

301-668-2826

Gourmet Night

Wednesday, December 9

6 PM, Great Hall

RSVP to Church Office

Health Ministry

Contact: John and Darlene Aulls

301-662-2360

Home Fellowship Groups

Contact: Cam Overs 301-663-3873

2nd and 4th Mondays, 7-8:30 PM

Middletown and Frederick

Leader: Netta Paulson, 301-371-3771

Crestwood Village in Frederick

Leader: Duane Voitel, 301-831-0203

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM

Spring Ridge

Leader: Jim Cox, 301-969-0024

2nd and 4th Saturdays, 5:30-7 PM,

Monarch Ridge

Leader: Waymon Wright, 240-529-2800

Junior Daughters of the King

2nd and 4th Sundays, 12-1:30 PM

Memorial Lounge

Contact: Alison Cox, 301-834-6902

Liturgical Dance

Thursdays, 5 PM

Junior High Classroom

Contact: Joanna Rizzo, 719-359-3111

*not meeting December 24 or 31

Music Ministries Rehearsals

Contact: Carroll Howe (Historic Church)

or Lynn Staininger (Great Hall)

301-663-5625

Sanctuary Choir

7:30-9 PM, Thursdays

Nave Choir Room

Genesis Ringers

6:30-7:30 PM, Mondays

Parish Hall

Great Hall Choir

7 PM, Thursdays

Great Hall

Men's Choir

4th Sunday, 9:30 AM

Rehearsal prior to Great Hall services

Junior Choir

4:15-5:15 PM Wednesdays

Nave Choir Room

Youth Choir

5:15-6:15 PM Wednesdays

Nave Choir Room

All Saints' Ringers

6:30-7:30 PM Thursdays

Parish Hall

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 26

8:30 AM, Parish Hall

Contact: Cam Overs, 301-663-3873

Outreach Committee

Contact: Rev. Kay Rice, 301-662-2104

Over The Hill Gang

Tuesday mornings

Contact: Ed Cornish

Parish Council

Contacts: Nancy Hennessey

and Sharon O'Rear

Personnel Committee

Tuesday, December 8

7 PM, Memorial Lounge

Contact: Judy Haines, 301-682-9756

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st Saturdays

10 AM, Memorial Lounge

Contact: Jackie Marsh, 301-644-1453

The Rector's Ruminations

Last Wednesday of each month

6:30 AM, Noon, and 6:30 PM, Parish Hall

Red Cross Blood Drive

Contact: Donna Seniff 301-620-9175

St. Mary's Chapter

Chapter president:

Pat Custer, 301-668-9247

1st Mondays

Noon, Parish Hall

*December's Luncheon has moved!

Please call the office for information.

Strategic Planning Committee

Wednesday, December 16

7 PM, Memorial Lounge

Contact: Linda Procter, 301-371-4955

Stewardship Committee

Contact: Sharon O'Rear, 301-662-4509

Vestry

Tuesday, December 22

7 PM, Senior High Classroom

Contact: Nancy Hennessey, 301-696-3583

Women's Sharing Group

1st and 3rd Fridays

9:30 AM, Memorial Lounge

Contact: Ann Hess, 301-663-1873

Worship Meeting

Contact: Fr. Tommy

7 PM, Great Hall

Youth Group

Contact: Ashley Miller

youthminister@allsaintsmd.org

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Dunbar Ashbury, *Treasurer*
Rachel Querry, *Registrar*

Class of 2007

Dunbar Ashbury
Jim Cox
Jennifer Mariano
Waymon Wright

Class of 2008

Denise Parker
Eleanor Peckham
Ian McGreevy
Donna Seniff

Class of 2009

Darren Andrews
Judy Haines
Jacci Rizzo
Eileen Weber

Youth Representative:

Joanna Rizzo
Travis Gibb, *Alternate*

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