



All Saints' Episcopal Church SAINTS ALIVE!

106 West Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dec 2015/Jan 2016

BISHOP'S VISIT:

Adult Confirmation & Inquirer's Classes

On Sunday, January 24, Bishop Knudsen will visit All Saints' and celebrate the sacramental rite of Confirmation. In preparation for this joyous event, Fr. Earl and Rev. Jess will hold confirmation classes for all who are interested in being confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirming their confirmation vows. Anyone of a mature age (generally 15+ years old) is eligible for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation after completing sufficient preparation. The youth have already met with Rev. Jessica this fall and over the course of seven weeks have prepared for confirmation. Now it's the adult's turn to learn!

The Adult Confirmation and Inquirer's Class will be lead by Fr. Earl in January. This group will meet on the following Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: January 6, 13, and 20. There will also be a Saturday session on January 9 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The adults and youth will both gather on Saturday, January 23 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. for final preparations and a rehearsal for Confirmation Day. For more information or to sign up, please contact Fr. Earl at earlmullins@hotmail.com or 301-663-5625.

ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY NOMINEES

The 2016 Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 28. The Vestry Nominating Committee (Judy Haines, Clarence Harper, Kevin Hennessey, Jeanne Lawrence, Louisa Potts, and Fr. Earl) are now receiving names/nominations from the parish. The deadline to submit nominations will be January 4 at Noon. They will present a slate of candidates to the Vestry for Vestry approval on Tuesday, January 19. The slate will be presented to the parish by January 20.

*Join us in Worship
this
Christmas*

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, Dec. 24

In the Historic Church

5:00 pm Pageant and Holy Eucharist
4:40 musical prelude with choir and flute

8:00 pm Holy Eucharist
7:40 musical prelude with choir and harp

10:30 pm Festival Eucharist
10:10 musical prelude with choir and harp

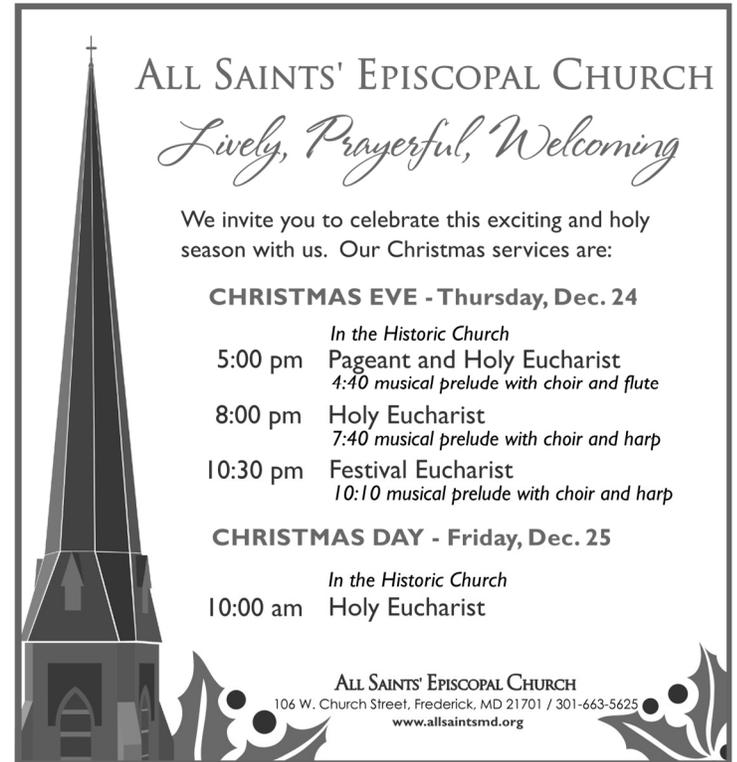
CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, Dec. 25

In the Historic Church

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

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Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

December 13, 11 a.m. in the Historic Church

The *Advent Service of Lessons and Carols* is a long-established service held here at All Saints'. It provides an opportunity for the choir to lead us in marking the beginning of the new church year and to focus on Advent: a season of expectation, anticipation and preparation leading us to a fuller understanding of the celebration of the Nativity. You are invited to come and immerse yourself in music, Scripture, mood and meditation. It truly is a perfect way to prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. Advent readings and music (in the form of anthems and traditional Advent hymns) help reinforce the message that the Messiah is coming and also highlight the Advent season's message of not only waiting for Christmas, but embracing the mystery of God in our lives. I hope you will come join us for this beloved annual tradition and bring a guest!

—Carroll Howe

Combined Service in December

We'll have a combined Christmas Lessons & Carols on **Dec. 27** at 10 a.m. Service at 8 a.m. will be held as usual. There will be NO 9 a.m., 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. service on **Dec. 27**.

Children's Christmas Pageant News

Our Christmas Pageant will be presented in the Historic Church during the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. There are no lines to memorize and each class will have a role to play. There will be one rehearsal held during the Formation hour on December 20: children will meet in their classrooms as usual, and then go with their classes to the Historic Church for the rehearsal. It is helpful if all children participating attend the rehearsal; however, if a child is unable to attend the rehearsal he/she may still participate in the pageant. ALL children are encouraged to participate!

I sincerely hope your family will consider participating in the pageant this year, or will come to support the children and share in the joy of this glorious season, as they retell the beautiful story of Jesus' birth as only children can—what a precious gift!

To ensure we have enough costumes, it is extremely helpful in if we know how many children will be participating. Sign-up sheets will be given out in Formation classes. Please return the sheet to your child's teacher or to me on Sunday morning, or email me with your information. Additionally, I will need several adult volunteers to assist with the pageant. It would be magnificent to have some of our very talented youth to help! Please email me at 7cramers@comcast.net if you have any questions, are able to assist, to let me know your child(ren) will be participating, or have a child visiting for the holidays that may enjoy participating. Many thanks in advance for your support!

—Ann Cramer

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND GREENS

Each year, lovely Christmas decorations are provided through gifts from the congregation in memory or thanksgiving for loved ones. If you wish to make a donation, please complete this form and place it along with your check in the offering plate or drop it by the office no later than Noon on Dec. 14. Late submissions will be printed in the next available bulletin. Please make the checks payable to "All Saints" and indicate in the memo line "Christmas Flowers and Greens"

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving: _____

Amount: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

DO WE HAVE YOUR PLEDGE?

Please keep in mind that it's very important for everyone to complete your pledge card for 2016. Our Budget & Finance Committee and Vestry want to plan ahead for next year's budget. As anyone who has created a budget can appreciate, knowing how much income to anticipate is essential to being able to plan and to stretch our resources across the various ministries.

If you missed one of the services when we handed out pledge cards, please call or visit the office or ask an usher for a pledge card. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate, dropped by the office or mailed in to the church.

As I made my pledge for next year, and as I think about the responsibility of the Stewardship Committee to coordinate this year's campaign, I keep thinking of all of the saints of All Saints' and how so many families and individuals have given so generously over many, many decades so that we could be here today. They sacrificed for each of us, knowing that their investment would be repaid time and time again in the wonderful work of this parish.

When I first came to All Saints' in 1993 and when Randy and I were married here in 1994, I had no idea what an important part of our lives All Saints' would become. We've been enriched and blessed to have found a wonderful church family and I know that our investments of time, talent and treasure are being put to good use here.

Time and time again, the parishioners of All Saints' have been asked to dig deeply and to give in a spirit of generosity and faith. We have answered the call—to fund new buildings, to maintain our structures, to support outreach and to lift up new ministries. Now is another one of those times. Funds for crucial repairs for our steeple and our organ are needed in addition to what's required to maintain our current programs.

Thank you to everyone who has returned your pledge cards so far and for being such wonderful stewards of All Saints'.

—*Rachel Querry*

Search Process:

By the time this issue of Saints' Alive reaches you, the window for receiving applications for the Rector position will have just closed. In this interim period between completing and submitting the Ministry Portfolio to the Diocese, and receiving the submitted applications, the search team continues to meet weekly.

We are using this time to discern the qualities we will look for in our next rector. It is an important time for us to listen not only to each other, but also to you, the members of this wonderful parish, as you think about the next phase of our lives in the church. Equally important, we are seeking out and listening to the Holy Spirit as our ultimate guide on this journey. This is truly a collaborative process.

The search team is eager to receive submitted applications and enter the next phase in the search process. As always, if you have questions or comments, please contact any of the members of the search team. We ask that you continue to keep the team in your prayers.

A Prayer for the Rector's Search

Almighty and ever living God,
source of all wisdom and understanding.

We at All Saints' Church are asking
your guidance and direction
as a people of faith to help us in the coming months.

Guide us as we pray and work together
to call a new rector;
grant us both the courage to pursue your will
and the grace to accomplish it.
Bring us together to be of one heart, mind, and spirit,
united in the holy bond of love and faith in you.
For His Sake, Amen.

Formation This Advent

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." —Luke 2:10-11

Advent is a season filled with anticipation and ripe for spiritual examination. As we prepare with excitement to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus, we are invited to draw deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation—God's bodily presence here on earth. Amongst the hustle and bustle of the world in which we live, God calls us into deeper relationship through the birth of an infant. This Advent, I encourage you to attend one of our adult formation series as a way to stay centered in Christ as Christmas fast approaches. May you experience the miracle of Immanuel—God with us—this Christmas.

—*In Advent Joy, Rev. Jessica*

Hark the Glad Sound!

Starting on Sunday, November 29, this Advent in both the **Early Birds** class at 9 a.m. and the **Forum of Faith** at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall, we are offering a special series entitled *Hark the Glad Sound*. Grounded in Scripture and song, we will unpack the themes of repentance, remembrance, rejoicing, and reconciliation. Specifically we will learn about the Song of Zechariah, the Song of Mary, the Song of the Angels, and the Song of the Church. Come and participate in this year's joyous musical Advent offering. No talent for singing needed! For more information contact Rev. Jessica at jholthus@allsaintsmd.org or 301-663-5625.



Advent Meditations & Calendars

Pick up your advent meditation and calendar today! We have an Advent Calendar for children, one for youth, and an advent meditation for adults available to you at no cost. Barry Bobb's *Hark the Glad Sound* meditation coincides with both Adult Formation series and offers insightful daily reflections on twelve familiar Christmas carols. The calendars will be handed out in Children's and Youth Formation, and the meditations are found in the Historic Church, Great Hall, St Paul's Chapel, and Church Office.



Adult Formation January Series

Starting January 10, the **Early Birds** will enjoy a four-week series on Biblical Call Stories. Diving into the complex stories of Joseph, Moses, and Joshua, you will discover the many ways God calls us to a life of courage, service, and faithfulness.

The **Forum of Faith** will kick off the New Year with an in-depth four-week series on the Gospel according to Luke. In the Episcopal Church we follow a three year lectionary cycle in which each year a different synoptic gospel is the primary focus. This lectionary year (Year C) we will hear predominantly from the Gospel according to Luke. In the hope of enriching our worship experience, Fr. Earl and Rev. Jessica will lead a deeper look into this Gospel. Come to the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. on Sundays, January 10, 17, 31 and February 7 to participate. (We will break for the Bishop's visit on January 24.)

Youth Christmas Cookie Party!

On Saturday, December 12 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Great Hall, all youth (grades 7-12) are invited to participate in a Christmas Cookie Party! We will have fun baking, decorating, and yes, eating different cookies. Our goal will be to make several dozen cookies to donate for the downtown House of Worship Tour hospitality at All Saints'. Bring a friend, a smile, and a sweet tooth! Please sign up so we can get a general headcount. To sign up or for more information please contact Rev. Jessica at jholthus@allsaintsmd.org or 301-663-5625.



Youth Worship Service

Please join us in the Great Hall on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20 at 9 a.m. for a special youth-led worship service. Our youth spanning grades 7 through 12 will fulfill all roles in worship: celebrant, preacher, readers, chalice bearers, prayers of the people, acolytes, ushers, and greeters. Youth, make sure to attend Formation on Sunday, December 13 for your role assignments.

FORMATION, WORSHIP, AND STEWARDSHIP

Annual Youth Lock In

Mark your calendars: Friday, January 15 through Saturday, January 16 is our annual winter youth Lock In! This is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Youth in grades 7-12 will be “locked in” overnight here at All Saints’. As always youth are invited to bring a friend!! In addition to midnight worship and service project, we will have plenty of games, food, fun, and fellowship. Contact Rev. Jessica (jholthus@allsaintsmd.org) for more information.

‘Commemoration of the Holy Innocents’ Service

On Sunday, December 27 at 12 p.m. in the Historic Church, the Junior Daughters of the King (JDOK) are hosting a special service for the Commemoration of the Holy Innocents. This is a powerful worship experience honoring all children who have died in the past year. Each child in our midst who has passed will have a candle lit in their honor. Light refreshments will be provided after the service in the Parish Hall. Come to participate or support the Junior Daughters during this meaningful service. For more information contact the JDOK chaplain, Rev. Jessica (jholthus@allsaintsmd.org).

ST. MARY’S MONTHLY MEETING

St. Mary’s Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon/meeting at noon on Monday, December 7 in the Parish Hall. Carroll Howe and the All Saints’ Joy Belles will present a program of seasonal music; please plan to arrive early as the Bell Choir will be playing from noon until 12:30. We will have lunch and our business meeting after the program. Everyone is welcome to come for lunch, and you do not have to make a reservation.



**No Formation:
Dec. 27 or Jan. 3**

**All Formation
Resumes
Jan. 10**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING TEA

COMING SOON: Come in out of the cold! Please join us for High Tea in mid-January 2016, sponsored by our Senior and Junior Daughters of the King. Tentative date: Sunday, January 10 from 3-5 pm. All are welcome! More information to follow.

BABY HOLTHUS UPDATE!

By the time you receive this newsletter (the first week in December), baby and I will be well into the third and final trimester at 33 weeks. Baby is growing well and things look on target to deliver in the end of January. My plan, God willing, is still to work up until delivery. After which I will take maternity leave to recover from delivery and begin the adventure of caring for an infant. Nick and I could not be more excited for this next chapter in our lives. We are truly appreciative of all your love, support, and prayers. We look forward to welcoming our child into the world and this community soon.

I know many women in our congregation as well as daughters of parishioners who are also expecting. It has been a joy to journey through pregnancy with so many of you. The following is a lovely prayer fitting for all pregnancies, taken from *Women’s Uncommon Prayers* book.

O God, thank you for the miracle of new beginning life. Bless the mothers, and let them know that you are ever with them throughout their pregnancies, labors, and deliveries. Bless those eagerly awaiting their opportunities to love and nurture. Especially bless baby _____. Keep these, your tiniest souls, safe in their mothers’ wombs and under your heart until they are old enough, big enough, strong enough, mature enough, and healthy enough to be born into this world to be shining examples of your love and grace. It is in the name of your own dear child, Jesus Christ our Lord, that we pray. Amen.

—Written by Mrs. Camille S. Senter

I encourage you to keep all expecting parents in your prayers, and thank you for lifting Nick, baby, and I up in prayer. In Christ’s love and anticipation of new life,

—Rev. Jessica

ADMINISTRATION AND FELLOWSHIP

ATTENDANCE

Averages for the month of October

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	
Wed. Evening chapel	7
Thurs. Morning Prayer	3
Sun. 8 a.m.	49
Sun 9 a.m.	78
Sun 10:30 a.m.	112
Sun. 6 p.m.	14
Total	263

AVERAGE OFFERING AT REGULAR SERVICES

General Giving	\$ 39,536
Sunday School	\$ 19
Total	\$ 39,555
Monthly Budgeted Offering Amount	\$ 41,233

Birthdays!

December 01 | Ann Strauss, Timothy Morgan, Clair
Winget, Erin Besch, Nadia Rudy 02 | Rebecca Weber
03 | Janet Eberhardt 04 | Renae Malek, Aimee Hilde-
brand 06 | Columba Gilliss 07 | Ted Gregory, David
McCoy 08 | Le Roy Strawsburg, Robin Jones, Peter Ber-
tulaitis, Matthew Fowle 09 | Rhonda Scott, Lexie Thrash,
Lindsay Mann 11 | Linden Grantham, Liz Barger, Calvin
Barnhart 12 | Elizabeth Carr 13 | Jennifer Rice 14 | Ja-
net McCurdy, Mitchell Scott, Michael Parsons, Kenadie
Clouser, Peyton Clouser 15 | Alice Jones, Jody Deveney,

Mary Morgan, Nicole Ruzbacki 16 | Clarke Seniff 17 | Barbara Mann 18 | Cleopatra Anderson, Blessing Kaetzel, Keith Thrash, Emma Herrin, Ryan Zaybekian 19 | Paula Gregg 20 | Mary Billy, Lane Fields, William Fleming 21 | David Ager, Ellen Zaybekian, Ryan Yates 22 | Charles Bell 23 | Patricia Murphy, Frances Fisher 24 | David Wallace, Ruth Roney, Jason Flynt, Bobby Utt 25 | Mandy Lokey 26 | Arlene Kuhn, Susan Writer, Aimee Smith, Anthony Romagnoli 27 | Jane Alexander 29 | Elizabeth Shatto 30 | Kenneth Bruchey, Annette Shives 31 | Nan Pue, Jeffrey Phillips

January 01 | Shiela Powell, Barbara Zentner, Mary Ann Simmons, Vickie Darr, Tyler Cox 03 | Mildred Cody, Patricia Enamorado 04 | Brice Gambill 05 | Dorothy Rust, Robert Pyles, Niki Thrash 06 | Nancy Bruchey, Helen Percy, Bennett Procter, Duncan Besch 08 | Abbie Strawsburg, Debbie Richardson, Jonathon Percy 09 | Skylar Andrews 10 | Marcia Walker, Kelli Goetz 11 | Paul Gorgol, Chris Standing, Rebecca Smith, Charlotte Randall 12 | Peggy Strawsburg 13 | Lily Givens 14 | Randy Hemp, Jennifer O'Rear 15 | Elizabeth Tyeryar-Nagle, Chloe Barger 16 | Alec Gregg, Lisha Utt 17 | James Randle, Peter Worden, Melinda Enamorado 18 | Everett+ Francis 19 | Mark Hedges, Kayla Headd 20 | Dave Snyder, Susie Beard, Kate Moschel, Christopher Wright, Madeline Wheeler 21 | Susie Walker, Heather Nichols, Megan Hildebrand 22 | Rachel Querry, Brodie Gregory, Thomas Utt 23 | Bob Rice 24 | Tony Kitchen 25 | Christiana Mees, Gabrielle Snyder 26 | Jeanne Lawrence, Frederick Procter, Thomas Geppi, Tammy Fox, Caroline Browning, Meredith Flynn 27 | Erin Lucke 28 | Alison Hegamy, Wendy Krauch, John Aulls 29 | Neil Bainbridge, Eric Bertulaitis 30 | Ethelyn Gebrowsky, Julianna Mees, Alex Richardson, Stella Fleming, Adrian Naylin 31 | Mary Alma Quill, Robert Trout
Don't see your birthday? Send your info to churchoffice@allsaintsmd.org to be included on our birthday list!

Gourmet Night

Join us for this month's
Gourmet Night on December 9.
Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30.

Province Baked Sea Bass with
Shrimp and Mussel Pernod
Cous Cous with pine nuts
Fennel Gratin
Desserts by Dan

Seating is by reservation only.
We can no longer accept walk-ins.

Tickets are \$15 per person.
Childcare available.

To make your reservations,
contact the church office at 301-663-5625.

**Pay online at [www.allsaintsmd.org/
gourmet-night.php](http://www.allsaintsmd.org/gourmet-night.php)**

Reservations close no later than
Monday, December 7 at noon.



MINISTRIES LIST

Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Lectors

Please contact the church office for more information.

Adult Formation Planning Group

2nd Tuesdays, except July, 7 PM
Jr./Sr. High Room
Contact: Rev. Jessica Holthus,
301-663-5625

Altar Guild

Contact: the Church Office

Budget and Finance Committee

3rd Wednesdays, 7 PM
Conference Room
Contact: Mark Gibson

Buildings and Grounds Committee

2nd Mondays, 7 PM
Conference Room
Contact: Ellis Kitchen

Care Teams

Contact: Linda Procter, 301-371-4955
Dottie Pratt, 301-668-0477

Centering Prayer

Saturdays, (program year*)
10 AM, Faithful Followers
Contact: Alice McCormick

Communications Committee

Meets as needed
Contact: Waymon Wright, 240-529-2800

Daughters of the King

2nd Saturdays (program year*)
10:30 AM, Jr./Sr. High Classroom
Contact: Sarah Bro

Flower Guild

Contact: Jackie Gambill
jamgambill@comcast.net

Forum of Faith

10 AM, Parish Hall (program year*)
Contact the church office for information

Gourmet Night

Second Wednesdays (program year*)
Doors open at 6 p.m.

* 'Program Year' activities generally run
September-June

Healing Prayer Ministry

Leader: Niki Thrash

Junior Daughters of the King

2nd Sundays, 11 AM-12:30 (school year)
Memorial Lounge
Contact: Jen Mariano, 301-668-2733

Music Ministries Rehearsals

Contact: Carroll Howe (program year)
301-663-5625
Sanctuary Choir
7:30-9 PM, Thursdays
Nave Choir Room
Great Hall Choir
6:45-8 PM, Tuesdays
Great Hall
Jubilate Choir
5-6 PM Wednesdays
Nave Choir Room
All Saints' Ringers
6:30-7:30 PM Thursdays
Historic Church

Men's Breakfast

Last Saturdays
Contact: Bob Fowle 301-694-6866

Outreach Committee

Contact: Fr. Earl 301-663-5625 or
earlmullins@hotmail.com

Over The Hill Gang

Tuesday mornings
Contact: Ed Cornish

Personnel Committee

Contact: Christine Harris

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st Saturdays (Oct-June)
10 AM, Memorial Lounge
Contact: Sue Fowle

Rector's Search Committee

Thursdays, 7PM
Co-Chairs: Jody Deveney 301-694-9361
Cathy Guzauskas

St. Mary's Chapter

1st Mondays (Sept-June)
Noon, Parish Hall
Chapter president:
Judy Haines

Strategic Planning Committee

Contact: Linda Procter, 301-371-4955

Stewardship Committee

2nd Tuesdays
7 PM, Conference Room
Contact: Rachel Querry

Vestry

3rd Tuesdays
7 PM, Senior High Classroom
Contact: Mark Gibson

Worship Team

3rd Sundays; Feb, May, Aug, Nov
12:15 PM, Conference Room
Contacts: Clarence Harper 301-418-0577
Jody Deveney 301-694-9361

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Gary Crump, *Registrar*

Class of 2016

Kevin Hennessey
Mike Hull
Danielle Ippolito
Louisa Potts

Class of 2017

Tracy Boyd
Jonathan Gambill
Linda Procter
Niki Thrash

Class of 2018

Tina Butcher
Scarlett Gibb
Rixey Hoult
Tommy Turbyvile

Youth Reps

Autumn Caro
Stacey Jones

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