

Saints Alive!



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October 2009

Minister's Message

Greetings,

October is real fall. We feel the cooler weather, we watch the glory of the trees. Colorful mums and pumpkins dot farm stands and homes. Apples are picked and delicious smells fill kitchens. We are still in Pentecost, the season of mission and ministry. We will be having a very busy month with exciting happenings.

On Oct 3rd the Vestry will be meeting with The Rev. Frank Fornaro to have a Mutual Ministry Review of our progress on the goals we set last January. This is a chance to review the past and to plan for the coming year.

Oct 4th we celebrate St. Francis' Day with the Blessing of Animals. The blessings will happen at the beginning of the service so pets can be put in safe places and young children can go back into the Nursery. Please feel free to bring stuffed animals. The service will be shorter and we will have real bread. There will also be a short presentation on Crop Walk after church and a longer presentation on the 11th,

The Crop Walk raises money for National and International feeding programs, disaster relief and refugee assistance. 25% of the money raised in Attleboro stays to support Food and Friends Kitchens a program of the Attleboro Area Council of Churches. There will a chance to sign up to sponsor walkers or walk your self. It begins about 1:30PM on Oct 18th at Capron Park. For more information talk with Kathy Doller at 774-265-0737.

Quilting and Crafters will meet on Oct 13 at 6-7:30 in the parish Hall. All are invited for fellowship and work on a mission project. Brooke Wolosewicz is the leader and she loves new members to the group.

On the 18th we will be celebrating St. Luke's Day to honor our healing ministry, and the healers in our midst. St. Luke was thought to be a physician and it is a wonderful day to celebrate the healing ministry of our Lord.

On October 25 Tom Nutt- Powell will be our preacher. He is a part of Interfaith Power and Light. He will also be doing an energy audit of our building and helping teach us ways to save on energy and money. As he wrote "Boy, boilers and

and preaching on the same day!!" That weekend is the yearly 350 celebration of going as green as possible. Bishop Bud was in a green T shirt at Resource Day and is very interested in helping each parish learn to be better stewards of God's creation. Tom's visit will be a part of the work on recycling we are doing with our cans and paper. Yvonne collects our collection of cans and J. T. Scott takes our paper home to recycle it there. We were throwing a lot of paper away which is now being reused to help the environment.

Our nursery is being staffed and welcoming our babies and young children. The chapel service for the Church School is organized but needs more children!

There will be more ways to serve at All Saints, as we learn to come together as a faith community. The Pulling Together Fair is just one example of all the talents that are needed to express our love of Jesus and the gratitude we feel for God's love. We are trying more activities that we hope will interest our members and the wider community. Not all things will work the way we hope, but we will keep on trying. We will try to balance the old with the new and hopefully enrich the All Saint's experience. Come and join in the fun, the work, and the joy of being at All Saints. For we are all saints.

Blessings,

Bailey



All Saints Episcopal Church Mission Statement

We are one with the Spirit
We are one with the Lord
We are a renewed community
of Faith;

A nurturing family called to share the Lord's message
of
Love, Compassion, and Peace

Warden's Message

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (King James Version) We at All Saint's have a lot to be thankful for! We are back to 10AM service time (I'm thankful for this and I'm sure many others are too). We have Fred back and now have joyful music to add to our wonderful service! We have an awesome Interim Rev. Bailey! We have Yvonne Dvoske heading up our up and coming fair and what a great job she is doing! A BIG Thank you to the many others that are working to make this fair our best yet! Of course the more that lend a helping hand the better, so if you have been thinking about how you can help ask Yvonne she WILL find a place for you! TEAM: Together Each Achieves More!

Take a moment to reflect on your own lives and think what it is in your personal life you have to be thankful for.

As you read in last month's Saint's Alive, Mike Lavoie resigned from vestry and I agreed to step up and finish Mike's term. (with God's help)! What does that mean? The church needs to have two wardens who are responsible for property and contracts and to help make sure the church is functioning properly with the guidance of the Rector and other vestry members. Since I was already a member of the vestry it just means that I will be sharing the responsibility with Dee in making sure the church is following the guidelines of our Diocese. Also any concerns of the congregation is brought to the attention of the wardens in complete confidentiality, which will be discussed with Rev. Bailey. In saying that, if you have a concern please don't hesitate to talk to Dee or myself. We are always available on Sundays, by phone or email. Communication is the key to any relationship!

For those of you who don't already know me I'll give a little tidbit on getting to know me... I've been a member of All Saints for about 25 years (minus a short 5 year break). I have two children a daughter, Heather, 27 who lives in Hawaii with her husband and a son, Jason soon to be 24 on the 6th of October! I also have a beautiful little granddaughter, Olivea, 16 months, who was baptized here at All Saints! I am an Administrative Assistant for Century 21 Ed Pariseau, Realtors and my spirituality is what I try to live my life by. God has blessed my life in many ways and has

carried me through many trials which have strengthened my faith and has made me the person I am today. I have a deep love for the lord and I believe that with God all things are possible.

I am thankful for the faithful church family we have here at All Saints and I believe God is moving and we are growing and I can't wait to see where God leads us!

Trust, you are where God has planted you. Listen, he is speaking. Smile, He loves you!

Cathy Lavoie

Incentive Grant

All Saints has received \$10,000 from the Diocese as an Incentive Grant for our successful stewardship program last fall. This money will hopefully encourage good stewardship at all Saints Episcopal Church this coming year and is a testament to the hard work so many people have done to make All Saints the growing church that it is.

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Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to give flowers for the Altar on Sunday can sign up for a specific date on the flower chart in the Parish Hall, call the church office or contact Ruth Gower at 508-222-0963.

Healing Intercessor

Beginning in October, on the first and third Sundays, a Healing Intercessor will be available at the side altar for the laying on of hands for healing. You may pray for yourself or pray for others; your prayers can be general or specific and will be kept confidential. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please speak with Rev. Bailey.

Coffee Hour

Come join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service. Please wear your name tag. If you do not have one – see Mike Lavoie.

Wanted!

Fred Brewer, the organist is looking for a group of volunteers interested in singing during the offertory on Sundays. If you want to find out more about the All Saints Choir, please speak to Fred on Sundays!

Member Contact Information

Please take a minute to share your email and birthday information. We would like to update our records and include everyone in the weekly birthday blessings during our prayers. The email addresses will be for use within the parish. Please fill out the orange forms that are found in the Parish Hall. Thank You!

EUM Training

If anyone is interested in Eucharistic Ministry Training, please see Dee Scott for more information.

Attleboro Area Council of Churches

Boxes of cereal and juice boxes are being collected by the Attleboro Area Council of Churches. If you can donate to this on-going project, please bring the items to church and leave them on pew in the back of the church.

Saints Alive Newsletter

Cynthia Edwards & Caitie Medeiros

Welcome to The All Saints Episcopal Church monthly newsletter! We are hoping that by creating this newsletter the lines of communication will remain open and everyone will feel a stronger connection to our community of faith. We encourage all members of the church to contribute to this endeavor. Please contact either Cynthia or Caitie by email, or leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters."

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Deadline for the November issue of Saints Alive is October 23rd!



Dates to Remember

October 18th: CROP Walk

October 21st: Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

October 24th: Earth-friendly Fair &

Climate Action Rally 1:00 pm

Balfour Riverwalk Park, Attleboro

October 26th: Bible Study 7:15 pm

November 1st: All Saints Celebration

November 2nd: Bible Study 7:15 pm

November 3rd: Quilting/Crafting 6:00-7:30 pm

November 14th: Pulling Together Fair 9 – 3pm

October Birthdays

October 6th: Edythe Chase
October 9th: John Kull
October 12th: Eric Henriques, Matthew Scott
October 18th: Matthew Jacques
October 18th: Dustin & Caitie Medeiros' Anniversary
October 19th: Rev. Bailey Whitbeck, Steven Henriques
October 23rd: Beryl Swiatkowski
October 25th: Maria Ehlen
October 29th: Irene Genier

Birthday Prayer

BCP Pg. 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Catechism

BCP p. 848 and 849

Q. What is Sin?

A. Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.

Q. How does sin have power over us?

A. Sin has power over us because we lose our liberty when our relationship with God is distorted.

Q. What is redemption?

A. Redemption is the act of God which sets us free from the power of evil, sin, and death.

Prayers for October Saints BCP p. 244 & 245

Saint Luke: October 18th

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Saint James of Jerusalem: October 23rd

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Saint Simon and Saint Jude: October 28th

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

PICK UP TRUCK NEEDED

A refrigerator has been donated for the parish hall and we need a truck to get it to the church. If you can help us please speak to Dee or call the office at 508-222-2233.

Pulling Together Fair November 14th

I wish to thank all the helping hands who pulled together after church, 10/4, to put together and help with the baskets. Thanks to those who donated to our gift card wreath – a total to date of \$360 is on the wreath. We are still accepting donations – needed are store cards – Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart, BJ's. Tickets and listing of all items has been printed to presell through the church families before the fair. You should receive them soon. This and that shops are still and will be accepting donations up until the fair. Any questions you have please call the church office or me, your chairperson, Yvonne Dvoske, 508-226-3465. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU

All Saints Ministry Opportunities

Acolytes

We are thankful for our acolytes, including crucifiers, who assist at the altar on Sunday mornings. If you have a child in 6th grade or older he/she are able to serve in this ministry. For more information contact Kevin Lingard.

Adult Choir

Fred is trying to get together a group to sing at services. Contact Bailey Whitbeck or Fred Brewer.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild sets up the altar for Sunday worship services for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Training is provided for those who are interested. Contact Ruth Gower.

Bible Study

Bible study is held on Monday evenings at 7:15 in the Guild Room. The Bible is explored in depth. Contact John Blenkiron.

Fellowship

Coffee Hour is held after services on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. Please wear your name tag – or see Mike Lavoie if you don't have one.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are those that help our priest lead Sunday worship services. Duties include administering the chalice during the the Holy Eucharist. If interested Bailey Whitbeck at the parish office.

Lectors

If you don't mind reading in front of others, this ministry is for you. Lectors read the appointed lessons during the Sunday Worship Service. If interested contact Mike Lavoie.

Nursery

A safe and caring environment is provided for children through the age of 3 during the 10am service. Contact Cindy Akers.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has the task of educating and inviting parishioners to give back to the Lord a portion of what He has given us in appreciation and thanksgiving for His blessings. Contact Kathy Doller.

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers and Greeters greet parishioners and guests and perform various functions during services. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Jimmy England.

