

Saints Alive!

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Saints Alive Newsletter

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Welcome to the fourth issue of 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 August issue of Saints Alive is July 15th!

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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



Change in Service Time

Church services will begin at 9am starting on Sunday, June 28th and continuing through Sunday, September 6th.

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL
RESUME AGAIN IN FALL 2009.

- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- QUILTERS/CRAFTERS CIRCLE

Healing Intercessor

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.

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GOALS for 2009!*

- 1) Sign and Landscape
 - a. **Vestry** – Money, Presentation, Show Up, Recruit.
 - b. **Clergy** – Cheerleader
 - c. **Congregation** – Show Up, Contribute, Donations, Support, Expertise
- 2) Communication
 - a. **Vestry**- Creating newsletter, Phone Tree, Be Open, Info – clearance
 - b. **Clergy**- Write Articles, Recruit, Follow Through
 - c. **Congregation**- Read, Provide Info, Ask Questions, Input
- 3) Music
 - a. **Vestry**- Define what, Education at Music, Budget
 - b. **Clergy**- Supervision, Select
 - c. **Congregation**- Sing
- 4) Fellowship
 - a. **Vestry** – Find out Interest, Recruit, Delegate, Show Up, Be Example
 - b. **Clergy**- Show Up, Support
 - c. **Congregation**- Attend, Invite, Set Up, Clean Up, Participate

*All Saints' Episcopal Church Vestry Retreat 2009

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.

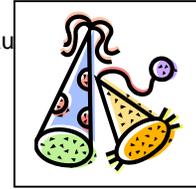
For A Birthday

From The Book of Common Prayer 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.

July Birthdays!

3rd: Christopher Brousseau
13th: Merry O'Neil
14th: John Blenkiron
17th: Stephen Demers
19th: Roberta Todd
22nd: Nate Adams
23rd: Lillian Parker
24th: Caitie Medeiros
25th: Judy Little, Jason Petrucci
26th: Trevor Pettengill
28th: Rev. Dwight Fortune, Julia Wetmore
31st: Catherine Lavoie



Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to Terry & Cindy Edwards who celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on July 20th!

Choir Members Needed

Fred Brewer, the organist is looking for a group of volunteers interested in singing during the offertory on Sundays beginning in the fall.

Movie Night

Movie Night will be held on Friday, July 24th at 6:30. Movie title will be announced soon. Drinks and some snacks will be provided, but we are asking for people to bring along a snack or dessert item to share.

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.

Readers Wanted

Readers are needed for the services. If you are interested please contact Mike Lavoie, Rev. Bailey or call the Church office at 508-222-2233.

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!

Christian & Episcopal Links

All Saints Episcopal Church Website

<http://www.all-saints-episcopal.org/>

Other Websites...

Upcoming Scripture Lessons

<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/>

The Episcopal Diocese Website

<http://www.diomass.org/>

The Daily Office

<http://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

Forward Day By Day

www.forwardmovement.org

Meditations for the Summer

For the Good Use of Leisure...

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 825

For Heroic Service...

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Book of Common Prayer page 839

For the Beauty of the Earth...

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer page 840

Parking Lot

The parking in the lot during the week will be monitored. There should only be cars using the lot for church or attorney business. Anyone who will be at the church during weekly work hours is requested to give the make/model and plate number to the church office if you haven't already. There will be a list on the bulletin board near the office door or you can email the information to, secretary2@verizon.net. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Fall Fair Message

Dear Parishioners:

I wish to take the time to thank those of you who attended the Fall Fair meeting on June 21st. A lot of great ideas and input were given for the fair. Ruth Gower gave us our theme and name for the fair, "PULLING TOGETHER". I'm asking one and all to follow this theme and make it a great fair. Over the summer please, if you have plants take some cuttings and start plants for our plant table. If you need to clean out things drop them off at church for our "This and That Shoppes" – we have available storage. If you go to yard sales, pick up a few good usable small gift items for a Chinese paper roll up raffle table. We will be doing baskets in September (date to be announced) so think about making one on your own or donating items to put in a basket. If you sew or knit, try making a few things over the summer, or try your hand at whatever crafts you can make. The fair is on November 7th. If it could be done in three weeks last year and be a success, then time is on our side this year and our plans are already in motion. Thank you all.

Chairperson for "PULLING TOGETHER",
Yvonne Dvoske

A Message from Rev. Bailey

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that summer is here! I hope that these next months have rain at night and sun during the day. Warm enough for beach going, and cool enough to get work done. I know that I am asking a lot, but after a cold, rainy spring, warmth and sun would feel very good.

Since I came in September, this has been a growing year. A year of rebuilding, of renewed hope, and growth in numbers and commitment. An enormous amount of hard work has been done, and new skills have been shared. We also are slowly learning how to have fun and even laugh. It is important at times to be a "fool for Christ."

There has been a lot of cleanup work on our financial affairs, alarm system, copier and many behind the scenes issues left from the past. My prayer is that by next September most of this work will be completed and we can go forward in new ways with renewed energy. We may be having as many as three baptisms over the summer, so rebirth is all around us.

We can invest our time and talents in new ways when we have confidence that All Saints will continue. Working from a theology of abundance can be hard in a time of economic hardships and trauma, but, as Christians, that is what we are called on to do. By next fall, I hope that All Saints can be in that place of thanksgiving and sharing that will strengthen us beyond our greatest hope. The foundation is here. Now we can continue to build on it. It will take teamwork, but, in faith, it will be done.

Join us in church as often as you can. The services will begin at 9AM and, without music, will be shorter. You can then enjoy the rest of your day, nourished by the Eucharist and community. I will be on vacation the first two weeks of July, but will be here on Sundays the rest of the month. Even though I will not be in the office mid-week, and paid only for the Sundays, I will be available for emails and phone calls. Hopefully this will allow the cash flow to pay important bills but still keep me in the know and pastorally available to the parish.

Have a wonderful, re-creating summer. Remember that even God rested. Keep All Saints in your prayers. Bailey

A Message from Your Warden

What an unbelievable start to the summer months. Spring went out with a bang with the all the great things that we had going on in May and then a wonderful start on the first of June with the incredible birth of Caitie and Dustin Mederios' first child, a baby girl! Sunday school is winding down with the year end field day activities on June 21st. I know my boys are very excited to go outside and have some fun. Cindy and Barbara have done a wonderful job as teachers and bringing the kids closer to Christ. Let's give them great big thank you to them both.

The grant for congregational development was submitted on May 19th. It will be some time before we hear if we are awarded any funds. I learned so much while writing the grant with Roberta Todd and Kathy Doller, please consider helping with it next year. You do not have to be a professional writer, I'm not. In that grant, some of the requests for funding we made were for a new sign out front, fencing, items for the

quilting and crafting, a laptop computer, a projector for movie night, a Synthia (an electronic music program), and a keyboard. The news just keeps getting more exciting! Don't you just love it!

On movie night, May 29th, I still didn't have anything picked out to watch that day. The kids picked out Sunday School Musical. I was hesitant to show it. Boy was I surprised that it really had a great message. It was filled with music and the theme that I adopted and am spreading of TEAM. The storyline was about two very different choirs competing against each other for a prize of \$10, 000. By the end of the movie the two choirs ended up working together and surprised even themselves with the wonders of what they could do together instead of apart. I have several new movies picked out now; please consider coming to Movie Night for fellowship and fun- where else can you go for free pizza and a movie? And some laughs with friends at the same time.

On May 31st, we celebrated Pentecost. The Pentecost cakes were just delish! That beach cake was fabulous! I think we have started a new tradition for us at All Saints – cake on Pentecost Sunday for not only the birth of the church, but for celebration of all our birthdays! Thank you to those who baked that day.

Sunday June 14th we held a Partylite fundraiser. Jen from Partylite is donating 25% of all sales to the church. We close the party on June 28th! My goal is \$1,000 – I'll let you know if we make it. The money made from the sales will be the "seed" money for the fall fair. Speaking of the Fall Fair... Yvonne Dvoske, my mom, is the chair this year. She put together a questionnaire for everyone to fill out with your ideas and offers to help the day of the fair. Many hands will be needed to make that day a success – please consider a few hours of your time. Watch the bulletin for meeting times.

Here's some more exciting news. We are having the parking lot sealed on July 11th. The lot will be taped off on Friday, July 10th, and it will be ready for service on Sunday.

Have you noticed that our lawn is looking great? As their donation, Eva Springer and Mel Moody have had Eva's grandson Josh Diddick, come every week to mow the lawn. Give him a big round of applause!

Our outside is really shaping up! The windows are looking so welcoming thanks to the electric candles that Cindy Edwards purchased and put up. Lights in the windows really add to the warmth that we all already feel for our church. As you drive by at night, take a look- what a difference. Each and every small contribution made, makes a world of difference. They do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.



We would love to put together a policy for the use of the church building and property and would like a few people to join the committee. So far, it's Cindy Edwards and me. If you have any interest at all or suggestions on what to put in the policy, please see either me or Cindy. It should not take too much time if we have a few people together – more people generate more ideas!

9 AM services start (by the time you read this, have started) on June 28th. There will be gaps as many people are gone on vacations or away for the summer. If there are any jobs that you feel comfortable in filling in during the summer, like coffee hour, ushering, or reading, to name a few, please come see me. It doesn't have to be permanent – just help please. Brad Hultman will be here two weeks in July for Bailey's vacation, we had Brad here last year, and he is wonderful! Please be sure to say HI to him when he is here.

On a personal note, I was nominated for the award of outstanding employee. It is a great honor at Putnam Investments to be nominated. I was not expecting it at all. Working for a wonderful supervisor and enjoying the people that I work with, made all the difference. Every day I receive quotes at work and I'd like to share this one with you.

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

William Arthur Ward

Every day I try to express my gratitude to you all and my thanks for having you all in my life and allowing me the joy of friendship and extended family. I hope you feel it! You are important! GLYASDI (God loves you and so do I).

Blessings,
Dee Scott

From The Catechism...

Q: What is the Church?

A: The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q: How is the Church described in the Bible?

A: The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q: How is the Church in the creeds?

A: The Church is described as one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Book of Common Prayer p.854

DID YOU KNOW?

The season of Pentecost is Green...

The color green symbolizes our growth in the Christian faith. As a particularly long season, twenty-seven Sundays, it gives us time to rest, renew, rebuild, and reflect on our Christian faith. It is definitely a calm period between all the great celebrations and solemn times in our church. It is a time for us to work together so that we may grow together in faith, and demonstrate what the community of the New Covenant truly is and should be at All Saints Episcopal Church.

