



## ***Senior Warden's Message . . . .***

In the July newsletter I wrote of the many resources on our diocesan website. The Diocese of New Jersey offers many informative zoom meetings and other materials. I hope some of you have had an opportunity to take a look at those resources that are of interest to you. No surprise, there is also a wealth of material available through the website of The Episcopal Church. And you might find it fun and informative to visit the Church of England's website.

Invaluable for keeping up with news about our national church is Episcopal News Service (ENS). While The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg retired last year as senior editor for ENS, she continues from time to time to contribute articles. This past May ENS published an article by Mary Frances on the food ministry of the Diocese of Newark. For those of us who formerly lived in North Jersey, her reporting on the unseen food insecurity in New York's Jersey suburbs might be eye opening. I also recommend her March 31 article on Episcopal Church-connected ministries striving for safety-normalcy in the midst of COVID-19. Helps to put in perspective some of our concerns here at All Saints. In fact, part of the value of reading ENS articles and the whole section of The Episcopal Church website entitled "Concerning COVID-19" is to remind us that we are not alone in this fight against the pandemic.

The website of the Church of England has a plethora of resources with guidance for churches over there during this pandemic. One sentence that particularly caught my eye was this:

"Where either priests or parishioners have concerns about participating in a service of Holy Communion, it is important that no pressure is placed on priests to preside at Holy Communion or on parishioners to receive the Sacrament."

Wise words, I thought. Your Vestry is committed to providing worship opportunities here at All Saints, both in person as approved by the diocese, and through our Zoom service on Sundays. We are constantly revisiting what is possible and prudent. We are striving to provide an environment that serves both our spiritual and physical health.

Gerald Harvey, Senior Warden

## ***Thoughtful Prayer . . . .***



"O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

# Birthday Wishes . . . .

August 1—Debbie Dolci  
                   Sandy McIntyre  
 August 2—Terry Hughes  
                   Jim Urner  
 August 5—Ed Kata  
                   Altha Morton  
 August 8—Curt Morton  
 August 10—Matthew Brune  
 August 11—Peggy Williams

August 13—Carol Frazier  
 August 16—Jason Apruzzese  
                   Angelina Lippert  
 August 22—Marie Kurtzke  
 August 24—Piper Colyar  
 August 28—Linda Graham  
 August 30—Jim Dolci  
 August 31—Andrew McLeod

### Birthdays in August



# Anniversary Blessings . . . .



August 2—Joan & Paul Hamelberg  
 August 16—Christine Travis & Mark Durham  
                   Lois Eberhart & Don Noffsinger  
                   Christina Sanes & Buren Gilpin

August 17—Altha & Curt Morton  
 August 18—Marie & Robert Kurtzke  
 August 22—Lois & Steven Cavico  
 August 30—Claudia & Eric Jacobs



### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“Conscience is e-mail your head gets from God.”  
 from *The Joyful Noiseletter*  
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### LIFE IS A GIFT,



THAT'S WHY WE CALL NOW  
 THE PRESENT.



## Outreach . . . .



### Camp Faith

Outreach has learned that St. Paul's Church in Camden is once again offering Camp Faith, a summer program for children in Camden. Many may not realize that no family pays to send a child to Camp Faith and their daily numbers range from 65-90. All Saints has a long history of working with St. Paul's and we usually support Camp Faith in two ways. One, Outreach "pays" the cost of several campers for the season and two, Outreach hosts the camp counselors for a day at the beach in Bay Head. This is a town event—the Bay Head Improvement Association generously donates beach badges for the counselors, the lifeguards give some information about rip-tides and safe swimming, Outreach pays for the bus to bring them to Bay Head and prepares a BBQ in the Memorial Garden, and then a generous donor pays for Tommy to bring his ice cream truck so everyone ends the day with a real cold treat. This year Outreach is pleased to support five campers; however, we are heartbroken that with the pandemic, we cannot host the counselors for a day at the beach.

### Bay Head Fire Department

The Outreach Committee supports organizations in town, in the state and national and international as well. Each year we send funds to, among others, the Bay Head Fire Dept. which is a volunteer organization. This year the Bbfd has requested donations since their major annual fundraiser, the Annual Clambake held in August, has been cancelled due to Covid 19. Outreach will send \$250 to support the essential work carried on by our Bay Head Fire Dept.

Phyllis Kata

## Reading Corner . . . .



Eight of us Zoomed at 7:30 pm Tuesday, July 21 to discuss our first book, *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. Sharon Lees gave us background about the African nation, Botswana, the setting for the book. We discussed the strength of the characters, their love of Africa and fierce pride in their country, and also the author's descriptions of the vast Kalahari, the trees, vegetation and the muted colors of home.

We zoom next on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:30 pm to discuss *After Long Silence* by Helen Fremont. As libraries are now open, you should be able to get the book or download it from a number of sites.

Please join us—whether you finished the book or didn't even start it. We welcome all who enjoy a good discussion.

To join the ASC Book Club, call or email Phyllis Kata, 732-892-5198 or ed-Phyllis@comcast.net.

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## ***A History of All Saints . . . .***



As we approach the time when we will be calling a new Rector, I thought it might be interesting if I gave a brief review of All Saints' history from the time that it became a full-year church. For almost 100 years of the church's existence, it was a summer chapel. The advantage of being a summer chapel was that the responsibilities and duties of the clergy and lay leadership of the church were confined to three months in the summer. The other advantage was the knowledge and talent of the leaders was something not normally found in a summer chapel; however, these parishioners brought their abilities with them when they came to All Saints. The road to being a full-time parish was not an easy one. At an informal meeting with the then Bishop of New Jersey, the Right Reverend Albert Van Duzer, he mentioned that we should "get on board" and become an incorporated parish of the diocese. It was the feeling of a number of people that he said that simply so the diocese could get to use our endowment funds. After more investigation it was learned that by becoming an incorporated parish, we would have much more independence than if we remained as we were. When we were first incorporated we were still only open for part of the year with the Reverend Cannon E. Rugby Auer as our Priest in Charge. Since Cannon Auer resided in Yardley, PA, the responsibilities of coming every Sunday to Bay Head, in addition to his other duties at Trinity Counseling Service in Princeton, proved too much. With his resignation the diocese sent us the Reverend Thora Chadwick. It was understood that Mrs. Chadwick would only be at All Saints until we could call a full-time rector which we did in July 1984 when we called the Reverend W. Wesley Konrad. Father Konrad came to us from St. Croix in the virgin Islands. After being with us for approximately two years, Father Konrad retired. Following his departure we had two interim priests before we finally called the Reverend Edward Babson Gammons, Jr. in 1988. there was a need to have two interims since the process of selecting a new rector took longer than anticipated and to some extent, both interim rectors had created cliques of supporters who wanted them to become our full-time rector. When this did not occur, in part at the direction of the diocese, the welcome that was received by Father Gammons was a little rough. In fact, there was a need for the entire vestry to go to the diocese to have a teté-a-teté with the Right Reverend Mellick Bellshaw, the then Bishop of New Jersey. This controversy was due in part to the fact that the members of All Saints had been used to operating as an independent church and did not quite understand the fact that the rector was now the Chief executive Officer of the parish. Many decisions and responsibilities that we parishioners had previously undertaken were now part of his prerogative as rector. Father Gammons' personality and knowledge of church matters soon won everyone over and we were again working together. Two major projects were undertaken and completed while he was rector. The first one was that we sold the rectory previously located on Lake Avenue near the intersection with Johnson Street and purchased the property directly to the south of the church building, connecting that to the church and creating church's ffoce and Sunday School. This building was required to meet the needs of our expanding congregation., The road during a transition is never easy and it is part of any Rector or Interim Rector's duty to prepare the church for what may come next. In so doing we are exposed to different ways of worship and different avenues of service. As I have mentioned before, one size doe not fit all, "*chacon son gout*", however; whether we particularly agree with something is really not the issue. It's whether or not we can work together to accomplish the church's mission. Although this cliché is rather hackneyed, "*variety is the spice of life*", by learning what others do we better understand what we are doing, why we are doing it, and whether we should change.

Peter Strohm

## ***A story of the Power of Love . . . .***

I want to tell you the story of a beautiful glacier created “pond” in mid-coast Maine where loons sing their magical song day and night echoing across the water and stretching back thousands of years. With the advent of acid rain in the second half of the last century, the pond could no longer support the nesting and successful rearing of loons as it had for centuries. The increased mercury in the runoff accumulates in the aquatic food chain



and lodges permanently in the systems of the birds and significantly affects their instinctual behavior. Loons with high levels of mercury are unable to successfully incubate eggs and rear the next generation of loons. Additionally, the structural failure of a culvert that traverses the small stream used by migrating alewife fish in the pond reduced the available food for any adults who might spend the summer on the pond. Alewives are a favorite food of loons and are low in the food chain, so they have relatively low levels of mercury.

A well-meaning fisherman released northern pike into the pond. It is not native, and it can rapidly decimate any other native fish using its expert hunting skills and razor-sharp teeth.

Our neighbor David, who was a year-round resident along with the financial and auxiliary physical support of the pond association members decided that the loons needed help. David stepped up to lead the effort. He constructed a pike net to remove this menace. He monitored the population of fish in the lake until he was sure there were no more pike.

As an artisan wood craftsman who builds and restores the cabins of yachts, he constructed beautiful alewife ladders each year to help the fish navigate the rip rap in the culvert. And when the ladders would be compromised by heavy spring rains, he would hand carry buckets of alewives from one side of the culvert to the other stopping traffic at times.

He successfully lobbied the Maine Department of Transportation to replace the culvert reminding them of an old law that required migratory fish streams to be kept open. When beavers, attracted by the sound of the running stream, built lodges that dammed up the stream once again, he worked with an expert to construct a “beaver deceiver” that allowed the flow of the stream and fish without attracting beaver activity. He spent many hours checking the alewife runs in the stream, the strength of the fish as they made the exhausting trip up the ladders against the rushing current to continue to the pond to spawn. He counted the young fry in the pond to see if the count was improving. All this work was done over a period of thirty years. And for many of those years, there were no new chicks. Some nests, but all abandoned before the chicks hatched.



The pond association and the members of his “team” did not give up. The pictures below reflect the result of that struggle sustained by the love from average folks powered by love. And now these parents and their chick are participating in the bounty and freedom of this love, able to fulfill their place in creation in their own way.

In these times of stress and dismal news, this is my modern parable of how powerful active love is and how love bobs and weaves into some unexpected places to yield more love, joy and peace. Truly the kingdom of god is here around us and His burden is light.

Sharon Lees

## ***Fashion Show & Luncheon . . . .***



A huge THANK-YOU to all who supported the Women's Guild fund raiser held in lieu of our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon.

The response has been terrific and to date you have helped us to raise more than \$4,400! All these funds will be used to support our charitable endeavors this year and hopefully, we will be back at the BHYC for an in-person fashion show in 2021.

Barbara Tuzio, Women's Guild President

## ***A View from the Backyard . . . .***

I was pleased to be able to attend our first Saturday evening service on July 25<sup>th</sup>. As you may know, we utilized the backyard of the Rectory, rather than the churchyard. This enabled a larger seating capacity due to our need to observe social distancing. We've all been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic but it is my hope that we are all adjusting in our own ways to the best of our abilities. I know that we all miss seeing each other, but for now, we have to work within the limitations that we must follow. So, let's look at the bright side of things: we have a wonderful supply priest, Mary Francis, we have our Zoom Sunday services and now we have a bi-weekly (every other week, to clarify) Saturday 5:30 service. The process to attend simply involves calling the church office to provide a few personal details and observing the social distancing and mask wearing protocols that we are all familiar with now. I encourage anyone who feels comfortable with what I believe is a safe environment to attend an upcoming Saturday evening service. It is 30 minutes well-spent.

Rick Hager

## ***Financial Update . . . .***



Thank you to all of you who have responded with your pledge payments during this very difficult time. At times, as our lives adjust to this pandemic, All Saints can drop from our vision. That is not the case for our faith community. Nevertheless, these tough times have taken a toll on our financial picture. As of the end of July, we have collected \$91,000 in pledges vs. a budget of \$114,000. Our current projection for 2020 based on a loss of income (for example, no open plate) and reduced expenses does however show that we will be OK as long we can collect our pledges.

As has been typical in past summers, we have had to take some money down from the Vestry Directed Fund but only to cover cash flow needs. This happens every year and we hope to return that money to the V.D.F. In past years, we have always been able to replace anything taken down. That will again be true this year if pledges are paid throughout the year. Thanks to you all for your commitment to All Saints.

Paul Hamelberg