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The Rector's Corner

Dear Ones In Christ,

Over the past several months, we've been exploring the effectiveness of our mid-week celebration of the Eucharist. The reason for this is to determine if there is another day or time, in addition to what we're doing now, that would be conducive to having an increased number of people attending mid-week worship. Over the course of the last nearly four years, attendance has decreased significantly at the Wednesday, 8:30 am service. So, material was distributed—via email blast and available in hardcopy at the church—for everyone interested to consider what might be done to increase the number of people who attend this service and another service that might be added to the mid-week schedule. In addition to this material, there have been several informal discussions that I've had with others. It has also been a topic of discussion among the Vestry Members and Wardens.

As a continuation of this exploration, three meetings were held for discussions among people who self-identified as members who are interested in being a part of the conversation. Two original meetings were announced and published with a third meeting added by request. The meetings were held on:

- ◆ Tuesday, August 13, at 10:00 am,
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- ◆ Wednesday, August 14, at 10:00 am.

Those attending the meetings were: Jeannette Caldwell, Joe DeAmicis, Jim Doran, Ada Draesel, Bert Draesel, Linda Graham, Ed Kata, Phyllis Kata, Diane Lippert, Christine McLeod, Bea Nagy, Annette Jo Patti, and Barbara Tuzio.

As was mentioned in the previously distributed material, since we already had the one mid-week service, we set our sights on an evaluation of the day and time of that service, as well as what other day and time might make sense that would increase the number of people whose schedules would allow them to attend a mid-week service. Also, we reviewed the possibility of adding a 'healing component' to the mix.

As of now, the general thinking is that we need more time to explore this topic. So, while we will be doing some things a little differently, like, having the congregation seated in the pews rather than around the altar in an attempt to be more welcoming to those who would prefer to be seated in the nave, as well as the nave being the location in the church that can accommodate far more people—whom we hope will begin attending the service, we're going to hold off on changing the day and time of the existing service and hold off on adding a service. And, while it is always possible to receive the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil for healing at any worship service and at other times, we will hold off until after the end of the year to determine if initiating a celebration of the Holy Eucharist with anointing for healing is a correct path for us.

So, many thanks to all who have already been involved with this important discussion and to all who will be involved over the next several months. The original material that was previously distributed is attached to this email, as well as an Order of Service for A Public Service of Healing.

If you have questions, comments, or thoughts about our mid-week worship services, please let me know.

Faithfully,

Robert



Wed., Sept. 4, 25—11:00 am—Weekly Bible Study (no Bible Study on 9/11, 9/18)

6:30 pm—Benedictine Way (no BW on 9/11, 9/18)

Sun., Sept. 8—4:00 pm—All Saints hosting Friendship Dinner—details page 5

Sun., Sept. 15—10:00 am—Sunday School opens—details page 4

Tues., Sept. 17—12:00—Women’s Guild Welcome Back Luncheon—details page 6

Sun., Sept. 22—4:00 pm—Concert to Celebrate 130th Anniversary—details page 4

Tues., Sept. 24 — 4-6 pm—Supper with All Saints

Looking Ahead

Sat., October 5—The Blessing of the Animals

Sat., November 16—10-3—St. Nicholas Bazaar—full details in October

Thank You! . . .



St. Gregory’s Labor Day Picnic Food Collection

Thank you at least 29 times over because that’s how many grocery bags have been returned for St. Gregory's Pantry! In addition to helping their clients celebrate Labor Day, we are also helping St. Gregory’s Pantry keep their shelves stocked for future client needs. Outreach is grateful to our All Saints family who generously filled bags for the Pantry.

Birthday Wishes

Sept. 4—Mary Jo Heckman

Sept. 5—Nick Stango

Sept. 8—Tara Hill

Sept. 10—Sarah O'Brien

Sept. 13—Sudy Mayo

Sept. 14—Joan Hamelberg

Sept. 15—Kelly Bicking

Patty Slack

Sept. 16—Paul Mastroserio

Debbie McCullam

Sept. 17—Colin Jacobs

Sept. 18—Steve Cavico

Sept. 19—Courtney Jacobs

Zoé Wells

Sept. 21—Toms Royal

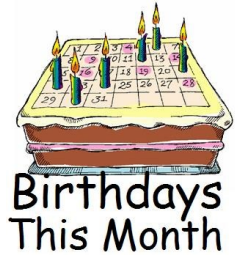
Caroline Snyder

Sept. 22—Claudia Jacobs

Sept.. 26—Shea Bicking

Sept. 30—Susan Bristol

Caroline Jacobs



Anniversary Blessings

Sept. 2—Stacey Grant & Tara Hill

Sept. 3—Kelly & John Bicking

Pat & Otto Lowe

Sept. 9—Kathy & Toms Royal

Pat & Tom Trunkwalter

Sept. 10—Caroline & John Petrie

Sept. 19—Susan & Martin Morales

Sept. 25—Donna & Skip Knapp

Sept. 26—Connie & Bill Fortenbaugh

Cathy & Frank Mulligan



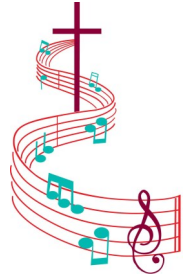
WANTED!

Copies of pictures/photos of All Saints Church thru the years.....Do you have pictures from weddings or special events that include settings in our beautiful historic church? I would like to make a photographic timeline to commemorate the 130th anniversary and display them in Bristol Hall for our All Saints Day in November. But I need your help. If you have photos to submit for the posters please make a copy, label them with the date, the occasion, the people and your phone number so they can be returned.

Contact Julie Chowansky(732-749-9675) or put them in my mail box in the church office.



Concert at All Saints



On Sunday, September 22 at 4:00 in the afternoon, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of All Saints cordially invite you to attend a concert and reception in honor of the 130th anniversary of the parish. Mezzo-soprano Melissa Juska, well-known in Monmouth and Ocean Counties for her concert and oratorio performances, will sing a varied program including such sacred favorites at *Ave Maria*, *O divine Redeemer* and *Panis angelicus*. She will be accompanied by pianist Jeff Unger.

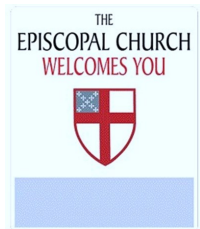
A sherry reception will follow immediately after the program in Bristol Hall. For additional information, see Stephen Pinel after the service any Sunday, or call him at 609-448-8427.

Parishioners and friends are encouraged to join us. All are welcome!

A View from the Pew



“The Episcopal Church Welcomes You” message is on virtually every church sign in every town in America. In my experience, this is indeed true. Forty years ago, in my old hometown, when I migrated over to the Episcopal Church (from one of the protestant denominations), I was warmly welcomed. One of the old-timers there said to me, “The Episcopal Church is like California – it’s hard to find a native.” That is an old expression that we probably don’t hear these days, but you get the meaning. At that same parish, we used to have a by-line: “St. Stephen’s is an Episcopal Church, but it is not just for Episcopalians.” I am finding that catchphrase to be more and more true as time goes by. I have a sense that there may be quite a few of us who are of various Christian backgrounds. And, the church is not judgmental, there is no “secret handshake”, nobody is keeping score, there is no hard and fast requirement to “officially join” – although many adults do, as I did back then. What I see at All Saints is a community that is welcoming and tries to encourage one another to simply be part of the life of the parish. So, I say to all, regardless of your background, take part, form some connections, find something you’d like to do – or just come to worship God and receive the sacraments. Wherever you are in your own personal journey, I hope you find All Saints to be a church where you feel welcome.



Rick Hager
Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer
Many Sundays, 10:15

Sunday School



Church school is gearing up for another year! Our first day will be September 15. Registration forms will be available for you to complete at that time.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Church School Teachers

Outreach News. . . .

A Day at the Beach with St. Paul's, Camden

Thank you to all who helped with hosting our St. Paul's Camp Faith Counselors



Even though the weather was not fully cooperating, 35 Camp Faith Counselors and Leaders from our sister church in Camden enjoyed their annual visit on August 13. We managed to have some time at the beach and most of us went into the ocean. And our cookout—thank you to Steve Beresik, Ed Kata and Larry Kyse who braved the rain in our backyard—was then transferred into Bristol Hall. And thanks to everyone else who helped out. Camp Faith had more children registered than ever before, the total being 95 children. The camp is one of the truly bright spots for the city of Camden and, as a previous Diocesan Bishop said, “St. Paul’s is a STAR in the Diocese of New Jersey.” Their camp is only one of those reasons but we are grateful to help support it.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the third Outreach pledge envelope for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. We raised \$265. As we mentioned in the August newsletter, IHN cares for individuals and families who are homeless by teaming up with churches in the area to host up to 14 people for an evening meal, followed by a quick morning breakfast, and to provide showers and a place for every person or child to sleep safely. Each church hosts for a week at a time until the families are back on their feet.

Outreach planned to give the full collection amount to IHN. We learned however that St. Mary’s by-the-Sea, one of the churches which hosted the IHN families, needed sleeping cots to replace their blow-up beds for the guests and the volunteers who spend the night with them. Some of our Outreach members have been volunteers in the past and several of us have provided an evening meal when St. Mary’s hosted for a week. We decided to fund the purchase of three beds for St. Mary’s which, added to their current supply of 11 new cots, makes a total of 14, one for each of the potential guests in the program. Outreach will take the remainder, add to it from the Outreach budget and send \$250 to the IHN administrative offices.

We thank you, as always, for your generosity and hope you are pleased in the way we have distributed your donations in our community.



On Sept. 8 All Saints Outreach Committee will host the Friendship Dinner at Harvey Memorial United Methodist Church in Pt. Pleasant from 4 pm. We have placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up, as well as volunteers to make macaroni salad for the dinner. Many local churches host one month a year and we hope you will support us as we take our turn.

Women's Guild



Tuesday, Sept. 17 at noon, we will have our first meeting of the new season. We 'll celebrate with a Welcome Back Luncheon. The Board met recently and set the meetings for the coming year, along with many of the programs already scheduled. As always, all women in the parish are members of the Women's Guild and we look forward to seeing you on Sept. 17. We hope you will mark your calendars for these upcoming programs:

Oct. 15—Gianna Ross of the Philadelphia Zoo will present a “zoo on wheels” program. Sure to be a great program!

Nov. 16—St. Nicholas Bazaar

Dec. 17—Giving Tree and Christmas Party

Jan. 21—Winter Games

Feb. 18—Women's Night Out (Wharfside Restaurant)

Mar. 17—Lenten Reflections

The Spring programs will be announced as they are finalized

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 & 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	2	3	4 8:30 am Holy Eucharist	5	6	7
8 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Eucharist <i>4 pm Friendship Dinner</i>	9	10	11 No service or programs	12	13	14
15 8:00 & 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	16	17 <i>12 noon Women's Guild Luncheon</i>	18 No service or programs	19	20	21
22 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Eucharist <i>4 pm Anniversary Concert</i>	23	24 <i>4-6 pm Supper with All Saints</i>	25 8:30 am Holy Eucharist	26	27	28
29 8:00 & 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	30					