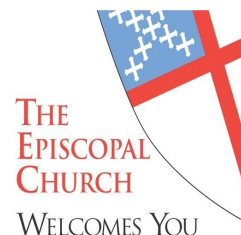


All Saints Alive

The newsletter of All Saints Episcopal Church



We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus, as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately and grow spiritually.

SEPTEMBER 2019

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We're about to start the *Program Year* restarting all our regular activities as the lazy days of summer officially come to an end. September is the time of Sunday School kickoffs, our annual Ministry Fair, and discussions of new opportunities for personal growth and greater involvement both here at All Saints and within the wider community.

Mother Bonnie's Corner

What's new or being re-newed this season? Here's a sampling of what to look forward to . . . and (hint, hint) ***DO make plans to attend our Ministry Fair on 9/8 to learn more!***

Adult Education Programs: A variety of opportunities to explore our faith through Bible studies, book studies, and small group interaction. Explore what may help you take a deeper dive into knowing our Living God.

Outreach: While we continue our fruitful Food Pantry and Elementary School ministries, we are also exploring new opportunities to help the homeless through Family Promise, serve young airmen at the Refuge, and a possible renewal of our work with Path to Shine. Consider how you may be called to touch others through involvement in Outreach.

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(Deadline 15th of the month please)

Save the Date

September

- 7– Renewal of Vows B.T. & Lillian Burton
- 8 - Christian Ed resumes! Covered Dish and Ministry Fair
- 14– ECW Fall Retreat
- 29 - *NEW* Fall Picnic: an Invite, Welcome, Connect event.

October

- 6– Covered Dish and Nifty Nineties Blessing of the Animals
- 26– ECW Marketplace
- 27– Consecration Sunday

Mother Bonnie's Corner (Cont'd)

Children and Youth: We're beginning new Sunday curriculum for all ages this Fall, so be sure to have your young ones join us for the Sunday School kickoff on 9/8.

Just for Youth: Mark your calendars, 6th grade - High School for our EYC planning meeting on 9/8, after we eat together during the monthly potluck! Our new youth minister intern, Colleen Norris, will lead that time, involving you all in making plans for the year.

New Music Ministry: Something new for our children, age 3 years - 7th grade! Our marvelous Choir Master and Organist, Kipp Gill, will begin two new children's music offerings on Sunday afternoons.

Invite Welcome Connect: We've scheduled our first *INVITE* event of Sunday 9/29, a time we're *all encouraged* to invite a friend to attend worship and our first Fall Picnic! Get involved!

It's also the time to re-look at our personal spiritual practices. Consider how you can spend some daily time with God, in prayer and reflection. And do know that I'm always available to discuss how to build prayer time into our always busy lives.

As we begin this new season, I pray we will turn our hearts toward God and continue to open ourselves to what will be new among us. I look forward to gathering together with you around the Lord's Table to find the grace we need for all that we may find in our path, as we strive to walk in Jesus' way of love.

Blessings,
Mother Bonnie+



PARISH LIFE

Education for Ministry

Looking for a way to support your faith and help connect that faith to your daily life?

We are beginning a new adult Christian Formation opportunity, *Education for Ministry*. These classes, commonly referred to as EfM, will be held on Monday evenings in the Fall.

EfM is a four-year curriculum, covering specific content areas including Old Testament, New Testament, Christian History, and Christian Theology. But EfM is not only about academic content, as the program focus is "life as ministry" and helping us to discover how to respond to the call for Christian service. Each week, through theological reflection, our small group will strive to develop a discipline of seeing all that we do as opportunity for carrying Christ's light and love into the world.

This is the final opportunity to enroll for this year! Reach out to our EfM mentors, Dan Koning dan-iel.koning1200@gmail.com or Mother Bonnie+ bonniegunderwood@gmail.com for registration information and more details.

The one year course is \$375, which includes all course books. And if you need scholarship assistance, please speak with Mother Bonnie.



ECW Happenings!

We will meet on September 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Fall Retreat is September 14th. The theme for This Year's retreat: **VULNERABILITY** led by The Reverend Shirley Porter, our Spiritual Leader. **Bring your Bible!**

If you have any questions, contact Linda Christie at lindaschristie@gmail.com.

(all the ladies of All Saints are automatically ECW Members)



Hospitality at All Saints

Episcopalians are jokingly known for routinely celebrating the “8th sacrament” — more commonly known as coffee hour — each week after church. While All Saints has routinely offered lemonade and cookies during the summer months, we would like to begin a year-round ministry of hospitality in the Fall.

Our goal is to have coffee and simple snacks available each week, so that we can have a short time of fellowship following the service to connect with those we may not yet know, as well as those we know well and love. You can help this ministry by volunteering to assist with setting up/cleaning up on a particular Sundays or perhaps by simply providing snacks for others to set out.

We're looking for a group of volunteers that would like to assist with this ministry on a regular schedule, just as we do with our other Sunday ministries. With enough hands, participants would only need to serve every 6-8 weeks! And yes, if you have someone specific you'd like to partner with on Sundays, we can assign you as a team. See our Fellowship Table at the Ministry Fair.



Adult Christian Ed

Let's talk during the **Ministry Fair** about four great opportunities coming your way to enhance the months ahead. Learn about the plan that offers varied days of the week, times and opportunities to join a group and/or to even facilitate a meeting occasionally:

So what exactly does “45?” stand for – the number of minutes to get a big assignment completed; the number of days until Christmas; or a unique and fun study to make your Episcopal journey even more interesting? Find out at the Christian Education table about what's in store Sunday mornings around the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. Might be a movie, might be a guest speaker, . . . come find out!

Wednesday Wisdom from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm is the time to reflect on Mother Bonnie's sermon and the readings from the Sunday before. Keeping the discussion going is a great way to maintain continuity from one week to the another; or to refocus if you've missed a week or two. This promises to be a stimulating exchange of how we put into practice what we learn in church, so be sure to hang on to your bulletin from the Sunday before. This is a time for the whole family to continue the discussion. Bring a **Sack Supper** to fully enjoy the hour together.

Book Group is back by popular demand. The first gathering of interested folks will be an introduction to what Beaky Yeatman has planned for Sunday afternoons (or whenever the group jointly decides).

Beth Wood's **Bible Study** will resume soon with more info on that at the Ministry Fair.

Visit the **Christian Education** table to learn more about a **Long Range Plan** for All Saints ... *a Road Trip!*...and to sign up to attend or facilitate a small group session.

For Our Youth

Our HS/MS Youth (and their friends) are ALWAYS WELCOME at All Saints EYC events!

Coming in September!

9/8: EYC Kickoff - look for our Youth Table in the Parish Hall, as we break bread together, then head to the Youth room with our new youth minister, Colleen Norris, to plan for the new year!

9/13-15: If you're in High School, you should be at **HAPPENING**, a renewal weekend led by youth, for our youth. Registration due September 1 for this great weekend at Camp Mikell. Cost \$100, click here: <https://public.serviceu.com/RegistrationForm/10608577-433904454/?OrgKey=7d7ed618-26bb-48b6-b8da-5273f3545433>

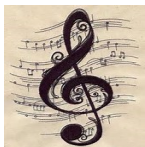
9/22: meet in the Youth Room after church for fellowship, food, and fun, as we figure out our activities for the Parish Picnic

9/29: Parish Picnic . . . a chance for food and games and maybe even a chance to get just a bit wet! Come Picnic-Ready (*really casual*) to church and ready for fun!

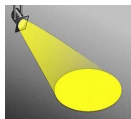
Questions?? Contact Colleen Norris at 678.591.7109 or office@allsaintswr.org.



Music Ministry



Choir practice has begun once again, but it's STILL a great time to come and join our choir! Never sung in a choir before? Not to worry, come and talk to Kipp (kippgill@yahoo.com) or any member of the choir, and we will be delighted to welcome you! Choir practices each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



Ministry Spotlight

YOUTH MINISTRY

We have the best youth in our church. It is so good to see all the acolytes in church on Sundays, whether they are returning ones or new ones. It is such a privilege to see our youth grow up before our very eyes. Thanks to all of you, for giving your time and talent in making our church a wonderful place to be as we share in fellowship and strive to grow in Jesus' way of love.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

As we roll into September the youth of All Saints gear up for not only a busy school year, but also a new church year. The opportunities here are endless. You can be an acolyte, lay reader, usher or greeter. You can join the choir, help with special worship services and participate in Diocesan events. Be sure to check into new ways to be involved at All Saints!

Invite Welcome Connect

It's Time to INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!

Worship and Fall Picnic at All Saints

September 29

This is our first Invite Welcome Connect event, an opportunity to invite others to share in our worship, fellowship, food, and fun here at All Saints!

We encourage *everyone* to invite *someone* to join us for a day of fellowship: fellowship at Christ's table, fellowship at our Fall Picnic, fellowship for all people of all ages.

So watch for "You're Invited" postcards to hand out to friends and colleagues. Watch for a SignUp Genius to let us know how many will be attending, including your guests! And watch for ways to participate in our Big Day, from setting up, to grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, to bringing a side, or helping with games and activities. But most importantly, be a bearer of genuine hospitality, by showing that *all are welcome!*

Help us become who we are called to be at All Saints: a community of real connections through hospitality, a place which can lead others into deeper journeys of Christian discipleship, a place open to the nudging of the Holy Spirit, and a place with a focus on hospitality and welcome as we strive to spread the Good News of Christ.



Invite • Welcome • Connect*



Ministry Fair 2019

*Wondering about our existing ministries at All Saints and what they do?
Curious about how you can be involved? The Ministry Fair is for you!*

On Sunday, September 8 during our Covered Dish fellowship time, we'll have table displays and ministry participants prepared to answer any questions you may have — and most importantly, to welcome you to join in our many All Saints ministries!

Be sure to check out:

Outreach ministries - Learn what's new at the *Food Pantry*, what we do for *Lindsey* and *Westside Elementary*, as well as new areas we're exploring like *Family Promise* and serving young airmen at *The Refuge* on Robins Air Base, and re-exploring, like *Path to Shine*.

Invite Welcome Connect - This new relational ministry will help us to be better Christian disciples through hospitality and welcome and learning to tell our stories. Explore how you can be part of our first event, the *Fall Picnic*.

Christian Education

Adults, wanting to discover something new? Explore new opportunities for Sundays, weekdays, and evenings to dive deeper into Bible studies, book studies, general interest topics, and movie. *PLUS, our new offering, the Education for Ministry program.*

Children's and Youth? We have that, too. New Sunday School curriculum, and a new youth minister intern leading our EYC.

Liturgical Ministries - Acolytes, Altar Guild, Greeters, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, Lectors, Music Ministry, Ushers . . . always looking for new members, both adult and youth!

Music for youth - *Something new!* Interested in hearing about our Fall plans for those ages 3 - 7th grade? Talk to Kipp at the Ministry Fair!

Parish Life - DOK, ECW, Fellowship, Foyers, Men's Club, Youth (EYC). Learn more about what we do and how you can be involved.

And Others - Communications, Memorials, Properties, Stewardship. See how your unique gifts can help support both All Saints and the wider community!

Join us on September 8!

We're all invited!



**All are welcome to join
in the
Renewal of Vows Cele-
bration for
BT & Lillian**

**If you would like to bring some-
thing; finger foods, iced tea or
lemonade would be appreciated.**

Family Homelessness in Warner Robins: What can I do?
Learn about Family Promise!
September 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Houston County reports over 300 homeless students. Experts believe these numbers are underreported, estimating there are over 600 homeless children in Houston County.

Have you ever wondered about what we can do about family homelessness in our own community? Family Promise does exactly that, by mobilizing local congregations and partnering with social service agencies to help families achieve an independent, self-sustainable livelihood.

Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday September 24 at 6:30, as we hear from Family Promise and representatives from local churches on how we at All Saints could be part of the solution.

Questions? Please contact Darlene Meloche or Mother Bonnie+.



El Refugio

Concerned about asylum seekers and migrants?

Immigration is a broad and complex issue, but as Christians, we know we are called to care for the least of these. Many have expressed deep concerns about the housing conditions of detainees.

If you feel moved to help those with loved ones incarcerated at Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia, El Refugio is a hospitality house offering meals and lodging to support families visiting those in detention. Donations can be made directly to <https://www.elrefugiostewart.org>. All Saints will also be collecting Shell gas cards to send to El Refugio, to assist families visiting loved ones.

Please continue to pray that our elected leaders can come together to solve these difficult issues of our time in a way that helps us both to secure our borders and to live into our call to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves.



School Ministries

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the school supply drive. Both schools, Lindsey Elementary and Westside Elementary, were grateful for the abundant gifts. Imogene Yongue delivered a car-load of supplies to Lindsey while Hank and Mary Cordes delivered to Westside. Your generosity has improved the lives of these students.

We will have 2 other ministry drives for both schools this year: 1) We will provide Thanksgiving meal bags to families in need identified by the Principal of both schools and 2) we will provide Christmas gifts using child's wish list. These students will be identified by the Principals in each school. More information will be forthcoming.

Again, thank you for your generous contributions!

MINISTRY UPDATES

Outreach

Food Pantry

Wondering how this Ministry serves the community? Here's a snapshot from July:

Served In July	Served This Year	<i>And Community Support</i>
Families	166	1,167
Adults	317	3,294
Children	200	1,386
Seniors (Over 60)	86	687
Homeless	6	32

This month:
Publix - 125 lbs. of food

Brown Bag Sunday

We are starting an exciting new program in support of the Food Pantry. On the **first Sunday of every month, beginning in September**, we will have a bin outside of the church full of paper grocery bags. There will be a card stapled on the outside of each bag with a list of items needed in the Food Pantry. We are asking for staples for general distribution, or items needed for our homeless ministry. If you would like to participate, simply choose a bag, fill it up, and return it to the church the following month. There will a shopping cart in front of the church, and bins in the parish hall to collect your donations.

Jimmy and I would like to thank the parish for the time and talent you contribute in service to others. We are grateful for your generosity, as are the people we serve.

Jimmy and Ann Eubanks



If you would like to volunteer to help pick up food from the Food Bank, bag bags for distribution to food pantry patrons, or volunteer to work in the pantry, please contact Jimmy or Ann Eubanks. Jimmy can be reached at 747-6555; contact Ann at 747-6558.

The Food Pantry is looking for a desk for our new reception room. If you have an extra one taking up space in your house, or your garage, or you know of someone with one to spare, contact Ann Eubanks.

Interested in packing bags for the Food Pantry on Thursday mornings?

Contact Darlene Meloche at jdmeloche@me.com.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Each month, your Treasurer will be providing a financial snapshot of the All Saints budget. Please contact our Treasurer, Beth Wood at EA_wood04@yahoo.com or the Senior Warden Ethan Wolfe at lobo0570@gmail.com with questions.

ASEC-Treasury Report-July 2019

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
<u>Income</u>				
Pledged	\$15,105.00	-\$2,493.00	\$121,442.71	-\$1,744.48
Other	\$2,087.12	\$195.46	\$21,530.63	\$7,713.49
	\$22,241.84	-\$2,297.54	\$125,781.22	\$5,969.01
<u>Expense</u>				
Operations	\$19,730.08	\$951.82	\$13,7420.25	\$7,353.05
Net	\$2,511.76	-\$1,345.72	\$5,653.40	

Cash Balances End of Month

Operating Funds & Available Reserves	\$ 96,209.26
Restricted Funds	\$ 163,671.75
TOTAL	\$ 259,881.01

Summary Statement: Our finances through July of 2019 continue to be in good shape. Currently year to date we have received \$6,278.47 more than we have actually spent. Thank you for your stewardship.

**Vestry Liaison and Contact Information**

Ethan Wolf, Senior Warden
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September Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

3- Dan Sims
 3- Janet Peters
 5- Lou Gaudet
 6- Libbet Turner
 12- Carroll Johnson
 12- Lisa Maddux
 13- Kathy Joy
 13- Avery Rice
 17- Shantoria Davis
 20- Hank Cordes
 20- Jesse Underwood
 21- Andrea Parks
 23- Buddy Parks, Sr.
 24- Anne Sanders
 25- Ariana Rivas
 27- Sandy Lee
 29- Keith Hatfield
 30- Bill Freeman

ANNIVERSARIES

4- Carroll & Stephanie Johnson
 29- Richard & Karen Marks

September Ministry Schedule

ALTAR GUILD

1- Darlene Meloche, Winnie Goldston, Jan Betts, Audrey Eakes, Sandy Lee, Marcia Fussell
 8- Karen Marks, Imogene Yongue, Amy Floyd, Linda Sims, Judy Reynolds, Rita Tucker
 15- Linda Christie, Linda Gerdes, Dan Koning, Mary Rogers, Barbara Jennings
 22- Darlene Meloche, Winnie Goldston, Jan Betts, Audrey Eakes, Sandy Lee, Marcia Fussell
 29- Karen Marks, Imogene Yongue, Amy Floyd, Linda Sims, Judy Reynolds, Rita Tucker

ACOLYTES

1- James Turner, Simon Turner, Vivian Daniell, Carson Stanley, Sophia Maddux
 8- Buddy Parks, Adam Parks, Aden Floyd, Aaron Floyd
 15- Cassie Holmes, Avery Rice, Michael Holmes, Preston Tidwell-Mial, Noah Rice
 22- Logan Ray, Carsyn Rice, Angelina Rice, Amaya Rice, Maddie Rice
 29- James Turner, Simon Turner, Vivian Daniell, Carson Stanley, Sophia Maddux

USHERS

1- Clifton Jeffers, Ethan Wolfe
 8- Eddie Henning, Barry Ray
 15- Will Power, Dan Koning
 22- Mike Tarnoff, Roland Leach
 29- Jimmy Eubanks, Barry Ray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1- Caroline Cormack, Mary Cordes
 8- Stephanie Johnson, Libbet Turner
 15- Judy Hobbs, Dan Bibler
 22- Caroline Cormack, Stephanie Johnson
 29- Libbet Turner, Rich Turner

LAY READERS

1- Reba Underwood, Jenny Underwood
 8- Becky Yeatman, Janet Peters
 15- Anne Sanders, Bill Freeman
 22- James Turner, Judy Hobbs
 29- Ann Eubanks, Janet Peters

GREETERS

1- Melanie Rivas, Sandy Lee
 8- Linda Gerdes, Roland Leach
 15- JoAnn Tarnoff, Susan Wynn
 22- Melanie Rivas, Sandy Lee
 29- Dan Koning, Buddy Parks

COUNTERS

1- Roland Leach, Carl Rogers
 8- Clifton Jeffers, Mary Mantiply
 15- Ann Eubanks, Dixie Henning
 22- Mike Tarnoff, Pierce Christie
 29- Jimmy Eubanks, Darlene Meloche

FOOD PANTRY

3- Ann, Frank
 10- Kathy, Mischa
 17- Dawn, Frank
 24- Kathy, Mischa
 4- Bev, Darlene
 11- Dawn, Rita
 18- Ann, Jess
 25- Eva, Rita

Minister of the Month: Imogene Yongue

Vestry Member of the Month: Carl Rogers

September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. ECW Meeting 6:30 p.m. Stewardship	9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5	6 10:30 a.m. Shawl Ministry	7 1:00 p.m. Renewal of Vows – BT & Lillian Burton Reception follows
8 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon with Ministry Fair	9 6:30 p.m. EfM Class	10 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting	11 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13 10:30 a.m. Shawl Ministry	14 8:45 a.m. ECW Retreat
15 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	16 6:30 p.m. Men's Group Meeting 6:30 p.m. EfM Class	17 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	18 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19	20 10:30 a.m. Shawl Ministry	21
22 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	23 6:30 p.m. EfM Class	24 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Family Promises	25 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26	27 10:30 a.m. Shawl Ministry	28 8:00 a.m. Mini Clean Up Day
29 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Diocese taking Parish Photos	30 6:30 p.m. EfM Class					