



All Saints'

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EQUIPPING THE SAINTS TO SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST IN ALL PEOPLE

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The Rev. Joan Yetter, InterimRector
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Worship Services

Sunday, 8:00am & 10:15am
Wednesday, 12:10pm

Major Weekly Programs

September – June

Midweek Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:00pm

Music Rehearsals

Choir - Thursday, 7:30pm

Handbells - Thursday, 6:15pm

Feast of the Kings



Epiphany Celebration

Saturday, January 9
5:30 — 7:30pm

Potluck Dinner
Epiphany Program performed
by the Church School



Saints Alive!

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Richland, Washington

January 2010

Annual Meeting

On January 31, beginning about 11:30am, it's Annual Meeting time! We need to gather to do some vital parish business. Please make time to attend, eat, listen, and vote.

It's a potluck luncheon, so plan to bring a dish to share (be sure to bring plenty!). There will be many important agenda items such as the election of new vestry members, election of delegates to diocesan convention, and reports on ministries and projects. Get it on your calendar now! 8:00 o'clockers, please come! The four new members elected to the Vestry will be voting for our new rector, so their selection is extremely important to the future direction of this parish! Be sure to come and support your candidates!

Ministry leaders should note that reports are due for the Annual Report by January 24. Reports can be submitted on disk or e-mailed to the church at admin@allsaintsrichland.org.

Rectors Corner

by Joan Yetter

If Jesus was born today can you imagine how the news of his birth would be spread in this technological world? There are search engines, social networking sites, GPS navigation, satellites that bring news from the far corners of the globe to us instantaneously.

At the time of his birth the scribes predicted that Jesus would be born and where. The Wise Men heard only a rumor of the birth but it motivated them to make the long journey. The shepherds were alerted by angels to the news of the birth of the

Messiah. In the tradition of the church the Christmas mystery evolved into two parts: the nativity and the epiphany. The church had a deep instinct to separate these two feasts. In the Nativity we commemorate God's entrance into human life, the emergence and birth of the holy. In the Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of God's presence in everyday life. The nativity only happens that the epiphany may happen, and the epiphany cannot happen without the nativity.

How do we keep the Christmas message alive in the 21st century? Jesus continues to come to life though the voice of our contemporaries, with the eyes of customer service workers and children, through the feet of soldiers and soup kitchen workers, and through the heart of anyone in need. We can do for him what those who knew him in the flesh did for him.

Peter's mother-in-law prepared a meal for him. The people of Samaria were overjoyed to give him hospitality. His friendship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus was a deep and meaningful relationship through thick and thin. How do we do it? We do it by seeking and serving Christ in all persons – by being Christ's heart and hands in this world one encounter at a time. That is the mystery of Christmas.

From the Treasurer

by John Deichman

This is a very busy time for the treasurer and bookkeeper. With year-end closing and the initiation of next year's books, we hope to have your Giving Statements to you by the 20th of January. If you need information earlier, please call Jo.

Children & Youth Ministries

by Theresa Grate



Feast of the Kings, Saturday, January 9, 5:30-7:30pm. Our annual Epiphany celebration starts with crown-making, then progresses to a potluck dinner and fun games for the young and young at heart. Dessert is a king's cake, made by our previous king, Jennifer Allstead, and family. If you find the bean this year, we will crown you "king" for the evening. All are invited!

Teacher's Meeting, January 10, noon. Planning for Lent, Easter, and beyond! Lunch will be provided.

Youth to Tri-City Americans hockey game, January 16. 7:00pm game at the Toyota Center. More information in your class, or contact Lena Carson.

Winter/Spring activities. The list of dates for upcoming church school activities is now out. They are being mailed to Sunday school families, with additional copies available in the narthex on the activity rack, or in the education wing on the bulletin board.

Bishop's All Star Weekend, April 9-11. All Saints' will be hosting a Diocesan Youth event this weekend after Easter. Lots of help will be needed to feed, chaperone, transport, and entertain (?) youth from around the diocese. The youth will be working on service projects on Saturday, and participating in the service on Sunday (along with the Bishop!), so mark your calendars, and be thinking of how you might help All Saints' offer hospitality to our young people.

Winter Weekend, February 26-28. This annual Diocesan Youth Event (grades 7-12) will take place in Wallace, Idaho, this year. The group will be going to Silver Mountain one day and Lookout Pass the next, for skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, or other fun (there is a water park option). Costs range from \$80 to \$100 depending on what activities you choose (and equipment rental is extra), and includes lodging and meals, plus transportation to and from the Cathedral in Spokane. Registration forms are available around the church and due by February 19; contact Colin Haffner for more details at colinh@spokanediocese.org.

Cookie thank yous. Thanks to all the helpers who made the Christmas cookie-making a smooth morning: Bea Wardlow, Sindy Haffner, Jill Rainbolt, Katy O'Callaghan, Lena Carson, Pat Allstead, Eva and Zoe Grate, and especially Stacy Berg, who manned the ovens and kept the baking on track 'til the last cookie was done. We had a lot of kids rolling, cutting, and painting cookies, and lots of dough, thanks to Sindy Haffner, Dorothy LaMastus, Pat Allstead, Lena Carson, Maureen Luksic, and Bea Wardlow. The cookies were scrumptious and are all gone!

Baskets and trays needed. We have been gathering resources for implementing Godly Play in our preschool Sunday School room, and are in need of some baskets and trays. They should be approximately 1 foot wide and between 14 and 18 inches long, and no deeper than 4 inches. Some basic trays with handles would also work. If you have anything like this that you would like to donate, please contact Theresa Grate in the church office.

Wanted: Egyptian travelers. Have you been to Egypt recently, or planning to go this spring? For the last several VBS sessions, we have had great success in having a parishioner present to our VBS campers photographs and information about life in the part of the world we are studying (coral reefs, China, rainforests) and this year, it's Egypt (focusing on the story of Joseph). If you are interested in sharing your travels to Egypt with our young people this summer, please contact Theresa Grate.

Adult Education in January

Join us on Sundays at 9:15am in the library during the season of Epiphany. Focusing on the gifts we bring to our common life, we will use resources developed by educator and activist, Parker Palmer, to discern passion for ministry while responding to God's still small voice in our deepest self. How do we bridge the gap between our outer life and the deepest longing of our soul? How do we discover our authentic self as a child of God and how do we live into that identity? Come with an open heart and a questioning mind to explore these fundamental truths.

The Outreach Corner



Again, we packed boxes! – 94 Christmas Boxes with lots of good food, a Christmas card, and a \$50.00 gift card. These boxes were packed by some 23-25 of you on Saturday, December 19th, and most were out the door by 1:30pm. Many, many thanks to all of you!

Many parishioners participated in Adopt-A-Family. That sponsorship provided the gift card that each family received. We used to try to buy clothing and toys, but found that very expensive and it was so hard to “get it right.” Thanks to you for making this a much better way.

The “Christmas Card To The Parish” made it possible to send \$500.00 to Domestic Violence Services of Benton-Franklin Counties. Their need is great and it is very good to be able to help a bit.

Thank You Everyone!

We give Thanks!

-To everyone who helped with the Saint Nicholas cookies, whether preparing the dough, baking, or packaging, your participation was instrumental in making this activity so successful. And thanks to Rev. Joan for sharing this holiday tradition of hers with the All Saints’ family.

-To all who showed up to pack and deliver boxes for our Outreach families, and for those who contributed financially so that those less fortunate could more fully enjoy the experience of Christmas.

-To everyone who helped make our Candles and Carols celebration another huge success: Geoff Richmond, and Jo and Paul Ellis, who helped with setup and decorating; Steve and Julie Wiley for their generous donation of wine; Jonny and Pat Allstead, Ted and Lois Price, Mike and Ann O’Neill, and the rest of the clean-up crew for cleaning the kitchen and putting away all the tables and chairs; Becky Hoffmann and Joyce McClanahan for entertaining us upstairs before the carol singing; and Dick Gordon and Paula Cowley for leading us in the singing of carols. Thanks to everyone who came and brought food and shared this special Christmas event with the All Saints’ family.



THANK YOU

-To Liz Carter for working with the little ones to provide such beautiful music for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service. Thanks also to Michael Smith for the guitar accompaniment, and to our singers: Bridget and Ethan Lawrence, Sydney and Olivia Roux, Jennifer Allstead, Kelsie Berg, Zoe Smith, and Rachel Byrd. You all were awesome!

-To those who made the luminaria possible on Christmas Eve: Zoe and Eva Grate, Carla McCoy, Paul Ellis, and Ben Yetter.

-To the Altar Guild, ably led by Chris and Gary Kloster, the office staff, the choir and musicians, and all those who served at the extra services, for working so hard to make the celebration of Christmas at All Saints’ so beautiful and so special!

Thank you all!

A Spiritual Journey with Dutch Carlisle

My husband recently suffered a collapsed vertebrae in the lower lumbar region. Since his fracture has absorbed a great deal of my time, I have realized several spiritual revelations that I would like to share with you.

When we married 63 years ago we took a vow to love one another through sickness and health, and, for better or for worse. Love is such a powerful gift God has given to us and this love and the strength and growth it has given to my husband and I through the years of marriage has indeed been a wonderful gift. And as I help him dress morning and night, comfort him as best I can and let him know by cell phone where I am and when I am coming home, I am overwhelmed with my love for him and his love for me. This love is one we give to our children, to their spouses and children, and to our great grandchildren. It is a love given to friends, to those we pray for, to so many. The list is endless.

Love has no boundaries, no restrictions, no rules. It simply exists for you and me to share with one another, to express where most needed, and above all to thank God for His generosity for such an overwhelming life-time gift.

Even in bleak times of frail health, love sustains and embraces. May the love of God uphold you and embrace you in all you do and need.

Get to Know the Sunday School Teachers

Beatrice (Bea) Wardlow, 4th-5th grade teacher.

This is the second in a series; seven questions asked of our teachers. The responses have been interesting and educational—I'm sure you will learn something new! Bea started teaching in the spring of 2007, taking over for another teacher who had to quit, and she has been a loving and dedicated teacher to our 4th and 5th graders ever since.

Where were you born/where did you grow up?

I am a native of the sunflower state of Kansas. I was born in Ottawa, Kansas, and spent my childhood in Wellsville, Kansas, with my two brothers and twin sister. When I married, I moved to Leavenworth, Kansas. Jim and I both worked for the Department of Corrections, working in the prison system for 26 years (Jim) and 23 years (me). Four years ago we retired and moved to the Tri-Cities.

Have you always been an Episcopalian? If not, when/why did you become Episcopalian? I am a convert. While growing up, I attended the Methodist Church for 22 years. Then I wanted to go back to my family roots and was a Catholic from 1971-1981. Shortly after I moved to Leavenworth, a lady by the name of Thelma Damon who lived next door started asking me to church. I didn't have a church home at that time and she kept asking. So finally I accepted her invitation to attend the Episcopal church and the rest is history. Thelma helped me to get connected with the altar guild, hosting coffee hour, and being on the vestry. I found out in short order that Episcopalians don't give up very easily.

Tell me a little about your church life growing up. I enjoyed Sunday School, singing in the choir, Bible study, visiting other churches, prayer services, Easter breakfasts, young people's church, and any activity concerning the Church. Sunday was spent happily getting ready for church and attending Sunday school and church (singing in the choir), having a wonderful dinner, and consuming an ice cream cone after a short ride in the country. My life was always happiest when I was at church and actively participating in God's work.

Why do you teach Sunday school? and how long have you taught? I think children are special and their young minds are hungry for the message of God's love. I also believe they should be happy

attending Sunday school, enjoying the journey with God, family, church, and learn about the churches many changing seasons. I have taught for 3 years.

What do you like to do for fun? Shopping—not necessarily buying anything—attic looking, second hand stores, but most of all GARAGE SALES! Cooking and doing anything that can make someone happy. Cooking back and forth with my family, hosting dinners and family get-togethers for any reason (lost tooth, good grades, over an illness, birthdays which actually last a whole week, anything is fine with us). We love eating and getting together.

Search Committee Report

by Bill Cowley

During a recent phone call with Kristi Phillip, the Diocesan Deployment Officer, she told me that there have been 5 responses to our ad in the national Church Deployment Website. She said she knows 4 of the 5 and considers them to be good candidates. She did say that she has not yet done any vetting of the candidates.

Because our ad started running in late October, the Search Committee decided that we should let the ad run into January and possibly February before we started looking at candidates. It will depend on how much interest our ads generate during January. We have also placed an ad with Episcopal News for the months of January and February. The ad will be in both the print editions and their website. The search committee has started working to develop procedures, questions, and evaluation criteria for the candidates, when we have them.

Saints and Sinners



Saints and Sinners will meet on Friday, January 8, at the home of George and Bette Evans. **610 Carner Ct. E., in Richland.** The social hour begins at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. Singles are asked to provide dessert or salad, and couples may bring a main dish or salad and dessert. Please bring silverware, plate, cup, and \$2.00 for beverage. **Please RSVP the Evans' by January 6 at 627-2632.**