

All Saints'

1322 Kimball Avenue  
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***EQUIPPING THE SAINTS TO SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST IN ALL PEOPLE.***

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The Rev. Jan Griffin, Rector  
The Rev. Dorothy Carlisle, Deacon  
The Rev. M. A. Hawkins, Deacon, Retired  
The Rev. Sandra Robison, Deacon, Retired

***Worship Services***

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

***Major Weekly Programs***

**September – June**

*Midweek Bible Study*

Wednesday, 1:00pm

*Music Rehearsals*

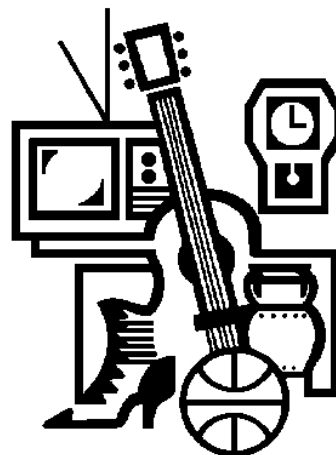
Choir - Thursday, 7:30pm

Handbells - Thursday, 6:15pm

**All Saints' Annual Rummage Sale**

**Saturday, May 2**

**8:00am — 2:00pm**





# *Saints Alive!*

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Richland, Washington

May 2009

## **Rector Search Update**

by Mark Hoffmann, Senior Warden

The Vestry made good progress in April related to the search process for a new Rector. The parish survey called the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) was kicked off with a completion date of April 27, 2009. A total of 95 parishioners have completed the survey through April 26. The CAT will provide the search committee with insight into how the congregation feels about our church and what they want in our new rector.

The Vestry met on April 20 and approved 12 search committee members, including a chairman. Bill Cowley was selected as the Chairman and the committee members are Diane Goheen, Theresa Grate, Gary Kloster, Robert Nichols, Cindy O'Brien, Katy O'Callaghan, Mary Bess Peterson, Chuck Rawls, Jeanne Smith, Kathleen Utz, and Steve Wiley. They will be meeting in the near future with Kristi Philip, the Diocese Deployment Officer, to continue the detailed planning started by the Vestry. The next major activity for the Search Committee will be to take the church survey results and use that as input to preparing a church and new rector profile.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

by Lisa Richmond



The May gathering for the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Friday, May 29, 9:30am to 11:30am at the home of Theresa Grate, 700 S. 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in West Richland. Please call Theresa at 967-5722 by May 27 if you plan to come. New members are always welcome.

## **UTO Ingathering May 17**

UTO Sunday! Thanks be to God!



The United Thank Offering is an Episcopal Church personal and family program of thanksgiving and mission. We give thanks to God for the daily blessings in our everyday lives, by putting coins into the little Blue Box. Twice a year we gather these offerings, which are combined with the offerings of thousands of other Episcopalians, and are used to benefit mission projects in dioceses and congregations in this country and around the world. Several UTO grants have been given to the Diocese of Spokane, including \$67,000 in 2006 to rebuild the docks at Camp Cross. Be thankful in your prayers and be generous to the Blue Box, and help UTO pass the blessings on.

## **Music Search Committee Update**

by Ellen Baer

The Music Search Committee members – Lena Carson, Jim Noyce, Liz Carter, Julie Wiley, Paula Cowley, and Ellen Baer, assisted by Rev. Jan Griffin, are preparing to interview candidates for the combined position of Music and Choir Director. Interviews are scheduled over the next few weeks.

There is a great deal of preparation and discernment required of the committee during this time; please support us by praying for the committee, the candidates, and the vestry, that we will be guided in wisdom during this process, so that the music programs at All Saints' will continue to glorify God through our music.

## **Rectors Corner**

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by Jan Griffin

I just got this from a colleague, the Rev. John Grabner:

“In his recent book ‘UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks of Christianity,’ David Kinnaman of the Barna Group is said to present statistical research and extensive interviews from a three-year study that document how an overwhelming percentage of sixteen to twenty-nine year olds view Christians with hostility, resentment, and disdain.

According to the Barna study, these are the alleged percentages of people outside the church who think that the following words describe present-day Christianity:

- antihomosexual 91%
- judgmental 87%
- hypocritical 85%
- old-fashioned 78%
- too political 75%
- out of touch with reality 72%
- insensitive to others 70%
- boring 68%

It would be hard to overestimate, says Kinnaman, ‘how firmly people reject--and feel rejected by--Christians.’ (Courtesy of textweek.com). As a liturgist, I take some small comfort from noting that the percentage for ‘boring’ isn’t higher.”

Like John, I too am surprised that “boring” isn’t higher on the list, but I guess if you’re upsetting people this much, you aren’t being “boring.” Let me add that the Barna Group has an excellent reputation in the Episcopal Church (and other denominations) for its research.

Jesus Christ is none of those things ... not anti-homosexual, or judgmental, or hypocritical, or old-fashioned, or too political, or out of touch with reality, or insensitive to others, or too boring! The Church is the Body of Christ, and if it seems so different from its Founder and Sustainer, then it must change, or risk what Scripture records when the Spirit of God left the temples of worship, because they were unfaithful in communicating the will of God.

There’s a song that goes .. “they’ll know we are Christians by our love ....” Why don’t these young people know about the Church’s generosity? Hospitality? Willingness to forgive and reconcile?

Giving of time and talent? Peacemaking? These things are supposed to be signs of the Spirit of Christ working in and through us.

Change, in liturgy and music, will be part of many conversations at All Saints’ in the months to come. But the highest percentages of criticism of Christianity in the Barna study are about attitudes toward other people and the wider community, not about styles of worship.

I firmly believe that All Saints’ is a shining example of a faithful and healthy congregation ... generous, hospitable, with a strong volunteer spirit and a great desire to make life better for others. But with information like the Barna study “out there,” we cannot rest on our laurels or pretend that the problems belong to other churches.

What can you say or do that will show your family, friends, and neighbors how the Spirit of Christ dwells richly in this place? Do you keep up with what our Outreach Committee is doing (or join the committee!) so you can witness to our generosity and service to the community? How can we all proclaim, by word and example, the Good News of God in Christ? People have, apparently, heard more than enough bad news from churches!

## **Bishop’s Visitation on June 7<sup>th</sup>**

June 7th will be a grand and glorious Sunday! The Bishop’s visitation, the retirement celebration for Bob and Ann Nash, and Confirmations!

Bishop Waggoner will be at both 8:00am and 10:15am services. After some coffee hour time at 9:00am, he’ll meet with the Confirmation candidates. After the 10:15 service he’ll join us for the celebration of the Nashes’ ministry as we say a tearful but fond thank you and farewell to them.

Put June 7th on your calendar!



**Newsletter Deadline**  
**Sunday,**  
**May 24**

## Saints and Sinners

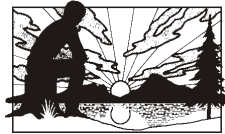


Saints and Sinners will meet on Friday, May 8, at the home of George and Bette Evans, 610 Carner Ct. East, in Richland. The social hour begins at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. Singles are asked to provide dessert or salad, and couples may bring a main dish or salad and dessert. Please bring silverware,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

## Think Camp Cross!

### Youth:

Intermediate/Junior High (entering 4th-8th grades): June 21-26, July 12-17, August 2-7 \$245



Mid High (entering 9th-10th grades) July 19-25 \$260

Senior High (entering 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and new graduates) August 9-15 \$245

Mini Camp (entering 2nd-3rd grades) July 1-3 \$115

### Family:

4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Camp: July 3-6 \$215 for family of 3, \$15 per additional child

Days at the Lake: July 6-10 \$45 per day for adults, \$30 for children

Labor Day Family Camp: Sept. 4-7 \$215 for family of 3, \$15 per additional child

### Adult:

Labor of Love: May 22-24 free!

Women's Weekend: August 21-23 \$115

Man Camp: August 28-30 \$115

Young Adult Retreat: October 2-4 \$90

Closing Weekend: October 9-10 \$65

If you are looking for an affordable vacation, fairly close by – check out Camp Cross on Lake Coeur d'Alene. It's not just for the kids. There are family weekends, and adult weekends, too. Get back to nature, enjoy the lake and the trees, take a hike, read a book, do nothing. And someone else takes care of the cooking and dishes.

There are discounts for bringing a friend to camp, and for registering early. Check out the registration forms in the narthex and downstairs in the Parish Hall. All Saints' offers scholarships for all first-time youth campers, and has scholarship money available for returning campers who need assistance. Just ask Jan Griffin or Theresa Grate.

## Badger Mountain Hike



All Saints Men's Group is leading a hike up Badger Mountain on Saturday, May 23. Meet at the trail's parking lot at 9:30am. To get to the parking lot turn West off Keene Road onto Shockley Road (by Bethel Baptist Church) to where Shockley turns left onto Queensgate Drive. Proceed upward on Queensgate to the last street to the right, then promptly turn left into the parking lot. Wear hiking clothing and shoes, and take water. Contact Jim Noyce at 546-3470 Friday evening if the May 23rd weather forecast is iffy.

## Dinner Club

by Mia Portlock - coordinator



We are starting new dinner clubs for the spring and the sign-up sheet will be in the narthex by the end of April. If you have not tried Dinner Club it is a nice way to make new friends and develop closer relationships within our church; ask those who have tried it.

When you sign up you are matched with three other couples or singles; this is determined by the coordinator – my hope is that you will know no one in the group very well. Then the group arranges to host dinner in each of their homes convenient for all in the group, usually once a month. Each group selects the time and place – if for some reason you would prefer to host at church that can be arranged, but it is nice to see where the people you see every week at church live and what they like to cook. The menu is to be determined by the host and it can be anything the host is comfortable cooking – nothing fancy – the focus is on fellowship.

Keep watch in the bulletin for the sign-up.

## Adult Discussion Sessions in May

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In May we'll take a look at the Book of Acts, which shows up in our Sunday morning lessons. It's called "The Acts of the Apostles" but might as well be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit," as it tells many stories about how the Church got started through the power of the Spirit.

May 3: Getting organized - Ascension, Pentecost, Peter in charge, Matthias, deacons - who's in charge and what's going on?

May 10: Many women have roles in the founding of the Church, (and ones left out - Mary Magdalene!)

May 17: Peter's conversion to the openness of God, and Paul's conversion to the Way of Christ, both big steps toward the success of the Jesus movement.

May 24: Paul's missions get started, because of and despite, tensions with the Jerusalem leadership, Peter and James.

May 31: Pentecost! And other acts of the Holy Spirit throughout Acts.

Sundays in May we'll meet in the library, at 9:10am.

## Pentecost T-Shirts

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This is your chance to make one of these unique, batiked and tie-dyed t-shirts (not just for kids!):



**May 3:** Shirts due at the church. These must be 100% cotton, white shirts that have been laundered to take out any finishes on them (or the dye won't hold, and if they are not 100% cotton, the dye colors will be very faded). Please write your name on the tag or the inside shirt collar with a Sharpie permanent marker.

**May 4:** Beginning at 9:00am, I will be applying the wax doves to all the shirts. If you'd like to help, I'll be in the church kitchen.

**May 10 & 17:** This is your chance to tie-dye. We will have the supplies set up on both these days, you get to have the fun (everyone gets to do their own).

**May 12 & 19:** On these Tuesdays, beginning at 9:30am, I'll be rinsing and washing the shirts, and

hanging them to dry. (The dye needs to set at least 24 hours before rinsing.) Helpers are welcome.

**May 13 & 20:** Ironing days! The wax comes out and the shirts will be ready. You can pick them up at the church on Thursday during office hours, on church on Sunday, May 24, or the following week.

**May 31: *Wear your shirt for Pentecost!***

Karin Wells, the daughter of Al and Jan Wells, will participate in the graduation from Washington State University TriCities on May 15, 2009 at 4:00pm at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, WA. She was granted the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Humanities on December 20, 2008. We are very proud of her achievement.

## The Outreach Corner

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by Dot Honaker



The Outreach Yard Sale is set for this Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will run from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

The proceeds from this sale go into the Outreach Budget and all items left over go to Nuestro Salvador at The Church of Our Savior. They will continue the sale throughout the year. Among the services they are then able to provide are Scholarships to Camp Cross for their children.

Thanks for the many ways you help in this labor-intensive effort – for your donations, sorting, pricing, displaying, selling, and cleanup. Many hands make this big job happen.

Relay For Life will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> at Southridge Track. Presently, we have one team ready, but hope to have a second team by then. There will be more information next month, but please talk with Al Haffner or Kris Powell about participating.

The date for the BBQ for the Parish has been changed to Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be details next month, but terrifically good food and music is still promised! As last year, all money taken in will be given to The Richland Food Bank.

# Children & Youth Ministries

by Theresa Grate



**Book presentations, May 3.** As is our annual spring tradition, we will present our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with Bibles, and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders with Books of Common Prayer during worship services this Sunday. Join us in celebrating our young students.

**Vacation Bible School planning meeting, Sunday, May 3, noon.** This is the time to come find out about this summer's VBS! Our theme will be "Rainforest Adventure," and the dates have been set: **August 10-14** from 9 to noon each day. We are going to try it a little later in the summer this year. In addition to people to lead the various activities, we also need people to help ahead of time with decorations and prep work. If you are interested in helping, but can't make this meeting, please contact Theresa Grate in the church office, 943-1169.

**New acolyte training, May 3.** Any student who will be entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher in the fall is invited to train as an acolyte to serve All Saints'. We will hold training after the 10:15 service (approximately 11:45) on this Sunday, upstairs in the sanctuary. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, please attend: you can see what is involved before you commit to the coming year. New acolytes will be added to the summer schedule. All acolytes are invited to help train the new people, and to refresh your own training (it's also a good time to see if you need a new robe—you've grown!).

**Young Families Ministry Dinner, Monday, May 4.** Families with preschool-age or younger children are invited to come meet in the parish hall for fellowship and dinner from 5 to 7pm. We will have a discussion this month, but no Well service. RSVP (943-1169) by noon on Monday so we have enough food.

**Teacher Appreciation, May 17.** On this Sunday, we will be honoring the teachers and children's chapel leaders who have given so much time and energy to our children this past year. We'll recognize them during both services, and feast on cake afterwards. If you see these people, please thank them for their ministry:  
Paula Fallon and Katy O'Callaghan –  
Preschool/Kindergarten  
Kris Powell, Becky Maestas, Pamela and Dick Byrd  
– 1st-3rd grade

Mia Portlock and Bea Wardlow – 4th-5th grade  
Lena Carson, Steve Goheen, Michelle Smith –  
Middle-High School  
Diane Goheen, Pat Morse, Pat Hoinacki, Theresa Grate, Laura Hendrickson, Michelle Smith –  
Children's Chapel

**Combined Sunday school class on May 24.** If you are in town over the holiday weekend, come to our birthday party for the church in honor of Pentecost, starting at the normal 9:00am. We will meet in the 1st-3rd grade room (off the Parish Hall). Fire and wind—sounds like Pentecost, and candles on a birthday cake!

**Last Day of Sunday School, June 7.** This is the last day of Sunday school for this school year, and it will be packed! We will start at 9:00am with a music rehearsal for the singers and dingers, upstairs in the sanctuary, as we sing our song for the bishop this day (during the 10:15 service)! Next it is off to our classrooms to say good bye to our classmates and teachers. Then we will all wind up outside (if the weather is good) for some refreshments and games (all classes, even the middle-high schoolers!).

**Communion Class.** It looks like we will have a Communion Class on June 14, in the afternoon. If your child would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact Jan Griffin or Theresa Grate in the church office. Good for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older, whether or not they are already receiving communion, and even if they have participated before in the class.

## Spiritus Labyrinth Pilgrimage

Spiritus will present "Letting Go, Letting Be, Receiving the Spirit: a Labyrinth Pilgrimage," from 9:30am to 3pm May 16 at St. John's Cathedral in Spokane. The Rev. Elaine Breckenridge, rector of St. David's, will explain the traditional Christian practice of the Labyrinth and provide guided experiences of walking the Labyrinth. \$25 fee includes lunch. Registration closes May 11. To register online by credit card visit [www.spokanediocese.org/events/09-may-spiritus-workshop](http://www.spokanediocese.org/events/09-may-spiritus-workshop). For information contact Carolyn Terry at [cfkterry@earthlink.net](mailto:cfkterry@earthlink.net).



## Sunday School Visits Richland Life Care

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The residents and staff of Richland Life Care greatly appreciated our visit on Holy Saturday, and the beautiful baskets of Easter treats made by our 4th-5th graders. Thanks to the parents and kids that made this loving annual event such a success: Lena, Isabela, and Sophia Carson, Lisa, Olivia, and Sydney Roux, Delaney Wilde, Christopher Walling, and Theresa and Eva Grate. Here is what one resident wrote:

*"I am a patient at Richland Life Care, and I wanted to write and thank you for the wonderful Easter Baskets you brought around to us! It was so very nice of you! The baskets were so very well made and put together so well! The chocolates were so good, too! I can't remember the last time I had chocolates like that!"*

*It's always so nice to be remembered when you're in here! I have friends and a few family members—but usually on special days like Easter—they're off doing their own things!! It's really hard for me, as I miss not having special holidays! But you make it less painful by the kind things you do! I thank you for that!! God Bless you all for the kindness you show to others! You are so sweet!!"*

## Thank You Everyone!

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We give Thanks!

- For the careful, prayerful work of the committee searching to fill the organist/choir director/music director roles: Ellie Baer, Paula Cowley, Julie Wiley, Liz Carter, Jim Noyce, Lena Carson.

- For the ministry of Theresa Grate and the dedicated Sunday School and youth teachers, leaders and other volunteers who instruct, teach, guide, and inspire our children.

- For the tireless Altar Guild, under the leadership of Chris and Gary Kloster, ably assisted by Barbara Forester and the Guild members. Holy Week and Easter is their Olympics! All the services were well-staffed, organized, and beautiful.

- For the rich variety of music that we enjoy week after week, but especially at Holy Week and



Easter. The Choir, the Brass, the Bells, the soloists and all the musicians who contributed hours of practice time and wonderful worship .. we all were very moved and uplifted by your efforts.

- For Lisa Richmond, with Sindy Haffner's help, organizing the participants and creating the service bulletins for Holy Week and Easter. Their work is another example of the team of ministers of all sorts that work to create our beautiful services.

Thank you all!

## Spirit Song

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Thank you from the music directors!

- to the Men's Group, for preparing the Choir Breakfast between Easter services. You were much appreciated!

- to Theresa Grate, for directing the devotional Good Friday service and for your leadership with the delightful Singers and Dingers.

- to brass and bell players, for your festive addition to our service music this Easter and throughout the year.

- to the congregation, for lifting your hearts and voices in song. It is an honor to worship with you through music.

- to Liz Carter, for your cheerful and generous nature as you direct the choir when Bob needs you.

- to Paula Cowley, for your faithful service to the choir, and for your dedication to becoming an organist.

- to Jan, for managing all the details of all the services in Lent and Easter and skillfully leading us, as always, to a real focus in our lives. The children's sermon on the theme of "Alleluia" was a definite high point!

**- to the terrific All Saints' Choir, for your steadfast loyalty, encouragement, and support. Thank you for exuberant rehearsals, for your willingness to be challenged, for the joy you express in music, and for the friendship we share.**

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

And may God give us faith to sing always—

Alleluia! (Hymn #420)

With deep affection,  
Bob and Ann

## **New Storage Building**

The new storage building and the removal of the old trailer are coming closer to reality. We have now raised over \$22,000 of the \$25,000 budgeted. The variance needed for the new building has been approved by the City of Richland. Wayne Underwood is preparing the request for a building permit and hopes that we may be able to get a contractor to do the grounds preparation later in May.

In the last month we have heard from different ministries and the staff at All Saints' about some of the uses of the new building. The staff tries to spend your pledged dollars wisely as they work to supply the church with the materials needed to do their job. One way is to buy supplies in bulk, especially when items are on sale. But they have one problem — they have no place to store things! Check out the Church School Supply Room or the AV Closet – they're crammed to the rafters and there's no more storage space.

What would Children's Ministries use the new storage shed for? — a cardboard Biblical play village used at several VBSes, not to mention "trees" and other large VBS props; boxes of plastic Easter eggs; boxes of fake flowers and other Day of the Dead decorations; Christmas items and costumes. These kinds of items, used once a year, could be stored in a new shed. Our Sunday school supply room is stuffed to the gills with supplies used weekly by our classes. Items used just once a year could be stored in the shed, leaving room in the loft closets for infrequently used supplies.

How will the new storage building benefit our grounds? We can certainly use the storage space for garden tools and supplies. However, an important benefit to having a new building (and removing the trailer) will be opening up our backyard space for more flexible use such as outdoor receptions or youth soccer games. The space will also assist the Men's group in their many projects to maintain and improve the facilities at All Saints'.

So please come help us finish the fund raising in May. The wonderful support by the Parish is once again helping All Saints' complete a valuable project that supports our mission.

## **A Spiritual Journey with Dutch Carlisle**

I was taken with Jan's sermon on the third Sunday after Easter. She brought out that Mary Magdelene, the men on the road, and even the disciples did not recognize Jesus after his crucifixion. I couldn't help but think about this and how we are enabled to see Jesus in others.

When people come up for thanksgivings and blessings after the service, so many give thanks for the support, love, and prayers of people who responded to them in their times of need. What more endearing loving ministry is there than reaching out to people in their needs? We are all disciples of Christ and recognizing Christ in one another is sometimes far from our minds, though we are blessed with friends and people who come to our aid in time of stress, illness, or whatever need we have..

A spiritual life requires much of us as we are called by Christ to be his disciples. A loving and caring presence stirs and moves within our souls, calling us to aid those in need. This to me is the Christ within me that demands my awareness. The Christ that taught me, as he did the disciples.

As the Son of God dwells within us, we can do much. We only have to invite Him into our lives!

## **Pre-General Convention Regional Meetings**

The Bishop and Deputies to the Episcopal Church's General Convention will travel around the diocese for presentations and conversation on topics coming before this year's triennial General Convention, July 8-17 in Anaheim, CA. The local meeting is at St. Paul's, Kennewick, May 27, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and hear what opportunities for mission will be presented at Convention and what issues will be wrestled with.

