

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  
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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



**Sunday, August 30**

**10:15 AM**

**South Leslie Groves Park,  
Shelter # 1**

Wear your tie-dyed t-shirt!  
Bring a main dish or salad and dessert.  
Plates, silverware, and cold drinks will be provided.



# Saints Alive!

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Richland, Washington

August 2009

## Children & Youth Ministries

by Theresa Grate



**Vacation Bible School,  
August 10-14.** It's  
almost time for our  
"Rainforest Adventure!"



VBS will meet Monday through Friday from 9:00am to noon for lots of fun! We will be learning ways we can be good stewards of God's creation, and particularly how the Rainforest is important to all of us. We'll learn about the animals and plants of the rainforest, hear stories and songs about caring for the earth and each other, build our own ecosystem, and lots more! Our mission project this year will be adopting an acre of the rainforest in Costa Rica, through The Nature Conservancy. Invite your friends and neighbors! VBS is for kids ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, with older youth helping lead groups; cost is \$10 for the first child, \$5 each additional sibling. Registration forms are available on the activity rack in the narthex, and the bulletin board in the education wing, or by calling 943-1169. It's a great way to spend a summer week!

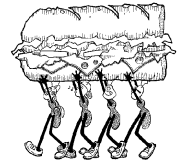
We will end our VBS week with a potluck luncheon in the Parish Hall starting at noon on Friday, August 14. All are invited to come hear a few songs and celebrate our Rainforest Adventure.

**VBS kids singing August 16.** Another traditional part of our VBS week is to end it by having the kids sing one of their songs in church. We'll be singing at our 9:00am service on August 16; a rehearsal will be at 8:40am.

**Sunday School starts September 13 at 9:00am.** Registration forms will be sent to current students in August; additional forms can be found at the church, or by calling 943-1169.

## Church Picnic on August 30

This year's Annual All Saints' Picnic will be Sunday, August 30. We will gather at South Leslie Groves Park, Shelter #1, located at the east end of Park St., in Richland. The Eucharist service will begin at 10:15am, with the picnic following immediately afterwards. For those who have All Saints' tie-dyed t-shirts, this would be a great Sunday to wear yours! This marks the end of our single summer Sunday service at 9:00am. For those who are not attending the service in the park, the regular 8:00am service will be held at All Saints'.



Since this is a potluck picnic, we ask that couples bring a main dish or salad and dessert, and singles are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Bring lots! Plates, silverware, and cold drinks will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to take items to the park (chairs, ice chests, drinks) and/or return them afterwards to the church. Please call the church office at 943-1169 if you can help.

### Staff Vacations

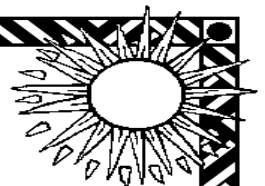
#### Jan Griffin:

July 23 – August 4

#### Lisa Richmond:

August 13 – August 23

The office will be open regular hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00am to 2:30pm.



## **Rectors Corner**

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by Jan Griffin

“And now for something completely different!” Long before the manic British comedy group Monty Python made that line their own, God was announcing it again and again. Creation itself is very different from the formless void it emerged from. The Covenant relationship with God, that requires humanity to practice justice and compassion, is very different from the oppressive monarchies and empires of antiquity, and of this present day.

St. Paul’s idea that in Christ “there is no longer Jew or Greek, .... slave or free, .... male or female” made a huge difference in the 1st century and still challenges the Church and the world.

I’m writing this just before I go on my 15th annual silent retreat. It’s always been in the same location, with the same retreat leaders and almost all the same people attending. There’s a lunch that I always have with the same friends, and some of us end the silent retreat with a dinner where we can talk and talk and talk into the night. Part of what I’ve valued most was how changeless it all was.

This year, so much will be different! The friend that I go with now lives in Oregon, not California, so we have a long road trip to take. The retreat is in a totally different place: oaks instead of redwoods, and no river. This year many friends will not be attending or available for visits. The dinner is before the retreat instead of after it. The retreat leader has lost most of his hair and what’s left is now white, not brown.

Last year I wrote that the timeless, changeless oasis of my annual retreat might be turned upside down. And it is so. “The Lord will provide” was my hope then. It was also my struggle. I wanted the Lord to provide a way for everything to stay the same. That didn’t happen. Now the struggle comes with receiving and embracing what is new and different, valuing it for what it is, not what it isn’t.

The retreat had become a sanctuary, a safe place for rest and renewal. Now it’s a pilgrimage, an adventure, “something completely different.” God likes to make new things .... I guess that’s to be expected of a Creator!

We at All Saints’ are faced with much that is changing. My upcoming retirement. The arrival of our new music director, Justin Raffa. People we’ve

known for years are moving away, taking a piece of our hearts. New people are bringing the gifts of their spirits and talents to us. People are getting ill and people are getting well. Nothing alive can stay the same forever. No community faithful to Christ’s call to “Follow” can stay in one place for long.

When I think of change I think of Jacob, a scheming character in Genesis. Having robbed his brother of his birthright and blessing, Jacob wisely skips town. Decades later, coming home to face his brother, Jacob wrestles on a riverbank with a being that is a man or a spirit or an angel ... but is finally revealed to be God. Jacob is wounded and blessed for his hanging in there with the wrestling, and though he comes away limping, he is wonderfully changed. He is no longer Jacob; he is now Israel, the father of the Twelve Tribes.

I’m going to my new retreat, where there is no riverbank, but I’m sure there will be plenty of places to wrestle with God about what is past and what might be possible in the future. It might hurt a bit, but if I am fortunate, if I am blessed, I will be changed, with a new spirit for a new day.

May your midsummer be challenging and creative for your spirit.

## **Search Committee Report**

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by Bill Cowley

The search committee has continued to sponsor the Hopes, Dreams and Aspirations (HDA) meetings. Two meetings have been held. The third and final meeting will be held after church on Sunday, August 2. Please come and let us hear your thoughts. The first two meetings have largely supported the information that was gathered through the Holy Cow survey. I’m very pleased to find that the two different methods of gathering information support each other.

While the Search Committee was gathering information, the Vestry prepared a mission statement and goals describing All Saints’ for the Search Committee to use. The Search Committee will use the goals and mission statement, the results of the Holy Cow survey, and the results from the HDA meetings to prepare a profile that describes the type of rector that All Saints’ wants. When a complete draft of the profile is prepared, copies will be made available to the Parish for comment.

## Newly Adopted Parish Mission Statement and Goals

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The Vestry met recently to develop and approve a Mission Statement and Parish Goals for All Saints' as input to the Church Profile being prepared by the Search Committee.

The Vestry decided to reaffirm the Mission Statement used in our 1999 Church Profile:

***Equipping the Saints to Seek and Serve Christ in All People*** The Overall Goal Priorities from the Holy Cow survey were reviewed as a starting point for developing our Parish Goals. These seventeen priorities were condensed into seven general areas. The goals developed for each area represent what the congregation believes is important and where we want to focus our energies.

### **Growth**

Goal: *Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.*

### **Worship**

Goal: *Continue our tradition of strength in our worship ministry, including excellence in preaching, a large degree of lay participation, and an outstanding music program.*

### **Lay Ministry**

Goal: *Call and equip the laity for ministry and leadership to serve Christ in all people. Lay ministry is foundational in the life of the parish.*

### **Pastoral Care**

Goal: *Continue and enhance our long standing and strong tradition of lay ministry participation in Pastoral Care Programs, including visitations, Stephen Ministry, and Prayer Shawl Ministry, for parishioners and friends beyond our congregation.*

### **Education**

Goal: *Provide and improve a high quality Christian Education Program for every age and stage of life.*

### **Outreach**

Goal: *Work to meet the needs of individuals and the community, near and far, through resource assistance. Provide a means for parishioners to participate in outreach activities.*

### **Fellowship**

Goal: *Create more opportunities for parishioners to form meaningful relationships within and outside the church.*

## Fall Events and Activities for All the Saints

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Here are just some of the activities coming up in the next few months. Be sure to check the *Saints Alive*, All Saints' website, and the Sunday newsheet for more information on these events.

August 10-14	Vacation Bible School
August 14	Saints and Sinners
August 29	Music Ministry Party
August 30	Church Picnic
September 2	Midweek Bible Study
September 13	Back to Sunday School
October 3	Outreach Salmon Bake

## Stephen Ministry

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by Sue Havre



Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us that such troubles can bring spiritual growth to the sufferer. When we who are in Christ suffer, we find comfort through Christ, and one of the ways we find this comfort is through others who have found Christ's care and comfort in their own sufferings (2 Corinthians 1:4-6). Our Stephen Ministers offer this Christ-like care to those in need.

Who might receive care from a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers (SMs) are carefully trained in caring for those in the congregation or community who are facing challenges in their lives. Care receivers may be grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to an empty nest, or otherwise experiencing difficulties.

Most of the time, we handle the weight of daily problems as a matter of course. When some life-changing event comes along and you or someone you know feels overwhelming pain, remember to consider a Stephen Minister.

## A Spiritual Journey with Dutch Carlisle

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Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. -1 Peter 5:7

I am a great one for waking in the middle of the night to solve or work out a problem. It is very frustrating as I toss and turn. Getting up to watch late, late night television or even work on one of my jigsaw puzzles only prolongs the wakeful hours. It is frustrating and does little to solve the problem or anxiety that started my tossing and turning. I recall the television commercial from many years ago for V-8 vegetable juice where the person is trying to find the right drink until she finally hits her palm against her forehead as she comes to the realization that, wow, she could have had a V-8!

And so it is with so many of us when we find a time in our lives when we are fighting a vexing problem or simply worrying needlessly about something. When it seems we have nowhere else to turn, then comes the thought, "Wow, I could have turned to God."

It is so easy to get worked up and doing so just makes things worse. Instead of getting sleepy, the mind is triggered and rest seems impossible. In the daytime when I have a problem to work out or some challenges that need sorting out, I don't get all worked up. I simply figure it out AND ask God for help.

So, why do I not turn to God in the insomnia hours? I wish I knew. I pray and ask for peace to calm my nerves, but I neglect to give the problem to God and let it rest. Cast all my anxieties on Him because He cares for me. The level of complete trust is there to be had - a lesson to learn. Thank God for His patience and mercy. What would I ever do without Him?

Wow, I shall always turn to God - won't you?



**Newsletter Deadline**  
**Monday,**  
**August 24**

## Saints and Sinners

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Saints and Sinners will meet on Friday, August 14, at the home of Ray and Mary Jane Seitz, 4002 Desert Drive, in Pasco. 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 Seitz' by August 12 at 547-0823.**

## Reflections from Bishop Waggoner on General Convention

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I always come back from General Convention weary, but uplifted. I am uplifted again this convention by the experience of the church still learning how to be the church for our day and time, and for the future. This is such a Biblical enterprise, from the wandering Israelites through the early church at Pentecost. We have always been challenged to discern and integrate God's ongoing revelation to where we are and what we are being called to do – now.

The most heartening part of convention is that we discover anew that this discerning work is done best in community through common prayer and common conversation seeking clarity in our common mission. While hard work, this is fundamentally sound, and it works as we grow in the spirit of 'Ubuntu' into our truest selves in Christ. While never perfect, new and exciting possibilities emerge as out of a solid foundation.

With more to be said about Ubuntu and the particulars of convention in the days ahead, your Deputies and I are already planning communication to the Diocese. For now, we are clearly a "learning and changing" church, and as unsettling as this can be at times, it is the only way to be the living Body of Christ. In the words of our forbearer Benjamin Franklin, "When we stop learning and changing, we die."

General Convention's actions will be the subject of a series of Sunday bulletin inserts in late July and August.

## Thank You Everyone!

We give Thanks!

- For everyone who helps cover the pastoral, liturgical, educational and other chores while Jan Griffin is away.

- For Paula Cowley's scheduling of organists and musicians throughout the summer.

- For everyone working with Theresa Grate on the preparations for Vacation Bible School.

- For Jim Noyce's dedication to "greening" the church by shepherding an energy audit and the changes we can make to upgrade our lighting, heating, AC, and hot water systems.

Thank you all!



## Music Ministry Party



A Music Ministry Potluck will be held on Saturday, August 29 at 5:00pm at the home of George and Lisa Richmond, 6061 Laurel Drive, in West Richland. Everyone involved in music at All Saints' is invited! Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. If you want to bring your own meat, the barbecue grill will be up and running. Beverages will be provided.

This will be an opportunity for people involved in All Saints' Music Ministry to get to know our new Music Director, Justin Raffa. If you play bells or brass or guitar or keyboard, sing high or low or somewhere in between, come join us – new folks are always welcome!

## The Outreach Corner

by Dot Honaker



July was a busy month for check writing by Outreach. We made contributions to Domestic Violence Services and The Union Gospel Mission. We also pledged to "Ride The Palouse" for 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest, sponsored by St. Lukes' in Coeur d'Alene.

With budget cuts over the years, the needs for the Infirmary at Camp Cross reached a critical point. Jan McCall made a presentation to Outreach, explaining some of the needs which range from cabinets, to lighting, to electrical repairs, to flooring, to a heater. She had a large list of needed repairs and items. The person who has donated his time to do the work has been given many of the needed items. We hope that our contribution of \$1500 will help the Infirmary carry out its job in an easier and more efficient way. There is still need for a defibulator and a radio for communicating with distant parts of camp. Thanks, Jan, for bringing this to our attention.

It's time to mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October on your calendar and make plans to enjoy the Salmon Bake and Auction! Donations for the Auction are being received – see Al Haffner for details. It will be here before we know it!

### Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays, 7:30pm  
beginning September 10

Join the Fun!  Join the Choir!

**New Members Welcome!**

## Outreach Salmon Bake



This year the Salmon Bake will be Saturday, October 3 at 5:00pm. That means it's time to start thinking about donations for the silent and live auctions. If you have items for the auction, please contact Al Haffner at 946-9245.

We'll have the same great menu — barbecued salmon or hamburger, baked potato, salad, garlic bread, and pie. There will also be wine, coffee, and juice. There will be silent and live auctions as well as a children's auction and children's activities.

Stay tuned for further info next month!

## Midweek Bible Study

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“Once upon a time,....a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away,.... there was a man who had two sons...However they begin, we love stories.”



And Jesus was a master story-teller. His parables entertain, challenge, and confuse us over and over again. This fall, in the Midweek Bible Study, we will be studying some of Jesus’ parables using “Conversation with Scripture: The Parables” from the Episcopal Church’s teaching series. The author is a Baptist pastor turned Episcopal priest, who writes with great humor and scholarship.

We will be meeting on **Wednesdays, from 1:00-2:30** in the Library. The study is open to any and all – and feel free to bring your lunch with you. If you would like a copy of the book, please give your name to Lisa in the office before August 10. **The first class will be on September 2.** Please join us.

## Listmania!

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By Lisa Richmond



Perhaps you’ve seen it when you visit Amazon.com — Listmania — people’s lists of their favorite...whatever. Recently a parishioner and I were talking about some of our favorite books and authors and I thought it would be wonderful to find out what others in the parish like to read. So send me a list of your Top 5 (or 10) all-time favorite books. If you want to include other information, such as a synopsis or why it’s your favorite, I’ll include that, too, space permitting. You can drop your list in my box or e-mail it to me at [admin@allsaintsrichland.org](mailto:admin@allsaintsrichland.org).

Just to get the ball rolling, here are my Top 5 Books:

1. *The Lord of the Rings*, by J.R.R. Tolkien - I’ve lost count of how many times I’ve read this wonderful story. If I could own only one book, this would be it. Beautiful language;
2. *The Source*, by James Michener - I love many of Michener’s books (*Texas*, *Space*, and *Centennial* in particular), but for some reason this is probably my favorite;

3. *Gone with the Wind*, by Margaret Mitchell - much better than the movie;

4. *Stepping Westward*, by Sallie Tisdale - her descriptive writing takes my breath away;

5. *The Civil War*, by Shelby Foote - written almost like an epic novel, never dry, never boring.

Honorable Mention: *Dancing at the Rascal Fair*, by Ivan Doig - I love all of his books, but this was the first of his that I read and it’s still my favorite.

So there you have my list of Top 5 favorite books....what are yours?

## Think Camp Cross!

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### Youth:

Intermediate/Junior High  
(entering 4th-8th grades):  
August 2-7 \$245

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



### Family:

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

### Adult:

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.