

All Saints'

1322 Kimball Avenue
Richland, Washington 99354

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Clergy

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

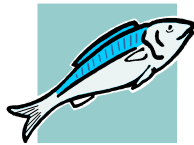
Wednesday, 1:00pm

Music Rehearsals

Choir - Thursday, 7:30pm

Handbells - Thursday, 6:15pm

All Saints' Outreach
presents



Salmon Bake
and
Auction

Saturday, October 3
5:00pm

\$12.00/Person

\$30.00/Family



Saints Alive!

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Richland, Washington

October 2009

The Bishop's Visitation is October 4th

Bishop Waggoner will be here October 4th, to visit All Saints' congregation, officiate at the Confirmations of youth and adults, and meet with our Vestry. He will be at both 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 coffee hour and a time for conversation, and then he and the Vestry will meet to talk about the transition and the future of All Saints'.

Becky LaMastus will be Confirmed at the 8:00am service. At 10:15, Bishop Waggoner will Confirm Eva Grate, Brian Carter, Sean Hendrickson, Carol Noyce, and Mary Mason.

Join the celebration with Bishop Jim and Gloria Waggoner and our Confirmands on October 4th!

UTO Ingathering October 4th

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 every day lives, by putting coins into the little Blue Box. Twice a year we gather these offerings, this fall on October 4th (and 11th), to take our offering to diocesan convention on the 16th.

The combined UTO contributions from Episcopalians across the nation are used to benefit mission projects in dioceses and congregations here and around the world. Our diocese has received



UTO grants, 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.

The Outreach Corner

by Al Haffner



As this note goes to press, your Outreach Committee is scurrying around to figure out if we can better arrange the tables in our limited space, working to make the auction display appealing to you – so you will *buy*, and we are shopping, shopping, and shopping, getting all the tasty foods for you. It takes many people to make this happen – many more than just “The Committee.” You are very generous with your help and support and we Thank You. All this culminates on Saturday at 5:00pm. All this scurrying around makes possible the Thanksgiving and Christmas Boxes, as well as the giving to several agencies and individuals in need.

Come, Eat, Buy, and Enjoy!

Blessing of the Animals

In the Spirit of St. Francis, and on his Feast Day, Sunday October 4th, we'll have a Blessing of the Animals at 4:00pm. Please have them all leashed or in securely latched cages or carriers. Come to the back of the church. We'll meet in a classroom, as the dogs are much better behaved inside! Your pet's offering will benefit The Humane Society.

Rectors Corner

by Jan Griffin

“The world for which you have been so carefully prepared is being taken away from you, by the grace of God.” I found these words of theologian Walter Brueggemann in a book about a priest leaving parish ministry.

My career as a parish priest is not being “taken away;” I’m just retiring on November 1. But I could not bring myself to do this if it were not for a sure sense that, by the grace of God, I’m being called onto a new path of life, and All Saints’ is being called into a new era of ministry. I do feel, deep down inside, that this is a time that fulfills God’s purposes, a time created and blessed by the Spirit.

I pray that newness, freshness, will fill this church and overflow into the wider community. I pray that the next rector will be so terrific that everyone is renewed in commitment to the worship and work of God in this place, and in no time at all can’t imagine what it was like before he or she arrived!

Meanwhile, you’re in very good hands .. each other’s, the interim’s, and most of all, God’s. All will be well. I hope and pray that you use the interim time to explore new ideas, try out new things in worship and fellowship, have faithful fun! Please welcome your interim rector with open arms and hearts!

We have one more month together. I have dozens of “thank you’s” to say, last visits to make, books to pack. With the Salmon Bake, the Bishop’s visit and Confirmations, the Blessing of the Animals, two baptisms, a wedding, diocesan convention, the Day of the Dead, and on and on, I’ll be ready for retirement!

About committing time and money and prayer to support All Saints’ during this interim period: Customers pay for what they want and like, whenever they drop by the store. You are not customers ... you are householders. Householders know they’re responsible for the integrity, strength, and resilience of the household. Sapping it of financial strength, holding back on volunteering, taking a “wait and see” attitude toward leadership ... all of these things work against the health of the household. And this household’s head is Christ, not me, so my leaving does not vacate the position of Leader.

I intend to stay in Richland and be active in the diocese, but I won’t be available for ministry, including pastoral ministry, at All Saints’. I’m retiring from that. My heart and my prayers will be with you ... I cannot stop caring .. but I will no longer be functioning as your priest and pastor. And I won’t be socializing with congregation folks as I have been; there’s just no way to stay close and not slide into old roles. I will miss you .. a lot! But I will no longer be part of this congregation.

I’m also leaving the special working relationships with your ministry leaders. If I start to name you all, I’ll accidentally miss someone! You serve with commitment and authority and dedication to service in Christ’s Name. Every time someone says they want to be ordained so they can make a “real commitment” or “have authority” I bristle! Baptism is the ordination we all have into Christ’s service, and it’s all the commitment and authority we need.

Special thanks to the staff: Lisa Richmond orchestrates the parish in ways too numerous to mention, ably assisted by Cindy Haffner. Theresa Grate directs lively and imaginative programs for children and youth, with wonderful volunteers (and thank you to Jan McCall and Teri Bartol from former days). Jo Ellis, working with treasurer John Deichman, faithfully keeps track of every penny. I’ve just started working with music director Justin Raffa (he’s terrific and fun!) and value deeply my long association with Bob and Ann Nash. Dan and Rosalina Rowland have kept our church and rooms clean and ready for whatever we’re up to next!

My association with deacons Dutch Carlisle and Mary Alice Hawkins has been a great partnership in ministry, a collegial relationship of incalculable value.

It’s hard to end this article because it is the last one, and a part of me doesn’t want this journey with all the saints at All Saints’ to end. There’s really nothing left to say but “thank you for the privilege of being your priest.” God’s peace be with you all.



Newsletter Deadline
Monday,
October 26

“St. Barnabas” and the Trailer

The saga of “St. Barnabas and the Trailer” has been long and complicated, full of blood and sweat, and maybe a few tears. But finally, the trailer is (as this is written) about to leave us, and the storage barn is almost finished. We’ll have time for a celebration of all the generosity, work, and sacrifice that went into the barn, and all the memories that went with the trailer, on October 11th after the second service.

2009 Stewardship Campaign

by Mark Hoffmann, Senior Warden

In October the All Saints’ annual Stewardship Campaign will kick off, culminating with the ingathering of pledges on All Saints Sunday, November 1. This year the theme for the campaign will be a continuation of last year’s: Faith, Commitment, and Giving. We need to have faith that God will provide for our needs. As members of Christ’s community, we also need to make a commitment to each other to provide the resources needed to do His will. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of All Saints’ Parish so that future generations will experience this wonderful place of worship and be able to grow in Jesus’ love as we have done.

2009 and 2010 represent a major transition in the church life of All Saints.’ The hiring of a new Music/Choir Director, the upcoming retirement of Jan Griffin, the hiring of an interim Rector, and the search and hiring of a new Rector require continued strong commitment from the congregation in supporting the church financially. We are strongly encouraging all parishioners to participate in the pledge campaign so that the parish can remain on a sound financial basis.

Included in this year’s pledge letter will be an updated narrative budget, which details all the great things happening at All Saints’ beyond just paying for salaries and the physical upkeep of the buildings and grounds. Please take time to review the narrative budget and plan on attending the stewardship campaign discussion scheduled between the services on October 11.

Treasurer’s Report

October is here, and by now you should have received your statement of giving to date. This can help you plan for meeting your pledge by December 31, 2009. We will send you a final giving statement about mid-January for your 2009 tax purposes. In the meantime, if you have questions, please call Jo in the office.

It appears that giving from your 401k account still has tax advantages if done by the end of the year. The same rules as last year are in place. A number of you have previously taken advantage of this situation in the past. Please call if you have questions.

With regards to pledging for 2010; please, please get your pledge cards in by November 1st. This year it is imperative that I get the best information for 2010 to the Vestry I can. 2010 is going to be a different year for expenses, and I can’t project either income or expenses as well as in the past. In the past, many pledge cards have come in as late as December. I ask that you make a special effort to get them in by November 1st. Use October as your planning month.

Your Gifts to Many

by Deacon Dutch Carlisle

I am always impressed by the generosity of the parishioners of All Saints’. Now, as we go into the winter months, I would like to remind you of the ways you can continue to give to others.

Safe Harbor Crisis Nursery always needs items such as diapers and clothing for infants and children up to 5 years of age. Also, Domestic Violence is always grateful for night wear, slippers, robes, as well as toothbrushes and toothpaste, and shampoo. (However, they do not want the motel samples any more.) I will gladly deliver these items if you bring them to the church.

November 8 is my annual book and entertainment sale. Your contributions help boost my diaconate fund so that I can help parishioners in need, as well as others in the community. I give 10% of my profits to Outreach, so your donations have a double impact on helping others. So start bringing those items in starting in mid-October.

Interim Rector Named

by Paula Cowley

The Rev. Joan Yetter will be the full-time, interim rector, with November 8 being her first Sunday. Joan received a Master of Divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 1998. Since then she has served as an interim in Montana, Missouri, and Portland, where she just finished an interim rector assignment at St. Michael and All Angels. Joan says her calling is to serve as an interim and she has had training in helping churches through this kind of transition.

Joan visited All Saints' and met with the vestry the weekend of September 13. The vestry voted to call her on September 21 and she accepted on September 24. She and her husband, Ben, will be relocating to the Tri-Cities. Their permanent home is in Montana and they rent wherever the assignment is. We anticipate that they will be here eight months but we can extend her stay if needed. Ben is retired from JC Penney and continues to work in a variety of fields. Most recently, he worked at a golf course, which allowed him to indulge in his passion for golf.

Having a full time interim rector is important to the programs and people of All Saints'. We will continue to have a priest for our services on Sunday and Wednesday and to work with our lay ministers, our staff, and our deacons. Joan will endeavor to provide spiritual guidance to all areas of parish life and lead All Saints' as a priest, counselor, and teacher. She will be available for baptisms, memorial services, and weddings. She also expects to help to prepare us for the arrival of our new rector.

Please extend a warm welcome to Joan and Ben. Those of us that met with them during their visit found them to be delightful people!

Leadership Continuity

The Vestry has acted to ensure that All Saints' has continuity of leadership during the Rector transition period, something Bishop Waggoner says churches often do when a Senior Warden's term is coming to an end at a crucial time in the life of the congregation. The more usual way to do this is to suspend or amend the by-laws to allow a Warden's term to be extended. Our Vestry chose a different

way, but the Vice-chancellor of the diocese sees no problem with it.

Here's what happened at the last Vestry meeting: Jan Wells had resigned from the Vestry because she's moved to Virginia. Her term was to expire at the Annual Meeting in 2011. Senior Warden Mark Hoffmann, whose term expires at the Annual Meeting in 2010, also resigned. The Vestry then appointed Mark to fill Jan's unexpired term and the Rector re-appointed him Senior Warden.

This allows Mark to continue as a vestry member for an additional year once his appointment is ratified by a vote at the next Annual Meeting. Then he will be eligible to be elected Senior Warden at the Vestry meeting immediately following since the Vestry appoints the Senior Warden if there is no rector. At that Annual Meeting, four new Vestry members will also be elected.

Search Committee Report

by Bill Cowley

The Search Committee is pleased to report that the Parish Profile has been approved by both the Vestry and the Diocese. The Parish Profile describes the community of All Saints', the area we live in, and the qualities/requirements for a new rector. The Parish Profile is the culmination of work that used (a) the Holy Cow survey, (b) the Hopes, Aspirations and Dreams meetings sponsored by the Search Committee, and (c) the input the committee received from the parishioners who reviewed the draft profile. The committee also used three previous parish profiles prepared at All Saints' and recent profiles prepared by two other parishes in our Diocese.

The profile will now be transmitted to Rev. Kristi Phillips, the Diocesan Deployment Officer. Kristi will soon meet with the committee and help us fill out the paperwork needed to get our information into the national church's deployment database. By November, and possibly sooner, our "ad" will be seen by priests who are looking for a challenging and interesting new position.

Day of the Dead Celebration

On *El Dia de los Muertos*, the Day of the Dead, we remember family and friends who have died. What has become the American commercial “Hallowe’en” is a time of diverse religious and cultural traditions, including All Soul’s Day. We capture some of the original meaning of this fall season by celebrating the continuity of mortal life and life eternal, and the presence of God in our lives and in our deaths, by having a Day of the Dead altar in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday, October 25th, at about 9:10am, we’ll talk about the altar and the offerings on it that symbolize the gifts of life from God. You’re invited to place on the altar small pictures and remembrances of your deceased loved ones. It’s traditional to include a bit of food or a small favorite item. Let your imagination connect you to items that help you invoke their resurrected spirits. If you can’t be in the Parish Hall at that time, leave a note with your remembrances to go with the pictures and items you’ve placed there.

Thank You Everyone!

We give Thanks!

- For Theresa Grate and all who are working with the Sunday School and youth, to teach our children to know, love and serve the Lord.
- For the choir, and their director Justin Raffa ... the music is terrific, the choir sounds great!
- For the Men’s Group .. their hard work on buildings and grounds projects and their wonderful soup.
- Lisa Richmond, assisted by Sindy Haffner, dealing with all the extra work, from the stewardship mailings to the Salmon Bake auction leaflet.
- *personal note from Jan Griffin* ... every person in this congregation has my heartfelt thanks .. for your prayers and presence, your support with time and resources of all kinds, for your fellowship within the church and your service within the larger community. If I tried to name you all, this issue of *Saints Alive* would be huge!

Thank you all!



Saints and Sinners



Saints and Sinners will meet on Friday, October 9, at the home of Chuck and Lynne Rawls, 4600 Collins, in West 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 Rawls by October 7 at 967-2395.**

A Spiritual Journey with Dutch Carlisle

Silence! Be quiet! How many times have we heard that or even said it? You’ve even heard, “Silence is golden,” which I don’t want to downplay, as it is indeed golden. But there is a true silence. I wonder how you would define silence. The dictionary defines silences as absence of any sound or noise, stillness.

I am so mindful of that definition when I settle down in the peace and quiet of my study to pray and meditate. Silence is so necessary, but I have discovered that silence doesn’t come that easily. The noise is gone, and I repeat a mantra over and over, but my mind is as active as it can be. I sit very quietly, hands in my lap, head bowed, eyes closed when I hear....”what time was I supposed to go to the meeting today?; did I remind Chuck to....?; I wonder what I did with that book I promised ..; and on and on, even as I am repeating my preferred mantra of “blessed and loving God.”

Silence, true silence is very hard to find. However, when my mind finally quiets down and my whole body is one of total relaxation, my repetitive mantra has slowly, quietly stopped, and silence, at last, becomes complete. I am richly rewarded by the presence of God. It is stirring and uplifting. I cannot tell you how I really feel as it is an ecstasy beyond words or description. And to be very honest with you, I don’t always achieve it. But when I do, words are beyond description.

I invite you to find this divine quiet, stillness, and silence as you open your heart to the joy and ecstasy of God’s presence.

Children & Youth Ministries

by Theresa Grate



Singers and Dingers for the Bishop,

October 4. We will be rehearsing downstairs starting at 9:00am, and singing during the beginning of the 10:15 Confirmation service. All hands and voices needed!

Fellowship Potluck and STAND UP! Service, October 18, 5:00 to 7:00pm. We're taking one of the best parts of the Young Families Nights (the fellowship), combining it with a good ole potluck, and opening it up to the rest of the congregation. Starting in October, we're going to try a monthly potluck fellowship dinner—no RSVPs to make, just bring some food and your family, and come get to know your All Saints' family. The nursery will be open.

This month, the youth will start the evening with a brief prayer service for STAND UP for the Millennium Development Goals. The youth lead the service, and everyone present is counted and added to the worldwide total of people STANDING UP on this weekend to help eradicate global poverty. Two years ago we helped break the world record, and we're aiming to do it again. It's a beautiful service and a great reminder that 2015—the date set to fulfill the MDGs—is coming closer.

Day of the Dead, October 25. We will be combining Sunday school classes this day to learn more about this ancient Mexican celebration of our departed loved ones and how it relates to All Souls' Day and Halloween. Beginning at 9:00am, we will have a variety of activities for the children (and adults) to participate in, as well as setting up an altar in the Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring small pictures of deceased loved ones and a small token of remembrance, such as a favorite food or drink, to place on this altar.

Sugar skull decorating will be back! On Tuesday, October 20 beginning at 10:00am I will be making the sugar skulls; they have to dry hard before decorating on Sunday. It isn't difficult and it's lots of fun. I'd love some helpers—contact Theresa Grate if you would be available to come help.

Nursery open during Salmon Bake and All Saints' Day Feast.

WANTED: GOOD UPHOLSTERED CHAIR.

In the last round of water problems, we lost the upholstered chair that was in the nursery. That chair was used not only by our nursery attendant, but by nursing mothers and parents trying to calm young children. If you have one IN GOOD CONDITION that you'd like to donate, please contact Theresa Grate in the church office. A rocker is fine, but please, no recliners.

Check out the bulletin board in the multipurpose room! Since Sunday school classes are no longer held in the multipurpose room, the bulletin board was looking rather sad. Yet this room is the one most used by All Saints' and outside groups. The Sunday school classes have taken on a seasonal project to spruce it up. Each class will take one season to decorate the board and show off some of their stuff. The 1st-3rd graders, along with their teacher Katy O'Callaghan, are first up, and they've done a beautiful job, so check out the board next time you are in that room. And look for it to change again in December.

Thank, You, Teachers! Sunday school is up and running—we've got 30 kids participating from the nursery up to high school. It's not too late to join the fun; registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the education hallway. A great big thank you to our teachers for this year: these adults are giving of their time and talents to our young people, demonstrating Jesus' love for the children. ***Paula Fallon*** and ***Caroline Melton*** in Preschool/Kindergarten; ***Katy O'Callaghan*** in 1st-3rd grade; ***Bea Wardlow*** and ***Sindy Haffner*** in 4th-5th grade; ***Lena Carson, Steve Goheen,*** and ***Michelle Smith*** in Middle-High School.

Linda Hale to be Ordained November 1

Linda Hale, once a member of All Saints', will be ordained to the Order of Deacons on November 1 at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Church in Sunnyside. Linda was a member here from the late 1980's to the mid-1990's, singing in the choir, serving on the vestry, and was Senior Warden around 1995. We're all invited to Holy Trinity to celebrate with Linda!