

All Saints Alive!

*The Newsletter of All Saints Episcopal Church
June 2022*

June Events!

- June 5th: Feast of the Pentecost, Children's Sermon, and Covered Dish celebrating our All Saint's Treasures
- June 10th: All Saints goes to a Macon Bacon Game! 7pm
- June 11th: Celebrating The Saints – GK Chesterton, 11am



Our new format

We are so excited about updates that are happening to our digital communications here at All Saints! You will notice that our weekly email has updated to a weekly E-News with a new format, and that the newsletter looks a bit different as well. We hope these changes will improve both the look and accessibility of church information.

There are also major changes happening to our All Saints Website! Be sure to check these out at allsaintswr.org

For questions or to submit photos you take at events, please email the church office at office@allsaintswr.org, and be sure to connect with us on facebook and instagram. (links can be found at the end of the newsletter).

Mother Bonnie's Corner

As I write this article, I imagine many of us are planning for the summer months. I know I look forward each year to a slower pace and precious moments of rest and renewal. Jess and I will begin our summer with "Nana/Papa Summer Camp," a week dedicated to our two oldest grandchildren, Scout 9, and Dylan, 7, who will be staying with us early June. And while that may not sound like an especially restful week, it will certainly be joy-filled and refreshing!



All Saints begins the month of June with the Feast of the Pentecost on June 5th, celebrating that moment after Jesus' glorious ascension, when the believers received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples lives were wildly and dramatically changed that day. For in a moment, they were able to more fully understand what Jesus had taught them and shown them. They were able to witness and feel the power of God. They were strengthened and empowered to go out into the world and **be the Church** in new and powerful ways, sharing the Good News of God in Christ. In that moment, the world was ever-changed.

Here at All Saints, we will celebrate The Pentecost, the birth of the church, with beautiful liturgy – processions, glorious music, a children's sermon – followed by time together for food and fellowship and recognizing our All Saints Treasures – those wise elders of our congregation who have been so involved with our at All Saints community, for so many years.

Do join us as we celebrate the blessing of the Holy Spirit among us, empowering us all for our work in the world, for we too are called to be Jesus' hands and feet, going out into the world to be the church.

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Worship: 10:15 am *in person and online*

Monday

Book Study: 4:30–6pm **resumes in July**
Education for Ministry **will resume in the Fall**

Tuesday

Food Pantry: 9:30–11am

Wednesday

Pilgrimage: 12–12:30pm

Friday

Shawl Ministries: 10:30am–12pm
ECW Luncheon: 1pm

All Saints Treasures

Something Special for our June Potluck!

We will be honoring our most mature All Saints Treasures, those saints among us who have shared their many gifts and wisdom over the years. Our honorees can expect a special table setting and the opportunity to be first in our covered dish buffet.

Please be sure to join us!



Deacon Barbara

I was recently with a very close group of friends. We were all reading the same book, *The Church Cracked Open*, by The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, an Episcopal priest. It is a difficult book, not because it is hard to read but because it's one of those books that definitely challenges the heart. We discovered together that we all knew many of the facts detailed in the book, but had not yet internally addressed the *spiritual challenge* of all this information – that beginning of transformational change that takes place in the heart when something deeply touches the core of who we are. But together we found that our honest discussion and willingness to vulnerably share our deepest thoughts did spark one of the most important, although difficult conversations, we had ever faced together. My socks were knocked off as the Spirit seemed to blast the stuff in my head and shift it all deep within my heart. Suddenly, what we were discussing became **truly real** for me!



Conversations about race are difficult, yet this book provided us the opportunity to deeply examine our understanding of how the Christian Church has also been complicit – whether intentionally or not – in turning a polite, blind eye to important issues of justice and equity. Even our beloved Episcopal denomination has been involved in the systems that have held back our brothers and sisters, and we too must face the reality that our actions, or lack of actions, have always been outside the teachings of Jesus. Jesus is all about loving, compassionate service, until God's dream is finally realized and we can all live in a world of peace and are treated with dignity and respect. And we're called to partner with Jesus on that transformational change.

Today, we have the opportunity to do our part to make a holy shift today, toward living into God's dream, striving for justice and working towards a world where all God's children can thrive, living fully into who God has created them to be. As we continue in our journey to discern the possibilities for Holly House, how can we use this tremendous gift to reach out in the local community, building relationships with our brothers and sisters, and carry Christ's light into the world. Is this our way to make a holy shift towards God's dream?

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Deacon Barbara

Senior Warden

What were we thinking???? I cannot imagine that we actually got together and planned... "Let's do the English Tea a week after Easter." Did we really think that having the Wine and Cheese a couple of weeks after the Tea would be a good idea? Apparently, we did and guess what... it was a wonderful plan. In the course of a month, we did an amazing job of planning, preparing, and executing three of the biggest and most

important events of the traditional All Saints' calendar. There were so many worker bees... bakers, decorators, basket assemblers, etc. There were many who did the planning and the nuts and bolts of the events. That included advertising, printing and selling tickets, getting donations for raffles, etc.

There was so much need for movers.... Put the card tables up, take them down, and then put them back up again. There was even a tent raising! The kitchen was a busy place and the dishwasher had its first real workout in a couple of years. There were so many generous donations. Items for raffles and baskets poured in on a daily basis. The food and beverages at the Easter Breakfast, the English Tea and the Wine and Cheese were due to the generosity of members of our All Saints' family. There has just been so much excitement!

Most importantly, the Parish Hall has been full of wonderful fellowship between our All Saints' family and the many community members who came to enjoy our events. The walls echoed with conversation and laughter. After a couple of very quiet years, the joyful noise was such a blessing.

So, we need to shout out a HUGE thank you to all of you who gave of yourself between April 17th and May 13th. We are so thankful to all of you whether you baked an item, put up a tent, arranged some flowers, moved some furniture, donated some items, washed some dishes, bought or sold some tickets.... the list could go on and on. Your contribution was a piece of the puzzle that made for a month of successful events. The proceeds of your generosity and hard work will make it possible for All Saints to continue to support so many community outreach programs. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Please continue to pray for our project that we fondly call "Holly House." We expect to be able to finalize this project in the very near future.

All Saints' Collect for Mission

Almighty God, source of all our dreams and imaginings, grant us your guidance in expanding our mission, uniting us in spirit and peace, remembering that our buildings and grounds are the hub of our common life and ministry; Lead us to know your will as we strive to draw the circle of your love ever wider in the world, and all this we ask in Jesus' holy name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Shelley Strickland





Family Promise of Greater Houston County started in 2013 with only 800 square feet of space. The current static site has multiple one and two bedroom apartments for the families they serve. Family Promise workers and volunteers have spent this Spring continuing to settle into this new facility in Perry. If you are interested in touring the facility, they plan to offer tours once a month. All Saints is scheduled to provide meals to the Family Promise residents on July, 17, 18, and 19th. We will post a SignUpGenius about a week before our scheduled dates.

Family Promise Wishlist:

Here is a list of items currently needed by Family Promise. If you would like to donate, you may drop donations by the office.

- Walmart Gift Cards
- Office Depot Gift Cards
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Large Barbeque Grill
- 9 Volt Batteries to power the smoke alarms
- in each apartment

Choir News

The last meeting of the All Saint's Spring 2022 Children's Choir will be Sunday, May 29th, at 1:30 pm. Following their performance on Pentecost, June 5th, the children's choir will take a summer break. Stay tuned for when it starts back up in the fall!

There is also ***a new opportunity for adults wishing to try out choir***. Starting June 19th, our adult choir will rehearse Sundays at 9am. There will be no week day rehearsal. This is a great opportunity to jump in and see if the choir is for you!

Year Round Stewardship: Crusoe's Ship

by Mary Christian

It's been over a month since a tornado dropped two trees on my roof and flattened my garden shed into a pancake (by the time you read this, it will have been almost two months). There are days when I think I need a T-shirt that says, "THE NEXT PERSON WHO ASKS IF MY ROOF IS FIXED YET WILL GET A HYMNBOOK THROWN AT THEIR HEAD." But I'm getting things cleaned up, bit by bit. (Now that the semester is over, I can't use grading as an excuse to avoid it any more.) I stack up the bricks from the knocked-down garden wall and throw out the crumbled scraps of mortar. I fill in the hole left by a fallen tree and debate on whether to plant a new tree there or just scatter some grass seed. I scramble through a window of the wrecked shed (the door is too flat to open) to drag out the garden tools—a rake, a hoe, clippers, a trowel, a half-sack of potting soil and a few tomato cages. Clambering in and out the window, I feel oddly like a diver salvaging supplies from a sunken ship. What used to be ordinary tools now look like pieces of history, rescued companions, fellow-survivors who, along with me, must try to move forward and rebuild from the collapse.

While stacking and shelving the tools, I thought of G. K. Chesterton and his commentary on Robinson Crusoe:

"Crusoe is a man on a small rock with a few comforts just snatched from the sea: the best thing in the book is simply the list of things saved from the wreck. The greatest of poems is an inventory. Every kitchen tool becomes ideal because Crusoe might have dropped it in the sea. It is a good exercise, in empty or ugly hours of the day, to look at anything, the coal-scuttle or the book-case, and think how happy one could be to have brought it out of the sinking ship on to the solitary island. But it is a better exercise still to remember how all things have had this hair-breadth escape: everything has been saved from a wreck. . . . I really felt (the fancy may seem foolish) as if all the order and number of things were the romantic remnant of Crusoe's ship. That there are two sexes and one sun, was like the fact that there were two guns and one axe. It was poignantly urgent that none should be lost; but somehow, it was rather fun that none could be added. The trees and the planets seemed like things saved from the wreck: and when I saw the Matterhorn I was glad that it had not been overlooked in the confusion. I felt economical about the stars. . . . [T]here had come into my mind a vague and vast impression that in some way all good was a remnant to be stored and held sacred out of some primordial ruin. Man had saved his good as Crusoe saved his goods: he had saved them from a wreck" (Orthodoxy, Chapter 4).

A wreck leaves people thinking differently about stewardship—it ratchets up the urgency. What I lose, I must find a way to repair or replace, or simply do without. And the things I haven't lost suddenly take on new meaning because I could have lost them but didn't. When I know something could have been lost, it suddenly seems important to use and enjoy whatever it is. Or, even when a thing isn't in use, I'm reminded to look at it with wonder and appreciation. And a wreck is a reminder that, as Chesterton says, each thing that exists around us—garden tools, stars and mountains, people and relationships—is a "Great Might-Not-Have-Been," a thing that could be lost but isn't.

Event Updates

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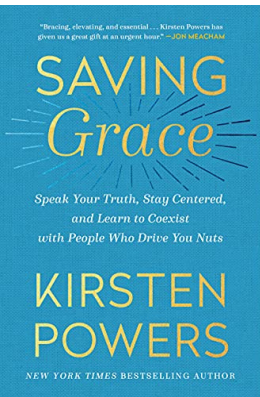
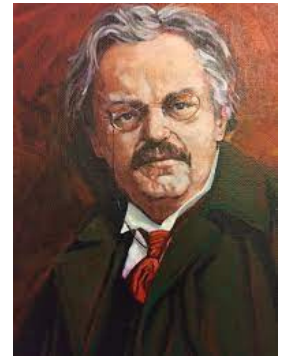
June 10th
7:00 pm

Macon Bacon

If you purchased tickets for the All Saints Macon Bacon Game, be sure to pick them up at the Welcome Center on Sundays, or at the Church Office Tuesday-Thursday 9:30-Noon

Celebrating the Saints

On **June 11th** our Celebrating the Saints series will continue with a celebration of GK Chesterton. Those wishing to take part in this event will meet at **11am** at the home of Beth Wood. Watch for a Sign Up Genius



Book Club

The Monday Book Study group will be taking a break in June. In July we will be reading and discussing Kirsten Powers' book *Saving Grace: Speak Your Truth, Stay Centered, And Learn to Coexist With the People Who Drive You Nuts*.

Education for Ministry

Our Education for Ministry course will also be taking a break for the Summer and will resume in the Fall.

We would love to have you join this course! Contact Mother Bonnie or Marsha Buzzell for details



ECW Updates

There are not enough "Thank You's" for everyone who helped with the Wine & Cheese Tasting Party! There were so many who gave of their time, efforts, and money to make it a great success! I could never name everyone because I would surely leave someone out but there was a wonderful turnout every day we worked.

We did have a new work schedule this year. We started two weeks before and worked most mornings until the day of the event. This proved to be a great idea so that we didn't wear ourselves out and we got everything done early! That last day we kept wondering if we had forgotten something!



Wine and Cheese Recap



We had a smaller crowd but they all seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the wine, beer and food. We served leftovers on Sunday morning to those who wanted to come to the Parish Hall – that was fun continued!

All your efforts go toward our outreach projects so it was all for good causes. AND you get a rest from the ECW – our next event will be in November (Marketplace) so you have lots of time to rest up and create wonderful items to donate to the ECW Room.

Thanks again for all your support,
Linda Christie

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Greeter Ministry

We asked, you answered, and we've listened!

Thanks to all who responded to our survey about our New Greeter program and Welcome station. Here's what we heard!

- Many of you visit the Welcome station each week to gather your name tags and check out whether there's anything new. THANK YOU! We know our name tags make it easier to connect with one another and are a wonderful way to extend hospitality, especially to our visitors and our newest members.
- Based on your feedback, we're making it easier to both access and drop off your name tags.
 - We've spread out our name tags across two boards to avoid congestion and added a key on the top left of each board to help you find your last name. Do check both sides of the boards!
 - There's now a basket as well for those who prefer to drop off your name tags this way, rather than replacing on the boards.
- For those who would rather not use the magnetic name tags, we do have some holders with pins. Please feel free to drop by the Welcome Station to make an exchange.
- And for any who also participate in additional ministry roles who prefer to have one combined ministry lanyard and name tag, we've created new combination name tags. Should you prefer one of these updated name tags, and have not yet received one, please stop by the Welcome Center and simply ask! We'll get one printed for you.

And a special thanks to all who are now volunteering to be part of the *Saints Alive!* Greeter Ministry. The more, the merrier! Contact Marsha Buzzell or Danielle Christie if you too would like to join this team.

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