



All Saints Alive!

*The Newsletter of All Saints Episcopal Church
November 2022*



Mother Bonnie's Corner

What does November bring to All Saints? All Saints Evensong, The Feast of All Saints, Veteran's Day, Election Day prayer time, a beautiful piano recital, Thanksgiving Eve worship, and the beginning of Advent. So many opportunities to come together in community for prayer, worship, and fellowship.

We are so blessed to begin this month by acknowledging that we are all part of something so much bigger than ourselves: the Communion of Saints. For in Christ, we are intrinsically linked to all those who have gone before us, those who walk with us, and those who are yet to come.

This knowledge of our connectedness, with God's help, can help us to break those human barriers and roadblocks that divide and separate us one from another: gender, race, religion, sexual identity, economics, power, and partisanship. God longs for us to live in unity with all our brothers and sisters, turning away from caring only for ourselves and our own. We are lovingly invited to open our hearts to the Spirit of Truth, becoming more of who we have been created to be.

We are all called by Jesus. Called to love one another as he loves us; to compassionately care for each other as we are cared for; to recognize that all are beloved by God as God's own and are worthy of dignity and respect, regardless of what the world tells us.

So how do step away from the noise of the world and instead lean into thanksgiving and gratitude as Christ's own? Through transformative practices that help us align our lives with Christ. Praying daily for the Spirit's guidance; walking together in ministries that help us support one other and our neighbors; worshipping in community, where we are strengthened by the Word, nourished by Christ's Body and Blood, and are then sent out as a community, to carry Christ's light into the world.

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The call to follow Christ is a lifelong process of conversion requiring us to let go of our former identities built strictly on “us” — our gifts, our achievements, our social standing — in order to embrace a new identity in Christ. Jesus invites us to become changed people whose lives are characterized by love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness . . . *a people of humble gratitude.*

So as we mark each of the many things to do this month, may we also lean into our place as the saints of All Saints, living into our call to love God and our neighbor and together striving daily for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Collect for All Saints Day, Book of Common Prayer pg 245.

Peace,
Mother Bonnie+

From our Deacon

A week or so ago, I was talking to a friend, recalling the 1994 flood that hit Macon. We discussed the challenges and difficulties of living for 5 weeks without water and striving to help our neighbors and make sure that folks who couldn't get around so easily got plenty of bottled water, and other necessities.

We found ourselves laughing at the creative ways we used the every-other-day rain. It seemed that everyone had suddenly cultivated the habit of keeping some shampoo and a towel in the car, so when it rained, it seemed the whole town of Macon stopped what we were doing, jumped out of the car, washed our hair, got back in the car, wrapped a towel around our heads, and then went on our way. Creative and effective!

That reminded me of an ice storm one winter that took out power for a week, presenting another opportunity to face challenges together. My husband Mike had a 4-wheel drive pickup back then and we'd let the folks in our neighborhood know we were going to the grocery store, so we could add their very reasonable lists to our own, and then deliver their groceries to them.



And just this week I was sharing a story from the Mother's Day Tornado of 2008, when the most vulnerable neighborhoods in Macon were hit the hardest, landing us once again in a world of both challenges and creative opportunities. And there was real joy in recalling some great stories about how we pulled together in some spectacularly, creative ways to help our brothers and sisters.

And I imagine I don't have to say anything about how we were all challenged by the COVID pandemic, and again, how we were able to be creative and adapt as a community!

Why, you are probably wondering, am I writing this now?

Because it reminds me how blessed we are when we pull together as a community to meet community challenges. How blessed we are when we dust off our creative skills and, with open hearts, join with strangers who have the same heart-filled desire to help. This joining together in community is when we, as humankind, are absolutely at our best.

And that reminds me that we don't have to have some sort of natural disaster — or ANY disaster for that matter — to join together to creatively meet community challenges. In my book, this is an act of love. And God smiles at us when we simply remember that we can and should come together to creatively address today's big challenges, for that's when we truly are, with God's help, doing love the best.

There is a lot going on in the world today that presents all kinds of challenges to all sorts of folk: hunger, joblessness, homelessness, illness, stranger-ness. You can probably add more to this list.

My prayer is that we will all do just a little bit more, a little more often, taking that same courage and creativity to pull together as God's children and lovingly care for one another with the same passion and call that inflames our hearts, when the going is really tough!

That's who we are called to be, in good times and bad: bearers of Christ's love. All we gotta do is love!

Go in peace to love and serve the world!

Deacon Barbara

From our Senior Warden

October was a busy month here at All Saints, and November also promises to provide many opportunities for us to gather and worship together. It is time to get out your calendar and note all the many activities here in November.

We hope you will start the month with Evensong at 6:30 PM on November 1. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the service.



There will be several opportunities to gather on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th. We will be lifting up prayers for wisdom and peace. Services will include Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM, Noonday prayer at 12:00 PM, and Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM.

On November 10th we will be honoring all who have served in our military. There will be a Eucharist at noon. We hope you will join us as we pause and reflect on the many contributions and sacrifices made by the men and women who have served in the US military. We welcome visitors to this Veterans' Day service, so spread the word!

The Thanksgiving season is quickly approaching. There will be a service on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23rd at Noon. We hope you will join us as we show our gratitude for our many blessings. Then on Thursday the 24th, we hope you will enjoy a day of food, fun, and football with your family.

Kipp is coordinating a piano recital featuring a gifted pianist, Cameron Wood, on November 19th at 7:00 PM. We encourage everyone to attend and bring a friend! There will be a small reception in the Parish Hall after the concert.

November 27th is the 1st Sunday in Advent. Following the Eucharist, there will be an Advent Wreath Workshop in the Parish Hall.

We are submitting another application for a GIPL grant. Last year we were able to upgrade the lighting in the Parish Hall. This year we are hoping to complete the LED lighting upgrade in the Education Building and our outdoor spaces. The grant could provide matching funds for these upgrades.

Thank you to everyone who ordered the new All Saints T-shirts. The shirts have been ordered. Extra shirts have also been ordered. So, if you missed the sale, you will still be able to purchase a T-shirt.

Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make October such an active and meaningful month. We started the month with the Annual Picnic, and it was full of fellowship, food, and fun.

Consecration Sunday was such a meaningful day, and we appreciate those who participated and made it so special. There were so many more activities in October. These programs can only succeed with the help of volunteers. So, THANK YOU to all those who gave their time and talent to help our Parish thrive!

Finally, whenever you see a Facebook post regarding events at All Saints, please share it to your personal page. We want to get the word out about all the wonderful things going on here at All Saints.

November at a Glance

- **November 1st, All Saints Evensong: 6:30 pm**
 - **November 6th, Feast of All Saints Day:** Covered Dish and Rector's Forum after worship
 - **November 6th and 8th:** Serving Meals at Family Promise
 - **November 8th, The Daily Office on Election Day:** Morning Prayer, 8:30 am; Noonday Prayer, 12:00 pm; or Evening Prayer, 5:30 pm
 - **November 10th, Veterans Day Worship: Noon**
 - **November 19th:**
 - Celebrating the Saints: CS Lewis, 11:00 am
 - Classical Piano Recital: Cameron Woods, 7 pm
 - **November 23rd, Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Noon**
 - Join us in worship and giving thanks before your Thanksgiving Day gatherings
 - **November 27th, First Sunday of Advent and Advent Wreath Workshop**
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Year Round Stewardship: No Fewer Days

by Mary Christian

One day after church when I was six years old, my mother asked me, "Why were you not singing when we were singing in church?"

I said, "I didn't know the songs."

She decided to put a stop to that excuse. The following Friday morning, she called the church secretary's office and asked, "What hymns are in the bulletin for this week's service?" (This was before bulletins were emailed out to the whole congregation in the middle of the week.)

That evening at family worship, my mother opened her hymnal and read out the first line of the lyrics:

"Standing on the promises of Christ my King.' Now you try it."

I repeated: "'Standing on the promises of Christ my King.'"

"Through eternal ages let his praises ring.'"

I repeated.

"Glory in the highest, I will shout and' . . . What do you think that last word is?"

"Ring?"

"No, we already said 'ring.' Let's try 'sing.'"

"Ok."

When we had gone over all the first-verse lyrics, we tried singing them. And so on to the second and third verses. My mother paused to explain that “assail” meant to attack or try to hurt someone, and “prevail” meant to win.

In church, as soon as I heard the piano play the first line of the hymn, I jumped up and joined in, singing the words louder than anyone.

This became part of our weekly routine—my mother would find out the hymns for the week, the whole family would practice at evening worship, and then we would sing the songs again in church. Sometimes motions or acting-out were involved; when teaching “Spirit of the Living God,” my mother used a bar of chocolate to demonstrate “Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.” We learned many new vocabulary words in the process (“in vain,” “forbid,” “garner”), though not always correctly (somehow I got the idea that “sublime” was a citrus fruit—maybe like a lime, but not growing quite so high on the tree). Some of the hymns gained nicknames.

My brother Paul renamed “Crown him with Many Crowns” as “Lord of Many Heads”; “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” was dubbed “The Veggie Burger Hymn”; and somehow, “Fairest Lord Jesus” became familiarly known as “Beautiful Mr. Jesus.” Occasionally, we corrected the hymn’s grammar (my mother always insisted that on the last verse of “Amazing Grace,” we had “no fewer days to sing God’s praise”—not “less days,” because “day” is a countable noun). As I became able to read more, I started to pick out words and punctuation marks on the page (I was always proud when I picked out a question mark in the song title).

When I turned eight, my parents gave me my own copy of the hymnal—a pocket-size copy with tiny print and see-through pages. I began making a list of “favorite hymns” in my big second-grader handwriting, starting with the Christmas songs and building from there to stretch over several pages of the legal pad my dad had given me to scribble on. When I was sick one weekend and had to stay home from church, I lined my dolls and stuffed animals up and made them sing hymn after hymn, interspersed with call-and-response scripture readings.

These Friday evening hymn practices with my English teacher parents probably helped to seal my fate as an English teacher (and a church chorister). My mind goes to these practices when I pause a freshman writing class to explain a difficult word or reference, or when I have a group of student actors go over and over a scene from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. My parents taught me to use words and sounds and songs—to take care of them, to pay attention to them, to have fun with them, to “sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also,” as the apostle Paul told the Corinthians. This is what we are doing when we teach children (or people of any age) the stories we love or the skills we know they’ll need, whether it is singing, sewing, or video editing. We teach them to be stewards of that skill—we show them a new space to explore and (we hope) discover joy, and we give them a new tool with which to serve God and others.

Consecration Sunday Update

A good time was had by all at the Consecration Sunday luncheon!

Tammy Pallot, our guest speaker, spoke of her spiritual journey, stewardship, and faith in God. Forty pledge cards were returned, with half of those returned taking a step up, plus four new families.

Over the next few weeks, we will be receiving cards from those who were not able to attend the celebration. Once all cards are in, our estimated projection of giving next year reflects roughly a 6% increase over 2022.

Mike Tarnoff and Beth Wood, Co-Treasurers

Upcoming November Events



Join us for this
Service of Remembrance
on All Saints Day.

*Reception to follow
in the Parish Hall.*

The Daily Office: Election Day 2022 **November 8th: Prayer time at All Saints**

Voting is a right and a privilege: an opportunity to express our desires for the direction of our local government, our state, and the nation. And voting is one more way for us to care for one another as God cares for us, by electing leaders thoughtfully and prayerfully who will humbly seek wise laws to protect the rights of all God's people and guide our communities towards justice, equity, and peace for all.

Unfortunately, we also know that politics and partisanship can be great sources of divisiveness and disruption. But it doesn't have to be this way. As people of faith, we are called to more: we are called to be people of purpose, loving God and neighbor.

This Election Day, All Saints will offer the Daily Office: Morning Prayer at 8:30 am, Noonday Prayer at 12:00 pm, and Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm. Each service will offer up prayers for our nation, wisdom, peace, and hope, that together we may strive to turn away from those forces that seek to divide and turn us against one another, and instead be strengthened in community to carry Christ's light and love into the world.



FamilyPromise . . . two days of service, 11/6 & 11/8

We will be serving dinners at Family Promise in November. Providing these meals allows the residents to save some money from their grocery budget and apply it to their savings.

Please watch for a SignUp Genius if you would like to help with these dinners. The dates will be **Sunday, November 6th** and **Tuesday, November 8th**.

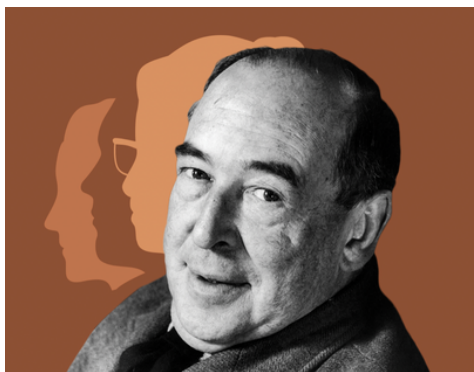
And there's still time to purchase tickets for *Jazz in the City* on November 6th, another fundraiser for this important ministry, helping families to transition from homelessness to stability.



Veterans Day Holy Eucharist November 10th, Noon

Join as we worship with prayer and song, recognizing those who have selflessly served our Nation.

And on November 19th . . .



Celebrating the Saints: CS Lewis

Watch for a SignUp Genius and join us for Morning Prayer, a discussion of Lewis' works, and brunch.



A Classical Piano Recital

Join us for magnificent music in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall to meet the pianist. Sponsored by Kipp Gill.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 23rd, Noon

Join us in worship and giving thanks, before your Thanksgiving Day gatherings.

First Sunday of Advent

Advent Wreath Workshop: November 27th

Watch for signup information to pre-order your Advent Wreath kits to create in the Parish Hall or build at home.



Other Community Events

Supporting our Young Adults

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP & DIALOGUE

Visit Facebook @Flint River Ecumenical Worship to Volunteer & Learn More

A Partnership of:
Flint River Presbytery
Young Adult Ministry

UKirk-Episcopal Fellowship
@ Mercer

November 18th @ 7 PM
Northminster Presbyterian Church
565 Wimbish Rd, Macon, GA 31210

One of our ELF (Episcopal Lutheran Fellowship) students at Mercer, Savannah Curro, has received a grant to create a time of Ecumenical Worship and Dialogue.

All are welcome to participate!
Join the choir or simply enjoy attending the worship and dialogue on November 18th.

Community Choir Practice Times

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
9:30 AM-10:30 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
4:00-5:00PM

DAY OF SERVICE: NOVEMBER 18TH
5:00-5:45PM

All are welcome!
Northminster Presbyterian Church 565 Wimbish Rd, Macon, GA 31210

All Things Marketplace

All Saints ECW Marketplace: December 3rd

We have scheduled our Marketplace for December 3rd. Please put this on your calendars! Forms have been sent to our past vendors; if you have anyone else we need to send information to, please send me their email.

We will have inside and outside spots; hours are 9-3. Please be "looking for" your donations. We will have church items in the ECW room that day. This can be craft items, antique items, small furniture, nicer "white elephant" items, etc. We will work on some projects on Fridays when Shawl Ministry meets. If you have ideas, items we can make, etc., please bring them!

ECW Update . . . it's time to prepare for Marketplace!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1st at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. We will finalize plans for our Marketplace on December 3rd. There will be sign-ups for various jobs the week before the marketplace and the day of. Please be generous with your time and talents to help make this a success.

Many of you have already brought donations into the ECW room for the Marketplace ECW room – usually called "Grandma's Attic." Thanks for all of these! We welcome any donations and any craft items too. We are working on items on Fridays and may add some other days in November. Will discuss that at the meeting.

Check out Mary Mantipliy's information on our Marketplace Bake Sale! All your yummy items sell so well! And don't forget about Sheila Freman's and Lillian Burton's pre-order lists. Those will close soon so be sure to check with them if you would like something. And remember, we have a new addition to our Marketplace pre-orders: frozen 1-quart containers of soup. Forms are in the Parish Hall for multiple selections: taco soup, broccoli cheese, chicken and rice, chicken noodle, and chili. The cost for the soup is \$10 each.

We still have time to make items if you have a great idea for a craft! Just bring the instructions and a sample! Proceeds from our Marketplace help to fund our donations to organizations in our community and help with special projects at the church.

We especially will need help the day of the sale early – 7 am – to put up tents outside for the vendors! All hands welcome.

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All Things Marketplace - continued

ECW Marketplace Bake Sale . . . *It's time to Bake!*

We need your help! We count on parishioners to bake items for us to sell at the Marketplace—cakes, pies, breads, etc., as well as cookies, bars, brownies, and other goodies that we can package and sell as individual snacks. ECW members will price baked goods and will package and price snacks.

Someone will be at the church on Friday, December 2, to receive baked donations. There will be a sheet for bakers to sign with names and items donated.

For information, contact Mary Mantiplly: mantiplly123@cox.net.

Coming in December

- **Thursdays in Advent : December 1, 8, 15, 22**
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love: Join us for this year's Advent program, with Evening Prayer at 5:45 pm, a Light Potluck Dinner at 6:00 pm, and program from 6:30-7:15 pm Program
- **December 11: Advent Lessons & Carols and Vestry Elections, plus Covered Dish and Town Hall**
- **December 18: Christmas Pageant during worship**
- **December 24: Christmas Eve Services**
 - **5:30 pm: Family Christmas Eve service**
 - **8:00 pm: Choral Program, 8:30 pm Festal Holy Eucharist**
- **December 25: Christmas Day worship at 10:15 a.m.**

Save the Dates!
*Here's what you
can expect in
December*

*All Saints welcomes all
to our Worship and
Fellowship Events*

**** Please note that for November,
the Men's Group will meet
on the 3rd Thursday, 11/17.**

All Saints Calendar

Weekly

Sunday

Worship 10:15 am in-person and online
Children's Choir: 1:30pm

Monday

Book Club: 5:15-7pm
EfM: 6:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday

Food Pantry: 9:30 - 11am

Wednesday

Noonday Prayer: 12-12:30pm

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30pm

Friday

Shawl Ministry: 10-12:30pm
ECW Luncheon: 12:30 pm

Monthly

1st Sunday

Covered Dish and Rector's
Forum after Sunday Worship

1st Tuesday

ECW Meeting, 10-11:30am in the
Parish Hall

4th Thursday**

Men's Group Meeting, 6:30-8pm,
Tap and Pour on Moody

Do Join Us!

October in Pictures

Outdoor Worship, Blessing of the Animals, and Fall Picnic!



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more pictures?

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photo gallery!
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