



# SAINTS' ALIVE!

December 2011

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## Halos To:



- **Roman and Remington Scovel** for the organ and violin solos, respectively, adding a new and welcome dimension to our worship.
- **Jeremy, Grant and Andrew Metts** for their invaluable help in hauling and holding sheetrock for the new building.
- **David Weatherby** for help with the sheetrocking of the new building.
- **Martha and John Stephenson, Kitty and Rob Ash, Sheridan Curtis, Suzanne Philbrook**, for their heroic efforts, digging and planting the foundation plantings and the prayer garden - and **Beverly Brown** for designing them.
- **Ginny and Aizzy Allen** for the beautiful Thanksgiving potluck poster.
- **Roxanne WhiteLight** for teaching the Beatitudes (in Aramaic), with appropriate chants and Xi Gong movements.
- **Collette York** for faithfully showing up every Thursday to help Linda put the service bulletins together.
- **Judy Maw and Dan Haase**, for taking turns assisting at Sunday School.
- **Kitty Ash and Martha Stephenson** for cleaning the downstairs every Saturday afternoon after the construction crews leave. You have no idea how much mud these guys tracked in -- though they really tried to be careful!
- **Sharon Ackermann** for filling in as service musician in Bonnie's absence.
- **Clarke**, from the Cornerstone AA group for the new 12 cup coffee pot.

**Deadline for the January 2012 issue:  
December 18**

## Notes From Bob+

Dear Friends,

It's Advent here, at All Saints --and there are signs. Not mountains of tinsel and plastic decorations waiting to be purchased like you see at Costco, perhaps, but many things are changed:

- ✘ A change in the appearance and ambiance in the church – the Advent wreath – the seasonal colors – introducing more moments of silence into the service – all signs of a new time of waiting and reflection.
- ✘ A change in our liturgy – some pauses to provide more time for reflection – More of a sung service for those of you who requested it and – an updated welcome to those who visit us.
- ✘ A brand new church year and along with it, another set of Gospel readings. We'll be reading and I'll be preaching on Mark, for the next 12 months.
- ✘ Over the next month, there are some ways we'll observe this season and prepare ourselves for the many gifts God will bring us:

### We'll Pray:

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

“... give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, ...”

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

“... Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins ...”

#### **Third Sunday of Advent**

... Let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us ...”

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

“... Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation ...”

#### **The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day**

“... Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge ...”

### We'll share Worship, Fellowship and Service

- ✘ Advent Worship - Lighting The Advent Wreath (Each Sunday)
- ✘ Wednesday Night Advent Worship and meditation: November 30, December 7 and 14
- ✘ Blue Christmas Service, December 21
- ✘ Greening of Our Church, December 18
- ✘ Share House Christmas Gifts
- ✘ Christmas Eve services, December 24
- ✘ Christmas Day, December 25

I invite you to be a part of the Advent and Christmas season ... Join us in prayer, reflection, worship, fellowship and service as we prepare to celebrate God's coming into the world.

Faithfully in Christ



Bob Chrisman

“... Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven ...”

### We'll Reflect:

#### **Advent: Waiting patiently and quietly for God's appearing ...**

- ✘ How do we order our lives to wait with quiet expectation?
- ✘ What signs do we seek as we wait for God's arrival?
- ✘ What signs do we offer to indicate our readiness to receive him?

#### **Christmas. God coming among us and dwelling near to us.**

- ✘ How will we encounter Christ in his human form, as we greet those who come to us?
- ✘ Is there room in OUR inn?

## 'Tis The Season.....

At Christmastide (and Advent, too) here at All Saints we have numerous opportunities to share God's love with the world. Our Sharing Tree went up the weekend before Thanksgiving (yes, we know – we don't like rushing the Christmas season any more than you do!) But there is a reason for this one. Share House, our giving tree partner, has to have the unwrapped gifts at their warehouse no later than December 12 so that their volunteers can wrap and deliver them in time to help someone in need celebrate Christmas. We have 40 tags this year – some for children as young as one year, and some for folks who are in their 50's. As usual, we have requests for jeans, a hooded sweatshirt, an MP3 player, iTunes gift certificates, and a multitude of toys. We also have requests from adults for such essentials (if you want to get a job) as an alarm clock. And also, for those folks who must be outdoors, either working, looking for work, or just existing – rain gear, a coffee thermos, and a pair of shoes – size 11. Please help, if you can. If times are tight for you too, maybe you can go in with someone else to share the expense of a present. Just a thought.

Even if you can't fit a present into your budget, Share House is always looking for socks. Imagine, if you will, being homeless, with an old pair of blown out tennis shoes and one pair of socks being all there is between you and the wet, mean streets. A spare pair of dry socks is heaven.

Closer to home are our own Blessing Baskets. This year two families have been chosen to receive them. One is a family of two adults. The other is a family of five, including teenagers. The baskets will be under the tree. If you're stuck on what to give, we suggest gift cards for Fred Meyers or another all purpose store, so that they can purchase what is most needed – whether it's food, household supplies, pet food or Christmas presents. This is your opportunity to help those among us who could use a hand.

And over at Good Shepherd is a new opportunity – Tanner's Closet. This fledgling organization aims to provide new clothes for foster children. These children often arrive at a new placement with only the clothes on their backs – and most foster families don't have the cash handy to completely outfit each new child. You can help. We can put you in touch with them.

Finally, consider giving the gift of time. We plan to participate in the Winter Hospitality Overflow again this year, partnering with Good Shepherd to fill some slots in the overnight staffing of one of the two seasonal homeless shelters. Last year several of us served for the first time – talk to Sydney, Candy or any member of the Scovel family (including Roman and Remington) to find out what it's like.

Another opportunity is the Red Cross. Several of our members quietly give their own precious blood so that others may live. Sheryl Haase, for instance, has given since she was in college, and is now up to 78 pints, or some such thing. Candy Weatherby gives platelets for chemo patients and others through the Red Cross apheresis program. Neither of these gifts costs anything in terms of time and both are Priceless!

## Prayers & Thanksgivings

### **Keep In Your Prayers:**

#### **For Healing:**

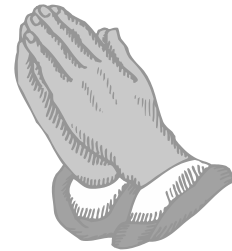
Amy	Ted	Chase
Roy	Lisa	Howard
Margaret	Dionysius	Dennis
Jeff	Ana	Sherrie
Dan	Steve	Clare
Claire	George	Michael
Sue	Silas	Lucy
Glenda	Caroline	Beverly
Cynthia	LeAnne	Genia
Claudian	Dan	

#### **For Guidance, Protection and Strength:**

Cameron	Jason
Cheryl	Chris
Lisa & family	Diann
David & April	Nico & Courtney
Laurel & son Jesse	Shawn, Julie & Susie
Denny's family	Ginny & Aizzy
Carol	
David	

### **We also pray for:**

- Families served by Babies In Need
- The congregation and ministry of Christ Our Redeemer Church
- Members of AA and Al Anon Family Groups who meet at All Saints



### **We Give Thanks for:**

#### **Birthdays:**

Linus Jubilee	December 7	Justyce Morvee	December 14
Fiona Neumann	December 8	Bob Chrisman+	December 21
Kitty Ash	December 12	Taylor Olson	December 27
Aislynn Allen	December 13	Candy Weatherby	December 30

#### **Anniversaries:**

Ed & Joyce Harvey	December 21
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## *Senior Moments*

Here we are, as the new Church year begins. How can it be December already? It doesn't seem like it was a year ago that I came to you all to talk about things we need to be thinking about for the New Year. Well, it has been a year, and I'm going to talk with you about one of those topics again. Throughout this past year, I have spoken with several of you about service to All Saints. In several of those conversations, you have told me that you do not feel qualified to be a leader for Church activities. Several of you have said you don't feel you know enough about the Church and its doings to serve on the Bishop's Committee or in some other function. WRONG!

Every person that I know at All Saints has something unique to offer to our community. Someone said to me recently that they could not do what I do at Church. I certainly hope that is right. Wouldn't it be scary if there was another person in the Congregation that acted like I do? It is not how we are alike that gives us value as leaders, but it is our uniqueness that makes us special. If we were all equal, what would be the sense of having more than one person making the decisions for All Saints?

Each member of our Congregation brings a talent to our community that no one else here possesses. It is because of our different perspectives that we are able to make positive decisions regarding our Church Community. Maybe that is why we are growing! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Bishop's Committee and especially my time as Senior Warden. I have learned so much about how a Mission Church in the Diocese of Olympia functions. I gained my knowledge about what we do and who we are by discussing things with other people, or just trying something out. I have tried things new to me, sometimes with tremendous success, and sometimes with dismal failure. I try to keep the failures quiet so you won't know just how goofy some of the things I have done actually are.

I want to encourage each of you to seek a position on the Bishop's Committee at our Annual Meeting in January. If you don't feel quite ready to take on a role with the BC, how about volunteering for some of the other committees and activities at Church. Chairing or serving on a committee can be very rewarding. We really do need your perspectives as we weave our way through the web of things that we have to deal with. I would be more than happy to speak with any of you at any time about what is expected and just how rewarding it is to have an active role at All Saints. I would love to see a dozen people willing to take on a role on the BC and another couple dozen wanting to serve on other committees. See me at Church, or give me a call and I will see that your name is added to the lists of All Saints leaders. Pray on it, and know that God will lead you in the right direction. Blessings.

*Dan Haase*  
Senior Warden

## **LABYRINTH: THE JOURNEY OF THE SOUL**

### **Women's Advent Retreat**

Women's Spirituality is sponsoring a women's retreat

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Learn about the labyrinth as a tool for your spiritual journey and walk the labyrinth twice in sessions designed to help each person enter deeply into holy space.

The Labyrinth has only one way in and one way out. It is not a maze of blind alleys but a path of transformation and prayer that leads you into the center and out again.

A wonderful way to begin Advent!

**Date: December 3    Time: 10 AM to 3 PM**

Place: St Luke's ~ San Lucas Children's Chapel & Parish Hall.

Bring: Sack lunch. *Beverages will be provided.*

Wear: Comfortable loose clothing and sport socks  
(a requirement for walking the Labyrinth).

For those who are not able or comfortable walking a labyrinth, a meditation area will be provided with finger labyrinths.

There will be a free will offering to help with the rental cost and upkeep of the labyrinth.

Please call the church office to make your reservation!

## **OPEN EVENING LABYRINTH WALK**

A Labyrinth will be available Saturday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 to 8 PM for adults and teen youth in the Parish Hall.

Come begin your Advent journey in the candle light and beauty of the Chartes Labyrinth. Hosts will be available to assist you.

**Date: Saturday, December 3    Time: 5-8 PM**

**Place: St Luke's ~ San Lucas Parish Hall**

Bring: Socks. The Labyrinth is walked in socks, no shoes are permitted. Please do not bring food or drink as it is not permitted while using the labyrinth. Water will be available.

There is a free will offering to help with the rental and upkeep of the labyrinth.

## **MADRIGAL CONCERT**

On Saturday, December 10, the Vancouver Madrigal Singers will be presenting a concert at St. Luke's ~ San Lucas.

They will sing Christmas music from the last 500 years. The concert is a 3:00 in the afternoon. There will be a free-will offering.

## *Notes From the Bishop's Committee*

The Bishop's Committee held its monthly meeting November 14, 2011. Following are some of the highlights of the meeting to keep you informed about our Church.

- Our new storage building is nearing completion and the prayer garden near it is well underway. Many members of our congregation have participated in this project, and many volunteers from Christ our Redeemer and Vancouver United Methodist have also worked diligently. What a blessing it will be to have enough space for Babies in Need and additional room available in our parish hall. A committee has been formed to work toward fresh paint and perhaps updated flooring in the parish hall.
- Priest Bob's contract has been extended to 1/31/2013 and Diocesan grants to pay his salary have been received and accepted.
- There will be an Advent season bulletin created that will be used for the entire Advent Season.
- The next few sessions of the Adult Forum will concentrate on the sacraments.
- Bob+ is working on an experimental interactive blog that will allow people to comment on the sermons.
- The greening of the church will be 12/18 at 4 PM.
- The annual meeting has been scheduled for 1/29/2012.
- We are planning Blessing Baskets for Christmas for parishioners who could use a hand.

### *Blue Christmas Prayer Service*

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many reasons, including separation from loved ones; a loss of job, home or relationship; depression; an association with painful Christmases past; or a feeling of intense disconnection from the prevailing demands and commercialism of Christmas. Our Blue Christmas Prayer Service offers space, accepting community, and time away from the hype of Christmas to experience stillness, acceptance and Sacred Presence in the midst of our ever changing lives. Please join us – and bring a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker if you like.

***All are Welcome, Any Faith or No Faith  
Tuesday December 21, 2011, 7:00 PM***

## *Parking Lot Update*

You may be wondering what's going on with the parking lot these days. When ASEC made the agreement with the Vancouver Parks and Recreation to have the soccer fields on the "back 40" part of the deal was that "the County" would fix our parking lot. Nothing has happened, you say --- well, that's not quite true, they did do some restriping last year. The problem was that they had planned to pay for it out of park funds and, well, it never quite got done before they'd exhausted their budget.

We've kept after them, and they've been working on a solution. In the meantime, they are sweeping the parking lot each month, and did provide two large dumpsters for our grounds and trees work party, saving us hundreds of dollars in disposal fees, and untold amounts of time.

The latest word is this: they've given up trying to squeeze the money out of the Parks and Recreation budget (the anticipated cost is in excess of \$11,000). They've let the job out for bid, and probably Action Asphalt will be the winning bidder. We met with representatives of the County and Action Asphalt the week before Thanksgiving to discuss the scope of the work, and when it will be done. The County had asked if ASEC could contribute some money to the cost, since the lower lot in particular (and that's all we're talking about here) is in such bad shape that a simple overlay won't do the job, and may actually make the drainage problems we have worse. The BC, after discussion, has authorized a contribution out of the building fund, and we're in negotiations with the County as to the amount. It looks like they'll be able to do the work necessary for what the County has, and what we are able to contribute.

When will it happen? Not sure. The contractor needs a day to prep (and it has to be dry) and a day to pave (and it has to be 50 degrees or above). Then on a different day (another dry one) the contractor will return to re-stripe the lower parking lot (all of it, this time, not just the spaces in front of the building.) We'll be given a minimum of 24 hours notice of the work days, and have let our AA and AI-Anon groups know that they may have to park elsewhere for a day or two.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, the paving and striping will take place in the spring – they promise! Keep tuned for developments.

## *The Advent Wreath*

The circle of evergreens signifies eternity with no beginning and no end, the "never-endingness" of God. The greenery signifies on-going life and the never-changing God. Four candles signify the gradual approach of the Light that will forever dispel the Darkness.

The first candle represents Hope. We hope for the Savior's love to fill and cover the world.

The second candle represents the Peace of Jesus Christ. Only His way can bring peace to our world.

The third candle represents Love. Because of His love, all men are saved.

The fourth candle represents Joy. Because of Christ, we can truthfully sing "Joy to the world – joy to you and me."



# All Saints Schedule: December 2011

	Sunday, 12/4	Sunday, 12/11	Sunday, 12/18	Sunday, 12/25
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*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

*Third Sunday  
of Advent*

*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

*Christmas Day*

## **Scriptures**

First Lesson	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Psalm 126	Canticle 3	Psalm 97
Second Lesson	2 Peter 3:8-15a	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	Romans 16:25-27	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 2:1-20

## **Services**

### **9:00 AM**

#### **Holy Eucharist**

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*Celebrant*

The Rev.  
Robert Chrisman

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Robert Chrisman

*Eucharistic Ministers/  
Lay Readers*

Bryant Turner,  
Sheridan Curtis

Fiona Neumann,  
Rob Ash

Sheryl Haase,  
Jon Metts

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Fiona Neumann

*First Lesson*

Suzanne Philbrook

Leslie Woods

Candy Weatherby

Cathleen Rogers

*Second Lesson*

Bonnie Pounder

Dee Ann Teseneer

Remington Scovel

Kitty Ash

*Ushers*

Dan Haase

John Stephenson

Derick Scovel

Ginny & Aislynn  
Allen

*Greeters*

Suzanne Philbrook

Martha Stephenson

Elizabeth Scovel

Crystal Jubilee

*Acolyte I*

Jason Imel

Taylor Hawks

Ainsley Hawks

Jason Imel

*Acolyte II*

Roman Scovel

Remington Scovel

Roman Scovel

Taylor Hawks

*Sunday School  
Assistant*

Dana Mazur

Kitty Ash

Cathleen Rogers

Judy Maw

*Altar Guild*

Martha Stephenson

Sheridan Curtis

Sydney Reisbick

Pat Stephens

## **Evening Prayer**

### **Wednesday 6:30 PM**

December 7, 14,  
21, 28

Rob Ash  
or  
Suzanne Philbrook

## All Saints: December 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 AA & AI Anon 7 - 9 pm	<b>2</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30  AA 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>3</b>  Men's Breakfast 9 am  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
<b>4</b>  Holy Eucharist 9 am  Adult Forum  Christ Our Redeemer* 12 - 4	<b>5</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>6</b>  Office Closed  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	<b>7</b>  Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm  AA: 11:30 - 1:30	<b>8</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30  AA & AI Anon 7 - 9 pm	<b>9</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30  AA 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>10</b>  COR Angel Tree Party 4 - 9:30 pm  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
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<b>18</b>  Holy Eucharist 9 am  Adult Forum  Christ Our Redeemer 12 - 4  Greening of the Church 4 pm  <i>Saints' Alive!</i> Deadline	<b>19</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>20</b>  Office Closed  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	<b>21</b>  Blue Christmas Prayer Service 7 pm  AA: 11:30 - 1:30	<b>22</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30  AA & AI Anon 7 - 9 pm	<b>23</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30  AA 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve</b>  Choral Eucharist 10 pm  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
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\*Christ Our Redeemer (COR) congregation uses our building on Sunday afternoons and occasionally at other times.