



SAINTS ALIVE!

March 2016

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What joy for us all to be together!



Save the Date! The Right Reverend Bishop Rickel will come to All Saints on Wednesday, May 11th at 6 pm for an evening celebration of Fr. Joe's new ministry. Mark your calendars and don't miss it!

Father Joe welcomes you to drop in during his office hours at All Saints Tuesdays from 8:30-5:00 pm and Wednesdays between 10:30-5:00 pm.



New Boots

Living and working in Montana, you learn a few things. You learn about rifles, dogs, coffee, saddles, horses, jeans and yes...boots. Everyone in Montana—and I suspect here in Washington, as well—tout their favorites in each respective category, with various litanies of evidentiary support for each during the long winters by the woodstove.

So here are my “favorites”: Marlin 45/70 Guide Gun, lever action; Border collie; Starbucks (yep) Dark Roast; Wade Tree; Appaloosa; Wrangler Pro-Rodeos; and broke-in/broke-down Justin’s with a riding heel. It took me awhile to get used to all my category favorites especially the boots. Searching for new boots, quite frankly, is a pain in the body part well north and east of the foot.

Searching for boots is an all-day adventure...sometimes a multi-day one. My wife Mona absolutely refuses to go “boot searching” with me. 4 hours in Murdoch’s Farm and Ranch Supply is not her idea of a good time. They say confession is good for the soul. Well, truth be told, I bought my last Jeep faster than I bought my last pair of boots. Boots and Cow-Boys and Girls are like Eagles, mates for life.

“Jean Searching” is much the same, I would offer. And Ladies, you are right here beside us on this one. They just have to fit “right,” just have that certain feel, flow. And we all have our favorite “pair.” My cousin Robyn, bless her heart, her favorite pair of jeans were so tight that she had to lay on the bed and pull the zipper up with a pair of pliers to “snuggle into them” as she was known to say. And when we are Jean Searching we can never forget the critical...“Sit Down Test.” Once you “snuggle into them,” in the dressing room you always have to sit down to check for excessive “belly overhang”; “muffin-topping”; “love-handle extrusion” and the ever so important “booty boost.”

Boots are the same...we have to try them on....check the fit and feel. Do a “walkabout” and see if they pinch or bind or make our big toe numb. And in the beginning, they always feel just a little tight. We have to “break them in,” to really get comfortable with them. In all my, 50+ years of “boot searching” I have never once experienced the elusive “Boot Miracle”; where a pair is absolutely perfect right out of the gate. We have to get used to the boot and the boot has to get used to us....it is a give and take; a process until we truly feel comfortable with each other. Until we reach agreement. It is then that the “magic” happens and a lifetime relationship is born.

So, where are these ramblings about boots and jeans and dogs and saddles going on this rainy Vancouver morning? Well, let me solve the mystery for you...I would propose to you, Ladies and Gents, that “Church Searching” is a lot like new boots, or jeans or a new dog...horse or saddle. When you are considering a long term commitment...a connection, you want to “get it right.”

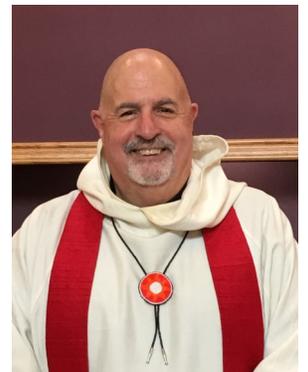
We are all searching for a “connection” and for “connectivity”. We are a social species and simply just do better in groups. And so it is with our Spirituality...which is simply a fancy word for our “connectedness” to the Creator. Often, “Church Searchers” are expecting the “Boot Miracle” that we talked about, that elusive, immediate “perfect fit” right from the box. We want to skip the “break in” period and go right for the “Ahh” moment. It doesn’t work that way. We have to do the “walkabout” and the “sit down test” to see, if in fact, we have found a “Keeper.”

I have a good friend, Koozer, who always has a basket in his desk, garage, barn or wherever he is working. It is usually overflowing, with papers and parts and stuff leaking and oozing everywhere. One day I said to him, “Koozer, what is that mess?” His answer was illuminating. “That’s my “Too Hard” Basket” ...when something is too hard or will take too much time, or energy or thinking...it goes in there for later.” Later always seems elusive for Koozer, and also sometimes for us.

So some folks put “Church Searching,” “Boot Searching” or any other kind of searching into Koozer’s “Too Hard Basket.” Not worth the effort, too much time, no “Boot Miracle” likely, and so their need for connectedness continues unfulfilled.

So, to all you “Church Searchers” out there, and you know who you are, we are always open for a free “try on” ...come by spend some time trying on both the left and right boot. Do the walkabout and the sit down test. Stay for an hour or a lifetime. Coffee’s on and the stove is toasty. Welcome....

~Blessings, Father Joe



From the Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

“Where did you see God today?”

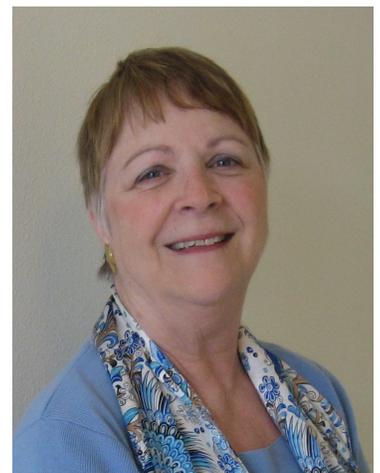
A question, I was recently asked and a good question to ask yourself, spouse, friend or child. This was posed to me before I went on retreat to Arizona. As I cleared my mind of life's burdens answers flooded my being. I was reminded to be thankful for all I have family, friends and health. Certainly, God had played a part in all. As I hiked the desert God was everywhere. His creations surrounded me in mountains, cactus, wide vistas and animals. I was surrounded by His glory. I started to see Him everywhere as I hiked and emptied my mind. He was renewing me “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10) was what I sought. He promised us “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.” (Ezekiel 36:26) I took the time to pause, renew and fill myself with all He offers. **I hope you will too.** We are all depleted, ragged, worn down by life at times. Take the time to enjoy the quiet, stillness and beauty that surrounds us. God shows us how to slow down and reminds us “the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22)

BUSINESS

We have recently celebrated our building updates, financial solvency and most import the arrival of Father Joe. 2016 brings us many opportunities to grow our missions, renew our vision, and strengthen our financials. Your contributions to the strengthening and growth of All Saints is always appreciated. We are in need of a few great volunteers like you for: Head Usher, Emergency Planning Coordinator, Recording Treasurer, Webmaster and office help. Please let myself or Father Joe know if you have an interest.

With joy and love,

Vicki



Dear All Saints Episcopal Church,



The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Fred Meyer. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

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Thank you for your continued support of All Saints and your local Fred Meyer store.

Babies In Need

*Serving Needy Newborns in Southwest Washington
~with car seats, layettes, portable cribs, and love.*



A special thank-you this month to our team that works week-in and week-out to serve God's children through Babies in Need:

Suzanne Philbrook – Recording Treasurer - does lion's share of collecting/recording/and retrieving donations from our collection bin.

Alice Williams – Corresponding Secretary – writes many thank-you notes each week to our donors.

Vicki Setzer – Treasurer – keeps our books reconciled and in good order every month.

Rob Ash – delivers layettes, car seats and sibling bags to both hospitals each week.

Jennifer Myers-Power – answers phone calls, forwards emails, receives donations and gives layettes and car seats when needed.

Mona Pocha, Clare Imel, Rob Ash, Vicki Setzer, Pat Stephens, Marguerite Matusak, and Jackie Smith serve on the Board of Directors.

Again: Thanks to each of you for making this ministry happen!!!

Next layette assembly day: Monday, March 14th at 2 pm.

Faithfully, *Kitty Ash*

*"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."
Mother Teresa*

Wednesdays in Lent with Fr. Joe Scheeler

A Circle of Fellowship, Prayer and Exploration

6:30 pm **Soup Supper**

7:15 pm **Answering the Call of the Crying Christ Child**

- March 2 **Answering the Call of the Ancestors**
exploring Native American and
Contemporary Episcopal Spirituality
- March 9 **Answering the Call to Community**
exploring the translation of Call into
Action
- March 16 **Answering the Call of the Spirit**
exploring the 9 Elements of a Spiritual
Rule of Life

Spring Cleaning

Saturday, March 12th from 9-12

Come one, come all to
spruce the church up
for spring and Easter!
We'll go after finger-
prints, porcelain
deposits, refrigerators,
windows,
dust, cobwebs, etc.
Other indoor projects are paint
touch-ups and repairing folding chairs.



March Birthdays:

Pat Stephens	March 15
Leslie Woods	March 20
Zane Heurlin	March 22
Alice Williams	March 27
John Ackermann	March 30

*Many thanks from Leslie Woods
"to the entire parish for their support
and prayers which were so helpful in my
recovery."*

March Anniversaries:

Dan & Sheryl Haase March 24

Our most sincere thanks to everyone at the All Saints community who provided care, support, visits, meals and transportation (especially Kitty, Rob, and Candy) during Lynne's recent hospitalization and my urgent return from Phoenix. We are incredibly humbled by your love and generosity! May God continue to richly bless each and every one of you!

~Susan Nance and Lynne Dalleck

**Is your All Saints Directory information accurate?
If you wish to be included in the All Saints directory,
or you need to change your entry,
please email your information to the church office:
admin@allsaints-vancouver.org. Thanks! ~Jennifer**

All Saints Ministry Schedule: March 2016

	3/6 Lent IV	3/13 Lent V	3/20 Palm Sunday	3/24 Maundy Thursday	3/27 EASTER SUNDAY
First Lesson	Joshua 5:9-12	Isaiah 43:16-21	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm	Psalm 32	Psalm 126	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 116:1, 10-17	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 2:5-11	1Corinthians 11:23-26	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Services Sunday, 9 AM	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist, foot wash, agape— 6:30 p.m.	Eucharist
Altar Setup	Pat	Sydney	Fiona	All for stripping	Martha and more
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Rob Ash	Jon Metts Rob Ash	Sheryl Haase Fiona Neumann		Sheridan Curtis Fiona Neumann
First Lesson	Leslie Woods	Carol Burkhardt	Sheryl Haase	TBA	Candy Weatherby
Second Lesson	Dick Woods	Tom Williams	Suzanne Philbrook		Martha Stephenson
Ushers	Vicki Setzer	Joe Astleford	Tom Williams	Vicki Setzer	Elizabeth Scovel
Greeters	Alice Williams	Kitty Ash	Alice Williams		Vicki S.
Sunday School	Sheridan	Fiona	Matt	---	No SS today
Nursery	Kitty	Alice	Martha	---	
Coffee Hour/ Potluck Teams	Potluck Kitty, Rob, Vicki, Mona	Coffee Hour Susan, Alice, Tom, Emilie	Coffee Hour Martha, Carol S., Candy, Margaret, Elise + Joe	Agape meal	Coffee Hour Sydney, Paula, Carol L., Carol B., Linda

Wednesdays:

Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m.

Worship Leaders:

Rob Ash, Suzanne Philbrook,
Martha Stephenson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Evening Prayer/ Adult Reflection 6:30 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	3 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	4 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	5 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
6 Holy Eucharist 9 am Potluck	7 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	8 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	9 Evening Prayer/ Adult Reflection 6:30 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	10 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	11 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	12 Work Day 9am-12pm Parish Life Mtg., 2pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5:30 - 9:30 pm
13 Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour Bishop's Committee Mtg. 10:30 am	14 BIN Assembly 2 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	15 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	16 Evening Prayer/ Adult Reflection 6:30 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	17 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	18 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	19 Palm Cross Making AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
20 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour <i>Saints' Alive!</i> Deadline	21 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	22 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	23 AA: 11:30 - 1:30	24 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing 6:30 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	25 Good Friday Open Church Stations of the Cross 12-3pm Good Friday Unburdening Ceremony 6:30pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	26 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
27 Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour	28 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	29 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	30 AA: 11:30 - 1:30	31 AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm		