



SAINTS ALIVE!

March 2018

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To Serve You:

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Rev. Joe Scheeler

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Rev. Deacon John Ackermann

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The Episcopal Church 2018 Annual Appeal

I write to share some of the ways we, together as the Episcopal Church, witness to the loving, liberating, and life-giving way of Jesus Christ, and to ask for your financial support through this first Annual Appeal. Your gift or pledge to the Annual Appeal will directly impact our life and witness as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. The Episcopal Church 2018 Annual Appeal marks the first churchwide appeal in the Episcopal Church. Most of our Church's ministry is done by dioceses and local congregations, and your support of these is vitally important to the work of Jesus in the world. But there are some ministries that only can be accomplished by the entire Church working together. Here are a few examples:

Our **Office of Government Relations** represents the moral voice of our Church in Washington, D.C., before the councils of government. The office hosts a morning prayer service for legislators and their staff, bringing Episcopalians together across the aisle to pray, and listen for God's guidance in their lives and the work they do.

Our **Armed Forces and Federal Ministries** support chaplains serving in the military, VA hospitals, and federal prisons. Most of this work is with people ages 18-30. Our presence brings spiritual healing and comfort to people who need to know God's love in a troubled world.

Our **Evangelism Ministries** have helped Episcopalians to rethink and reclaim the sharing of the Good News. Our Episcopal Revivals campaign has trained more than 1,000 diocesan leaders to practice evangelism (in English and Spanish), welcomed more than 5,000 people to discover new and renewed life with Jesus, and gathered 200,000 participants on Facebook. This spring, we will host the second Evangelism Matters conference and the Beloved Story-Sharing Campaign, a churchwide effort to welcome stories of faith, race, and difference.

This Annual Appeal is intended to support ministries that can only happen when we work together as a whole Church. Donations to The Episcopal Church 2018 Annual Appeal can be made by going [here](#), calling 212.716.6002, or text APPEAL to 51555.

Yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry,
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Fr. Joe's Morning Ride: The Light on the Hill

One of the first things that attracted my family and I to All Saints was the "Window." During the time of our first visit to All Saints, like many in transition on their Spirit Journeys, we were "church searching." As we pulled up and entered the driveway to the church, the library lights were on upstairs and our beautiful stained glass window was beaming a multi-colored and diverse welcome. The Light on the Hill was clear, crisp and beaming in the early sunrise. The message was clear: Please come in.

We were new to Vancouver, new to the Pacific Northwest and we were tired. We had left behind our large family and host of friends, home and hearth in Helena and were coming off of six year stay abroad in the Dominican Republic; lovely, yet extremely challenging. So here we were, hand-in-hand, Mona and I walking toward the front door, washed in the glow of the window light...The Light on the Hill.

Our story, I am sure is much the same as yours. From the first, we were received gracefully, welcomed warmly and wrapped lovingly. The Message of the Light on the Hill was true: that beckoning beacon did not lie. This was indeed a special place. From the moment we entered we knew our "church search" was over. We were again home, our spiritual rejuvenation could begin anew.

That was a very short three years ago. The journey from parishioner, to supply priest to vicar seemed to occur at warp speed. Your need was clear, your "Call" was clear, and fueled by the Sacred Spirit the answer was clear. Yes, this is where we will serve. Yes this is our family of Blessed Ones. The Light on the Hill told the truth again and again.

And so now we enter our third year together, 2018, and we take this time to look both backward and forward. We look at Who we are; Where we are; and to begin to answer the question, "Who do we want to be?"

On a beautiful April afternoon last year, the Reverend Eliacin Cruz from the Diocesan Commission of Congregational Development met with leaders from our All Saint's Family to answer exactly those questions. Who are we? Where are we? And "Who do we want to be?" Reverend Eliacin shared a Parish Model with us that we had known in our hearts and we had spoken around instinctively but could never exactly pin down the details. Like an elusive dream that we remember fragments of from time to time but can never seem to connect the dots. Reverend Eliacin helped us connect the dots we are called to:

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Gather ~ Transform~ and Send.

First, we *Gather*...we invite; we greet; we orient and finally embrace.

Next, we *Transform*...here in this place we are transformed to be the "breath of God in the world." We are transformed to be the "hands and feet of God in the world." And through this Transformation we are called to "inject Grace into the world." We are called to partner with God in the flourishing of abundant life where we are reconciled to God and to each other."

Finally, we *Send*...and where are we sent? Where do we serve? We are sent into family life; we are sent into our work life; into business; into public life. We are sent to every crack and place in the world to spiritually feed others as we have been fed. We are sent, ultimately to be of service.

What others say about us, speaks volumes about us...Here is a sample:

"This is a place that will care for you, amid the brokenness of Life."
— Reverend Eliacin Cruz

"This is a place where teaching the practice of Christianity happens every day."
— Bishop Greg Rickel

"The People in this Place are flutes in the Creator's Hands." — Gentle Thunder

And so each day we Gather, Transform, and Send and we live into our vision.

The All Saints' Community welcomes and embraces all people to journey to God; with us and with each other along the Spirit Path growing and learning together.

2017 was an amazing year Blessed Ones, filled with challenges overcome and blessings embraced. Our little church, our Light on the Hill remains filled with strength – sustainability– and service. Yet again in 2018 we will speak the words of Samuel, "Here I am Lord!" and the words of the Apostles "Come and See!"

Blessings, and enjoy the ride,
Father Joe



From the Senior Warden

First of all, I am honored to be your new senior warden. I am a little overwhelmed with the immensity and complexity of the job. I am blessed to have Fr. Joe, the mutual ministries, and the congregation so willing to act as my “wing man”. I am humbled with how many of you have come to me, to say, “just let me know what you need: I can help.”



A little bit about myself: Tom and I were confirmed as Episcopalians in 1974, at All Saints Episcopal in Richland, Washington. In the ensuing 44 years, the church has seen amazing change. Some of the changes have been heart wrenching and threatened to tear congregations asunder. I believe the core tenants of the Episcopal church of “reason, tradition, and scripture” (along with a modicum of common sense) have carried the church through and have made it a strong and viable institution. If we have a daily mantra, it might be “I think we can figure this out.”

I first attended All Saints, Vancouver in December of 2013. I came in late (I mistook the LDS church for the Episcopal church and had to get revectorred). I was greeted warmly and felt immediately at home. As many of you know, Tom and I had retired from the east coast and moved directly to Vancouver, WA. This was such a monumental change in our lives (albeit a good one, and certainly planned) and we both remain grateful for the caring, wisdom, acceptance, and joy that we have found at All Saints.

At this time in my tenure as senior warden I consider myself a “baby senior warden.” I am eager to learn from you all and grow with you in serving God in this community.

-Alice Williams

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2018

Income: \$10,511.94

Expenses: \$10,456.45

Unspent: \$ 55.49

An analysis of income/expenses to budget will be provided monthly.

Fundraising Ministry

Sharon and Carol (co-chairs of the Fund Raising Committee) invite you to a 2018 Brainstorming session at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 6th. The plan is to hold two fund raisers this year. Our 2nd Gala will be held in November, but we need you to help us with fund raising possibilities for a late Spring/early-Summer event. Come share your ideas with us and consider becoming a member of the Fund Raiser Ministry. Please see Sharon or Carol for more information.

Blessings, Carol S. and Sharon M.

Burdens on Your Heart?

Lent is a perfect time to clear the spiritual burdens that you may be carrying. During the Episcopal Church year, we routinely utilize our communal Confession of Sin each Sunday prior to Passing the Peace. Also during Lent, we offer the First Nations Unburdening Ceremony on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as an additional way to "clear our hearts."

What is less common in the Episcopal Church is the more intimate one-on-one conversation between Confessor and Penitent that we call "Reconciliation of a Penitent" (Book of Common Prayer pg. 447). During this Lenten season, "The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent" will be offered by Father Joe.

If you are in need, please call him for an appointment at 360-836-7540.

Many Thanks....

I would like to convey my deepest, and most sincere thanks to the Saints of this loving and supportive community who continue to lift me in prayer and sustain me!

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who have helped in some way, whether it be to help us clean, transport, brought the Eucharist, visited, provided a meal, sent a card, listened with a caring ear, sent an e-mail, made a phone call.... There are so many of you to whom I am connected and have such gratitude!

Thanks be to God, our Creator, for each one of you, for His healing powers and for this church community! May the Creator continue to richly bless each of you as He has blessed me!!

~*Susan Nance*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2018 Altar Flower chart is on the bulletin board. We invite you to provide flowers to celebrate an event, honor someone special to you, give thanks or to the glory of God.

Flowers are \$15 each week. Please put a check for \$15 in the offering plate, *memo: altar flowers.*

Thank you!



SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Savings Time begins
March 12.

Don't forget to set your clocks
forward one hour before you
go to bed on
Saturday the 11th!

Cursillo News

Find us on Facebook under Oregon Episcopal Cursillo, and sign-up for Cursillo email at www.oregon-cursillo.org. The next Cursillo Weekend for all adults will be held Thursday evening, May 31 – Sunday, June 3, 2018, at the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, outside Salem.



A Note from Sheryl....

Father Joe asked us to look at Lent as we did Advent, as a time to anticipate. I would like to challenge everyone to give an item each day of Lent to the food bank (similar to the Reverse Advent giving) Bring your items on Easter, or each Sunday during Lent! Let's fill up the basket for the food bank.

Blessings, Sheryl

March Birthdays

Jackie G.	March 1
Mona P.	March 3
Ty T.	March 9
Heidi S.	March 10
Pat S.	March 15
Leslie W.	March 20
Susan N.	March 20
Zane H.	March 22
Carol B.	March 23
Alice W.	March 27
Verna C.	March 27
Deacon John	March 30

Babies In Need News!

I'm pleased to announce the decision of the Babies In Need Board of Directors to create the position of Associate Director and to appoint our very first Associate Director, Mona Pocha.

Mona has been an enthusiastic supporter and eager worker for Babies in Need since her arrival at All Saints. She has attended layette assembly days, delivered layettes and car seats to the hospitals, sorted donations, made our Bonus Bundles and Sibling Bags, conducted an assembly day when I was out of town, made purchases when needed, staffed the BIN exhibit table at Convention and was a featured speaker about our ministry at the Clergy Wives' Luncheon at Diocesan Convention. She's served on our Board of Directors for three years. Mona loves babies and this ministry. She is dependable, hard working, brings new ideas and a fresh perspective to the ministry and will do a great job.

Mona and I enjoy working together and will share day-to-day operations as she takes on more responsibility in the following areas: donations, purchasing, layette assembly, layette and car seat distribution and public relations. Responsibility for finances and reports will remain with me. We have taken an important step toward the long-term viability of Babies in Need.

Blessings,
Kitty



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All Saints Ministry Schedule — March 2018

SCRIPTURES	Lent 3 March 4	Lent 4 March 11	Lent 5 March 18	Palm Sunday March 25	Easter Sun. April 1
1st LESSON	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
PSALM	Psalm 19	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
2ND LESSON	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
GOSPEL	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 15:1-39, [40-47] (IN PARTS BY CONGREGATION)	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
SUNDAYS	9:00 AM				
Altar Setup	Sharon	Martha	Fiona	Pat	Martha & Team
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Sheryl/Mona	Sheridan/Alice	Sheryl/Jon	Fiona/Rob	Sheryl/Sheridan
First Lesson/ Psalm	Dick	Matt	Linda	Sheryl	Martha
Second Lesson	Candy	Jon M	Darlene	Dee Ann	Candy
Ushers	Mike H	Matthew	Rob	Alice	Tom
Greeters	Pat	Alice	Martha	Pat	Alice
	Potluck today				
Coffee Hour/ Potluck Team	Linda/Ann H/ Darlene/Terry B	Alice/Tom/ Verna/Mary	Kitty/Rob/ Mona/Vicki	Martha/ Remedios/Carol S./Judy/Candy/ Carolyn	Linda/Ann H/ Darlene/Terry B
Lay Eucharist Visitor on duty	Fiona & Martha				Linda & Sheryl

Unable to do your assignment?? Find a sub and leave a message for the church office, either voice mail or email: admin@allsaints-vancouver.org. Thank you!

Wed. 6:30 pm: Worship/Prayer time with discussion.
Traveling Day Soc. Music practice follows at 7:30 p.m.
Worship Leaders: Rob Ash, Suzanne Philbrook,
Martha Stephenson, Father Joe Scheeler

If you have special requests for scheduling,
please email Pat Stephens by the 15th of the
month prior.
Thank you!
Pat.stephens@msn.com or 574-2428

March 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
4 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Potluck	5	6 1:45 pm Parish Life Meeting 3:00 pm Fundraising Meeting	7 Soup Supper & Program 6:00 pm	8	9	10
	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30
11 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Hour Annual Meeting II: Budget & Finances	12	13 The Women at the Well 1:30 pm	14 Soup Supper & Program 6:00 pm	15	16	17 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
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18 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Hour	19	20	21 Soup Supper & Program 6:00 pm	22	23	24
Saints' Alive! Deadline	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA 6:30 - 9:30 pm
25 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Hour	26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm followed by Open Church till 3pm Unburdening Ceremony 7pm	31 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	Agape Meal , Holy Eucharist & Footwashing 6:00 pm AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	AA: 11:30 - 1:30	AA 6:30 - 9:30 pm