

The Good News

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Our vision:

- The vision of All Saints' Episcopal Church is to be a vibrant, loving, welcoming community of faith called to serve Christ and to nurture all persons to be fully alive in God.

Our mission:

- With God's help, we will live our vision as a community that welcomes and serves all people through ministries of worship, education, fellowship and aid to those in need.

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From the Senior Warden

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. *New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Eadean Scribner,

Senior Warden

Rector's Reflection



Sixty Years: A Retrospective

This All Saints' Day marks the sixtieth anniversary of our church building. I was reminded of that in no uncertain terms last Thursday when I met with our contractors only to be told that in order to go forward with the Smith Hall remodel we would need to replace our entire electrical service. The wires are okay. They used good stuff back then. But the electrical panels, circuit breakers and other equipment are inadequate. I was even informed that the "type" of electricity has changed over the years and by installing new equipment we can save money and have better efficiency. The vestry approved the work last Sunday.

I am reminded that our church was built in a different time. Riverside was three days travel from New York, and three weeks travel from Jerusalem. The country of Israel didn't exist. We had just completed a second world war which we had entered on the moral high ground, having allowed Japan the first strike. In 1948 we were deeply involved in the Marshall Plan, rebuilding the enemies we had just bombed into submission because, back then, we understood that poverty and economic oppression cause wars. People went to church a lot back then, it was something "good" people just did. Men and airplanes were made of steel, and women and children were grateful.

Of course, it was not a perfect time. Generally speaking women could not hold responsible positions in the church, or government or business. Clergy wives at the General Theological Seminary were taught how to serve tea properly. Racial discrimination was not only openly practiced, but in many instances mandated under force of law. Many of the Episcopal clergy who marched for equal rights would be "re-assigned"—usually from places like Boston to places like Boron. Free speech was a fiction for those who would be so bold as to publicly compare democracy with socialism. The average life expectancy was 71 years and, a few years after retirement, a man could expect to drop dead of a heart attack.

The world has changed a great deal in the last sixty years. People have changed a great deal in the last sixty years. The challenges facing the church are in some ways different now, but in many ways exactly the same. For all that has changed, people still seek truth and meaning in life. There is a hunger in some for intimacy with God. People still seek a community of welcome and support. And the challenge for Christians remains the same, "to live no longer for ourselves alone," but rather to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring Good News to the poor.

And so this All Saints' day we will begin living out our new mission statement. And we will each again get to exercise our God-given free will--to choose when, where, how and perhaps even whether we will participate in God's work in this place. —JC+



Flower Ministry

~ **Gerry Graham**

I know you discussed ways to "help" our community thrive and grow at our most recent revisioning meeting on Sept 14th. Emphasis was put on what YOU could do to make this happen. Being involved with other members of the church is one sure way to build community. If you find pleasure in the flower arrangements that grace our services each Sunday, this might be the slot you've been looking for. We are always eager to have people join in this special ministry. It's not hard, it's not often, and it is enjoyable. You won't be expected to know it all the first few times. We will see that you get help and hand-holding until you feel comfortable enough to do the arranging on your own. Give it some serious thought and then give me a call. Gerry Graham 951-682-2363

Join the Prayer Chain

~**Cathy Porter**

Prayer Chain Meeting Last Sunday of the Month after the 10:30 service in the small chapel.

The next two meetings will be on September 28th and then again on October 26th.

This is a reminder to let you all know we are always happy to have any one of you join us on the Prayer Chain. Just call or email me and let me know and I will add you to our list. This can be done either by phone or email. God is faithful and continues to answer our prayer. Cathy Porter @ 687-2197 or catherinepete53@webtv.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry

~**Meg Hoffman**

Our next prayer shawl meeting will be on Sunday, October 12th after the 10:30 service in Smith Hall. October 12th is also the last day to bring in that baby blanket or cap you've been working on so that they can be sent to Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem for the new babies who will be needing them this winter. As always, we need to keep replenishing our supply of prayer shawls. We know that they have been of great comfort to those who have received them. If you are curious about this wonderful ministry, stop by and have a look at what we are doing!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Vestry

Class of 2008 Eadean Scribner, *Senior Warden*, Alanna Wilkinson, Jim Boyer, Matt Stowe

Class of 2009 Ralph Wilkins, *Junior Warden*, Marcela Pan, Diane McMorris, Ann Capell

Class of 2010 Mary Sue Berkley, *Treasurer*, Merrill Darlington, John Briggs, Carol Nathanson

Clerk – Laura McMorris

Path of Life

~ **Connie Younger**

This summer, several kids from the Carden Academy volunteered to help make sandwiches for Path of Life. The kids did a great job and deserve a big “thank-you”! With the help of the Harlows, the Lennoxes and the Bengtsons, the children made meat and cheese sandwiches. The dinners also included drinks-- sodas are a favorite--chocolate chip cookies and ice cream bars, all a big hit. All Saints’ provides an evening meal at Path of Life once a month on the **second Monday**, serving approximately 50 people, including lots of children. Those who wish to donate food or drinks are asked to bring them to church on the **second Sunday** for storage. Cash donations are also much appreciated. Connie Younger, who organizes this program, reports that the residents of Path of Life are always upbeat, happy and grateful for the food. She also reports that while she has many hands to help out, including her daughter Riley Disenhouse, the program could use more donations of food and cash to make All Saints’ continuing monthly contribution to Path of Life possible. For more information contact Connie Younger (951) 369-1457.



Birthdays

2- Harriet Lear, Illa Barrow

3- Peter Tiegs

7- Rob Work

9- Miki Eckroth

11- Mary Sue Berkley

12- Keith Stottlemyer

13- Pat Watson, Lauren Hansen,
Monica Hansen

17- Gerry Graham, Grace
Slocum, Eli Anzo

19- Jessica Smith

20- Elizabeth Atkinson, Hilda
Douglas, Blake Hansen

21- Amanda Blum

22- Connor Davis

23- Suzanne Kelly

24- Ruth Lara

26- Jacques Yeager

29- Joy Andrew

31- Kevin Kelly

Anniversaries

7- Edmund & Jane Lynch

14- Eric & Jayne Hansen

27- Dan & Susan Olsen

Parish Nurse

~Judy Reimer, RN,



COMING SOON! We will be having an **All Saints' Health & Safety Fair from 8am – 1pm on Sunday, November 9** in the parish hall. This is an event that you will NOT want to miss—there will be oodles of information related to disaster and emergency preparedness, other health and safety displays and information, and **PRIZES!** Stay tuned for more information about this event for the whole family (bring your friends)! This fair is being coordinated by community health nursing students from Asuza Pacific University—Raquel Merlo, Christine Natan, Jessica Dean, Noviana Whindarto, and Kelly Lutz. Welcome to All Saints, nursing students!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME Keep trick-or-treaters safe and avoid accidents on your property by following these simple safety tips:

1. Clear your front porch of unnecessary clutter.
2. A garden hose could cause a fall and best belongs in the back yard.
3. Bicycles and scooters are best kept in the garage for this night.
4. Lawn decorations are fine as long as they are well lit and away from the walkway where small children could bump into them and fall. (Fear makes us run and if you are going after the fear factor, wonderful, but please, do not risk an injury claim.)
5. Are all your exterior light bulbs working? Check and replace any that need it.
6. Sweep steps and sidewalks to make sure they are free of slippery or dangerous debris. A rock under a pile of wet leaves could scrape a little knee.
7. Do you have pets that are ready to protect you from all the witches, cats, mice, and other night creatures this Halloween? While that is an exceptional quality in a guard dog, it would be best if your animal were restrained this night to prevent jumps, scares, scratches and bites.

(Adapted from www.associatedcontent.com/article/383250/halloween_safety_tips_html)

Altar Guild

~Ann Capell

There is nothing mysterious about what we do. Now that is a good start. However, if we did not do some things mysterious to our general audience you might notice the difference. For example...at Pastor Karen's suggestion, the gospel book, which is central to our worship, has been moved to a more central location. But you all had noticed that, hadn't you? If the sanctuary light burns out, you would notice that also...wouldn't you? (In Fr. John's absence it took two tall men and a stepladder to replace him. Ah, it is good to be needed.)

What a good group the Altar Guild is and I am so thankful for each and every one of you, and all the fine, loving work you do. A special thanks to Penny Ellien who was so organized that she was able to do two months of scheduling before leaving for Australia. Well Done. And another hearty thank you to Blair Suttles in the office...what a gem she is.

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the library, bring your calendars, but that is a long way off.

If there is no schedule for October in this issue of the Good News, please pick up a copy in the Altar Guild mail box in the office lobby.

God's blessing on all of you,

Ann Capell, Director



ALTAR GUILD

Bookstall

BOOKSTALL – COMING EVENTS

October 19th - Coffee/Tea Sales with a preview of Christmas Bookstall items

November 23rd and December 7th – Christmas Bookstall and Gifts for Life program

The activities of the Bookstall are held after all three Sunday morning services.

USED BOOKS

I am trying to begin a “used bookshop” as part of the Bookstall activities. If you have books that you've read or maybe thought you would read someday and would like to clear some space on your shelves, please bring them to the Parish Hall. There will be boxes labeled “Used Books for the Bookstall” in which to place your donations. All types of books are welcome – and remember children's books as well.





NEWCOMER BRUNCHES AT THE RECTORY

The Newcomers ministry will begin welcoming new members at All Saints with a series of Newcomer Brunches at the Rectory. Our first Brunch will be held October 12 immediately following the 10:30 service. A light lunch will be served and an informal opportunity provided to get to know other newcomers and the All Saints staff and leaders. Our goal is to help newcomers get acquainted with each other and with the parish, as well as extend a friendly welcome. The size of each gathering will be limited, so invitations and reservations will be made. Our most recent newcomers will be invited first. Those who have come within the last year will be included later. If you are interested in attending please contact Merrill Darlington at 951-656-5102 or email at mdarlington@charter.net. We should already have your name but call us if you want to make sure.

NEWCOMER GREETERS NOW AT THE 10:30 SERVICE

You will notice that the Newcomers Ministry has begun staffing a table outside the church beginning fifteen minutes before the 10:30 service. We are there to greet visitors and newcomers, answer their questions and make sure they feel welcome and find their way around the church building. We have red gift bags with basic information about our parish to provide interested visitors. If you would like to be scheduled as a greeter stop by the table and let us know, we need your help.



RECYCLE PAPER SHOPPING BAGS FROM RALPHS OR TRADER JOES

Second Harvest Food Distribution at All Saints needs paper bags with handles, the kind that you get at Trader Joes or Ralphs. Please leave them in the kitchen under the center preparation counter. If you do use paper bags be a good steward and recycle.



GOOD NEWS

From the Rector, Churchwardens And Vestrymen of
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Carden Academy Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction— Saturday, October 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The All Saints' Carden Academy is holding their annual spaghetti dinner and auction--silent and live--on Saturday, October 18th. Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$10.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. If you would like to donate an item or service to be auctioned, contact Janis Bengtson at 683-8466. This is a great opportunity to help support our church school and it's also *lots* of fun!



Pasta Dinner