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SAUGATUCK, MI

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FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Hanging of the Greens 2019 - A Play in Three Acts

The Sock and Mitten Tree

In the Christmas season we celebrate God’s gift of love made known to us in a tiny, vulnerable child born into challenging circumstances in a foreign land. This year in response to that love we decorate the traditional tree in the Parish Hall with new socks, mittens, gloves, and scarves to be given to those in need.



Set up: Sunday, December 1 after both services

Greening of the Sanctuary

Advent and Christmas are two different seasons in the life of the church, though often conflated in the world around us. To keep our hearts focused on Advent we will hang the greenery but save the red bows for “Act Three”. (See below) In order to accommodate members who don’t drive at night or who can only make it in to church once a week, we will hang the greens in the sanctuary after the 10:00 am service on December 8, Advent 2. A light lunch of soup and bread, compliments of Parish Life, will be available for hungry workers.

Christmas Joy

Actual decorating of the sanctuary for Christmas (red ribbons, candles, etc.) will commence after the 10:00 am service on December 22.

Questions? Talk with Rev. Becky!

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 - 4:30 and 8:00 pm



Core Purpose

All Saints Episcopal Church exists to receive and share the power of God’s love to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

“We are All Saints Church, bringing the transforming power of God’s love to all.”

We are committed to transcend differences and unite as one in Christ. Our Spirit-filled worship calls us out of our historic sanctuary and into our communities to act faithfully bringing love, joy and peace to all.

We are called to think, to believe, and to imagine.

2019 Mission

“Making a Difference”

PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Parish Life Events

Come and celebrate the December birthdays and anniversaries at coffee hour at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 1.



On Sunday, December 8, following the 10:00 am service we will have a soup lunch in the Parish Hall as we decorate the church.

Holiday Party on Sunday, December 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Arthur & Mark's home (2232 Sheffield Lane, Fennville off 122nd Ave. Take Blue Star Highway and turn left at 122nd; continue 2 miles to 2232 Sheffield Lane.) Try and carpool as parking can be tight if we have snow! Please bring your favorite holiday appetizer. An assortment of beverages will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall.



All Parish women are invited to enjoy lunch in our Parish Hall on Thursday, December 12, at 12 noon. No work, just a relaxed afternoon with parish friends. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. After the luncheon Rhonda Sider Edgington will present a program of organ music written by women composers. Besides being an international award winning organist, Rhonda's conversational style will enlighten us with background on these women's lives and why organ music written by women is so rare. We are very lucky that Rhonda is available for this program.

Join us on Friday, December 13, as we go as a group to enjoy A Christmas Carol. Tickets are \$15 for adults. Again please sign up on the sheet in the hall so we can reserve seats.



If you have any questions about any of our Parish Life events, please call Jane at 269-857-2268.



Christmas flower envelopes are in the pew pockets. Sunday, December 15 is the deadline.



All Saints Book Club selection for December is Notorious RBG: Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik. Please request a copy from the library at your earliest opportunity. The meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, at the Clearbrook Grill. Diners should arrive by 6:00 pm and non-diners by 7:00 pm for the meeting. David Mason will serve as our discussion leader.



A BIG thank you to our parish family for being so generous at the Delectables Sale! You donated \$800.00 for Episcopal Relief and Development to aid the Bahamas!



OUR PARISH IN PICTURES

Below are pictures that were taken at the Delectables Sale on November 24



DISCERNMENT TEAM NEWS

Your discernment team; Chisti Allen, Baars Bultman, Pedro Martinez, Henry Mulder, Mary Ryder, Peter Schakel, Lauri Sullivan and David VanderLaan met with Cannon Missioner Val Ambrose in late September. She explained in detail what is involved in calling a new rector. Since then the team has been busy completing the parish profile, community profile and the OTM [Office of Transition Ministry] (a church wide) questionnaire. The parish profile is produced using the information from the recent CAT survey and focus group summaries. Part of the OTM had to be completed by your Vestry. Once the above documents are finished, they will be sent to the Vestry for approval and then to the Diocese. Only after all components have been approved by Vestry and Diocese can we post the opening on the site for parishes looking for a new priest. The posting will be open for two months. All Saints will not receive any names of applicants until the two-month period has ended. During the two months, the team will work on the questions that will be posed to interested candidates as well as working on the interviewing process and transition. Please continue to keep the team in your prayers as we continue.

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

Submitted by: Malcolm Tripp

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. **Matthew 18:20**

In the current secular vernacular “church” means a building, institution, or corporate entity. But that is not how the word is used in the New Testament or should be interpreted by those who are recipients of the Gospel.

The etymology of the Greek words *ekklesia* and *kuriakos* – the Greek words the New Testament translations of “church” we read are based on – dispel this contemporary linguistic construct.

Our church is an assembly of those who have been called. In other words, it is you and me.

What does this mean? It means when I pledge to the church, I am pledging to you. And when you pledge, you are pledging to me. And to God.

I could argue that it is even more than that – our pledges honor those that have walked before and those that will walk after.

And our pledges come in time, energy, talent, and money. And our assembly is remarkable, being as small and as intimate as it is, to have such a large percentage be actively engaged on one or all these levels.

Bottom line – my pledge will be my gift to you, as yours will be your gift to me.

And, not to throw a wrench into things but here goes:

And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**

I used to think that stewardship was about giving money and other treasure. It is not.

It is not mine to give but rather God’s alone being the ultimate source as described above. I am merely its steward and must praise the Lord and pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

And I hope all of us will pray. Fervently and with conviction. That our actions, collectively and individually, will magnify and glorify our Creator, thank him for the gift of the Spirit, and praise him for the gift of the remission of sins and eternal life through the sacrifice of his Son.

Christos Anesti, Alithos Anesti.

¡Esperamos!

Despite two years of Spanish language classes in high school, two semesters in college, two years serving as rector of an Episcopal church in the Republic of Panama, and a year of weekly Spanish lessons in 4th grade from the high school language teacher who needed one more class to make up her class load, I don’t know much Spanish. But what I do know I make full use of! Advent and the Spanish verb “esperar” are special friends. “Esperar” has two meanings in Spanish: both “to wait” and “to hope” which is what we do during the season of Advent. Add the “amos” to “esperar” and you get “we wait, we hope” in the plural. Paradoxically, we the church, wait and hope for what we already have, the presence of Christ. Yet we set aside this time, not quite four weeks to reflect on what we are waiting for, who we are hoping for, and what a difference it might make in the world if we lived like this all year. Beginning this Sunday, we are officially pregnant. There will be implications! See you in church!

¡Hasta pronto!

La Reverenda Susan Rebecca

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

SUBMITTED BY: JOHN FULENWIDER, PHD.

Your next car should be an electric one powered from batteries recharged from a solar array. Wouldn't that be great? You could partly pay for that car with the dividends you'd receive from the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act H.R. 763. That's why it should be passed into law.

Columbia University this month released a scientific report see newsletter@citizensclimate.org; that shows that between 36 and 38 percent reduction in CO2 will be attained by 2030 if the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act H.R. 763 Bill is passed into law and implemented now. It also shows that SO2 and mercury reduction of 95% and NOX reduction of 75%.

Our most recent spate of early cold weather these past three weeks is a manifestation of the change in our climate from the norms we are accustomed to. In a way these climate changes are like the suffering of the children of Israel when they were moved to captivity for 70 years in Babylon. Prophets warned of it but the Israelites wouldn't hear of it, they preferred the status quo. Will it take us 70 years of climate changes before we act and our world weather returns to a better condition? Climate change affects food production because of extreme heat, severe and prolonged drought, it brings heavy rains with flooding, shore erosion, and rise of ocean levels. I hope you are not satisfied with the status quo.

Write or call these U.S. Legislators. Urge them to support H.R. 763:

District 6 Congressman Fred Upton, 2183 Rayburn House, Washington, DC call 202-225-0039.

District 2 Representative Bill Huizenga, 2232 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC call 202-225-4401.

Write and call Senator Gary Peters, Hart Senate Office Building Suite 724, Washington, DC 20510 call 202-224-6221.

You've heard about the jet stream. In the northern hemisphere it circles around the earth from west to east. The jet stream is a current of air flowing with no sharp boundaries, sort of like the Gulf Stream. Its average path runs approximately over the 49th parallel. We know that air over the tropics is warm, while air over the arctic region is cold. Air like any gas follows the Universal Gas Law (from Boyle): the higher the temperature the higher the pressure. Higher pressure air will move toward lower pressure air. But here's the thing, as the air moves northward toward the arctic region it also moves a little bit to the east, no matter where it started from in the northern hemisphere. This happens no matter what is moving from the south towards the north, it moves a little bit east. It is responding to coriolis force. This moves the air in the jet stream from west to east. This is how it works under ideal conditions. Now disturbances such as very warm air created by very warm northern ocean surface temperatures bend the jet stream path further north in one region as it rebounds further south in another region. When it goes south it brings frigid air with it. When it bends north we get a heat wave. And these jet stream bends will get worse and so will our weather extremes.

Citizens' Climate Lobby for the greater Holland Area meets on the first Thursday of each month. Come to our next meeting on December 5 held at the DeGraaf Nature Center. Meeting is from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. I hope to see you there for this energetic and interesting meeting. Two of our CCL's members, both seniors at Hope College will be sharing their November 10-12, 2019 lobbying experiences in Washington, DC. We will also have Sandy Hansen, environmental artist, as our guest presenter.

TREASURERS REPORT

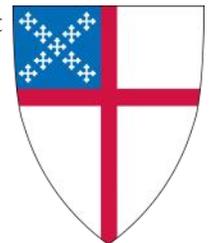
All Saints Episcopal Church Operating Income & Expense Report October 2019

	Oct 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Oct 19 YTD	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
4000 · Contributions	9,700.00	17,291.66	(7,591.66)	140,753.12	172,916.68	(32,163.56)	207,500.00
4020 · Open Plate	135.25	333.33	(198.08)	2,317.81	3,333.34	(1,015.53)	4,000.00
4030 · Fund Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,097.90	0.00	22,097.90	0.00
4100 · Special Services	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	200.00	833.34	(633.34)	1,000.00
4200 · Gifts	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	6,636.90	8,333.34	(1,696.44)	10,000.00
4310 · Investment Income	5.83	8.33	(2.50)	19.43	83.34	(63.91)	100.00
4400 · Misc. Income	1,503.80	1,674.16	(170.36)	14,861.33	16,791.68	(1,930.35)	20,140.00
4910 · Parish Outreach	100.00	0.00	100.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
4920 · Rector's Discr. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	519.00	0.00	519.00	0.00
4925 · Deacon's Discr. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	327.32	0.00	327.32	0.00
Total Income	11,444.88	20,224.14	(8,779.26)	187,852.81	202,291.72	(14,438.91)	242,740.00
Gross Profit	11,444.88	20,224.14	(8,779.26)	187,852.81	202,291.72	(14,438.91)	242,740.00
Expense							
6015 · Outreach Ministry Team Expense	506.10	1,000.00	(493.90)	7,754.17	10,000.00	(2,245.83)	12,000.00
6020 · Rector's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	519.00	0.00	519.00	0.00
6025 · Deacon's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	327.32	0.00	327.32	0.00
6100 · Diocese	965.00	1,661.00	(696.00)	13,826.00	16,610.00	(2,784.00)	19,932.00
6300 · Personnel Costs	12,879.99	13,487.46	(607.47)	119,105.50	134,875.08	(15,769.58)	161,850.00
6700 · Building & Grounds	938.94	2,090.80	(1,151.86)	44,255.75	20,908.40	23,347.35	25,790.00
7000 · Office	4,586.26	1,592.04	2,994.22	13,948.35	15,920.92	(1,972.57)	19,105.00
7300 · Parish Operations	1,467.10	999.97	467.13	29,990.78	10,000.06	19,990.72	12,000.00
8000 · Church & RH Apartments	0.00	91.66	(91.66)	0.00	916.68	(916.68)	1,100.00
Total Expense	21,343.39	20,922.93	420.46	229,726.87	209,231.14	20,495.73	251,777.00
Net Ordinary Income	(9,898.51)	(698.79)	(9,199.72)	(41,874.06)	(6,939.42)	(34,934.64)	(9,037.00)
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VESTRY CORNER

You are invited! We welcome your presence as a guest at any of the Vestry meetings. The next meeting is December 19 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry Office.

Did you know you have access to the Vestry Meeting Minutes each month? The minutes are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, in the acrylic wall folder by the bulletin boards in the hallway next to the sanctuary and parish hall, as well as available upon request from the office.



Are you a Team Chair? The Vestry would like monthly reports from each team the Friday before the meeting. Even if your group has nothing to report, just an acknowledgement that you are still meeting and active and what you might have coming up.

DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA 	2	3 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	4 12:30 pm - AA	5 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	6	7
8 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 11:00 am Soup Lunch and Hanging of the Greens 1:30 pm - AA 5:00 pm Holiday Party 	9	10 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA 7:00 pm - All Saints Book Club	11 12:30 pm - AA	12 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon 12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon	13	14
15 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA 	16	17 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	18 12:30 pm - AA	19 7:00 pm Vestry meeting 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	20	21 9:00 am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew
22 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA 	23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm - Women's AA 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 12:30 pm - AA 	26 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	27	28
29 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	30	31 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA				

Birthdays:

12/9 Ron Richardson
12/13 Kelly Jacobsma
12/15 Baars Bultman
12/16 Barb Wishon

12/20 Lesley Remick
12/25 Julianne Fletcher
12/30 Caitlin Randolph
12/30 Nancy TerBeek
12/31 Jan Tripp



Anniversaries:

12/17 Daniel & Marion Darling
12/23 Roy & Valerie Jones
12/29 Henry & Anne Mulder



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