



SAINTS ALIVE!

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Summertime and the Stewardship of Self by The Reverend Poulson C. Reed

When we hear “stewardship,” we tend to think of money. But we are stewards, or caretakers, of so much more. God has blessed us with many things that are entrusted to our care. We are stewards of a rich religious heritage, stewards of an abundant planet, stewards of talents, and so on. Particularly in the summer, it is good for us to remember that we are also stewards of our bodies, and of our relationships. In the midst of your hectic lives, I encourage you to find time to renew yourself (physically, mentally, and spiritually) and to renew your relationships with those whom you love.

Of course, the best place to begin is in keeping Sunday as a Sabbath (time to worship God, to rest, and to connect with family and friends). But summer also can provide opportunity for more extended time to be refreshed, which can share characteristics of Sabbath.

Taking Sabbath time is an ancient tradition, grounded in the story of Creation. Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath, remains an essential part of Judaism. And Sabbath is an important spiritual practice for Christians, as well. When we take time to rest from our work, and make time to refresh ourselves, to be with those we love, and to give thanks to God for our many blessings, we are being good stewards of our God-given selves.



Have you been able to schedule some time off this summer? Is your free time over-programmed with too

many things you “have” to do? Does your “fun” time leave you exhausted and stressed? Whether you are able to leave town for a vacation or not this summer, may you find opportunities for real renewal, on Sundays and beyond.

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10AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IS A HIT!

It's a great opportunity for children age 4 and up to get the Liturgy of the Word in a format that is meaningful for them, and then join up with the rest of the community for communion. **We need more teen helpers!** If you're in Grade 6-12 and would love to help, contact Cristina Hatton at 602-279-5539 x116 or chatton@allsaints.org. “Helping” includes welcoming children to Chapel, being a “buddy” with a child during the procession, sitting with children during the service, reading the Old Testament lesson, leading the Prayers of the People, and helping children find their parents when Children's Chapel is over.



SUMMER WORSHIP AT 10AM: A FEW NOTES

We have had a great summer of worship at All Saints'. Our new children's chapel has been well-received and well-attended (averaging around 40 children and adults), and many have commented how good it is to have our children back with us in the main church. Many thanks to all who have helped our families feel welcome.

The summer has also been an opportunity to make three small liturgical changes. The Gospel hymn is now before the Gospel only, with organ music after, until the sermon begins. This means that there are no words after the Gospel reading until the sermon begins, giving the Gospel more emphasis, and allowing us to keep it better in mind for the preaching to follow. The second change is moving the dismissal to immediately after the blessing (historically, its more traditional place). This allows the beginning and end of the liturgy to be in parallel (opening hymn then opening acclamation to start, and dismissal then closing hymn to finish) and prevents the "disembodied voice" of a dismissal from the back. The third change isn't really a change so much as a renewed emphasis: encouraging silence before our worship. We have added a rubric encouraging silence as we prepare for our liturgy. As tempting as it is to talk to our friends in the pews, the proper time for conversation is before entering the church, or after worship. To prepare for worship in silence, focused on preparatory prayer and on the music of the prelude, helps us be ready to encounter the transforming presence of God in the Eucharist.

Please know that we never make liturgical changes haphazardly or out of personal preference, but based on liturgical principles. Feel free to ask the rector if you ever have any questions about something we are doing.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

is every Sunday Morning at 9:00am in Manning Hall. Each week, one of All Saints' clergy will hold an informal Bible Study/Discussion about the weekly

lectionary for the summer—with some helpful insights about our readings from the Old Testament prophets.

THIS YEAR'S EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) GRADUATES



Left to right: Peggy Sands (Mentor), Ellie Cox, Judy Walker, Rae Ann Godfrey, Jim Bade (Mentor), and Amy Johnson. For information about new EFM classes starting in the Fall, contact Jim Bade at jrbade@cox.net or 602-540-2351. EFM equips lay people for their personal ministries. EFM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance from the School of Theology of the University of the South. It is offered in a small group setting. Students typically meet one night a week during the academic year for four years.



ALL SAINTS' LEGACY CIRCLE

On March 14, 2010, a special choral Evensong

honored and thanked the fifty-six parishioners who have remembered our church in their estate plans. Fr. Poulson Reed officiated at this beautiful celebration, joined by the Senior Choir. A reception followed, hosted jointly by the Evensong Hospitality Committee and the Legacy Circle Committee.

This May (Pentecost) marked the first anniversary of the dedication by Bishop Burrill of the memorial sculpture in the

narthex. We are grateful to those whose names appear on this circle as well as to the eight parishioners who prefer to remain anonymous.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer. This might be a good time to reflect on your blessings and consider leaving a bequest to All Saints' to make provision for the future of our church. For more information, please pick up a brochure in the narthex or contact Shelley Dudley in the church office 602-279-5539 or sdudley@allsaints.org.

2010 OPERATING REVENUE & EXPENSE THROUGH MAY 2010

Revenues

Pledge Payments	\$368,933
Special Days & Plate Offerings	\$42,177
Day School Reimbursement	\$123,996
Programmatic Income	\$7,869
Weddings/Funerals & Miscellaneous Income	\$9,465
Legacy/Endowment & Other Funds	\$3,300

Total Revenues **\$555,741**

Expenses

Personnel	\$382,107
Outreach	\$89,817
Ministries	\$11,633
Music	\$38,799
Operations	\$47,533
Facilities	\$27,329
Capital	\$59
Rectory & Other Properties	\$12,614
Total Expenses	\$609,891

Net Total **(\$54,150.12)**

Total revenue through May is under the \$605,850 budget by \$50,000. It is also \$50,485 less than 2009's income through May. However, total expense is under the \$623,560 budget by \$15,367. If the revenue had equaled the budgeted amount, the net deficit year-to-date would only be \$4,041!

Pledge payments are down, so if you are able to increase your contribution we would be most grateful. If you have not yet pledged for 2010, please consider making a commitment to your church. Contact Shelley Dudley, Financial Administrator at 602-279-5539 or sdudley@allsaints.org.



ALL SAINTS' 2010 OUTREACH

The All Saints' Community has been extremely generous for the first half of this year. The gifts listed below are above and beyond the operating budget for outreach. Thank you for all you do to help others.

André House - Souper Bowl	\$817.45
Bishop Smith's Discretionary Fund	\$729.00
Duet - Center DOAR	\$20.00
Haiti Relief - Episcopal Relief & Development	\$11,778.55
Homeless/People in Need	\$75.75
Hunter's Run	\$250.00
Interfaith Ministries	\$20.00
Neighborhood Ministries - Confirmation Class & Youth	\$485.00
Olivia's Walk	\$950.00
Neighbor's Christmas Adoption	\$191.62
Nets for Life - Episcopal Relief & Development	\$2,030.00
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$230.00
Total Outreach through 5/15/10	\$17,577.37

NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY?



WELCOME! If you are new to our community or haven't visited in a while, let us know who you are by filling in a WELCOME CARD in the pews (or on the front table in Manning Hall) or signing our GUEST BOOK located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Our next **Newcomer Reception is August 31 at 6:00pm.** Join us for appetizers in Manning Hall. This is a chance for you to meet members of our clergy, vestry, staff, and lay leaders.

STEWARDSHIP

Even during the hot summer months, All Saints' is abuzz with activity making exciting plans for the fall. While you are enjoying rest and relaxation this summer, please remember to keep current on your pledges or contributions. Your ongoing support is vital to the programs we provide year round. Thank you!

AUGUST CHOIR WORKSHOPS

Music at All Saints' is a growth process. You begin working on music that you find compelling, and pretty soon you are working on more difficult music and honing your talents further. More than anything else, we have become a training ground for music in worship. We study together to create something greater than ourselves. You might even call it a noble path. You are invited to start on this path with us as a new choir member this August. Once again, we will offer Saturday morning training sessions 9am to 12noon on . Please plan on attending any two of these. This is entry level, "get your feet wet" training which is geared to take the fear out of sharing your

most personal talents and self. Call Scott Youngs at 602-279-5539 ext. 128 or email syoungs@allsaints.org to sign up.

PARISH ESCAPE TO CHAPEL ROCK: OUR 40TH YEAR

Join Rector Poulson Reed and all the faithful Chapel Rock folk for an escape to the cool pines of Prescott for the All Saints' Labor Day Retreat! It will be fun, fellowship, worship and inspiration **Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6** at Chapel Rock. Rates range from \$114 per person for 2 nights and 6 meals for "bunk-style" lodging to \$154 for double occupancy/\$194 for single occupancy with linen service + 6 meals. Children under 3 are free. Children 4 to 9 years old only pay \$54 for the 6 meals! It's a great time for all ages! Brochures available in the Church Office and narthex; or email sdudley@allsaints.org.



SUMMER 2010 SCHEDULE

Evening Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday
5:30pm (Chapel)

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
Wednesday
7am and 10am
(Chapel)

Holy Eucharist
Saturday 5pm
(Chapel)

Sunday 7:30am
Sunday 10am
(Main Church)

Children's Chapel
10am (Chapel)

Christian Meditation
Sunday 8am
(Day School Library)

Rosary Prayer
Sunday 9:15am
(Chapel)

HOLY EUCHARIST
SCHEDULE THIS
FALL starting
Sunday, Sept. 12

Saturday 5:00pm
(Chapel)

Sunday 7:30am
(Church)

Sunday 9:00am
(Church)

Children's Chapel
9:00am (Chapel)

Sunday 11:00am
(Church)

Wednesday
7:00am & 10:00am
(Chapel)
(which includes the Laying on of Hands for healing)

Day School Chapel
Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday 8:05am
when school is in session
(Main Church)

more details in the Back-to-Church Fall Issue of Saints Alive

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About Prayer Requests & Confidentiality Issues

by Marta Smith,

All Saints' Health Ministries Coordinator

There are several ways that we serve those in need of prayer; in every case, confidentiality is of paramount importance and influences how names are added to the various prayer lists and ultimately shared with others.

Prayers of the People: These names are read aloud at all services. Requests to add a name to the prayers of the people can be taken through the church office or by notifying a staff member. When such requests are made, we **MUST** have assurance that the person to be prayed for understands that their name will be made public in the reading of the prayers. In general, when a name is placed on this list it will be read at all services for the subsequent two weeks and no longer unless specifically requested.

It is not unusual for the clergy to be questioned by those who hear the petition for someone they know regarding the circumstances requiring prayer – we ask everyone to recognize that such information cannot be shared without the express permission of the person involved.

The All Saints' Chapter of the Daughters of the King maintains a confidential prayer list. Persons whose names have been placed on this list are prayed for individually by each Daughter every day. The names are placed on the list as a result of requests made to the church office, the clergy or other staff members, or to an individual Daughter. Names are removed from the list after one month unless the requester specifically requests a longer period.

The Daughters also accept requests made by using the cards placed in the pews. These cards are collected by an individual Daughter, who then prays as requested for one week following receipt of the

cards. Again, confidentiality is of paramount importance.

Clergy Prayers: Individual members of the clergy are frequently asked to pray for persons and causes – once again, such requests are kept entirely confidential and any relevant information is not shared.

Intercessory prayer—offering petitions on behalf of another—is a solemn duty, and the mechanisms noted above are only some of the ways in which we, as a corporate body, respond to the needs of those among and around us. It is obvious that the circumstances that prompt such requests are often painful and very private, and only the individual for whom the prayers are offered can determine whether or not they wish to share that information.

