



Saints Alive!

The Newsletter of All Saints' Episcopal Church

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Why We Do What We Do

From the desk of our Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Jack Dyer

1. One of the strengths of our worship is that we can use a number of the resources for worship offered by the Book of Common Prayer, rather than one form or one rite. In our liturgies we use both Rite I and Rite II.
2. Most people will tell you that the principal difference between Rite I and Rite II is in the language in which the prayers are offered.
3. Rite I focuses on our sin and the atoning sacrifice of Christ who dies once for all. It reminds us again and again of our continuing dependence on God's mercy and leads us to the Eucharist in penitence. God is repeatedly referred to as almighty and merciful and the sacrificial aspect of Christ's death is set before us again and again.
4. We may choose from among four Eucharistic prayers in Rite II: A, B, C and D. The language in all of them is contemporary. More significantly, they emphasize celebration and thanksgiving for the new life made possible for us through the death and resurrection of our Lord. When describing God, these prayers underscore the constancy of God's love and grace. This theology finds expression in the emphasis on the life of the redeemed community and the words used to describe the nature of God.
5. While both Rite I and Rite II focus on the supreme saving grace of the cross and resurrection, their tones differ very much. We may find one more apt than the other for our lives during the church year.

Schedule for Christmas:

Christmas Eve being a Sunday, we will have our regular 10:00 am service on December 24. We will also have our traditional 5:30 pm Christmas Eve service.

The Advent Wreath

Yes, Advent is here, and one way that we can tell is the presence of the Advent candles on the altar. Traditionally there are three purple candles and one rose candle (for the third Sunday). Purple reminds us to turn our hearts toward God; rose is a color of joy. Slow down and enjoy the small things of the season as you contemplate Advent and all its symbols.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

The Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Saturday morning, December 9. All women are invited and encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

Join the ONE Campaign with the New Presiding Bishop

ONE Episcopalian™ is a grassroots partnership between The Episcopal Church and the ONE Campaign to rally Episcopalians – ONE by ONE – to the cause of ending extreme poverty in our world and achieving the Millennium Development Goals set by our new Presiding Bishop. More than one billion of God's people live on less than one dollar each day. More than fifteen-thousand people die each day because of AIDS, tuberculosis, or malaria, all preventable diseases. It doesn't have to be this way. The world holds in its hands the resources, strategies, and capabilities to eradicate extreme poverty. What's missing is the political will. That makes your participation, your voice, joining together as ONE with people around the world, so important.

Become a ONE Episcopalian Today!



Sign the ONE Campaign pledge and become a ONE Episcopalian through the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN). As a ONE Episcopalian you will receive periodic emails from the EPPN and ONE campaign.

Wear a White Wristband



Whenever and wherever you wear a ONE wristband you say -- even without saying a word -- that you are part of a movement calling for Americans to join as ONE to end global poverty.

Tell A Friend about ONE Episcopalian



ONE by ONE we join together. Together we build the political will for ONE world without poverty. Tell your friends about ONE Episcopalian. Invite them to join, because together we can change the future. For more information, log on to <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn.htm>

Giving Tree

We will put up a Christmas tree in the Church for donations to global charities. If you missed your chance to donate to Episcopal Youth and Children Services, here's another chance! If you have a charity you would like to suggest, please mention same to Deacon Eddie or one of the vestry.

EYCS: Episcopal Youth and Children's Services

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AND CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: This year in the educational grant area we supported 27 youth from 17 different parishes, totaling \$59,600. There were 19 camp scholarships given to children from 7 parishes totaling \$5,364. We also gave \$1,500. in medical grants. These funds are given to Episcopalians who meet the guidelines and who are, or whose parents or legal guardians are, communicants in good standing of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Georgia, and are legal residents of the State of Georgia. Guidelines and applications may be found at www.georgia.anglican.org click on EYCS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS. This money will continue to give for generations. For more information, contact Susan Hill, who serves on the EYCS Board.

About Parish Nursing

Submitted by Ritajane Eichelzer

Jesus sent out his disciples to preach, teach and heal. Churches do a great job with preaching and teaching. But how can our church fulfill the healing mandate from Our Lord? One way has been in place for several years throughout the Christian community. It is Parish nursing. A Health Cabinet composed of RNs and congregation members can deliver a Health Ministry to All Saints' parishioners.

A possible duty description would include: The parish nurse will be supervised by the Vestry, Priest, and Deacon. Will act as Health educator by use of this newsletter, short presentations and guest presenters. Will assist with visitation in homes and facilities. Will maintain an awareness of resources within our area. May develop support groups. Can recruit and direct volunteers for health ministry. Will maintain confidentiality and have a positive working relationship with others.

Sometimes confusion may occur about what a parish nurse is expected to do. It may help to know what a parish nurse is not. A parish nurse is not a physician and will not provide medical diagnosis or treatment. The nurse is not a home health-care nurse and not expected to dispense medications or provide treatments prescribed by a physician. A parish nurse is not a therapist (no physical therapy, occupational therapy, or psychotherapy). A parish nurse is not a clergyperson. The nurse does not hold a degree in theology, but the nurse usually has a deep spiritual commitment.

I have volunteered to develop a Parish nurse program at All Saint's. I am reading articles and books, plus contacting other parish nurses. A book called The ABCs of Parish Nursing states it may take three years to establish a solid functioning Health Ministry. But never fear, we can start with some of the goals right now.

- Plans for a blood pressure screenings after church are being scheduled.
- Individuals with health needs have been identified and others can be added. (Several church members have already helped with this goal ☺.)
- Education about "Advance Directives" for extending or not extending life with life support will be addressed.
- Emergency contact numbers for each member will be kept in a secure place.
- A Health needs assessment will be developed next year.

It will be my pleasure to serve this wonderful congregation as a parish nurse. Please remember health needs cover all ages. This program is open to everyone. Keep in touch.

To your Good Health,

Love, Ritajane Eichelzer, RN, BSN

Have you gotten your flu shot?

Influenza shots are available on Tybee Island for \$25.00, same as the health department charges, or for free if you have a Medicare card. You can visit Beccy & Vince at the Tybee Island's Medical any time they are open at Beach Medical, located at 602 First St, aka Hwy 80, at the site of the former # 1 Chinese take out restaurant. Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings 6:00-9:00 PM, Saturday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. For appointments any time of the day for the flu shots call 786-9986 office or Beccy's home 786-8537 and leave a message and Beccy will work out an appointment time for you.

Money, Money, Money

We have just been asked to commit our pledges to All Saints' Church. For your consideration, here is another way to give. Individuals age 70 ½ and older may make charitable contributions directly from an IRA account. The maximum amount allowed per year is \$100,000 (effective for IRA distributions made in tax years 2006 and 2007.) The distribution from the IRA is not included in taxable income, and likewise no deduction is allowed for the charitable contribution.

Pledges are still being accepted, but please hurry as the church's budget for the new year needs to be finalized now. And please consider All Saints' or one of the charitable programs described in this newsletter for your end-of-year giving. All will be blessed!

Greening of the Church

Work day for greening of the church will be on Sunday, December 17th after the service. We will get the yard and church all clean and all the decorations ready to be put up on the 24th. Soup will be served to help us work!

Christmas Caroling Trolley!

Join the fun on Saturday, December 16, for Tybee's second annual Christmas caroling trolley. Bring your singing voice and ride the 5:00 pm trolley around Tybee with the 2006 honorary Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The trolley will hold 60 happy \$5 ticketholders, and the event includes holiday drinks and appetizers at the North Pole, er, the North Beach Grill.

Looking ahead to 2007

All Saints' will again be participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial parade with other Savannah Episcopal Churches on Monday January 15th. Add a few more steps to your daily walk routine or start a walk routine if you are so blessed! This is the 8th year that we have done this. We meet at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, downtown; the parade route is about a mile and a half long. Afterwards, we have lunch at St. Matthew's.

As we move into the new year, we will be planning our annual parish meeting in January. Be thinking about what the church has accomplished this year, what we look forward to in the time to come, and what kind of leadership we will need to move forward.

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