



# All Saints' News

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**November, 2005**

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## **Aloha, Richard!**

Our dear friend, priest, and pharmacist, Richard Shields, has accepted a new position and will begin a new life in Hawaii. Please join us on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm for evening prayer followed by a covered dish luau as we wish Richard aloha and give him one last chance to enjoy southern cooking! Please plan your dish and RSVP to Jamie Maury or to the church secretary, Vickie Rosner.

## **All Saints' Hosts Thanksgiving Service**

The four Island churches hold a combined Thanksgiving service, and this year, All Saints' is the host church. The Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday, November 20, at 7:00 pm. Please join us. We call it, "Thanksgiving" for a reason!

## **Wednesday Bible Study and Holy Eucharist**

This service is being held at a NEW TIME: Wednesday s at 11:00 a.m. in the church hall. After services, we have been enjoying lunch together at various places, so please plan to join us. Food for the mind, the spirit and the body!

## **The Lord be with you ... and With Thy Spirit.**

At a recent Vestry meeting, our clergy agreed to use Rite One at their discretion on the fifth Sundays of the month. That included July 31 and October 30, 2005, and will continue with January 29 and April 30, 2006. If you enjoy Rite One, please note these dates. If you are unfamiliar with Rite One (and many of us are), you will need to follow your Order of Worship closely. You also may wish to review it in your Prayer Book beginning on page 323.

## **Women's Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, November 12**

The Women's Prayer Breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month. In November, the host church is Chapel-by-the-Sea Baptist Church on Butler Avenue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Women from all the churches on Tybee will gather for breakfast at 9:00, have a speaker and pray for those on the island in need. A \$2.00 fee is charged. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others of faith in our community in addition to learning. Guests are, of course, welcome!

## **Plan Ahead to Support EYCS Annual Appeal**

Episcopal Youth and Children's Services (EYCS) raises funds to help young persons in the Diocese of Georgia with medical costs, summer camp scholarships and grants for college students. All funds come from donations.

Each year, EYCS conducts an annual appeal during Thanksgiving to ask each church member, church, and mission to make a special offering to support our children and youth in the diocese.

You will receive a letter soon asking for your support. On behalf of the recipients of your help, the EYCS thanks you.

## **A Special Way to Welcome Advent**



On the second Sunday of Advent, December 4, our special guest in the pulpit will be The Reverend John G. Anderson. He is a Lutheran pastor who recently retired as Chaplain at Memorial Health University Medical Center, and currently serves as Interim at Faith Lutheran Church in Savannah. He is a certified labyrinth facilitator, and will be showing a video after church and bringing a labyrinth on sort of a rug that will be placed in the church hall for us to experience after the service that Sunday.

### *What is a Labyrinth?*

A labyrinth differs from a maze in that there is one path in to the center and one path out. A journey on the labyrinth inspires reflection, meditation and centering. The labyrinth is a metaphor for the spiritual journey. It is found in many religious traditions and in various forms. A thirteenth-century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France was known as the 'Journey to Jerusalem'. Believers walked it in lieu of an actual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is not a maze, which has multiple paths with confounding choices. Quite the opposite, the labyrinth is a circling spiral, a clear path that invites you to walk in peace, to free your mind from clutter and choices, to calm your spirit, to strengthen your awareness of and to open your soul to God. It is walking prayer, a form of meditation, and it is a way to deepen and amplify your worship experience wherever you are on your faith journey.

### *Why Do We Walk It?*

We are all on a journey. If you hunger for the spirit, are looking for a moment's peace in a fractious world, if you're straining to listen for the quiet, still voice of God, walking the labyrinth may be a path to pursue.

### *How Do We Walk It? Are There Any Rules?*

There are lots of ways to walk the labyrinth. First, everyone is welcome. It is open and available to for all people of all ages without regard to religious affiliation.

Second, each experience is different, we find. When children are present, it is often a more 'kinetic' experience than when adults walk it. Walking with others on the labyrinth is a form of group prayer and meditation and some find it amplifies their experience. Others like to linger until they are alone. Please be sure to join us for this experience on the second Sunday of Advent.

### **Integrity Meets with Bishop Louttit**

There will be a conversation meeting with Integrity GA and Bishop Louttit. It will be at St. Paul's, 1802 Abercorn Street Savannah 31401 on Sunday Nov 20 from 4-6 PM. Please RSVP to [snyderpc@bellsouth.net](mailto:snyderpc@bellsouth.net) or phone: 912-234-5398. If you need more specific information, please contact Jamie Maury.

As most of you know, Integrity is an official Episcopal Church group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons and those who support them. It has been active for over 24 years, but only 4 years in this diocese.

For more information about Integrity, go to [www.integrityusa.org](http://www.integrityusa.org)

### **Time is a Jet Plane**

By the time you read this, not only the Georgia/Florida game, but our Skill and Craft Auction, the Church Yard Sale, and the All Saints' Day luncheon honoring Sam and Hazel Leverette will all be past, and Advent I will be coming up on the heels of Thanksgiving. Thanks to all who participated in our special events as volunteers, organizers, donators, shoppers, cooks, cleaners, or attendees. The yard sale brought in over \$1200, which will help the Episcopal Church Women with their projects. The Skill & Craft report will be available soon!

### **Trinity United Methodist Church Hosts Southern Gospel Sing**

Sings are the third Saturday, 6-8 pm, Tenth at Butler Street

Nov 19, Ken Clubb Singers, W Columbia, SC

January 21, Kindred Spirit, Swainsboro, GA

Feb 18, Singing Holcombes, Bloomingdale

March 18, The Gospel 4, Statesboro, GA

Apr 15, Danny Funderburk, Indian Trail, NC

May 20, His Anointed Singers, Clover, SC

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