



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

June, 2017

From the Rector: Of Resurrection Now

We are approaching the end of the fifty days of Easter. The last day of Easter is this Sunday, the feast of Pentecost, at which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The writer of Luke and Acts has this "red letter" event occurring fifty days after Jesus' resurrection. The writer of John's gospel has it occurring among the disciples in the locked room on the very day of Jesus' rising from the grave. In either case these writers are making an important theological connection with the resurrection of Jesus to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

For centuries the church has looked back toward the past to find meaning in the resurrected Jesus. The church has treated this central event of the faith as a singular miracle... a once upon a time miracle where God defies the laws of nature and raises the dead body of Jesus to new life. Over the theological history of the church we have been taught that if God is willing to do this, then we too will be raised on the last day when God will re-inhabit the earth... when God will be all in all. This I would argue is at best an oversimplification, and at worst a pathology. God doesn't defy nature. God inhabits it.

The resurrection appearances of Jesus in scripture are odd. There is no resurrection appearance in Mark, and in the other gospels the disciples don't at first recognize the risen Christ. The writers seem to be concerned more with the notion of recognition than they are with the literal account of Jesus being raised from the dead. What is that recognition about? Something happened to be sure... but what?

The answer I think is found in the connection these gospel scribes make between resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit. They are making the case that resurrection is not a past reality, but an ongoing way of life, and that that life is manifest in and among the community of believers. Jesus' martyrdom evoked from his followers their passion for his cause, a passion for meaning and purpose. His torture and death called forth a renewed commitment from his followers to persevere against the evil that besets them. They become aware dramatically that the love they bear is stronger than death itself, and this awareness engenders immeasurable joy and perspective and courage.

The Spirit is the ongoing life of Jesus that we all bear, as natural as breath. Resurrection life is a testimony to our capacity to love, and that love is the most powerful force on earth, and that it will continue undaunted in restoring all people and all things into the heart of God. Do I believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus? Absolutely. Resurrection life didn't just happen a long time ago in a land far far away. It is present in every breath, in every act of love. The season of Easter may be ending, but resurrection is always and forever. In every act of love God's life lives on... Alleluia, Christ is risen... the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you



Ramping up Stirling Hall

The ramp leading into Stirling Hall from the parking lot is in great need of replacement. If you know of anyone who can donate their time and talents to this project, please contact Burl Ratcliffe in the church office or at sexton@allsaintsmobile.org.

Help Sponsor a Camper

Special Ministries Camp Tuition is \$250 per child, and we are planning to send 40 children this year. All donations are welcome! Please make your check payable to All Saints and put "Special Ministries Camp" in the memo area.

All Saints First Friday's

Will be held June 2nd at 6:00 pm at the home of Jim and Katharine Flowers, 922 Conti Street, Mobile, AL 36604. Please bring a dish and drinks to share.

Refugee Pantry

The Pantry is in need of tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, laundry soap, bar soap and dishwashing liquid (not for dishwashers); dryer sheets, paper towels and cleaning supplies for kitchen and bathroom. Please leave your gifts outside the church office.

Rector's Forum

Rector's Forum will meet again on **June 6th**, in the Saad Room at 6pm for potluck supper, followed by good conversation. Everyone is invited.



Check out the New Bird House

A gift to All Saints from David and Allice Chatell, to the Glory of God, the bird house has been on display in the Parish Hall for two weeks and will soon find its new home in garden.

Vestry Meeting

There will be no Vestry meeting in June.

Principal Parish Musician Update

Dear All,

The position of Principal Parish Musician has been offered to Jeannie Kienzle, and she has accepted. She will begin in mid July. Jeannie was one of the four finalists in our search process during the Fall. Jeannie currently lives in Akron Ohio, but is familiar with the South as she lived in Memphis as an assistant at Grace St, Luke's Episcopal Church under Wesley Emerson for some twenty years. Jeannie brings a wealth of experience to All Saints. She is a consummate organist and choir master, but her first love is developing youth choirs. She received her Bachelor of Music from Westminster Choir College; her Master of Music from Kent State University; and her Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Jeannie is an avid runner has two grown sons. More information to come.



Yours as ever, Jim

What Is Your Favorite Hymn?

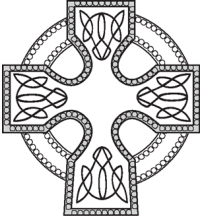
For the next several weeks, we will be taking requests for hymns. What hymns speak to you? Please submit your requests to the office at rector@allsaintsmobile.org.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Rosemary Williams	10 - Kate Nichols	21 - Jean Alice Basenberg
2 - Curt Doyle	14 - Mike Watson	24 - Pete Wilson
2 - Tory Cleverdon	15 - Lister Thomas	29 - Rick Stembridge
4 - Atem Kuot	16 - Valerie Case	29 - Serena Willcox
10 - Katie Anderson Jeansonne	19 - Billie Montgomery	

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 7:45AM Nursery Opens 8:00AM Holy Eucharist 9:00AM Breakfast 9:30AM Adult Christian Ed 10:30AM Holy Eucharist	29	30 6:00PM Aids Support Group-Smith Rm 7:00PM AA-Smith Rm	31 9:00AM Leinkauf Graduation Ceremony 12:00PM Holy Eucharist 6:00PM AA 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	1	2 6:00PM First Friday's 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal	3 2:00PM Free2Be 4:00PM Wedding and Reception
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All Saints 2017 Vestry

Martha Durant, Senior Warden
Woody Hannum, Junior Warden
Elizabeth Jenkins, Clerk

Nanci Penn	Michael Morrison
Alan Blair	Gail Bramer
Catherine Mackey	Molly Allison
Barbara Michelle	Edward Inge
Jim Rivers	Jean Tucker
Evi Valera	Cora Cade Lemmon

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: Darrell Williams
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley
Caring Committee: Beth Hardaway
Choirs: Bonita Clark (Interim)
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Godly Play: Frances Rouse
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Hardaway
Lectors, Intercensors & Chalice Ministers: Burl Ratcliffe
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Laura & Jason Burce, Katie Herndon
Physical Plant: Woody Hannum
Pre-Adult Christian Education: Ed LaMonte
Refugees: Martha Harris
Stewardship:
Special Ministries Camp: Elizabeth Doyle, Karen McDonald
Ushers: Burl Ratcliffe
Wedding Guild: Sheri Hewitt

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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist
	9:00 am Breakfast
	9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
	10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

All Saints Church Lay Minister Schedule June 2017

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!
If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let Burl Ratcliffe know (sexton@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492).

	June 4 The Day of Pentecost 8:00am		June 11 Trinity Sunday 8:00am		June 18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6 8:00am		June 25 3rd Sun after Pentecost, Prop 7 8:00am	
Lectors	Joe Basenberg	Clayton Ryan Rick Stemberg	Ben Harris	S. F. Greene Mike Watson	Serena Willcox	Emma Burgess Lillian Carsten	M.H. Slaton	Beth Hardaway Valerie Mitchell
Intercessor	Serena Willcox	Michael Morrison	Martha Harris	B. Woodmansee	Joe Basenberg	Richard Coarsey	Jason Burce	Evi Valera
Chalice Bearers	Henry Callaway	Kathy McKenzie Lister Thomas	Serena Willcox	Louie Wood Nancy Lancaster	Ben Harris	Marion Elledge Susan Gardner	Henry Callaway	Betty Bentley Michael Morrison
Acolytes		Darrell Williams Emma Penn David Ritter Kristen Ritter		TBA		TBA		TBA
Ushers	Fred South	Michael Morrison Hank Caddell	Woody Hannum	Doug Greene Andy MacDonald	Barbara Evatt	Bill Hines Jim Rivers	Joe Basenberg	Don Mosley Henry Brewster Mike Watson
Vestry Greeter		Gail Bramer		Barbara Michell		Edward Inge		Jim Rivers
LEV		Clayton Ryan (Buck St. John)		Meg Cosby (J. Chiepalich)		Woody Hannum (A.M. Brown)		Beth Hardaway Nancy Lancaster (Charlie Bailey)
Altar Guild	Betty Bentley, Paula Reeves, Lavada Raouf							
Bread Bakers	Betty Bentley, Jane Gordon							
Flower Guild	King Wedding Flowers		Suzanne Drew Kathy McKenzie		Rick Stemberg Susan Gardner		Carol Mackey	
Breakfast Team	Clark Kelly Jim Rivers Wright Penn		Martha Harris S. Cleveland Barbara Evatt		Jean Tucker Chris Conte M. Winkler K. Montgomery		Carol Mackey Betsy Schneider Kim Kelly Don Mosley	
Reception		“Bring a Dish”		“Bring a Dish”		“Bring a Dish”		“Bring a Dish”