



# All Saints Alive!

*The Newsletter of All Saints Episcopal Church*

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## Mother Bonnie's Corner

I recently read a news article that included pictures from the Webb telescope of 19 "nearby" spiral galaxies. The pictures were magnificent: infrared images allowing us to see our galactic neighbors in stunning clarity.



These images were mesmerizing, as I noted the accompanying descriptions of central stars, old and new; the sometimes occurrences of massive black holes; and the glowing dust of stars not yet formed. I found my mind wandering, and then drifting towards wonder.

Wonder, as pondered the seemingly infinite variety of constellations light-years away, for here was an infinitesimal glimpse of the enormity of all of Creation, formed into being by our Living, Loving God. Wonder, at Almighty God, who lovingly creates these massive stars that can live for billions or trillions of years, yet also creates us — small, fragile, flawed humankind — who exist for only an instant. Wonder at the Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent Triune God: all-powerful, all-knowing; and always-present.

Within that wondering, I felt a nudge to better understand that our human knowledge — what we know in our heads — isn't really "better" than what we know in our hearts. It's just a different kind of knowing. For as felt my own overflowing heart stretch, I recognized anew that the same God who lovingly created the universe and all that is in it, does strangely, wonderfully, amazingly, delight in us, too . . . in all our messy humanness. How blessed we are to be loved into being and becoming, for we are all invited, welcomed, and called to all be a part of the Family of God.

## **Mother Bonnie's Corner, continued**

What moves you this Lenten season? What is being revealed to you, causing you to sit back and wonder at God's overwhelming love? Are there images or writings that may express to you the heart-knowing of being part of the Family of God? I'd love for you to share your experiences with me.

May this Lenten season of examination and repentance be a blessing in your lives, as we strive to humbly walk together towards Holy Week and the blessed Celebration of the Risen Christ at Easter. I pray that we all find the time to pause and listen to God.

Blessings,  
Mother Bonnie

Click the WEBB TELESCOPE button, to see the images I mentioned. Do hope you Enjoy!

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## **From our Deacon**

This year my extended family celebrated Christmas, and all our birthdays, on a Saturday in early February. I know that sounds pretty strange with all of us being within a two-hour drive from the farm in Newnan, but there were some very practical reasons for the delay. First, the bulk of the family had been sick with one thing or another. Second, all of us had too many events that just plain got in the way of all the Saturdays in December. And third, our schedules were so packed with "stuff," that the extra shopping was going to add one more frantic frustration to our lives. So we finally agreed that we wouldn't let the date drive the truck, leaving us far too cranky to enjoy our time together.



And as it turned out, waiting until February to gather was an unintended stroke of familial genius! We had a total blast! All were very well-rested, physically healthy, and in high spirits. The kids were highly pumped and full of themselves, but not in an outrageous way. This was the year the entire family joined in the "gift wrap wad" battle, making it a holiday must-do custom.

And that new tradition was followed by a new birthday tradition, as my sister invited us all to select a favorite cupcake and candle color for our individual "birthday cakes," allowing each of us to light one another's candles, and sing "Happy Birthday to US!" A Whole Family Birthday Celebration and another new custom!

I share this story because it's an example of how we grow together in the world. It's truly wonderful to share beloved activities and traditions whenever possible. It is also good to grow as a family, building strong support, respect, and fun into our way of being by keeping some traditions just as they are, but also being willing to try something new. Who knows what can help us both create and maintain our family bonds!

Maybe God has this sort of family purpose for ALL of us EVERYWHERE! We all have unique talents and quirks and we're ALL God's children. I imagine if we asked God about God's dream and purpose for each of us, we would likely hear something like, "Just be my family. Support

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## From our Deacon continued

and love each other and have fun. Family is connected by more than blood and marriages. Family is connected by my love. My family treats each other with dignity and respect, supports each other in the challenging times, works together to make lives better for each other, and has a bunch of fun, too. Just love each other as I love each of you."

Could this be a good time to honor the "traditional" traditions and grow some new traditions, all in the Spirit of growing in love together? What are your thoughts?

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Deacon Barbara

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## From the Senior Warden

I am now entering my third month as Senior Warden and am increasingly astounded at the workings of our church family. There are many facets to the smooth operation of the All Saints entity, but I have had the privilege of witnessing, first hand, several events. First, the orchestration of the Wine and Cheese Tasting was a complex mixture of food preparation, parish hall decoration, silent auction organization, ticket sales, and after-party cleanup. It was an impressive sight to observe a multitude of ECW ladies and All Saints gentlemen working together to make sure this year's Wine and Cheese Tasting was a fun and successful event. The money raised will be donated to the school's discretionary funds, dental and medical volunteer clinics, Halo, and Mother Bonnie's discretionary fund. Thank you to everyone who participated in this endeavor.



Also, on one Tuesday morning in February, I wandered into the Education Building during Food Pantry hours. I was very impressed with this activity; our church volunteers worked efficiently to distribute the food, but more importantly, they treated the clients with compassion and dignity. Bravo Food Pantry Volunteers! You make me proud to be a member of All Saints Church.

On a different level, I enjoyed an evening with my Foyers group in January. This ministry encourages small groups of singles or couples to meet monthly for a "simple meal, relaxed conversation, and Christian fellowship". There is no agenda, only a fun gathering of All Saints parishioners who want to get to know their fellow members in an informal setting. I invite everyone to take advantage of this opportunity.

Looking forward, the month of March provides many occasions to observe the activities and rituals associated with Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. As we transition into the solemn season of Lent, we can experience the ultimate joy of Easter. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for reflection, learning, camaraderie and sharing offered during March. Feel free to encourage others to join us, always remembering our motto, "Welcoming All People."

Bronwyn Young  
Sr. Warden

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# Year Round Stewardship

## The Green Team: Stewarding the Planet

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During Eucharistic Prayer C, we praise God as the creator of “this fragile Earth, our island home.” During the past two years, caring for this “island home” has become a central mission of the All Saints Green Team, helping our congregation to find large and small ways to protect the air, water, and earth around us, and to partner with others who are doing the same.

The Green Team’s efforts began in 2021, requesting an energy assessment by Georgia Interfaith Power and Lighting (GIPL) to gain guidance in conserving energy on our church campus. With help from three GIPL grants, the team has had new LED lighting installed in the Parish Hall, Sanctuary, and Christian Education Building. The team hopes to use a fourth grant during the coming year to begin replacing insulation where needed.

Sandy Scammell and Susan Wynn recently attended a GIPL summit at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Decatur, where the keynote speaker, Calvin University professor Debra Reinstra, linked faith with the concept of *refugia*. *Refugia*, she explained, are the small, sheltered pockets of wildlife that survive when an ecosystem is devastated by a volcano, wildfire, or other disaster—a few plants beneath a fallen tree, or a patch of moss and a rodent’s nest under a rock. In the months and years after the disaster, the life in these tiny patches grows. Seeds and spores spread and germinate into plants that offer new food and shelter for the surviving animals and their young. Gradually, new life reclaims the devastated area. Faith communities, Reinstra insisted, are called to serve as *refugia*—amid the pollution and climate change created by human carelessness and greed over the past decades, we can be pockets of resilience.

Like the tiny *refugia* in a burning forest, Sandy says, our efforts at creation care can look small and unimpressive—things as simple as using reusable plates and cups at our potlucks and coffee bars, recycling our paper bulletins, or donating plastic shopping bags to Halo to be woven into sleeping mats for our homeless neighbors. Susan grins mischievously and adds, “We swiped all the glass bottles after Wine and Cheese, and recycled those.” These small changes, as they become habit, can spread beyond our church. As our church moves forward toward our purchase of Holly House, Sandy and Susan hope the expanded property can offer space for a community garden—our abundant leftover food and coffee grounds would offer plenty of material for compost. At the GIPL summit, they were also introduced to other ways of reaching our environmental efforts farther into the community, especially through legislative advocacy. Through letters and lobby meetings, GIPL members call on elected officials to stop mining around wildlife refuge areas and require industries to take responsibility for the toxic chemicals they release into the air and water.

For those who want to know more about the Green Team’s work or to increase your own efforts to care for our “island home,” you are invited to a GIPL event at our church on Saturday, March 2, 10 am to noon. “Active Hope: A Lenten Workshop on Sacred Activism,” invites our congregation both to recognize the harms that are being done to our planet and to find creative ways to build and spread resilience.

Mary Christian

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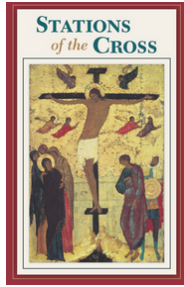


# Parish Life at All Saints

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## Lent at All Saints

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### Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays, Noon

Feb 21 - Mar 20

Join us in the Sanctuary each week, as we walk together the Way of the Cross



### Lenten Program: *Letting Go*

Thursdays, 5:45 - 7:15 pm

Feb 22 - Mar 21

We gather for a simple potluck and a Video discussion series

Watch for a weekly SignUp Genius

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## Active Hope

### A Lenten Workshop on Sacred Activism

Active Hope is a participatory workshop designed to help you transform fear and despair into inspiration and a sense of empowerment.

In pairs and small groups, you will have a chance to connect with each other and process how you are feeling during this extraordinary moment in time - filled with incredible advances and also a convergence of crises.

We will learn about creative ways that we can participate as individuals and/or a group to help contribute to a regenerative future. As an added bonus, you will be eligible to fill out a brief application to be considered for a mini-grant to help make your idea(s) a reality.

This workshop is led by Beth Remmes who is the Coastal Outreach and Climate Resiliency Coordinator for Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, and a Facilitator for The Work that Reconnects, on which this workshop is based.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:30 AM: CHECK-IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10 AM - 12 PM: WORKSHOP

RSVP by 2/23: 478.923.1791 or [office@allsaintswr.org](mailto:office@allsaintswr.org)

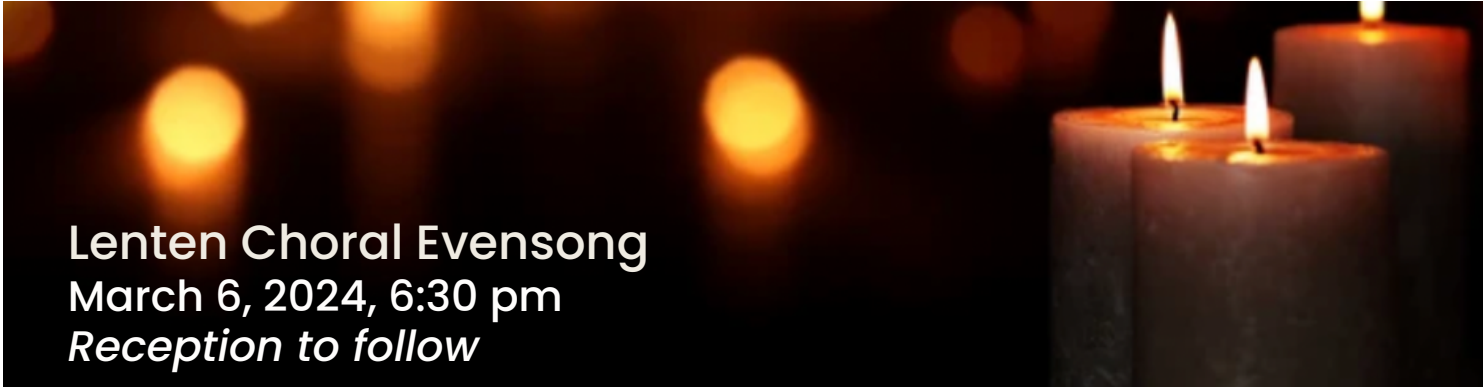
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## March Luncheon/Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024 12- 2 pm  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
501 Bass Rd, Macon, GA

*WIA offers an opportunity to build relationships and learn more about different faiths, as we come together to explore our spirituality in a context of love, compassion, cooperation, and community service.*



Lenten Choral Evensong  
March 6, 2024, 6:30 pm  
*Reception to follow*

## Join us in this year's Virtual Hunger Walk

Saturday, March 9  
9:30 - 10:30 am



All Saints will participate once again in this year's Virtual Hunger Walk 2024, in partnership with Episcopal Communities Foundation (ECF). The Hunger Walk is one of the most important hunger relief efforts each year within the Diocese of Atlanta.

This year's walk will take place on Robins Parkway adjacent to Dr. Bill Freeman's office, 136 S. Houston Lake Rd. Dr. Freeman is generously allowing us to meet in his rear parking lot, closest to the Goodwill building. Following the Walk, team participants are welcome to meet for brunch at a nearby restaurant. The 2024 team co-captains are Stephanie Johnson and Bonnie Evans.

*Together, we can make sure that a child in our community doesn't go to bed hungry tonight. We can offer a glimmer of hope to struggling parents desperately trying to make ends meet for their families. We can ensure another senior citizen isn't forced to choose between paying for medicine or food.*

Please support the "Walk with the Saints of Middle Georgia" efforts and help our church reach or exceed our fundraising goal of \$1500. **Click the Hunger Walk button** to join the team and/or make a donation.

# ECW – Episcopal Churchwomen

Greetings as we enter the Holy season of Lent. I do hope that you are taking advantage of the services and teachings during this time. They will make your journey to Easter more meaningful.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to put on a wonderful Wine and Cheese Tasting on Feb. 9th! We had a great crowd and everyone seemed to have a good time. It takes many hands to prepare for this event and many more to clean up afterward! Thanks to everyone who pitched in on Friday night and put things back together! Friday the 16th we finally got the ECW room cleaned and all our supplies put away for next year. We will share the financials as soon as they are finalized.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Our next event will be the Easter breakfast. Watch for sign-ups to help with this.

Linda Christie, ECW President

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## **Something New at All Saints**

### **Prayers for Healing, during Holy Eucharist**

#### **Beginning March 17th**



*As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our Heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, pg 456)*

This prayer captures the essence of what we're trying to offer: a monthly time for healing prayer during Sunday worship. Anyone interested in receiving prayers can simply step over to the East transept after receiving communion at the altar, where our newly formed lay prayer team, led by Deacon Barbara, will invite you to sit or kneel, as you prefer, for anointing and prayer.

*On March 17th, we will begin this opportunity for healing prayers during worship and plan to continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month, through May.*

We do hope you enjoy this new offering.

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## **Outdoor Stations of the Cross**

Work is underway for our beautiful new outdoor displays for our Stations of the Cross artwork. If you are interested in dedicating a station as a memorial or thanksgiving, contact the church office.

Your gift of \$200 will help us to create these stations, which will include a brass plaque dedication.

*Thank you, Roland Leach, for your gift of time and talent to make these outdoor displays a reality.*





## The Easter Triduum: A Sacred Tradition

Each year, All Saints marks the Triduum with one continuous, sacred liturgy commemorating the profound events of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Rooted in ancient Christian tradition, the Triduum offers a deeply meaningful and transformative journey for all God's people.

The Triduum begins on Maundy Thursday, as we gather to remember the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and then washed the feet of his disciples, showing us his path of humility and servant leadership.

Good Friday follows, a day of solemn remembrance, as we recall Jesus' great sacrifice on the cross, for the sake of all humanity.

The final event of the Triduum is the sunrise Easter Vigil, the first liturgy of Easter morning, as we celebrate the joy of the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection.

Do consider experiencing the entire Triduum this year, a way to delve more deeply into the heart of our faith by walking with Jesus through his final days on this earth and encountering, with the dawn of Easter morning, the transformative power of the resurrection.

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### Holy Week and Easter at All Saints



**March 24th:** Palm Sunday Worship, 10:15 am

*Worship begins outside with incense*

**March 28th:** Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 pm

*includes optional foot-washing*

Keep Watch with Me vigil

*sponsored by the DOK, 9 pm - 11 am*

**March 29th: Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross, Noon

Good Friday Worship, 7 pm

**March 30th: Holy Saturday**

Worship, 10 am

**March 31st: Easter Day**

Easter Vigil, 6:30 am

Breakfast, 9 am

Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 am

Easter Sunday Festal Worship,

10:15 am, *with incense*

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Thank you to all those who contributed to the family dinner in February. It was a great evening. We will be serving/hosting dinner again in March. Please watch for a SignUp Genius for dinners on Sunday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 12th.

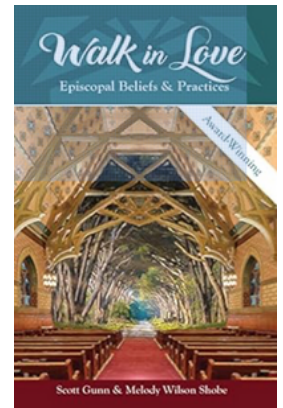
A reminder that if you would be interested in hosting a dinner, you must complete a one-hour Volunteer Training. The next Volunteer Training will be held at the Family Promise facility on Monday, March 4th at 6:00 pm.

Please contact Shelley Strickland for details. [shelleykstrickland@gmail.com](mailto:shelleykstrickland@gmail.com)

## And Coming Soon . . .

### Episcopal 101 Inquirer's Class

Watch for news of our upcoming class, led by our newly licensed Diocesan Catechist, Paul Davison. **Classes will begin in April**, and provide an opportunity to dive deeper into understanding our church, liturgy, and how our prayer practices can affect how we live into our faith each and every day. This class can lead (if you choose) to Confirmation or Reaffirmation, with special blessings and laying-on-of-hands by our Diocesan Bishop Rob Wright.



## All Saints Calendar

### Sundays

All are welcome  
to Worship  
and  
Fellowship  
Events

See weekly  
eNews for  
details on  
upcoming  
events

**Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 9:15 am

**Adult & Children Sunday School:** 9:15 am

**Worship:** 10:15 am, also live-streamed

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** 15 minutes after worship

### Weekly

#### Monday

Book Club: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

#### Tuesday

Food Pantry: 9:30 - 11am

#### Wednesday

Noonday Prayer: 12 - 12:30pm

#### Thursday

Choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm

#### Friday

Shawl Ministry: 10 - 12:30pm

ECW Luncheon: 12:30 pm

### Monthly

#### Sunday

Covered Dish and Rector's Forum  
Regularly Scheduled Coffee Bar  
Bi-weekly D&D, 1 pm in Youth Room

#### 1st Tuesday

ECW Meeting, 10-11:30am in  
the Parish Hall

#### 4th Thursday

Men's Group, 6:00-7 pm, at  
O'Charley's on Watson Blvd

## Happenings at a Glance

*During March . . .*

- March 3rd:** Lenten Retreat: Active Hope, 9:30 am - Noon
- March 6th:** Lenten Evensong, 6:30 pm
- March 7th:** Lenten Supper/Program. 5:45-7:15 pm
- March 9th:** Hunger Walk, here in Warner Robins!
- March 10th:** Monthly Potluck and Real Issues Speaker Series, welcoming Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, as our Speaker
- March 14th:** Lenten Supper/Program. 5:45-7:15 pm
- March 21st:** Lenten Supper/Program. 5:45-7:15 pm
- March 23rd:** Palm Cross Workshop and Parish Workday, 9 am
- March 24th:** Palm Sunday Worship, 10:15 am
- March 28th:** Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 pm  
*Keep Watch with Me* vigil, 9 pm - 11 am
- March 29th:** Good Friday  
- Stations of the Cross, Noon  
- Good Friday Worship, 7 pm
- March 30th:** Holy Saturday, 10 am
- March 31st:** Easter Day- Vigil, 6:30 am; Breakfast, 9 am; Egg Hunt 9:30 am; Festal Worship 10:15 am

*And in April . . . Save the Date!*

- April 28th:** English Tea - 2:00 pm

*Keep Watch*, for with God's help,  
we can discover infinite possibilities for  
new light and life.



# All Saints in Pictures

## Wine and Cheese Tasting – 9 February, 2024



A big thanks to to so many who gave of their time, talent, and treasure to support this annual event supporting community Outreach.



*Thanks to all who helped with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

*And we tried something new . . .*

**Ashes to Go!!**





# HUNGER WALK

**Hunger Walk Run 2024 Episcopal Community Foundation:  
Walk with the Saints of Middle Georgia! - Atlanta...**

Hunger Walk Run, a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Register today and join us for our virtual event on March 10, 202...

[acfb.org](http://acfb.org)

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## ***Webb Telescope***

Link to WEBB TELESCOPE