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## All Saints Alive

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### Mother Bonnie's Corner



I love the great 50-days of Easter, also known as Eastertide and Paschaltide. This church season begins on Easter Day and is quite literally, fifty days of feasting!

Why fifty days? After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended into heaven, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

Luke tells us in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus “presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” Then in chapter two, we find the followers of Jesus gathered for the Day of Pentecost, which actually means “fifty.” It happened during the Hebrew feast

of Shavuot, which is why the followers of Jesus were gathering. The Hebrew festival was originally a harvest first-fruits celebration, and later it had evolved into a commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

So the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

I have a personal plan for this year's Eastertide: a focus on 50 days of gratitude, with a vigorous attempt to journal, in what I hope to be a joy-filled accumulation of notes and reflections on all the many ways I see God's blessings around me.

I do want to share two things about this personal plan. First, I do want to emphasize that my journaling objective is an attempt — a kind of spiritual “stretch goal.” I do believe journaling can be an opportunity for marvelous personal spiritual growth, but one that has long been a challenge for me. I'm great at beginnings, but not so great at continuing. And second, this will be a “guilt-free” journey for me. Regardless of the results, I know that taking time to intentionally give thanks to God each day will be joy-filled, regardless of my journaling success. God knows the intentions of my heart.

How might the Spirit be nudging you during Eastertide? Is there a spiritual practice you might want to explore during this time? Consider a daily outdoor walk with Christ or some porch time to enjoy the gifts of nature or gather for coffee with spiritual friends. So many joys may await you, as you discover ways to celebrate the gift of Eastertide.

Peace,  
Mother Bonnie +

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## From Our Deacon



One of the things we deacons get to do is to troll around a community searching for treasure. It's not gold or jewels. Well, not literally — but certainly treasure.

A Deacon's purpose is to be out in the world, learning about the hopes and needs of the world and bringing this news back to the church. Bishops describe this as have one foot in the church and the other in the world. We strive do our best to notice the particular difficulties and challenges some of our sisters and brothers are facing; to gather information

about what other ministries, groups, and agencies are noticing and doing; and then bring it all back to the parish (or the convocation or diocese), to discover within community the potential ways to respond to these challenges in love.

I imagine it wouldn't surprise you that many of our neighboring churches are also doing what they can to build God's Kingdom. During Covidtime, there's been a lot of prayer, thinking, listening, and creative figuring-it-out going on, with new partnerships and possibilities within Warner Robins and Houston County popping up as folks truly do want to step up and work together. Everybody seems to have been looking for connections with other churches, programs, and agencies to help our sisters and brothers in Houston County and Warner Robins.

The exciting part of all this is that there is a new energy for getting to know each other and share what we see, hear, and do! There's energy around sharing information, potentially pulling together a resource guide with tips on how to work with agencies and programs, and joint awareness campaigns for the challenges and problems our neighbors are facing.

You may be thinking, "So where is all this going?" I have no idea.

But I do want to encourage each of us here at All Saints to be praying and thinking and listening to the Holy Spirit, as I do believe she is nudging us, too! Nudging us to discover how we're uniquely called to our work here in Warner Robins AND how we're called to work creatively with others. There are signs of new life all around us and invitations abound for us to continue to stretch ourselves to do God's work in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
Deacon Barbara

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# Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship: 10:15 am <i>in person and online</i> Children's Choir: 1:30–2:00pm
<b>Monday</b>	Book Study: 4:30–6pm Education for Ministry 6:30–8:30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Food Pantry: 9:30–11am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pilgrimage: 12–12:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Shawl Ministries: 10:30am–12pm ECW Luncheon: 1pm

## Senior Warden: Fellowship, Partnership, and Outreach

What a journey we traveled together in March and April! We have been busy, busy, busy as we have returned to some of our traditional Spring activities. Yet, these activities seem somewhat different as they are coupled with a great appreciation for our ability to gather together in person. Fellowship has an increased sweetness as we have joined back together.

So much has been happening. The sounds of conversations and laughter have filled All Saints. The kitchen has been buzzing. The Easter Season was once again celebrated with many beautiful and meaningful services. The Parish Hall was a vision of Easter pastels and decorations when we gathered for the Easter breakfast. Opportunities for fellowship abound ..... Altar Guild, the Choir, ECW, the Men's group, Outreach, the Food Bank, Family Promise, etc. The list goes on and on.

There are many areas of life that offer us opportunities for fellowship. But here at All Saints, fellowship goes far beyond just a chance to gather together. Our fellowship is also a partnership. Jesus said, "apart from me you can do nothing." Our fellowship exists within a partnership with Jesus Christ. We are united together in order to glorify God and promote the gospel. Through it we have been able to serve others through multiple outreach programs. We want everyone to join in this partnership!

To be an active and informed member of All Saints, it is helpful to be on some email lists. To the women of All Saints, please be sure you are on Linda Christie's email list. She keeps us informed of activities coming up and ways that we can serve. She sends out reminders regarding the Friday afternoon lunches. In addition, you will get information about people who have been added to the prayer list. If you have not been receiving her emails and would like to be added to the list, please send your email address to Linda at: [lindaschristie@gmail.com](mailto:lindaschristie@gmail.com)

Jess Underwood sends out informational emails to the men of All Saints. If you want your name added to this mailing list, you can contact him at [jesserunderwood@gmail.com](mailto:jesserunderwood@gmail.com)

Please make sure you are getting emails from the office regarding activities and events at All Saints. If you think you need your name added to that list, contact Taylor at [office@allsaintswr.org](mailto:office@allsaintswr.org)

We are so fortunate to have some new faces at All Saints. Our name tags have made it so much easier as we get to know one another. Please welcome new faces and share all that you love about All Saints and the fellowship/partnership opportunities available to them.

Finally, a word about the Easter Season. So many people worked so hard to make Holy Week special for our congregation. A big thank you to all of you who worked to create such a wonderful and beautiful Easter. And finally, a note of gratitude for our Mother Bonnie, and all that she did to make Easter so special for all of us.

Shelley Strickland  
Senior Warden

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# May Events

- May 1st: Covered Dish, after the service
- May 6th: Kipp Gill's Organ Recital, 6:00 pm at Christ Church in Macon
- May 8th: Youth Sunday, with youth sermon, youth readers, and children's music!
- May 13th: ECW Wine and Cheese at 7:00 pm
- May 15th: Purchase deadline for 6/10 Macon Bacon baseball tickets
- June 10th: All Saints goes to a Macon Bacon baseball game



Hey all!

**FOR OUR YOUTH!**

We are nearly at the end. We have had such an amazing year together BUT we still have a few things planned.

- On **May 1st** we will be celebrating with flower pot decorations and planting after the Covered Dish luncheon. This will be both a celebration and preparation for Mother's Day. If you have any specific flowers that you would like to plant please let me know!
- **May 8th** is Mother's Day as well as Youth Sunday. Come on out to support our senior and all our youth participants during worship, our final event of this program year. We will be having a small celebration after church, so you will be able to spend plenty of time with your family.

This will also be my final Sunday serving as the All Saints Youth Minister. Thank you to everyone, youth, parents, and all members of this church family for making the last three years so special. You have all made such a difference and I am blessed to have known you.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Colleen Norris, Youth Leader  
colleennorris100@gmail.com

**From Our Ministries**

## **Year-Round Stewardship: Stewardship in Tornado Season**

**by Mary Christian**

When I bought my first house last November, people told me that taking care of a house and yard was a lot of work.

Some weeks, stewardship of a home is fairly straightforward and routine—paying bills, scheduling mosquito treatment, sweeping the patio, pulling weeds (or, if you're me, guiltily glancing at the weeds and thinking, "I really do need to work on pulling those sometime this week").

And then, other times, there are weeks like this one.

On Sunday, stewardship means coming home from church to spray weed killer on the weeds in the cracks of my driveway and checking with my yard guy to make sure he's still coming to mow tomorrow.

On Monday, it means coming home from work early for when the yard guy gets here and making sure the hedges in front get trimmed.

On Tuesday, it means gazing with delight at my newly-trimmed yard and being thankful for the rain.

On Wednesday, it means coming home from choir practice at 10 pm and finding two trees across the driveway in a tangle of power lines, another two trees on the roof, and water dripping through the master bedroom ceiling. It means dragging the bedroom furniture piece by piece out of the wetness, yanking up the soggy carpet by candlelight, mopping up the puddles as best I can, and leaving a bucket to catch as many of the drips as it can, before crashing, exhausted, in the (mercifully dry) guest room.

On Thursday, it means filing an insurance claim, calling the tree removers, pausing to eat some room-temperature food from the room-temperature fridge before it all spoils, hauling the bookcase and books, armload by armload, out of the wet bedroom. It means going to Wal Mart to get a tarp to spread over the hole in the roof, and checking with the neighbors to see if they need one too. It means keeping an eye on the phone in case the insurance company calls back, but saving the battery, since the only place I can charge it now is in the car. It means going to work and coming home to find the power on and celebrating with a hot supper and some laundry!

On Friday, it means more talks with insurers and tree removers, and research about roofers. It means lugging limbs and twigs out of the yard and trying to catch up on the grading I didn't get done yesterday.

On Saturday, it means taking a break from it all, talking with family, and trying to think of something spiritual to say about stewardship in the church

newsletter.

There are some weeks when just doing stewardship leaves me wiped out and without much spiritual enlightenment to offer. Being grateful for what I have (no injuries, a working car, water and electricity, supportive friends and colleagues, and a roof, albeit a somewhat damaged one, over my head). Checking in with the neighbors. Scheduling repairs. Keeping my classes going. Putting one foot in front of the other. For now, that will have to be enough.

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## **All Saints Episcopal Church 43rd Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting Silent Auction**



To Benefit Community Outreach  
Programs

Friday, May 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
1708 Watson Boulevard  
Warner Robins, Georgia

Featuring Wine and Cheese  
And Craft Beers  
With Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

\$30 per person  
Must be 21 to attend

For More Information Call  
All Saints 478-923-1791  
Or Sheila Freeman 478-953-0760

Limited Tickets (no tickets sold at the door)  
Business Attire

Ticket Reservation Deadline May 6, 2022  
No reserved tables

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# Silent Auction Items

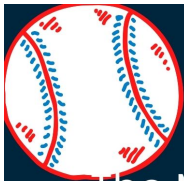
*We need your help!*

A Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with the ECW Wine and Cheese Tasting on **May 13**. We are asking Parishioners to donate any baskets they may have along with quality items.

Donations may be personally-owned items of value as well as items contributed by local businesses. We have letters of introduction and of receipt that you may use when you request donations. These are available from Mary Mantiplay, Sheila Freeman, or Linda Christie. Please leave items in the ECW Room of Parish Hall with a note that they are for the Silent Auction. Items are due **May 8th**.

Proceeds will benefit community outreach. Please help us make this a success!!

*contact Mary Mantiplay  
at 478-397-4377 or [mantiplay123@cox.net](mailto:mantiplay123@cox.net).*



## **Macon Bacon Baseball Game**

The Macon Bacon fundraiser, sponsored by the Men's Group is back this year. A \$15 ticket includes a great event, a Macon Bacon hat, and all-you-can-eat cheeseburgers, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken sandwiches, cookies, chips, sodas, and water.

The game is on Friday, June 15th at 7 pm, and the ticket purchase deadline is May 15th. Contact BT Burton or the church office, or stop by our Welcome Station on Sundays for tickets.



## Book Club



Our All Saints Book Club meets 4:30-6 pm on Mondays. We are currently discussing Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus*.

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# Episcopal Lutheran Fellowship Macon

## Young Adult Reunion Lunch

Are you ages 18-23? Join us for a reunion lunch on Sunday, May 15th at 12:30 in the All Saint's parish hall. This will be a fun chance to catch up with church friends from across the convocation home for the summer and meet some new faces. Friends are welcome.

For more information call Dena Hobbs, Young Adult Missioner, at 478-918-5497.

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## Outreach

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### Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine

Wondering how you can make a difference? Episcopal Relief &



Development continues to work with Anglican and ecumenical partners to provide aid to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

Donations can be to All Saints online or by check (indicate ERD on the memo line) or click [here](#) to donate directly to Episcopal Relief and Development: [Ukraine Relief](#)

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## Tuesday Mornings at All Saints

**Food Pantry:** Our Food Pantry at All Saints is one of the ways we strive to see beyond ourselves by recognizing the needs in the wider community. Through April, the All Saints Food Pantry has served 204 families, with a total of 665 family members. Of these families, 99 have children under 18, allowing us to assist 225 young people.

**Rector's Discretionary Funds:** Your gifts are used to help the most vulnerable in our community. Through April, \$3805 has been distributed, with \$1335 used for rental assistance and for temporary housing assistance and \$1998 towards utilities.

**Breaking Barriers:**

Through our ministry, we continue to engage our sisters and brothers without homes of their own. This past month has been one of meeting new folks and staying in touch with those with whom we have had a relationship for a while now. The word is getting out in the community — we are building relationships with a few other churches so that we can coordinate our ministries to better serve those who have no security.

Breaking Barriers was contacted by a gentleman who was referred to us by Sacred Heart. He was in the process of moving his disabled brother from out of state to his home. This gentleman needed guidance in navigating how to help his brother in transferring his vital records to Georgia. While they are settling into their new life we are helping with advice and the necessary forms to make the transfer less frustrating. This contact led to a conversation with the Director of the Food Pantry at Sacred Heart and a potential new relationship where we come together to share what we hear and learn about the needs of the broader Warner Robins/Houston County community.

We have also stayed in contact with some of the folks we have known for a

while. Those who have their Social Security card and Photo ID continue to work and also share their plans for a more secure way of life. We do hear that transportation is a major barrier in securing more stable work opportunities, especially for those managing multiple part-time jobs in different locations. Imagine the pressure if you have to spend a substantial portion of your pay on Uber or a taxi to get to a part-time job that barely pays minimum wage. The work is a step forward, but the issues of food insecurity and homelessness continue to be the reality for some. We are praying for guidance on how to connect people with resources to meet the transportation challenge.

***Your gifts to assist others are truly helping All Saints help the wider community. Thank you for your generosity and assistance.***

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## Easter at All Saints





Easter and Holy Week were a fantastic time here at All Saints! Pictured are our events on Easter Day which included an Easter Vigil, Brunch, an Easter Service, and an Egg Hunt!





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## English Tea

The return of the annual English Tea was a Resounding Success. Watch for more pictures and an update soon.



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