

Rector reflection

Welcome to the fullness of fall. The leaves are just beginning to show different colors. Everywhere is back to school shopping deals. New school year = new experiences for our youth and the return to a regular schedule for teachers. I would bid your prayers for both students and teachers as the new year of learning begins.

September also means a new school year for our Sunday School! Sunday School is age appropriate learning of the Bible. It is Christian Formation. We have things set up to receive all the children of the parish into our Sunday School beginning September 12th. Thanks to some dedicated volunteers the Sunday School hallway has been repainted and new bulletin boards grace the wall.

For a small parish, Christian Education opportunities abound!

We have been hard at work getting organized for the fall. Also this fall will be opportunities for Adult Christian Formation. Jack and Emily will continue an introduction of a Bible group called "Bible for Dummies." Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30, I will be leading a study of the Lectionary Texts for the following Sunday. We will be using "Living the Good News," the adult version of the same curriculum used for Sunday

School. This is an opportunity to study our Bible readings before the worship on Sunday to gain a deeper understanding of the texts.

Also, I want to invite any adults who have not been Baptized and/or Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church to consider Confirmation Formation for Confirmation. I will design a class specifically for the adults who step forward to declare their faith in Christ in Baptism and/or formally become members of the Episcopal church. I want to hear from you! Pray and see if this is something God wants for you and is calling you to receive. For a small parish, Christian Education opportunities abound! Grab your Bible and open your heart and mind to God's Holy Word.

See you in church!

Rev. Patti+



"I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

~ John 1:31

August 14th was another successful fundraiser for All Saints. The annual Rummage Sale brought in \$345 badly needed dollars (\$25 more than last year).

VISION STATEMENT

All Saints' Parish is a welcoming Christian community whose fellowship reflects Jesus in the caring we have for every member. All Saints' has a desire to reach out to others through evangelism and service, while inviting spiritual growth in all our members by clear teaching about Jesus.

SERVICES

Sunday: Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 9:30am

Sunday School at 9:30am

Wednesday: Healing Service with Holy Eucharist at 12noon and 6:30pm

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Stewardship corner

I recently returned after two weeks of vacation in Maine. As I entered the parish hall for the first time, I asked (with a smile) "Is this the place where the Christians hang out?" I felt I was home. I learned that day of a new child in the parish (4 weeks old), the upcoming funeral of a long time member, some joys people were experiencing, and some heavy issues others were facing. I saw the newly remortered front steps, and some weeds that need pulling. The parish hall and church school area were being repainted. Lots going on! I realized this is my spiritual home—the place where I care for others and am cared for by them spiritually, socially and in a myriad of other ways. That's part of our stewardship—taking care of each other. Thanks be to God for brothers and sisters in the Lord. This month reflect on ways you're supporting fellow parishioners and they're supporting you in our Christian walk.

Jack Foster



"For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

~ John 6:33

Service in the park

The Whitman Clergy Association is sponsoring our annual **Labor Day Service in the Park** on Sunday, September 5th at 9:00am. Please come early to help set up the chairs.

**Sunday School Resumes
on Sunday
September 12th**

Craft fair

The **Craft Fair** will be held on Friday, November 19, 4-8pm and Saturday, November 20, 9am-3pm.

We hope that everyone is now working on handmade items of all sorts such as: knitting, sewing, art, woodcrafts, and jewelry just to name a few. It is never too early to build up our inventory.

We are also looking for items which we can make into raffle baskets or otherwise raffle off.



100th Anniversary . . . Laying of the Cornerstone

The service started with All Saints parishioners gathered by the cornerstone of the church's foundation for a ceremonial "Blessing of the Stone." Rev Patti sounded the Shofar, a musical instrument from ancient Israel made from a Ram's horn. The trumpet sound is a signal to all the community to call them to prayer and praise because of what God has done. It announces "jubilee," the release from debt and level ground for all people to live in justice and peace.

KUDOS . . .

. . . to Lis Putur who has donated over \$60 from the sale of Ted's books to the Church!

. . . to Janice Blades, Chip Durant, Millie Friberg, Darlene Gray, Dale Nance, Louise Quilty, and all who donated, purchased, and/or helped our Rummage Sale!

. . . to Steve Baker for his dedication to the Vestry, we'll miss your quick wit!

. . . to Herb Wick who has graciously stepped in to fill Steve's term on the Vestry!

September Birthdays

04 Lucas & Fiona Malloy
06 Kim (Nawrocki) Boge
07 Tom Smith,
Sheila Palma
11 Jeanetta Casieri
16 Regina Gurney,
Caitlyn Birk
23 Lee (Ferry) Wohlers
24 Ellen Taylor
27 Alteira Greene,
Maureen Mahoney
28 Barbara Wick

VESTRY CANCELED

The August Vestry meeting was canceled. The Vestry will meet again on **Thursday, September 9th** at 7:00pm for short meeting, then goal setting/review.

OUR DECISION MAKERS

Rector: Rev. Patti Hale
Sr. Warden:
Maureen Mahoney
Jr. Warden:
Dorrie Greene
Treasurer:
Barbara Wight
Clerk: Richard Tingblad
Vestry: Carol Casieri
Matt Collins
Marsha Corliss
Chip Durant
Dave Frazier
Lynda Gillan
Dennis Malloy
Shaylin Walsh
Herb Wick

So they can spread the word

Eternal Life Ministries of India (The ELM's of India)

As you know, I have been to India two times within the past few years. Because we have established an outreach ministry with Eternal Life Ministries, I hope to keep you updated on a regular basis on the activities and events that are taking place through ELM. The last time I visited India, I presented a folio Bible to Pastor Dande. I can't tell you how appreciative he was on receiving such a symbolic gesture of unity through Christ from "the blessed people." It will be cherished for years to come.

Rev. N. John Rose has just completed the third graduation class for the Holy Trinity ELM Bible College in Vijayawada, India where 17 students received their degrees or diplomas. Operating a Christian Bible College is a challenge. There is always the chance that either the Hindu or Muslim communities (or certain segments) react violently because of the perceived threat they feel by Christians. Rev. Rose assured me that, "By God's grace everything went well."

I have been fortunate enough to attend one of the graduations a couple of years ago and was moved by the passion the graduates had in their hearts to learn more about our Lord and want to spread the Good News in India to their fellow brothers and sisters.

To keep Holy Trinity Bible College's doors open, the funds come from three sources. First, the students themselves sacrifice financially to pay for part of the operational expenses, textbooks and other

learning related supplies. Second, Rev. Rose himself gives as much of his own money to the college, and lastly, the remainder of funds comes from donations made by people like you.

When it comes to your giving, every cent given is used directly towards the various programs designated. The specific areas that are supported are:

1. Supporting the Widows.
2. Operating an Orphanage.
3. Sustaining the Holy Trinity Bible College.
4. Supporting 15 ELM Churches located in the poorest sections of India.
5. Planting churches in villages that do not have a church.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support our work in India, please contact me (David Dyson) at dyson@khalsa.com, or pick up one of our brochures at the church. Your time, talent, and treasures are greatly appreciated and needed. Blessed things are happening in India with those touched by the Holy Spirit. Eternal Life Ministries takes Jesus' charge to help our fellow brothers and sisters Spiritually, Physically, and Culturally.

Dave Dyson



"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light."

~ Luke 11:33

We are still looking for a Fall Fundraiser. . . . Any Ideas??

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY

Have you been praying about a ministry or what you may be called to do? How about the **Altar Guild Ministry?** For more information, please contact Fran Verrill 781-447-3904 or (work) 781-447-9258 or see Rev Patti.

PRAYERLINE MINISTRY

All Saints has a "prayerline" ministry. People requesting prayer or who would like to be part of the prayer warrior team can see or contact Kathye Foster at 508-378-4818 or fosterjk2@verizon.net

CHOIR MINISTRY

The choir will start rehearsals on Monday, September 13th, 7:00-8:0pm. If you like to sing, come join us.

EMAIL PLEASE!

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Mark Your Calendar!

Look for the two Bible studies starting up this month.

Sept 5	Labor Day Service in the Park 9:00am
Sept 12	Sunday School Resumes
Sept 13	Choir Rehearsal Resumes 7–8pm
Sept 19	Blessing of the Animals
Sept 26	Memorial Garden Dedication
Oct 2-10	Rev Patti in St. Louis (will be gone 2 Sundays)
Nov 11–14	Cursillo Weekend for Men and Women
Nov 19–20	Church Fair, Friday 4-8pm and Saturday 9am–3pm

BREAKFAST—Now being served the last Sunday of every month between the 8:00 and 9:30 services (approx. 8:45am). And please don't forget to make a donation to help defray the cost.

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