

Saintly Soundings

Special Dates

- **Palm Sunday**
April 5– The Passion
Play 4 PM
- **Wednesday**
April 6– The Passion
Play 7 PM
- **Maundy Thursday**
Foot washing—
April 9, 7AM
- **Maundy Thursday**
April 9, Service
7PM
- **Good Friday**
Stations at the
Cross— April 10,
7AM,
- **Good Friday**
Service—April 10,
from 12-3PM
The Passion Play
7PM
- **Easter Vigil**
Service— April 12,
5:30 AM
- **Easter Service—**
April 12, service at
10:00 AM

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THE RECTOR'S CORNER

Beloved in Christ, I pray you are having a holy and blessed Lent. The Collect for Ash Wednesday provides the setting for the Lenten Season and the Invitation to a Holy Lent from the Prayer Book (pg. 264-265) is a solemn reminder of what Lent is about. In the matter of self-examination, you might wish to meditate upon 1 Corinthians 13 and insert your name in place of the word "love" or any synonym for love. Ask the Holy Spirit to come in love and speak to your heart. The standard of Love is Jesus, and nothing is more effective for revealing the state of our soul and heart than standing before His standard: the Cross.

We will be offering a light supper following the 5:30 p.m. service each Wednesday in Lent in order to provide seed money for the Passion Play which is in production. After supper, each Wednesday except the Wednesday in Holy Week, we will be showing videos from the AMiA Winter Conference.

We will be offering a presentation of the Passion of Christ **in Holy Week** as a way to invite you and the community to stand before the Love and Mercy of Christ. Presentations will be Palm Sunday at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. This offering is open to the public, so please extend an invitation to others. There will be no charge, but an offering basket will be available for those who wish to make an offering in gratitude for Jesus' love.

Our Soldiers for Christ gave some inspiring testimonies of their experience at this year's Youthquake. It is always a special time of taking a deeper walk with Jesus, or for some, to meet Him and know His love for the first time personally. Thank you, to all of you for inspiring us with your words. I thank the Lord for His call upon your lives and I pray for His power to direct your steps as you respond in obedience and faith. And thank you again, Pamela and Paul Sproul for your faithful devotion to the Lord, to His Soldiers for Christ, and to all of us at All Saints.

Winter Conference was truly a blessing for the folks who were able to attend. The speakers were inspiring and the facilities were gracious. The testimonies we heard in church following the Conference were just a glimpse of the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst there as in the midst of the young folks at Youthquake. Next year will be the 10th anniversary of AMiA and it will be held again at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. The date is January 27-30, 2010. I hope many of you will make plans even now to be there. It will be a major celebration of the Lord's great goodness and direction for His Church.

I am excited about what the Lord is revealing to us about our calling and ministry at All Saints. I look forward to the season of our lives that lies before us, and I am grateful for the privilege of sharing it with you. God bless you in all you do to honor Him and lift up the Name of Jesus.

John+

Financial Report

All Parishioners should have received their contribution statement that show 2008 giving against pledges and any other contributions. Please let Ed Holm, the Parish Administrator, or Ken Hillman, the accountant, know if you have questions or corrections on your statement.

Status of Building Finances

Through the end of 2008, \$224,162. has been given against pledges to the Branching Out Capital Campaign. The loan balance for the new Church building has been reduced from \$1,394,756. to \$1,141,874. or a \$252,882. reduction.

Giving against campaign pledges was on plan for 2008 and the financial plan continues to be, with the proceeds from the campaign gifts and the sale of some gift property, to pay down the building loan to about \$800,000. by the end of 2009. Loan interest will continue to be paid from the Operating Fund.

Status of Operating Finances

Giving against pledges for All Saint's ministries and missions were off slightly in 2008. Income was \$21,360. or 3.8% below budget, however, expenses were \$57,764. less than budget, thus giving a surplus for 2008 of \$36,404.

A concern is a drop off in pledges for 2009. We believe much of this is due to the uncertain economic times, but, even if you were not able to make a pledge commitment, your continuing sacrificial giving is needed so that none of All Saint's ministries are seriously affected.

Giving from Individual Retirement Accounts

For those of you that are over 70 ½ years old and must take minimum distributions from your IRA, your IRA trustee may directly give to All Saints from your IRA as part of your minimum distribution but without liability for taxes. This is particularly attractive for those that take the standard deduction on their income tax return. Make sure to follow the rules as shown in the IRS 1040 instructions.

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of All Saints Anglican Church.

Congregational
Meeting
March 8th
10:15 AM
In the Church

Finance Committee

Note: This is a reprint of the article that was published in the February newsletter. Because of errors in the printing of that article, the article is reprinted correctly

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 5, we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by Holy Eucharist at 7:45, 8:45, and 11:15 AM. The Passion Play- *Lamb of God* will be presented at 4:00PM.

Each weekday morning in Holy Week we will offer the ministrations of the Lord at 7:00.

On Wednesday we will also offer the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Passion Play- *The Lamb of God* will be presented at 7:00 PM. On Maundy Thursday we will gather at 7:00 AM for the Stations of the Cross devotion, at noon for the 3 hr service of the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross, and at 7:00 PM for the final presentation of The Passion Play.

Maundy Thursday is a very special feast day in our Church Year. The readings from the Gospel for the day are John 13.1-15 (Jesus washes His disciples' feet) and Lk. 22.14-30 (Jesus in-

stitutes the Holy Communion). The name of the feast day is derived from the word "mandatum" coming from the antiphon based on Jesus "commandment" in the Gospel, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another even as I have loved you." (Jn. 13.34). In many places in the early Church abbots washed the feet of monks and kings washed the feet of peasants on this day.¹

On Maundy Thursday (April 9th) at 7:00 **a.m.** we will observe this act of Jesus in washing the feet of those who wish to participate with us. It is a very humble act and very blessed. If you wish to join us, one practical suggestion might be useful: be sure you can present your bare feet to the minister who is serving.

On Maundy Thursday at 7:00 **p.m.** we will celebrate the Institution of the Lord's Supper and the stripping of the Altar.

On Good Friday (April 10th),

we will observe the devotion known as the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 **a.m.** This ancient devotion traces the steps of Jesus from Pilate's Praetorium to Golgatha.

Then from noon until 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday we will gather for meditations upon Jesus' seven last Words from the Cross. You may come for all or any part of this service. The Passion Play- *The Lamb of God* will be presented at 7:00 PM

If we have not met Jesus at the Cross of Good Friday, our Easter Resurrection celebration will be robbed of the fullness of its Joy. I urge you to be present for the rich observance of Jesus' sacred acts. These events happened in history, yet they have transforming Power for those who seek Him today. May the awe-full Peace of Christ fill your heart as you prepare yourself for a holy encounter with His Majestic Love.
John+

¹Marion J. Hatchett, *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, p 229.



STEWARDSHIP-ARE YOU PREPARING FOR EASTER?

This year, the month of March offers many possibilities for spiritual growth which should result in, among other things, thoughts and acts of stewardship. I am always on the lookout for instances of believers practicing being stewards of the love of God. Recently, we were in Walmart when we came upon Pat Holcomb. She was diligently consulting her list of items to find and purchase. After exchanging greetings, she shared with us the fact that a group of All Saints "Angels" were in the store helping

residents of Snug Harbor do their shopping. They do this on a monthly basis. Having had a good deal of experience with residents of care facilities, I am sure that this morning of shopping required a lot of patience and kindness on the part of the "Angels". As a congregation, we should be proud and thankful for this service. Contemplating such activity leads us to the purpose of the season of Lent. We are called upon to spend forty days praying, studying Holy Scripture, attending special services and meditating

upon our preparation for Passion Week and the celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Savior. Our Lord Jesus is the prime example of one who lavished the love of God on everyone. His actions should compel us to practice self-examination to determine in what ways we need to ask the Holy Spirit to change us and prepare us for our best efforts to live out our Mission Statement - to be stewards of the love and gifts of God.

Lois Heffelfinger, Stewardship



RELAY FOR LIFE 2009



Reminder

The Carteret County Relay For Life will take place May 16-17, 2009 at West Carteret High School. This year Relay will be an all day event on Saturday, May 16th and will end with a sunrise service on Sunday, May 17th. This is the fifth year that All Saints will have a Relay team, "All Saints Sea-King A Cure." Our goal this year is to raise \$8,000 through corporate sponsors, fundraisers, and selling items from our booth at the Relay itself. Please join the All Saints team and show your support in the battle against cancer.

Become a Team Member

In order to become a team member you must register. You can do this on-line under "All Saints Church" at www.carteretrelayforlife.com or you can pick up a form at the back of the church. The fee to register is \$10, which covers the cost of your t-shirt. As a team member, you can stay for a little bit or spend the day and night with us. Yes, the entire night. You wouldn't believe the number of tents and campers set up on a football field! Team members can sign up to walk during part of the Relay but it is NOT mandatory. The deadline is April 10th in order to guarantee a t-shirt. We also need help at our booth during Relay selling our popular Rwandan coffee.

Survivors

Relay is a celebration of cancer survivors. Survivors are encouraged to register with our team and at no cost. Forms are again at the back of the church. The actual Relay opens with the cancer survivors taking a lap around the track. The opening lap takes place this year at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th at West Carteret High School and survivors are asked to register by 9:30 a.m. There is also going to be a Cancer Survivors' Reception on Sunday, May 3rd at the Civic Center. This will be a floating reception with free food, music, entertainment and fun for all ages. Survivors, caregivers, and family members are invited to come. All you have to do is RSVP to The Sproul's at 240-3527.



Corporate Sponsors

A lot of the money that teams are able to raise for Relay comes from Corporate Sponsors. There are different levels of corporate sponsorship ranging from \$250-\$3,000. For a \$250 Bronze level, a sponsor receives recognition in print advertising, a sign at the Relay, and complimentary entry fee for 10 people from your company (valued at \$100). With higher corporate sponsorship levels, the recognition increases. For instance, with a dona-

tion of \$500 your business name can be placed on the Relay t-shirt. If you would like more information on becoming a sponsor, please contact The Sproul's at 240-3527.

Kidswalk

The Relay Kidswalk will take place Saturday morning from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. It is so much fun!! The Kidswalk is designed for

young people up to age 15. The kidswalk opens with a lap around the track and then kids can enjoy numerous activities,

games, prizes, free food, etc... The cost to register is \$5 and young people are encouraged to raise \$25 for Relay. Sign up forms are at the back of the church. Deadline is April 10th!

Luminarias and Torches

As in years past the Relay For Life event includes a beautiful and touching Luminaria Ceremony. This year it will take place on Saturday, May 16th around 9:00 p.m. Candles are placed in luminaria bags and are lit to honor those fighting cancer or in remembrance of those who have lost their battle with cancer. The name of the person is written on the bag itself. These lights burn throughout the night, serving as a reminder

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Lenten Bible Study

A Beth Moore Bible Study will be held each Thursday morning in the Hospitality Room beginning Thursday, March 5th at 10:00 AM. "Wising Up" is a series of

messages from Beth Moore on the book of Proverbs and will be the focus of the program. There is no homework involved, just DVD's with guided instruction. Topics include: Wisdom of Words,

Wisdom of Restraint, Wising Up at Work, Wising Up with Our Money, How Wisdom Looks on a Wife, and Wisdom for a Woman's Sexuality.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— June 15-29, 2009

It's that time again! It may be cold outside; however, we are already planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School! We have a responsibility to use the talents God gave us to further His Kingdom. One very important way to do this is to teach His children. Department directors, department workers, as well as general workers are needed to work in VBS. "Go ye therefore and teach..." is God's great commandment to us. Our children need VBS but it can only happen if you will help. Don't hesitate to volunteer. You will be part of one of our most special weeks.

We are excited to once again partner with First



Baptist Church in Morehead City as Christians spread God's Word.

Our theme this year is "Studio Go Game Show" Each day at "Studio Go!" children will meet someone from the Bible who decided to team up with God and Go for it! Children will be given a Bible challenge each day: Go Lead, Go Risk, Go Tell, Go Obey, and Go Serve.



Are you willing to help the VBS this year? The children of Carteret County need YOU. Pray earnestly and ask God if this is Kingdom Work he would like for you to do. For more information or to sign up to help this year at Vacation Bible School contact Pat Davis (247-6909)

Special Thanks

From Val Bowmaster; Thank you all so much for your support, calls, cards, visits and, most importantly, your prayers. Our God is truly a healing God and He has answered our prayers to heal me from

appendix cancer. I pray God continues to bless each of you.

From Ed Nelson: My heartfelt thanks goes out to my Church family for all your thoughts and prayers. God has answered with a suc-

cessful operation and recovery. Praise be to God.



Questions and Stuff

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Pamela or Paul Sproul at 240-3527.

RELAY FOR LIFE CONT.

of the purpose for Relay For Life. Luminaries can be purchased for \$10 a piece. In addition to luminaries, a \$100 donation will sponsor a Tribute Torch to be displayed at the Relay. Pick up a form today and return to The Sproul's. Luminaries can

be purchased up to the event.

Golf Tournament

Do you like to golf? Then golf for Relay For Life. There is a golf tournament being held on April 18th at Brandywine – more information to follow.



Schedule of Special Services

Wednesday, March 4-April 1

Holy Communion: 7:00 AM– 10:00 AM– 5:30 PM

6:00 PM– Soup and Sandwich- \$ 5 per person...\$10 max (Guests: no charge)

7:00 PM– Winter Conference Video

Palm Sunday– April 5th

Morning Worship: 7:45 AM– 8:45 AM– 11:15 AM

4:00 PM– Presentation of The Passion– *Lamb of God*

Monday in Holy Week– April 6th– 7:00 AM Holy Communion

Tuesday in Holy Week– April 7th– 7:00 AM Holy Communion

Wednesday in Holy Week– April 8th- Holy Communion: 7:00 AM– 10:00 AM– 5:30 PM

6:00 PM– Soup and Sandwich- \$ 5 per person...\$10 max (Guests: no charge)

Maundy Thursday– April 9th

7:00 AM– Foot-washing Service

7:00 PM Institution of the Lord's Supper and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday– April 10th

7:00 AM– Stations of the Cross

Noon– 3:00 PM– *The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*

7:00 PM– Presentation of The Passion– *Lamb of God*

Easter Sunday– April 12th

5:30 AM– The Great Vigil of Easter

10:00 AM Festival Celebration of Easter

SOLDIERS FOR CHRIST

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you for your support! All Saints took part in the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring on February 1st. On Super Bowl Sunday, soup pots were at each entrance of our church in order to collect money to be donated to Hope Mission and Martha's Mission. This year we were able to donate \$152 to each organization!

Pool Party

Is it summertime already? Not yet, but that doesn't mean Soldiers For Christ didn't have a pool party. Thank you so much to The Grayson Family for inviting us to join them for an evening at their beach



retreat. They hosted our weekly meeting on Wednesday, February 11th. We enjoyed swimming followed by a festive pizza party. Did I mention that 21 teenagers showed up?

Pancake Supper and Teen Auction

Preparations are underway for the Soldiers For Christ hosted Pancake Supper and Teen Auction. You'll have to wait until next month to hear how much fun I'm sure it's going to be!

Friday Flick

We are beginning to hold monthly special events for the youth group – either movie or game nights. Our first event was open to everyone and was a showing of the movie, "Fireproof" on February 27th. Check out next

month's newsletter to see how it went.



Regular Meetings

Soldiers for Christ youth group meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room which is located in the back of the church's office. Meetings are open to high schoolers, grades 9 and up. You're always welcome to bring a friend! Come check us out and see what we're about! For more information contact Pamela or Paul Sproul at 240-3527.

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MARTHA'S MISSION CHALLENGE

In order to maintain proper inventories of food for the needs of our hungry citizens of Carteret County, Martha's Mission is again participating in the \$1 million challenge given by Allen Shawn Feinstein of Rhode Island. During

the months March and April, any food item collected by our church family and donated to Martha's Mission will be counted as \$1 per food (15 oz. can or jar). Cash donations will be counted as face value. The more you give, the more

of the \$1 million Martha's Mission will get. Please help the Mission take advantage of this offer by bringing your food items to the church during March and April. Thanks for opening your hearts and cupboards to Martha's Mission.



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Carol Blake Baldwin
- 3 Gloria Graham
- 5 Gail Horne
- 6 George Leach
Johnny Davis
- 8 June Armstrong
- 9 Carol Manooch
- 12 Lena Ennis
Tom Tempel
- 15 Thomas Hamilton
- 18 Mary Ann Aiken
- 20 Laurence Stith
- 21 Jon Springfield
- 22 Ryan Story
MaryLena Anderegg
Len Gibbs
- 25 Jason Brooks
- 27 Angie Rowland
- 29 Patricia Taylor
- 31 Delores Alger

- 5 Pete and Rhoda Allred
- 17 Gene and Tricia Neal
- 21 Cal and Janie Briley
- 22 Scott and Billie Chowning
- 23 Robert and Frances Britt
- 29 Jeff and Denise Story
- 30 George and Verda Phillips

