



Saints Alive!

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Richland, Washington

January 2012

The Outreach Corner



There were many wonderful happenings during Advent. One was your very generous support in decorating the Giving Tree for the second year. It was beautiful with its 104 stars, each representing a gift card that was placed with each Christmas Food Box. Many thanks for your good participation as well as your participation in packing the boxes. More than 25 parishioners packed boxes and many more distributed them on Saturday, December 17th. In addition, we gave money to the Golden Age food bank in Pasco, as well as the Union Gospel Mission. Since October we have given 170 food boxes for over 600 people in over 170 families. The donations that were made for the Christmas Letter allow us to give a gift of \$500 to Domestic Violence Services of the Tri-Cities.

Many people say or write "Thank You" for the food boxes, but occasionally there is something more specific. A committee member was told about two people crying upon receiving their box because "It was that important to them." Someone from another group had no food at all in their house. A committee member wrote, "I cannot imagine what it would be like to have no food at all. I've never gone without a meal."

It was indeed a very Blessed Advent and Christmas. The generosity of All Saints' parish has allowed your Outreach Committee to spend nearly \$30,000 this last year, helping people and organizations in this Community, Diocese, and around the world.

Come to our next meeting and help plan other events on Monday, January 9th, at 7:00pm in the Library.

Thank You Everyone!

We give Thanks!

-To Becky Hoffmann for leading the effort to send packages to the Marine unit stationed in Afghanistan.

It's nice to be able to do something tangible for these young men who are so far from home and in harm's way.

-To those who helped decorate the church in preparation for Christmas so beautiful, as always!

- To George Richmond, Rick Walling, Jake and Adrienne Jacobsen, Jane and Bruce Schmoetzer, Ed and Joyce McClanahan, Theresa Grate, and Ann Nash for helping to set up and decorate the Parish Hall for Candles and Carols. With so many helpers, it didn't take long and it was lots of fun, too! We received many compliments on how lovely the tables looked.

-To Steve and Julie Wiley for so generously donating the wine for our Candles and Carols celebration. Their taste in wine is excellent, and everyone enjoyed their offerings.

-To George Evans for repairing the children's processional cross.

Thank you all!



THANK YOU



Newsletter Deadline
Monday,
January 23

Rectors Corner

In place of Jane's monthly column, below is the text of the Presiding Bishop's Christmas Eve homily.

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. God has increased their joy, for a child has been given, whose authority shall grow continually, and bring endless peace... from this time forth and forevermore, says Isaiah.

The eternal hope and yearning of the human race emerges from darkness into light in the birth of this child both humble and divine. We have burdened his shoulders with every earthly failing and divine hope for light in the darkness, warmth in the cold, food for our hunger, righteousness in place of injustice, an end to violence and war, and a lasting and eternal peace. Those yearnings continue to burst forth in human hearts, and we live in hope that his reign will ultimately bring them to reality. We gather to celebrate his birth and recover that eternal hope.

I met a young man named Jesse not long ago high in the mountains in a town in Colorado. He told of being thrown out of the place where he was living, through no fault of his own. He said it was the second time he'd become homeless. The first time he was put out into the darkness of a snowy night with no money and only the clothing he wore. He wandered the streets until the police stopped and asked him what was wrong. They took him to a community agency that helped him find a hotel room for the night. The second ousting from his temporary home meant that now he would flee that town, and seek shelter and refuge in a warmer, desert climate. He may not have had the traveling companions of the babe born in Bethlehem, but he did have a surrounding community of care and help, bringing light into his darkness.

Jesus was born for this for the homeless Jesse and his brothers and sisters in the cold and hungry darkness of rejection and violence. Jesus is born anew in human hearts every time we meet the vulnerable for which is all of us, once we awaken to the reality of our own longing.

We are all filled with the same yearnings for an enduring home and healing in a community of peace. Particularly in this season of want and uncertainty we look for stability, confidence, and faith in something or someone beyond our own insufficiency. That God might cast off divine glory and be vulnerable enough to take on human flesh

seems beyond the ken of many. Yet it is that very vulnerability that offers hope for when we know our own need and hunger and yearning.

This frail infant is clothed with divine glory for the lowly lifted up and the hungry fed at his birth. And over all this drama of divine entry into human flesh hovers a community not unlike this one. Angels draw our attention to the holy in our midst. Parents, elders, and teachers steward our growing wisdom and awareness and guide us into growth toward the full stature of Christ for the glory of God in a human being fully alive. Shepherds keep watch, lest danger come to the vulnerable.

Jesse's angels guided the night-watching shepherds to his side and led him to shelter. The elders of Leadville guided him into the heart of a welcoming community table. That table has room for all who hunger and thirst for in body and in spirit. It is peopled by the poor and the better off, by Spanish speakers and Anglos, by people from Ireland and Greece, by the wounded and the outwardly well. Each one comes into a stable like this one, hoping to meet the holy. We meet that holy child in every vulnerable human being, in every one who hungers and thirsts. We meet him growing to maturity in all who answer their neighbor's vulnerability and need. He is present with us at this table and at every table and meeting where need meets response. Salvation lies all around us.

Where is the holy child born again? Who gathers to watch over, nurture, and guard the growing redeemer in our midst? Will we indeed recognize the image of God on all faces, and call that divine mark into fuller stature and greater glory and more abundant life? We share this creative and redeeming drama in ways beyond our knowing. Will you gather around the holy one?

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Saints Alive Online

It's not too late to get your monthly copy of *Saints Alive* sent to your e-mail inbox! To subscribe to the online newsletter, please fill out one of the online newsletter request forms located in the Narthex or the office and turn it in to the office. Or you can send your request to admin@allsaintsrichland.org with the e-mail address that you would like the newsletter sent to.

Children & Youth Ministries

by Theresa Grate

No Sunday School Classes on January 1. See you on the 8th for the Epiphany story in Godly Play! It's a great day to come join us.



Feast of the Kings, Sunday, January 8, 5:00pm. Our annual Epiphany party starts with crown-making, then progresses to a potluck dinner, followed by a king's cake, Epiphany Bingo for all ages, and a pageant put on by our youth. Come help us celebrate the arrival of the wise ones! The king's cake will be made by last year's king, the Rev. Jane Schmoetzer. If you find the prize this year, we will crown you "king" for the evening. All are invited!

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), January 13-15, 2012, Spokane. The Cathedral of St. John in Spokane will be the setting for the 6th annual Teens Encounter Christ retreat. This retreat is open to all youth in 9th-12th grades. Teens Encounter Christ is a youth-centered and youth-led weekend where youth learn about the love of God, "Agape." The weekend is filled with activities, talks, friends and worship. It is an incredibly powerful event for youth to attend. Registration packets are available on The Cathedral of St. John's website at www.stjohns-cathedral.org. For more information about this event please contact Michelle Klippert at mmklip@comcast.net.

Teacher's Meeting, January 22, noon. Planning for Lent, Easter, and beyond! Lunch will be provided.

Winter/Spring activities. The list of dates for All Saints' children and youth activities for the remainder of the school year is now available. Pick up your copy off the activity rack in the narthex.

Christmas Eve music: awesome job, Singers and Dingers! Thanks so much to Liz Carter for leading us, and to all our young participants: Cynthia and Anthony Barragan, Isabela and Alannah Riedinger, Ethan and Bridget Lawrence, Kelsie and Rilie Berg, Nicole and Derek Herling, Ryan and Coen McGlenn, Chloe Kessler, and Trystin, Joshua, and Kamran Boone.

Thanks so much to all the parishioners who donated items for the Ukrainian Christmas stockings and all who packed them at Advent Activities! A 40 lb. box was shipped, and received in the Ukraine before Christmas! I continue to be amazed and thankful for the generous spirit at All Saints!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Lisa Richmond



The January gathering for the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Friday, January 27, 9:30am to 11:30am at the Hardback Cafe inside Hastings Bookstore on George Washington Way in Richland. New members are always welcome.

If you know of someone going through a difficult time that you feel would like to receive a shawl, please call the church office. Delivery of a shawl can be quickly arranged.

Annual Meeting

Because our Treasurer will be out of town during the month of January, this year's Annual Meeting will be slightly later than is customary. This year we will gather after the 10:15 service on February 12. There will be many important agenda items, such as the election of new vestry members and delegates to diocesan convention, and reports on the various ministries and projects within the church. Your attendance is important!

The meeting will be preceded by a potluck luncheon, so plan to bring a dish to share (be sure to bring plenty!). Plan to come, enjoy a meal, and support your candidates! For those with young children, the nursery will be open during lunch and the meeting.

A Spiritual Journey with Dutch Carlisle

Recently Bea Wardlow in our Pastoral Care group gave any opening meditation and prayer. She began with "If there is one thing we need in the midst of our busy, loud, stressful lives, it is the inner quiet that only God can give." Bea told me she got this from a meditation book, "God is in the Small Stuff."

I thought about how often in my busy, bustling days that it is only when I stop and take time for quiet, silent time that I feel God's presence and peace overwhelm me. And there are days that I spend more time than others in silence. Silence is truly "golden." Many times while sitting in my favorite chair, with my eyes closed and totally relaxed as I offer myself to the presence of God, my lovable cat startles me by jumping up in my lap for a loving tummy rub. I am moved. Her love for me is so like my love for God. I jump up into his "being" for my peace-receiving love.

My Christian friends, take time in your day to spend time with our loving God. It is truly a "golden" moment.



Saints and Sinners

Saints and Sinners will meet on Friday, January 13, at the home of George and Bette Evans, 610 Carner Court East. The social hour begins at 6:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. Singles are asked to provide dessert or salad, and couples may bring a main dish or salad and dessert. Please bring silverware, plate, cup, and \$2.00 for beverage. **Please RSVP the Evans' by January 11 at 627-2632.**



Caring for "Our" Marines

Thanks to those who have adopted Marines from a unit deployed in Afghanistan and are sending them packages on a regular basis: Becky Hoffmann, Ceil Fruchter, the Byrd family, Pat Morse, Dutch Carlisle, Liz Carter, and Jake and Adrienne Jacobsen.

We still have two soldiers that have not been "adopted;" if you would like to adopt one of these soldiers, please contact Becky Hoffmann at 627-1770. In the meantime, All Saints is making sure that they also receive goodies on a regular basis. If you would like to contribute to this effort, you can either make a donation to All Saints (write "Marines" on the memo line), which will pay for postage and some items. You may also purchase goodies and drop them off at the church - we will see that they get packed and shipped. Here is a short list of suggested items:

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| Tube socks | Foot warmers |
| Kipper snacks | Peanut M&M's |
| Rice Crispy Treats | Beef Jerky |
| Peanuts in the shell | Trail mix |
| Travel toothpaste | Dried fruit |
| Toothbrushes | Crystal Light |
| Travel size laundry soap | Cheezits |
| Tuna | Microwavable stew |
| Personal care wipes (from the baby section) | |

These boys are out in the field for an undisclosed amount of time. Thus, the need for travel sizes of personal hygiene items. They get to a large base with washing machines and showers occasionally, but not on a regular basis.

Christmas Greetings Page

The following people sent donations for the Christmas Greetings Page, but were received after the letter had gone to print:

Bob & Emily Nichols
Wayne & Pat Hamilton

Thanks to everyone who contributed!



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Clergy

The Rev. Jane Schmoetzer, Rector
The Rev. Dorothy Carlisle, Deacon, Retired
The Rev. M. A. Hawkins, Deacon, Retired

Worship Services

Sunday, 8:00am & 10:15am
Wednesday, 12:10pm

Major Weekly Programs

September – June

Midweek Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:00pm

Music Rehearsals

Choir - Wednesday, 7:00pm

Feast of the Kings



Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 8

5:00 — 7:00pm

Potluck Dinner

King's Cake