

Crossways

The Newsletter of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City, NY

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Preparing for Christmas

November 30th, December 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th*
~ Mostly Thursdays* in Advent*

5:30 p.m. - Advent Program **When God Comes Down:** The evening begins with Taizé HE or Evening Prayer followed by simple soup supper & program.

*The first class is on a Wednesday and final class will take place on Wednesday, December 28th which is in Christmas!

December 3rd & 4th ~ Advent 2

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Evening Prayer Rite I led by Worship Leader Judy Horton and featuring JumpStart All Saints' presentation by Don Thorpe

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I with the Rev. C. James Jones, celebrant and featuring JumpStart All Saints' presentation by Don Thorpe

December 10th & 11th ~ Advent 3

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite I with the Rev. C. James Jones, celebrant

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I with the Rev. C. James Jones, celebrant

December 17th & 18th ~ Advent 4

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I, "Farewell to the Heden Family" and pageant rehearsal, soup lunch and greening of the church

7:00 p.m. Sunday - [Blue Christmas Service of Prayer & Remembrance](#)



December 24th ~ Saturday ~ Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Friendly Christmas Eve Rite II HE with Christmas Pageant

11:00 p.m. Eucharist Celebration of the Feast of Christmas with choir, Rite I

December 25th ~ Sunday ~ Christmas Day

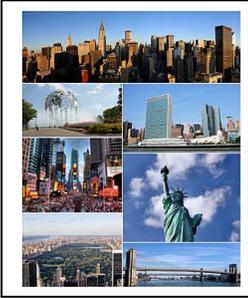
10:00 a.m. Eucharist Celebration of the Feast of Christmas with choir, No Church School

December 31st & January 1st ~ Vigil for and Feast of the Holy Name

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Lessons, Carols & Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Lessons & Carols, Eucharist with Choir

The Rector's Christmas Letter and special offering envelope for Christmas will be mailed to homes mid-December.



“NEW YORK STATE OF MIND” CABARET UPDATE

New York State of Mind proved to be another successful cabaret. After expenses, we netted \$2,609, including some monetary donations. As “producers” Johanna and I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to make it a success. Special thanks to our various coordinators: Patty and Paul Donnelly (kitchen), Don and Debbie Thorpe (baskets), Lucy and Nan Grabowski (decorating and set up), Judy and Dave Horton (tickets and more), and Scout Troop 110. Also thanks to John Isenberg, Erik Heden (our man on the ladder), Gary Zurn, Linda Barkman, Kathy Cramer, and Mother Chris.

Finally, we thank all the performers and the wonderful folks who supported Cabaret by attending and donating baskets and food. As the saying goes – “It takes a village” and the All Saints’ family is indeed a wonderful village.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ALREADY HAVE MADE A PLEDGE FOR 2017!

Much thanks to all who pledged or requested envelopes for 2017 by November 27th! So far we have 52 pledges for a total of \$125,872.50. There are still eight pledge cards, from 2016 pledgers, outstanding. (The Pledge In-Gathering was October 23rd). Pledges give us the ability to plan and manage the budget for the coming year and thoughtfully carry out our mission in Christ. As you are able, please help All Saints’. Every committed pledge is important. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Blank pledge cards are available at the Usher’s desk in the Narthex.

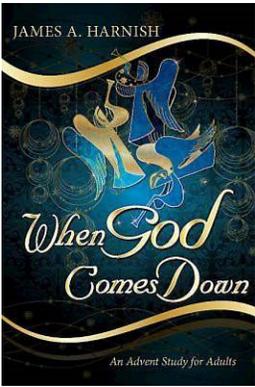
Thank you very much...

Linda Barkman, Barbara Barton, Patty Benda Scotto, Don & Sandy Brewster, Doris Brink, Daniel Bubnis, Clark & Darlene Byarley, Dennis & Cindy Cole, Sally Cole, Ceil Cwikla, Christian & Ann Day, the Rev. Christine Day, Marilyn Doersam, Paul & Patty Donnelly. Nancy & Art Elwood, Robert & Christy Finta, Arlene Foley, Barbara Freed, Ruth Furman, the Rev. Dcn. David Ganter, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Nancy Grabowski, Ralph and Pat Holloway, Dave & Judy Horton, Richard & Bonnie Hrebin, Arlene Huyck, Margaret & Jim Isaming, Tom & Sandy Johnson, Martin & Joy Kasmarcik, Nancy & Larry Kiley, Richard & Lois Kimble, Matt & Colleen Labosky, Paul Labosky, Debbie & Herb Lake, Shirley Lipman, Juanita Lougher, Sue & Steve Mahon, Bob & Betty McCurry, Alan Motsko, Eileen & Dave Patch, Sarah & James Harrison-Pautard, David and Lonna Pierce, Jay Shoemaker, Sara-Jo Sites, Bob Steber, Roberta Szwalla, Larry & Ida Taft, Don & Debbie Thorpe, Bill & Kim Trowbridge, Bill & Margaret Vollrath, John Watkins, Gary & Bobbi Zurn.



CUB SCOUT PACK 100 TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 3rd AT ALL SAINTS’

Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree sale beginning the weekend of December 3rd & 4th and again on December 10th & 11th in All Saints’ parking lot. They will set up their “booth” next to the office wall of the building and be open on Saturdays and Sundays—except during our service times. During this time, the passage way between the back parking lot and the front parking lot will be blocked off for cars. Trees available: to be added in the December issue of Crossways as well as the price. This is a major fundraiser for the Cub Scouts!



WHEN GOD COMES DOWN: ADVENT SERIES
ON THURSDAYS WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th AT 5:30 PM,
THEN THURSDAYS AT
5:30 PM AFTER THAT...

Oh the best laid plans of mice and men! Due to other commitments and the JC Christmas Parade (for which Mother Day is Mrs. Claus) the FIRST session of the Advent Program will be on Wednesday, November 30th at 5:30 PM instead of on

So then come on the remaining December Thursdays at 5:30 pm during Advent and Christmas week for sessions 2-5 of the 2016 Advent Program: *When God Comes Down*. The five sessions will begin on Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 pm with a celebration of Holy Eucharist in the chapel and a simple soup and bread supper and the program will follow in the Library. During Advent 2 & 3, while the Rector is on vacation, there will be Evening Prayer instead of Eucharist. The Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce will lead all the sessions.

When God Comes Down is a five-week study, providing one lesson for each week of Advent and one for Christmas. Each lesson includes a key Scripture, a brief reflection, discussion/reflection questions, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week. In this study, the Rev. James A Harnish explores the meaning of the incarnation...God with us in human flesh.

Often our Advent/Christmas journey is focused on us – our memories, feelings, relationships and experiences. This study puts the focus on God's action in Jesus Christ. It encourages participants to think more deeply in terms of the biblical, theological, and spiritual meaning of the Nativity and to apply it to their own lives.

The study looks at the stories of the primary biblical characters in the birth stories through whose lives the miracle of incarnation happened: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. Harnish also looks at a traditional character in nativity plays, one who is not mentioned in the Bible, the innkeeper. Through all these characters, he helps us claim for ourselves the reality of God's presence with us.

James A. Harnish is the author of numerous books and Bible studies, including *A Disciple's Path*, *Strength for the Broken Places*, *Simple Rules for Money*, and *You Only Have to Die*. He is an acclaimed pastor and ordained elder in The United Methodist Church who has led congregations throughout Florida, most recently Hyde Park in Tampa where he served for twenty-two years. In 2014, after forty-two years of active ministry, he retired from full-time ministry and moved to Winter Haven, Florida, where he lives with his wife, Marsha, and enjoys writing, reading, and playing with his grandchildren.

Interested? Want to come? Then sign-up in the Narthex and pick up a book when they arrive!



JUMP START ALL SAINTS': THE FUTURE OF ALL SAINTS' DISCUSSION ON DECEMBER 3rd-4th EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE DISCUSSION

The Future of All Saints' Discussion

In April, Mother Chris, Judy Horton, and I attended a meeting called "Jump Start CNY" hosted by the Diocese of CNY. At this meeting, we had some presentations and discussions about Episcopal Churches in our diocese as well as nationally. The goal of this conference was to help parishes have 'A QUICK SELF ANALYSIS TOOL TO HELP CONGREGATIONS FIND THE FIRE IN THEIR BELLY TO CHART A NEW COURSE'.

Some of the suggestions for how to do this included: showing a line graph depicting the Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) over the last 10 years at All Saints; charting what percent of the dollars given to All Saints comes from people in certain age groups; finding out how do we overcome the fear of change in our parish; examining seven ways to start the recasting of building assets; realizing that fear freezes finding solutions.

I have been reporting to the Vestry of All Saints as well as soliciting their input on some of the covered materials. In particular, we have talked about things that they feel are unchangeable about All Saints and what are the sacred cows in our church. The Vestry feels that it is time to involve the parish since many of the topics will have an impact on our future as a church. On December 3 and 4 I will present what was covered at the conference as well as ask for your input. This will occur during the services and will be in place of the sermon since Mother Chris will be away that weekend. I feel that this is an important discussion and urge every parishioner to attend. Please come and be part of the conversation!

Don Thorpe



SOUP AND SANDWICH BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

A Big Thank You to everyone that brings in their bottles and cans for our Soup and Sandwich Lunch. Please note lately we have been getting quite a few cans for Brisk Tea and Gatorade that are not refundable. We have had juice and hard cider bottles also donated but they do not have a deposit on them. Please make sure that the bottles or cans you donate have the 5 cent deposit on them. Also

please do not crush the bottles or cans. They do not go through the machines or the Can man will not take them. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT



A big Thank You to the people who have already taken a name for our Christmas Angels. We still about 4 children left that have requested our assistance. **The unwrapped gifts are due back at church on Sunday December 4th.** We have divided our children into two groups, one for clothes and one for toys and games. Since some of the children have asked for bedding, feel free to ask a friend at church to help with that request. So we could have 3 or 4 families taking care of

one child. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 607-729-2794 or 760-7918. If you do not like shopping but would like to help you could always donate some money and we will find someone to do the shopping. Thank you

Judy Horton



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF PRAYER, REMEMBRANCE AND MUSIC TO BE HELD AT 4 PM SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th AT ST. PAUL'S ENDICOTT

On Sunday afternoon, December 11 at 4 PM you are invited to attend a "Blue Christmas Service" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 Jefferson Ave, Endicott, NY. This service is also known as "The Longest Night" or a "Service of Comfort and Rest". It is intended for those who have experienced

loss--through death, divorce, depression, and many other life challenges--and for those under stress during the holiday season who need a time of rest. With singing and Scripture reading, a homily and Eucharist, this service invites those who attend to take time for themselves. It is a time for healing and acknowledging the pain and stress that the holidays can bring for some. It is intended to acknowledge that for some Christmas is not all we proclaim it to be; some struggle during the holidays and this service helps them to express and acknowledge those feelings. A reception will follow the service.

The Rev. John R. Martinichio



LIFE GOES ON: A CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON DECEMBER 14th AT JONATHAN'S in ENDWELL

Life Goes On usually holds their monthly luncheon meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM. at various local restaurants. There will be a Christmas lunch (no gifts) on December 14th at Jonathan's in Endwell. Want to come and give it a try? Call Arlene Foley (607-797-2111); (e-mail arlenefoley@aol.com). The location for the January meeting, January 25th, has not been determined as of this issue of *Crossways*. The location of the meeting will be announced in church.



“THE SAVIOR’S BIRTH”— A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ON DECEMBER 24TH, CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE 5:00 PM CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Come one, come all to All Saints’ Christmas Pageant, “The Savior’s Birth”
Author Unknown will be presented during the 5:00 pm celebration of Holy

Eucharist on Christmas Eve. “The Savior’s Birth”, author unknown, will be starring members of the Toddlers’ Class and the K-5th Grade Class as well as members of the congregation. Barrilyn Polhamus will be the director. I need adults to read the parts while the children act out their characters. Please consider volunteering to read. I need 3 Inn keepers, Joseph, Mary, Shepherds, an Angel and a Narrator.

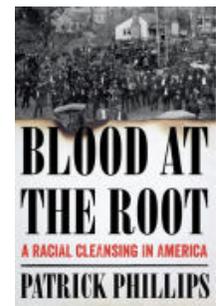
Rehearsals will take place during the children’s church school time. Dress rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 18th at 11:30 AM, following the Advent 4, 10:00 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist, prior to the greening of the church.

“The Savior’s Birth” uses scripture and Christmas carols to narrate story of Jesus’ birth. Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, stars, and Magi will act out the story as read by members of the congregation. The 5:00 pm congregation will help out by singing "O come All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "O Holy Night," "Away in a Manger", "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", "We Three Kings", and "Joy to the World".

Come to the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve liturgy to watch our youngest All Sainters tell the Good News of God in Christ!

Barrilyn Polhamus

**BOOK CLUB TO MEET ON DECEMBER 28th AT 7:30
PM AT THE RECTORY: READING PATRICK
PHILLIPS’ BOOK: *BLOOD AT THE ROOT: A RACIAL
CLEANSING IN AMERICA.***



Well, it was decided. After finishing Colson Whitehead’s *The Underground Railroad*, the Book Club decided to begin to read *Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America* by Patrick Phillips. His book chronicles how all African-Americans were driven out of Forsyth County Georgia in 1912.

Here’s the publisher’s blurb:

“Forsyth County, Georgia, at the turn of the twentieth century was home to a large African American community that included ministers and teachers, farmers and field hands, tradesmen, servants, and children. Many black residents were poor sharecroppers, but others owned their own farms and the land on which they’d founded the county’s thriving black churches.

“But then in September of 1912, three young black laborers were accused of raping and murdering a white girl. One man was dragged from a jail cell and lynched on the town square, two teenagers were hung after a one-day trial, and soon bands of white “night riders” launched a coordinated campaign of arson and terror, driving all 1,098 black citizens out of the county. In the wake of the expulsions, whites

harvested the crops and took over the livestock of their former neighbors, and quietly laid claim to “abandoned” land. The charred ruins of homes and churches disappeared into the weeds, until the people and places of black Forsyth were forgotten.

“National Book Award finalist Patrick Phillips tells Forsyth’s tragic story in vivid detail and traces its long history of racial violence all the way back to antebellum Georgia. Recalling his own childhood in the 1970s and ’80s, Phillips sheds light on the communal crimes of his hometown and the violent means by which locals kept Forsyth “all white” well into the 1990s.

“Blood at the Root is a sweeping American tale that spans the Cherokee removals of the 1830s, the hope and promise of Reconstruction, and the crushing injustice of Forsyth’s racial cleansing. With bold storytelling and lyrical prose, Phillips breaks a century-long silence and uncovers a history of racial terrorism that continues to shape America in the twenty-first century.”

Interested? Pick-up a copy, come on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:30 PM at the Rectory and be part of the discussion!

CHURCH DECORATING PARTY, DECEMBER 18TH & DRESS PAGEANT REHEARSAL FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE



On Sunday, December 18th, our 10 a.m. service will be followed by the last Christmas Pageant rehearsal and decorating of the church. A soup luncheon will be provided by the church. Altar Guild [and anyone willing to help— all volunteers are welcome to help decorate!] are asked to assist with the decorating of the church following the 10 a.m. service and pageant rehearsal on the morning of December 18th.



SAYING GOODBYE TO ERIK, REBEKAH, KAYLEIGH, CHRISTIAN AND MATTHEW HEDEN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, ADVENT 4...

As we prepare for Christmas by “greening” the church on Sunday, December 18th after the 10 AM Eucharist while partaking of a soup lunch, All Saints’ also will be saying farewell to Erik, Rebekah, Kayleigh, Christian and Matthew Heden. In addition to the usual decorations, wreaths, crèche, candles, soup, bread there will be a cake to celebrate the Hedens. As Erik will begin his new post with the National Weather Service right after Christmas, they will leave for North Carolina the next day. Erik has served on All Saints’ Vestry—the host of Lemonade/Cider on the Lawn and Family Movie Nights—as well as has taught Church School. Rebekah has been a wonderful addition to the Choir and to the Cabaret. Kayleigh has been a conscientious acolyte, a star in the Cabaret and helper in the choir for those younger than she. Christian has enjoyed ushering and being in the Church School. Matthew loves to sing the recessional hymn and process with the Rector. They will all be missed. Even if decorating the Church for Christmas or soup luncheon is not your thing, please stop by on the 18th of December to say goodbye to the Heden Family!



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF PRAYER,
REMEMBRANCE AND MUSIC TO BE HELD AT 7 PM
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th AT ALL SAINTS'**

Cries of "Merry Christmas!" and non-stop caroling contrast with the feelings of many people at this time of year. For those suffering from the recent or impending death of loved ones and for those whose families are in crisis, it can be a very isolated and dreary time. Every greeting and every song reminds the grief-stricken of how unhappy life is at this moment.

Many churches have begun to recognize that Festivals of Lessons and Carols, celebrations of Christmas, and children's pageants do not meet everyone's needs. To fill this gap, churches offer a Blue Christmas service. People who are not having a very merry Christmas and friends who support them are invited to come and sit with one another in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.

All Saints' will be offering a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18th at 7 PM. The service will include music and silence interspersed with readings from Scripture and prayers of solace and hope. Each person is encouraged to bring readings to share, photos or objects of remembrance. Candles will be lit for loved ones and in hope. If your heart is heavy this Advent and Christmastide, please come and bring a friend. Come and be reassured that God loves us in sorrow and joy, and that we are not alone.

If you wish to come but not on December 18th, St. Paul's Church, Endicott will also have a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday December 11th at 4 PM. For more information see the notice above.



**WHAT? NO TREE TRIMMING PARTY!
NO!
AN EPIPHANY 2 TREE UN-TRIMMING PARTY INSTEAD
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th AFTER THE 10 AM EUCHARIST!**

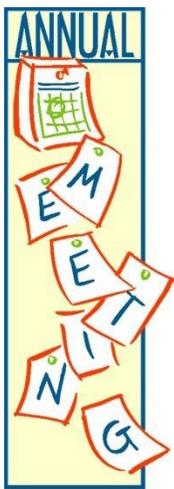
Well it was just too difficult to fit everything into two weeks of Advent since the Rector will finally take two weeks of vacation Advent 2-Advent 3 (December 3rd-16th). So instead of having a Rectory Tree Trimming Party on Sunday December 18th, there will be a Rectory Tree Un-Trimming Party on Sunday, January 15th, Epiphany 2, following the 10 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist.

Chicken mulligatawny soup, sandwiches, salad and desserts are on the menu. The episcopets, the puppy bishops, Alphege and Thomas Cranmer will be on their best behavior to welcome you. The tree purchased from Cub Scout Troop 100 will be ready to be denuded and ready to return to nature. Perhaps there will even be time for one more run of the Polar Express train before it returns to the second floor train room! Come! Sign up in the Narthex!



THE VESTRY WANTS YOU!

The nominating committee consisting of [Bob Steber](#), [Linda Barkman](#), [Barb Freed](#) and [Dar Byarley](#) is requesting nominations from the congregation for vestry persons [two three-year terms and one two-year term] and one warden [two year term]. Please contact any one of these four people to either place your name into consideration or to nominate someone else. [Per Annual meeting of last year, we changed the by-laws of All Saints' to reduce the number of vestrypersons to 6 from 9.](#) We will therefore only be electing two vestry people for a full three year term, as well as one vestry person to complete Erik Heden's term (two years in length) and one warden. We will elect two vestrypersons the next two years to replace the three outgoing vestrypersons to reduce to six vestrypersons. The committee will present the nominations for consideration at All Saints' Annual Meeting on January 22nd, 2017.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 12TH!

Are you the chair of a committee? Stewardship? Are you a leader of an activity? Property & Grounds? CHOW? College Love Boxes? Military Boxes? Christian Ed Director? Music Director? Treasurer? Soup & Sandwich Lunch Program, Etc.? Then please send in your written report of your ministry during 2015. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 22nd 2017 and **reports are due January 12th!**

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 22TH, 2017 AT 10: 00 A.M.

The Annual Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 22nd, 2017 beginning at the 10:00 a.m. celebration of Holy Eucharist and will continue with a Pot Luck Brunch in the Great Hall. See THE VESTRY WANTS YOU! Above

for details on vestrypersons and warden to be elected. Come and have your opinion heard. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. At All Saints' all are welcome!

MINISTRY



During the month of January, new rosters will be prepared for the months of February, March, April and May of year 2017. Please remember that once you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to be at church for your assignment. Schedule coordinators are listed below. Please remember to inform them of dates in these months that you are unavailable.

ASSISTANTS

Scheduling Coordinators

Acolytes and Ushers:	Bob Steber	Phone: 765-6476	Email: bsteber@aol.com
Assistants & Lectors:	Gary Zurn	Phone: 754-4528	Email: garyz2353@aol.com
Counters:	Don Thorpe	Phone: 748-8577	Email: dthorpe@stny.rr.com

All Saints’ 2016 budget—it is not a balanced budget. It is once again a “faith-based” budget. In other words, it will require faith to create \$14,524 more income for 2016 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$ 14,524 in “Faith Income” for 2016 is primarily due to pledge income remaining flat and expenses which have increased about 6%. (Compare 2016 with 59 pledges for a total of \$129,454 to 2015 with 56 pledges for a total of \$126,226). In 2016 a monthly income of \$15,506 will be needed to balance the expenses.

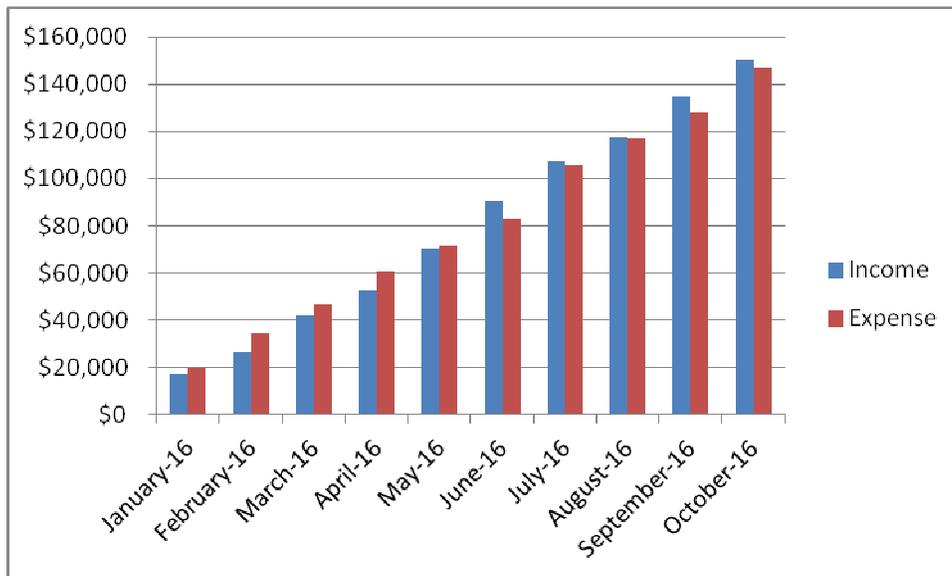
As *Crossways* goes to press before the most recent monthly bank statements and parish financial statements are prepared, “Dollars & Cents” provides information for the previous month: in this case October 2016 for the December 2016-January 2017 issue of *Crossways*. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints’ cash flow. Better yet, make a gift to “faith income!” Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26).

	Actual as of October 31, 2016	Annual Budget 2016
Offering & Pledges	\$112,178	\$143,504
Fundraising □	\$15,510	\$18,450
Other Income †	\$22,425	\$9,590
Faith Income	\$0	\$14,524
Total Income	\$150,113	\$186,068
Total Expenses	\$147,063	\$186,068
Profit (Loss)	\$3,050	\$0

✖Gross Income: does not include Cabaret yet

†Includes two bequests

	As of October 31, 2016	Total October 2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$ 400	
All Saints' Checking	\$12,513	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$12,913	
Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$2,849	
Designated Funds	\$9,959	
Rebuilding All Saints'*	\$ 43	
Total Savings	\$12,851	
Total Cash & Savings		\$25,764
UIF Investment Funds*	\$27,410	
Total Cash, Savings, Investments		\$53,174



Special Christmas Offering — Christmas Offering Envelopes will be inserted in the Rector’s Christmas letter to be mailed in mid-December. Please remember that you **must include your name** on the envelope to receive credit on your giving statement.

Year 2017 Pledge Envelopes — for parishioners who have requested envelopes will be available for pick up in the narthex of the church on the weekend of 12/17,18. If you would like envelopes and do not find them there, please contact the office and a set will be assigned to you. **Please do not use envelopes from a prior year for 2016 contributions**, as new numbers are assigned each year and you may not receive credit for your contribution.

Year 2016 Pledge Statement Reminder — Pledge and other special gifts **received on or before December 31, 2016** will be posted on your Year 2016 statement. Pledge offerings and other special offerings arriving **after** December 31 will be posted on your 2016 statements. If you would like a statement of what you have paid to date, please contact the office. Year 2016 final statements will be available for pickup in the narthex the week of January 24th. If you wish your statement mailed to you, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church office.

"Let the children have their night of fun and laughter, let the gifts of Father Christmas delight their play. Let us grown-ups share to the full in their unstinted pleasures before we turn again to the stern tasks and formidable years that lie before us, resolved by our sacrifice and daring these same children shall not be robbed of their inheritance or denied their right to live in a free and decent world. And so, in God's mercy, a happy Christmas to you all."

—Winston Churchill (1941)

in a Christmas Eve speech
during the darkest days
of World War II



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PRAYER LIST BEGINNING DECEMBER

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector. Once a year, at the beginning of Advent the current Long Term List will be used for the month of December, but will start again, with names moving down from the Short-Term List in January. If you have a person you wish to remain on the Long-Term List, **you must send in the name to the office by January 4, 2017** to be included on the **new** Long-Term List.



MILITARY LIST:

Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Steven Serbun, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake

SHORT TERM LIST:

Libby, Cooper Bush, Doris Brink, Ardis Rogers, Sandy Johnson, Paul Donnelly, Delores Kasmarcik, Lauren Saleeby, Bonnie & John Mando, Colby & Jim Vollrath, David Pierce, Jane Chomyszak, Laura Harman, Connie Rita, Ruth Furman, Jim Isaming, Elizabeth Holt, Ryan Lane, the Rev. Joell Szachara, the Rev. Don Matthews, Joseph Dotolo, and Sarah Harrison-Pautard

LONG TERM LIST:

Phillip Kasmarcik, Joy Kasmarcik, Alicia LaMaine, Jaden Kasmarcik, Bella LaMaine, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Nancy Grabowski, Chieyann Grabowski, LaVonne Zdimal; Sam McMullen, Eli Pierce; Dreux Cook Louise Rogers, Jessica Mc Bride, Lori Szwalla, Luther Chergosky, Tony Szwalla, Dick Kimble, Kayleigh Mahon, Ralph & Patricia Holloway, Bob Gillmer, Clark Byarley, Nanette McIntosh, Megan Gillmer

Celebrations in **DECEMBER**

- 02 Austin Steber
- 03 Benjamin Reynolds
- 04 Debbie Thorpe
- 09 Barri Lynn Polhamus
- 15 Nate Goosovat
- 17 Carol Mastroe
Hank Scott
- 18 Cynthia Macarak
- 19 Beth Hollenbeck
Robert McCurry
Donald Nauerz
- 23 Barbara Freed
- 25 Joseph Dotolo
- 28 Ryan Hrebin
Kayleigh Mahon
- 30 Arlene Foley
- 31 Matthew Labosky



- 01 Wilma and Donald Nauerz
- 17 Gary and Bobbi Zurn
- 28 Nancy and Kenneth Baker

Sanctuary Candle

December 4th – given by Barb Freed in memory of Donald Freed

December 11th – OPEN

December 18th – given by Daniel Bubnis in memory of Victoria Alex

December 25th – given by Allen Motsko in memory of William and Martha Motsko; given by Daniel Bubnis in memory of Joseph & Edwina Bubnis

Altar Flowers

December 4th – given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her granddaughter, Christina Gutta; given by Don Thorpe in thanksgiving for the birthday of his wife Debbie Thorpe.

December 11th –given by David & Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of David’s mother, Louise Pierce, given by Patti & Paul Donnelly in memory of John Paul Donnelly; and given by Amy & Steve Kelly in memory of Connie Whalen

December 18th – given by Doris Brink in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter, Barbara Freed; given by Debbie & Don Thorpe in memory of Fred VanDervoort

December 25th -Will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins.

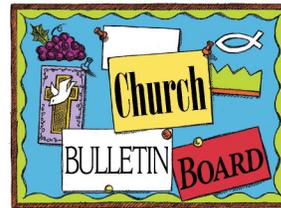
Memorials designated for Christmas Bulletins are available for review at the Memorial Desk . The deadline for submitting Christmas memorials is Sunday, December 11th [Advent 3.] Please use Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Fund forms (available at the Tract Rack & Memorial Desk) to add memorials and leave the form(s) and your donation in the office door mailbox. *Thank You!*



*The Rector, Wardens, Vestry & Staff
Wish you a Blessed Christmas*

Celebrations in

January



- 02 Wilma Nauerz
- 03 Robert E. Steber
- 05 Richard Kimble
Paul Labosky
- 08 Adam Robert Davie
- 10 Jay Shoemaker
- 13 Christian James Heden
- 18 John Weaver
- 19 Henry Polhamus
- 20 Nancy Baker
- 22 Christian Day
- 23 Johanna Kiley Hickey
- 25 Lauren Kiley Saleeby



No anniversaries this month!

Sanctuary Candle

January 1st – OPEN

January 8th – OPEN

January 15th – OPEN.

January 22th – OPEN

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Remember to check the parish bulletin boards at our main entrance for news that arrives after *Crossways* is printed.

Weekly parish announcements are forwarded to our websexton and are posted on our website.

Altar Flowers

January 1st – given by Patti & Paul Donnelly in memory of Jay O. Holt and Roger Holt.

January 8th – given Ida Taft in thanksgiving of Adam Davie's birthday

January 15th – given by Barbara Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Steven Freed.

January 22nd – OPEN

January 29th – OPEN

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			Advent Study 5:30pm <i>When God Comes down on</i> Wednesday, November 30 th Taizé HE, simple soup supper, & program: THEN December 8, 15, 22,28	1 7:15 Choir	2 Church Office Closed +	3 + 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm Evening Prayer
4 +Advent 2 10:00am HE Rite 1 Father Jim Jones, celebrant	5 + Church Office Closed	6 +	7 + 12:30pm LGO lunch @ En-Joie Restaurant 5:30pm Advent Study#2 6:30pm Jr. League Bd. Mtg.	8 + 5:30pm Advent Study#2 7:15pm Choir	9 Church Office Closed +	10 + 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE Father Jim Jones, celebrant
11+ Advent 3 10:00am HE Rite 1 Father Jim Jones, celebrant 2:30 pm Bridgewater	12 + Church Office Closed	13 +	14+ 12:30pm LGO lunch @ Meeting - Library 6:30pm Vestry	15 + 5:30pm Advent Study#3 7:15pm Choir	16 Church Office Closed + 7:00-8:30pm Brownie Troop # 829	17 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
18 Advent 4 10am HE Rite 1 Decorating Church & Soup & Final Pageant Practice 7:00pm Blue Christmas Lit.	19‡ Church Office Closed	20	21 10:00am HE	22 5:30pm Advent Study#4 7:15pm Choir	23 Church Office Closed	24 No Soup & Sandwich 5:00 Family Christmas Eve HE & Pageant 11:00pm Festive HE
25 Christmas Day 10:00am HE Rite 2	26 CHOW Pantry and Church Office Closed	27 +	28 10:00am HE 5:30pm Advent Study#5 7:30pm Book Club at Rectory	29 + 2:30pm Ideal HE	30 Church Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve 5th Saturday Team! 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE

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1 The Holy Name 10:00am HE II	2 Church Office Closed Boys Scouts 5 – 9:00pm	3 6:30pm Jr. League Board Meeting	4 10:00am HE	5 7:15pm Choir	6 + Church Office Closed	7 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE Rite 2
8 Epiphany 1+ 10:00am HE II [Church un-decorated after 10am service] 2:30pm Bridgewater HE 6:15pm Rector/Warden Mtg	9 Church Office Closed Boys Scouts 5 – 9:00pmM	10+ Tai Chi 1-2pm 6:30pm Boy Scouts Leader mtg	11 10:00am HE 7:00 Vestry Mtg. Annual Reports DUE	12 7:15pm Choir Tai Chi 1-2pm	13 + Church Office Closed	14 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE Rite 2
15 Epiphany 2 10:00am HE II 11:30 pm Undecorating Christmas Tree Brunch at Rectory	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed	17 Tai Chi 1-2:00pm	18 10:00am HE 6:00pm0 Jr. League Council & General Meeting	19 7:15pm Choir Tai Chi 1-2pm	20+ Church Office Closed	21 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch No 5:00pm Service this week – Annual Meeting combined service @ 9am on Sunday, the 22 rd
22 Epiphany 3 + 10:00am HE & Annual Mtg.  ANNUAL MEETING 2:30 pm Susquehanna HE 3-5:00pmPatrol mtg.	23 Church Office Closed Boys Scouts 5 – 9:00pm	24 + Tai Chi 1-2:00pm	25 10:00am HE 12:30pm Life Goes On Luncheon -	26 7:15pm Choir Tai Chi 1-2pm	27+ Church Office Closed	28 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE Rite 2
29 Epiphany 4+ 10:00am HE 3:00pm Vestal Nursing HE	30 Church Office Closed Boys Scouts 5 – 9:00pm	31 Tai Chi 1-2:00pm				