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**Saints Alive!: News & Announcements for the week of December 2, 2018**

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## ***Saints' Alive!***

**News & Events for the week of December 2, 2018**

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Sunday 12/2**

8:30a Celtic Holy Eucharist  
10:30a Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour Host:  
Finance, Stewardship,  
Memorial Committees

#### **Monday 12/3**

4:00p Bound Together  
Cooking  
7:00p AA

#### **Tuesday 12/4**

4:00p Bound Together  
6:00p Spirituality Group

#### **Wednesday 12/5**

4:00p Bound Together  
7:30p Choir

## **The First Sunday of Advent**

### **Readings for this Week:**

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)  
[1 Thessalonians 3:9-13](#)  
[Luke 21:25-36](#)  
[Psalm 25:1-9](#)

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Chris Johnson

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## Rector's Note

### Thursday 12/6

Lighthouse Program  
begins  
4:00p Bound Together

### Friday 12/7

Office Closed  
Lighthouse  
11:00a AA  
10:00a Resale Shop

### Saturday 12/8

Lighthouse  
8:00a Community  
Breakfast  
10:00a  
Resale/Produce/Book  
Shop

### Future Events

#### **Dec 10 Pictorial Directory photos**

#### **Dec 6-19 Lighthouse Holiday Program**

#### **Dec 11 Bound Together Christmas Party- Everyone is invited!**

#### **Dec 16 Burt Carols**

#### **Dec 22 Window Insulation**

#### **Dec 23 Hanging of the Greens**

#### **Dec 24 Services at 4:00p and 10:00p**

#### **Dec 25 Service at 10:30**

*People in every community care about something. The most important asset in any community is people's willingness to act on what they care about. Care brings people together for common purpose. Care is a song that flows through every community and those who want to develop stronger communities must know how to recognize it and harmonize with it. The song of community becomes more audible to leaders willing to ask simple questions and listen thoughtfully to the answers:*

- *What do you care about?*
- *What will you do about that?*

*When the song of care is clearly heard, people find the power to act together. Those who want to help often try to get community members to do things that helper's think they should do, based on the helper's problem analysis. If, as often happens, the helpers find no responses they conclude that citizens don't care. They apply labels like "unmotivated," "in denial," and "at risk" to a place because they can't hear the song of community there. But the reality is different. People not caring about what others want them to care about is a different kind of problem from people not caring. Some conclude that no one cares, but in twenty-five years of community work I have never seen a community where people don't care about something! When communities are not responsive to a particular agenda, this does not mean that people do not care. It is more a problem of poor listening to the community than a problem of low motivation in the community.*

Mike Green:

When People Care Enough to Act, 55-56.

This quotation from Mike Green is his description of the Song of Community. I began working with Mike while I was implementing work outlined in General Convention resolution 2009-A155 as a Program Officer of our church. Ironically, I had to move to the metropolitan New York City area to meet a neighbor...literally from my neighborhood in Denver. Mike is even an Episcopalian! What stands out most to me from this particular quote is its message of profound optimism. Everyone cares about something! I helped Mike introduce Asset Based Community Development thinking to a number of dioceses through the Jubilee Ministry network. My role often included translating this message into the vernacular of our congregations so that leadership could make some connections with their own challenges. As I see it, the challenge before the church is not declining membership and corresponding decreases in financial giving. Those are merely symptoms. The challenge is whether we, as an institutional body of people who gather regularly for worship, are willing to listen to one

another talk about the things we care most about and to invite other people who do not attend our churches to do the same.

One of the aims of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer was its emphasis on establishing vibrant, empowered ministries among the laity along with a corresponding reduction of clerical dependency. I am not sure if there exist many, if any, models of this imagined Episcopal Community. But I do know that our shift in a congregational leadership model from one of "Father knows best" to one of an empowered laity is only part of the shift we need to make. I suspect we here at All Saints have made/ are making that shift well, but the other half is that which Mike Green intimates. That is: while we might be better in touch with making necessary adaptations to secure the interests of our own cares; the health of our congregation depends upon our willingness and ability to listen for and discover what it is that other people care about with the same vigor we use to pursue our own cares.

What would it look like if we truly sought to love our neighbor as we love ourselves? I suspect that when we hear the song of community as Mike describes we will know.

Grace and peace in Christ,  
Chris

**Note from the Sr. Warden**

Dear Saints'

With Thanksgiving behind us, we now begin to look forward to Christmas and all of the wonderful activities of the holiday season. Here are a few dates to put on your calendar:

- Sunday December 16th at 4pm Burt Carol Concert
- Christmas Eve at 4pm Holy Eucharist
- Christmas Eve at 10pm Christmas music by All Saints' Choir; 10:30pm Holy Eucharist
- Christmas Day at 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Hopefully you will be able to attend one or more of our beautiful and meaningful services.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for after church on Sunday, January 27th. As you know, at this time we elect four new Vestry members to replace the four whose terms are up. We are in the process of putting the Vestry slate together. If you would consider running for Vestry, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee (Lisa Berg, MaryBeth Tygielski, Bob Senseney or Gail Hunger). You must have permission from the one you are nominating before doing so. Please have all nominations to the committee by December 7, 2018.

Happy holiday season and God bless you and yours.

Gail

## Hepatitis A vaccine

### Second Dose Information--

The Oakland County Health Department ("OCHD") came to All Saints' on June 9th and 11th to administer the first dose for the Hepatitis A vaccine. At that time it was mentioned that this is a "2-step" vaccine meaning that a second dose could be given 6 months from the time of the administration of the first dose. That time is now here, December 9th and 11th.

Fortunately, the OCHD was able to administer the first dose free of charge. I have been in contact with the OCHD throughout the fall with hopes that the second dose would also be able to be administered free of charge. Unfortunately that is not the case. Although the second dose is recommended, you are 95% protected with the one single dose. Please read the following information regarding how to obtain the second dose of this vaccine if you are wanting to do so.

Thank you for taking care of your health and personal health needs.

Mary Beth Tygielski RN

## Window Insulation Party

**When:** Saturday, December 22nd

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Eats & Drinks:** Donuts for a starter  
Pizza and Soda for lunch

Experience not required.  
We offer "on the job" training.

**Donations:** The Property Committee will gladly accept monetary donations to help with the purchase of materials used for the window insulation project! If you would like to offer a contribution, please speak with Lisa Berg. Thanks.

## DID YOU KNOW...???

- New lighting has been installed in the Nave
- The new roof and drainage system have been installed on the South entry/vestibule (other work still in progress)
- The 2nd floor Men's Restroom has been repainted with the addition of artwork
- Rooms 4 & 6 in the undercroft have been repainted and the Bound Together office has moved from the Old Rectory into this space
- The Choir Room has been repainted and artwork hung
- A new music library has been installed in the Choir Room
- The Library has been repainted, window casements repaired and is getting a furnishing facelift
- The quilt box has been built and installed on the stairwell landing going to the 3rd floor (The repaired quilt should be hung very soon)
- The 3rd floor hallways are in the process of being repainted (archival photos etc. will be hung when painting is complete)
- The video security system both inside and outside have been updated and expanded
- We have contracted with Oakland County Snow Removal for our winter weather needs
- Routine maintenance/repair and annual maintenance/inspections are on-going (alarm systems, fire systems, sprinklers, kitchen, boilers, Orkin, plumbing...)
- And so much more...

Thank you to the many many volunteers and professionals who have worked so hard to help with the upkeep, safety/security and beautification of our landscape and parish home!

## The Old Rectory Christmas Shoppe

The holiday spirit has invaded the Resale Shop! The entire second floor of the shop has been turned into a Christmas wonderland. There are so many beautiful ornaments and decorations for you to choose from. Come see this wonderful addition to our campus which may be fondly referred to as "Frankenmuth South". See you there!!!

## Christmas and Holiday Shopping

When you are doing your shopping on **Amazon** this year, remember to use the link that appears at the bottom of the first page on the All Saints' website. All Saints' receives up to 6% of all purchases from Amazon!

## Pictorial Directory

Hello All (you) Saints! Our Photo Session Schedule is mostly filled for Monday, December 10. The remaining appointments range from 5:30pm to 8:40pm but there only a few left. If you want to have your photo taken at our church on December 10, please use this link to sign yourself in <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxxhkn3v/>  
Our Church Account number is 297882

If you are unable to find a time that works for you OR you are unable to be at our church on that Monday, you may call: 866-756-0281 and someone there will help you to find another location on another day that may be more convenient. Right now these are the dates and places I am aware of:

Farmington Hills -- December 27,  
28 & 29

You will have to call 866-756-0281 for all of the details and to sign up. You will have a "visitor" designation at those other locations but you can use the All Saints' Account number (297882) so your photo appears in our directory.

I will be available to assist you via email. Please contact me via email ([pamela.todoroff@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.todoroff@gmail.com)) if you have questions. And thanks! ~Pamela Todoroff

## Pastoral Care, Notes & Birthdays

### **Office Administration Hours**

**Tuesday 9:30-4:00**

**Wednesday 9:30-4:00**

**Thursday 9:30-3:30**

### **Prayers**

For those who have asked for our prayers: Ali, Alicia, Annamary, Arnold, Ben, Chris and Lisa, David, Delphine, Ernie, Frannie, Glenden, Gordie, Greg, Jan, Janet, John, Juana, Lenora, Linda, Lisa, Mark, Mary Louise, Michelle, Pete, Portia, Reatha, Sarah, Shari, Shirley, Susy, Twyla, Ward and Charles.

### **Birthdays:**

Dec 3 Pam Daily

Dec 8 Annamary Waldon

### **Notes**

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Dec 9 Coffee Hour Host: Prayer Shawl and Altar Guild

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