



E-Messenger April 25, 2024

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*



Photo from Tom Hobin

Dear All Saints' Family,

Earth Day 2024 was this Monday. Organizers are quick to remind, "*It's not a day it is a movement.*" Let us continue to pray for and tend the earth.

*Called to be God's partners in the care of the planet
Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth:
Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world;
where we waste, give us discipline to conserve;
where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care.
May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things,*

*for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all,
and with your Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Here are [a few resources](#) if you wish to explore Earth Day activities more deeply and build daily practices of tending the earth.

This year, the Earth Day theme is *Planet vs. Plastics*. You can read about the damaging consequences of plastic wastes, and in my view, most important, action items under the heading *Demand Change*:

"Rapidly phase out all single use plastics, urgently push for a strong UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution, and call for an end to fast fashion."

We as a church are making progress in phasing out single use plastics. We use pitchers of tap water rather than plastic bottles at coffee hour. We had the tap water tested - it is fine to drink. (Thanks, Chip for accomplishing the water testing.) We mostly use compostable cups, plates, and eating utensils. And we have a large composter outside. We have more work to do getting compostable waste from Rose Hall to that composter, but we are poised to do so.

A word about an end to "fast fashion"...you may want to look this up if it is an unfamiliar term for you. We are blessed with marvelous sewing and creative gifts within the congregation. When vestments or altar linens or even kneelers start to show signs of use, we do not buy new ones. Charlotte has lovingly tended to many a church "fashion" need - from putting new fabric on kneelers, repairing altar coverings, and mending the pall, choir vestments, and albs. Most recently she refashioned an ancient chasuble with hopeless wine stains into a beautiful linen covering for cremains at a funeral. (Thank you, Charlotte). If you have a sewing gift, let me know. In a church as

large and historic as All Saints' we have many projects!

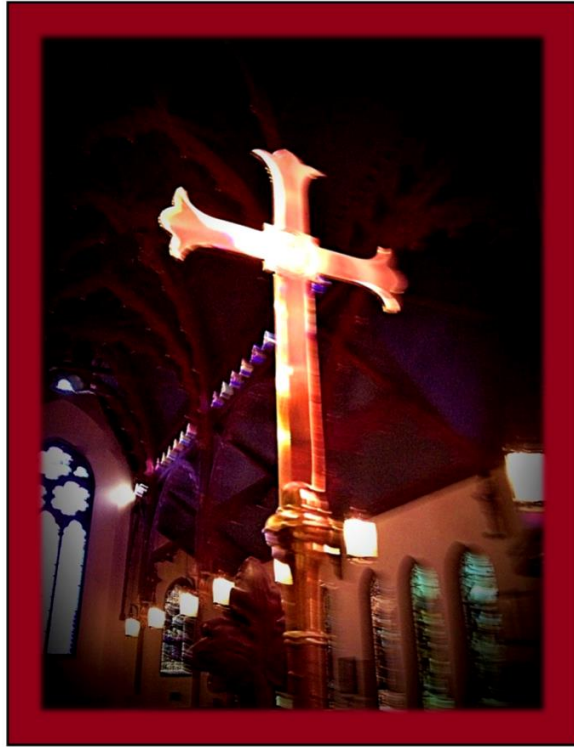
Today on the Feast of St. Mark the appointed readings from Ephesians includes this verse: *The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*



St. Mark, Coptic Icon

Filled with the blessings and hope of this Eastertide, may we use our gifts for the building up of the body of Christ.

Easter Peace,
Julie

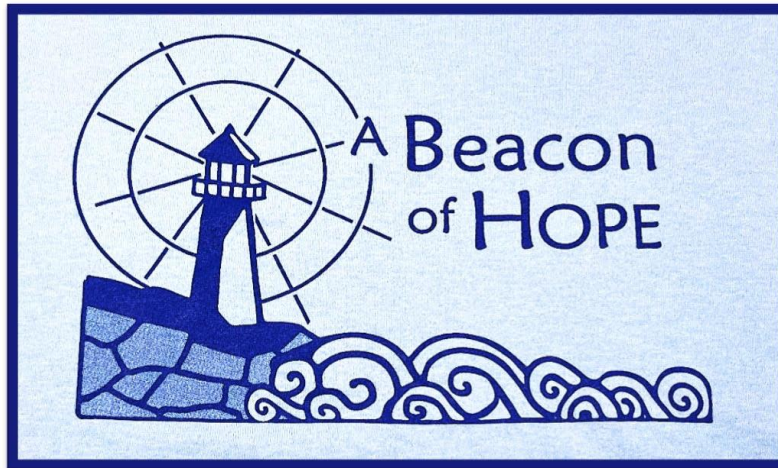


All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist in-person, on Facebook, or via zoom at 9:30 am.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFEcIFiUT09>

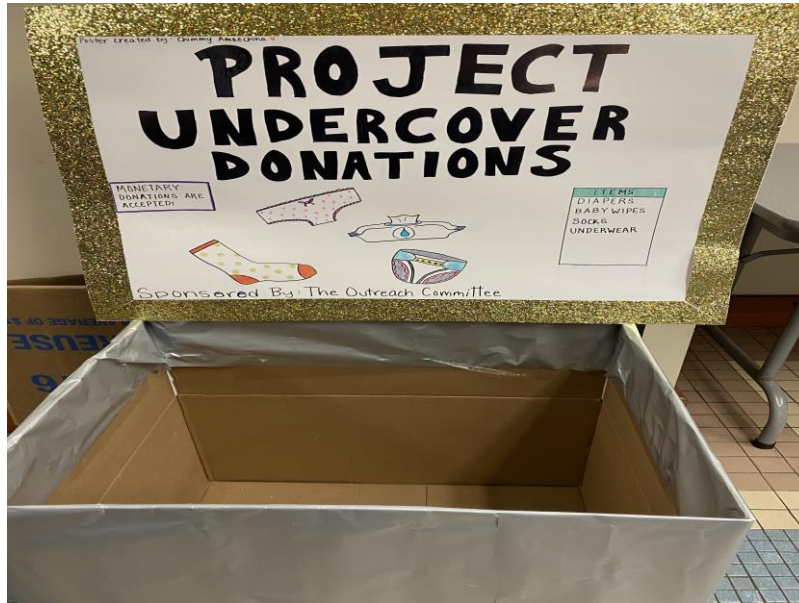
The Service program may be found [here](#).



Outreach News

We are collecting supplies for *Project Undercover*: diapers, wipes, socks and underwear for pre-school aged children. You may also donate by check, made out to All Saints Memorial Church, with Outreach on the Memo line. At the end of the drive, we take what we have collected to John Hope Settlement House.

~ Linda Johnson



Monthly Food Collection: This month we are collecting cold cereal although any non-perishable food items are most welcome. Thank you for your generosity!



*Wednesday Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, May
1st*

This Wednesday all are welcome to join our monthly Healing Service with Holy Eucharist at 12:00 pm (in the church).

We resume our Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers/Scripture discussion on Wednesday, May 8.

Ministries

April 28

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40 Barbara Badio

Response: Psalm 22:24-30 Barbara Badio

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Prayers of the People: Tom Hobin

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Acolyte: Dan Mechnig

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

May 5

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48 Dan Mechnig

Response: Psalm 98 Dan Mechnig

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Eric Hirsch

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Prayers of the People: Nnenna Amaechina

Chalice: Bill McBorrough

Acolyte: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Upcoming Events

May 1: Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, Noon, in the church

May 1: Choir Practice

May 5: Organ Restoration Meeting following the Service

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, and Theo; and for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton,

James, Rachael, Eva McBorrow, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Elizabeth Pacek, Calie, Ivy, John Dunning, Clara Hutchins, Andrew, Mary Carter, Karen, and Billy.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Victor Ventura-Carreira

We pray for young adults in our congregation - Willcia, Roma, Kojo, Anne Marie, Sarah, Fatima, Raheem, and Sommie; we pray for Derrick and Natalya who are soon to graduate from high school. May they know the Lord's steadfast presence and love in all that they do.

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