

All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI <u>www.allsaintsmemorial.org</u>

E-Messenger, February 15th, 2024

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

"The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe the good news." (Mark 1:15)

Dear All Saints' Family,

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. Each year during that service the People of God are invited to the observance of a holy Lent. Here is an excerpt from that Lenten invitation in the BCP (p. 264-5):

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became a custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism...I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Reminding that the word Lent comes from an old English word for spring, Rev. John Alexander titled his 2016 book of Lenten reflections, *Springtime of the Spirit*.

Welcome to the "springtime" season even with the vision of winter beauty outside. May this Lenten season be one of deep spiritual renewal and growth.

Thank you to Tom for leading us in a Movement for Life session on Sunday. The next session is Sunday, February 25th after the Service,

11:00-11:40.



Tom passed along a prayer that is beautiful anytime but also a nice prayer for the beginning of Lent. It was composed by Howard Thurman, pastor, theologian, and civil rights leader:

Lord, Lord, Open unto Me

Open unto me, light for my darkness. Open unto me, courage for my fear. Open unto me, hope for my despair. Open unto me, peace for my turmoil. Open unto me, joy for my sorrow. Open unto me, strength for my weakness. Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion. Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins. Open unto me, love for my hates. Open unto me, thy Self for my self. Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

In other news, I am scheduled for knee surgery on March 11th. This knee revision surgery will fix unresolved issues with my knee replacement two years ago. I expect to be out recovering for six weeks. Your prayers will be much appreciated. Rev. Bill Locke will serve as our celebrant for most services in my absence. We are blessed with a very able Vestry whose strong faith and wisdom will continue to lead our church.

Lenten Peace, Julie

All are warmly welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30am each Sunday. Here is the Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2 pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUT09

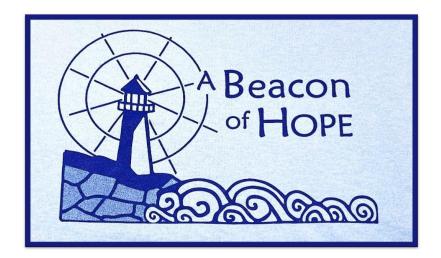
You will find Sunday's program **here**.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Movie

Join us next Wednesday for Noonday Prayer and a movie.

Here is the Zoom link if you wish to join Noonday Prayer from home. The Noonday Office is about 10 minutes of prayer that includes psalms, a scripture passage, a brief meditation, and intercessions.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4 KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09



Outreach News

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 18 following the Service

Monthly Food Collection: This month we are collecting peanut butter

(and tuna in March) although any non-perishable food items are most welcome.

Upcoming Events

February 18: Outreach meeting
February 18: Fire Emergency Committee meeting
February 21: Wednesday Noonday prayer and movie
February 22: Choir Practice
February 25: Vestry Meeting following the Service
February 25: Movement for Life led by Tom, 11:00-11:40

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, Theo, and Barry; and for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Eva McBorrough, Jennifer, Carla, Sawyer L., Philletta Payne, Elizabeth Pacek, Kerry DelaGaza, Nancy Pollard, Calie, and Ivy. 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 Anne Tait.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

February 18, 2024 First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 Chip Smith Response: Psalm Psalm 25:1-9 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Anne Tait Gospel: Mark 1:9-15 Chalice: Tom Hobin Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia Acolyte: Eric Hirsch Coffee hour: Kardi and Elizabeth

February 25, 2024 First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Rosetta Evans Response: Psalm 22: 22-30 Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25 April Donahower Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38 Prayer of the People: Monika Kraemer Chalice: Eric Hirsch Altar Guild: Pattie, Sandy & Julie Acolyte: Dan Mechnig Coffee hour: Kardi and Elizabeth



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