E-Messenger, March 31, 2022

Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!
Dear All Saints' Family,

“Regathering” is a new word for us as church – a church word that emerged with Covid-19. As soon as the first shelter-in-place in March of 2020 we began to talk about “regathering.” Over the past two years it has been hard to keep track of the number of times we have increased and
decreased the amount of people permitted for in-person church, or the number of times we have loosened mask, social distancing, singing, and coffee hour restrictions only to return to increased safety protocols due to a Covid surge. Whether or not we remember the details of how we gathered as church, we will remember that our fellowship remained strong even in the sadness of Covid-related separation. As a people of faith, as a communion of the Holy Spirit, we joined together as an expression of the Body of Christ in our hybrid, in-person and on-line way.

“Inreach” is another new word for us at All Saints’, a word that came up at our Vestry retreat last June. We talked about “inreach” in terms of a need for us get to know one another better and build a deeper sense of community within All Saints’. As a Vestry we observed that we do a nice job with outreach – reaching out to the neighborhood – but we could do a better job reaching out to one another within the All Saints’ community. Unfortunately, the fall/winter Covid surge put a stop to our “inreach” efforts. We went back to more of an on-line presence, paused coffee hour, and returned to masks and social distancing.

I have been thinking a lot about “regathering” and “inreach” lately. Thankfully, with substantially reduced Covid numbers we are starting to regather. We have not yet fully regathered. It would be wonderful if we could more fully gather in-person again starting with Holy Week and
Easter, marking newness in the celebration of resurrection. As we regather, let’s begin again with “inreach.” Let’s begin with names. As you say hello to someone at the Peace or in coffee hour, begin by introducing yourself, or re-introducing yourself. Let’s make a practice of this now. It has been a long two years. It is easy to forget names over time. Masks have made "inreach" all the more challenging. These introductions, by the way, can happen on Zoom and in-person. Introductions will be especially helpful for newer members who have joined us during these Covid years.

Mindful of the new, more transmissible variant, B.2, I do want to insert a note of caution in our regathering and inreach efforts. Some of us will continue to wear masks and prefer to social distance. We are blessed with a spacious church and windows that open. We can spread out and enjoy the open windows as spring arrives with warmer weather. We will continue to Zoom and stream our services on Facebook. We will be keeping a close watch on RIDOH Covid data. It could be that we will need to return to Covid protocols once again.

I invite and encourage you to come along with us on Holy Week, in-person if you are able, following Jesus’ footsteps on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday - a passage in which we become a new creation in Christ. A passage to resurrection, rising to newness in the heart of the crucified and risen Lord. A passage of the heart made possible by the power of Jesus’ love and compassion, the
power of unflagging belief in the goodness and light in every human being. You will be surprised and awed by the power of God’s Spirit deeply at work in you in those holy moments of dying and resurrection.

And speaking of introductions, I’d like to welcome Andrea Hutnak to our church family. Andrea is in the Deacon Training program and is joining us for a parish internship through December 2022.

May God’s Spirit draw us ever closer to Christ so that we too may be participants in that extraordinary love of God in Christ Jesus.

Lenten blessings,
Julie

_All Saints’ Mask Policy_
Masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated. We want to encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so. You may prefer to continue wearing a mask in the church and Rose Hall for many reasons.

All are invited and warmly welcomed to our Service of Holy Eucharist Sunday, April 3rd at 9:30 am

Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUT09
Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164
Password: 674674

Service Program Link:

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

April 10: Palm Sunday
            9:30am: The Sunday of the Passion

April 14: Maundy Thursday
            5:30 PM: Light supper of soup and bread
            7:00 pm: Service and Stripping of the Altar

April 15: Good Friday
            12:15 pm: Liturgy for Good Friday
            1:00 pm: Way of the Cross

April 17: Easter Sunday
            9:30 am: Festival Celebration of Easter
Thank you for your generosity. All Saints' donated $1070 to Episcopal Relief and Development for Ukrainian relief.

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*From the Office: 2022 Easter Altar Flowers*

The church will be decorated for the Easter season with lilies and other spring flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Linda.
You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, April 3rd. Suggested donation for the flowers is $25-$35. Please make checks payable to “All Saints' Memorial Church.”

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**Outreach News**

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**Collecting White Socks for Crossroads**

As you are out and about in your errands, pick up a pair of white socks for Crossroads. Outreach's annual white socks for Crossroads collection is under way. Please leave the socks in the basket by the church entrance or in Rose Hall. We are collecting white socks through Palm Sunday, April
Crossroads Family Center Needs Full Size Sheets
If you have an extra set of new or gently used full size sheets, please consider donating them to Crossroads Family Center. Please bring the sheets with you to church and Outreach will deliver them to Crossroads Family Center.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers
Discussion 12:00 - 1:00pm
All are welcome to join us for Noonday Prayer and our weekly Lenten book discussion. We are reading *The Hope of Glory* by Jon Meacham. A few copies are available at the church entrance. This Wednesday we will discuss the Fifth and Sixth Word (Chapters 5&6).

You may join us on Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8495593827?pwd=akNZelmSCTb1BoUU9hcWQrzk5xZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8495593827?pwd=akNZelmSCTb1BoUU9hcWQrzk5xZz09) or in-person in Rose Hall (12:00pm-1:00pm).

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**Food Collection**

Each week All Saints’ collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!
April: Canned Fruit
May: Cold Cereals

Upcoming Events

**April 6:** Choir rehearsal, choir room

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PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Marisa, Susan, Gloria, Musa, and Dan Nagle. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Jaime Bernardo, Michael, and Clyde Johnson.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Amaya Ventrua-Carreiro.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 3, 2022
First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 Chimmy Amaechina
Response: Psalm 126 Chimmy Amaechina
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 Cora Nagle
Gospel: John 12:1-8
Prayers of the People: Janelle & Selena Evans

April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Response: Psalm 31:9-16
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Prayers of the People

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