



## All Saints' Memorial Church

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*E-Messenger, May 18, 2023*

*Come and worship*

*Rejoice in fellowship*

*Love and serve the Lord!*



Dear All Saints' Family,

Thanks to all who made the Outreach Mother's Day Bake Sale a great success! Here is a message from Outreach:

*"This past Sunday, Rose Hall was awash in delicious aromas and tempting dishes. People brought in cakes, cookies, plantains, lasagna*

*and more. The Outreach Committee's Mother's Day Bake Sale was a great success and raised just over \$350.00 to support the parish's ongoing outreach work. Special thanks to Monika for organizing the event and all the cooks who contributed."*

Today is Ascension Day when the church marks Jesus being taken to heaven. Ascension was a moment of transition for Jesus' followers. The risen Lord had appeared to many disciples. Jesus showed his wounds to the apostle Thomas a detail in the Gospel that reminds us that the risen Lord was embodied. After Jesus' ascension the disciples awaited "another advocate". We celebrate the coming of this advocate - the Holy Spirit - next Sunday.

Transitions can be bittersweet. Beloved family or friends may be left behind or leave us. Transitions may separate us (for a time) from what we know and feel comfortable with. The future though, holds joy and newness even while mixed with the sadness of loss.

The months of May and June bring many transitions. Graduations in particular allow us to celebrate an end and a beginning. Gardens come alive again with rebirth and new growth. The school year ends and summer vacation begins. Our choir takes a summer break. We move from Eastertide, Ascension, and Pentecost to Ordinary time. Andrea will move from being a candidate to the diaconate to an ordained deacon.

There are lots of happenings here at All Saints'. Please take a minute to look at our calendar. Give yourself a moment to linger in the garden and admire the bird feeder an outgrowth of a Sunday school project led by Ms. Jill.

If you have a graduate in your family please let me know! We will bless our graduates on Sunday, June 4.

*God of Love,*

*You are with us in every transition.*

*As we enter into this new moment with excitement and even some anxiety, we remember your deep compassion, healing presence, and abounding love.*

*We thank you for the gifts and skills with which you have blessed us.*

*We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.*

*We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our lives and callings.*

*Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.*

*We ask this in your Holy Name.*

(Joseph Shadle)

Peace and Blessings,

Julie

**All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday, May 21, Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30am**

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUTo9>

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program here:

[http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service\\_bulletin\\_easter\\_vii\\_may\\_21\\_2023.pdf](http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_easter_vii_may_21_2023.pdf)



*Garden News*

Spring continues to unfold, with the irises beginning to bloom as well as more of the plants from last year. In the original garden along the parking lot, the false indigo (above photo) is in full bloom. At the southwest corner of the church where we planted in the fall, the hairy beardtongue is also in bloom. Another beardtongue will soon be in bloom at the corner of the garden as you enter through the gate. Just down the steps at the bottom, also on the right, is Jacob's ladder, so called because the leaves are suggestive of a ladder and the blue flowers point up towards heaven.



Before you turn to enter the office door, look across the side yard. You might see birds stopping by for some seeds at the bird feeder. A house

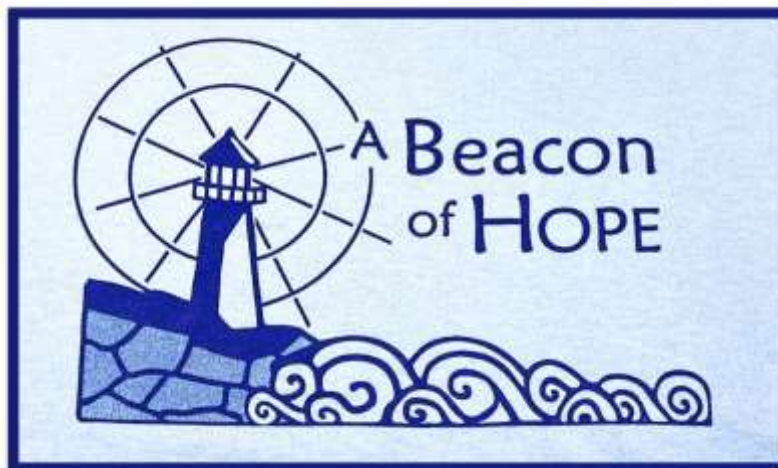


finch and some sparrows came to visit last Sunday. The bird feeder is a Church School project, an outgrowth of their reading about Jesus and the disciples being fed on their journeys.

Birds, too, need feeding on their journeys, whether on long migrations, or feeding their new families. We will leave seed pods after the flowers bloom, both to supplement the bird feeder and to grow new plants.

Our next **Garden Work Party is Saturday, May 27th from 1-3 pm.** We will be planting additional plants including two spicebushes in memory of Harrington Evans.

All are welcome. Please bring gloves and any garden tools that you have so that we have enough for everyone.



## *Outreach News*

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, May 21 after the Service

### **Project Undercover**



Outreach is collecting diapers, wipes, and children's socks & underwear for children newborn to age 5. Outreach will drop these items at John Hope House on a monthly basis. Please consider bringing some of these much needed items. For more about the John Hope Settlement House visit [johnhope.org](http://johnhope.org).

**Outreach 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!



- May: Cold Cereals
- June: Packaged Rice

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."*

*(Ephesians 4:32)*

### *Noonday Prayer and Faith*

*Inquirers      Wednesday, May 24*

We are reading the letter to Ephesians. We will discuss Chapters 4 and 5 on Wednesday, May 24.

We meet in Rose Hall at 12:00pm or you may join us via Zoom.

Here is the Zoom link if you wish to join us from home:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=SigTzVFbTR4KoZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQTo9>

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*Upcoming Events*

**May 21:** Facilities Meeting after the Service

**May 22:** Vestry Meeting, 6:30 pm Zoom

**May 24:** Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers

**May 24:** Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm-8:30pm

**May 27:** Creation Care Garden Work Party, 1:00pm-3:00pm

**May 28:** Day of Pentecost

**June 3:** Andrea's Ordination to the Diaconate, 2:00pm

**June 4:** Blessing of Graduates

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## *Prayers*

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, Barry, and Dirk. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Phil, John Flinton, Fontella, James, John Dunning, Peter Thoits, Rachael, Zo, Marie, Chris Moss, and Kerry.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch. We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

### ***May 21, 2023***

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14 April Donahower

Response: Psalm 68:1-10,33-36 April Donahower

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Dan Mechnig

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Prayers of People: Gigi Fahnbulleh

Chalice: Eric Hirsch

Altar Guild: Felicia and Patricia

Coffee Hour: Belinda Johnson

### ***May 28, 2023, Day of Pentecost***

First Reading: Nnenna Amaechina

Response: Psalm 104:25-35,37 Neb Amaechina

Second Reading: Anne Marie Nagle

Gospel: John 7:37-39

Prayers of People: Chimmy Amaechina

Chalice: Barbara Badio

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

Coffee Hour: Belinda Johnson

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