

All Saints'
Memorial Church
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

E-Messenger, November 10, 2022

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

And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces (Luke 9:16-17).

Dear All Saints' Family,

Thanksgiving is almost upon us and we have so much to be grateful for here at All Saints'. We had a marvelously festive and memorable celebration of All Saints Day and our 175th Anniversary on Sunday. I'd like to send out a huge note of thanks to Chip Smith, chair of the 175th committee.

We all went through many postponements and cancellations of planned

events during Covid, and are attuned to the challenge of keeping the hope and joy of a postponed event alive. Chip led us through two postponements of our 175th celebration and with his unwavering energy and enthusiasm carried us forward into the planning and organizing of Sunday's celebration. Many thanks, Chip!



More appreciation goes to Charlotte Burgess, Gloria Perry, and Musa Goll. We thank you, Charlotte for the handmade quilt; Gloria for your loving effort on decorating and setting up Rose Hall in anticipation of the brunch and putting together the candlelight remembrances; and Musa for helping Chip organize the delicious brunch including the wonderful Liberian dishes. Thank you to Musa and Famatta for coming in on Friday to hand wash all the china ahead of the brunch. A special thank you to Barbara Badio, Florence Goll, Lydia Muhlenburg, Cecelia Sirleaf for contributing your considerable culinary skills to our celebration. We

thank Ruby Smith for bringing the fabulous and beautiful cake for dessert. Our warm thanks go to Barry, the choir, and the Liberian singers for adding to the festivity with your musical gifts. And you are sure to enjoy Dan's delightful memories of All Saints' (please scroll down to read!)



Chip is also our Stewardship Chair. Even as he attended to the many details that arose in preparing for the 175th celebration, Chip has been leading our annual pledge campaign. I was struck by his thoughtful words in the recent stewardship letter: *"Taking inventory of our spiritual resources - the faith and strength of our All Saints' community, and the capacity for generosity - we realize that there is now and always has been, more than enough."*

The joy and fellowship of the 175th celebration gives us one more example of All Saints' faith and strength, and capacity for generosity. We are abundantly blessed and grateful.

And by the way, on behalf of Chip and the Vestry, please do complete your pledge card and return it to All Saints' by Sunday, November 20th. This will enable our Vestry to plan the 2023 budget. We thank you for your ongoing generosity.

In Peace,
Julie

Let us remember our Veterans in prayer.

For Heroic Service (BCP p. 839)

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All are warmly welcome to our Service of Holy Eucharist this Sunday at 9:30am.

Zoom link: Sunday November 13, 9:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFFcjFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service Program November 13, 9:30:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_23_pentecost_sunday_november_13_2022.pdf



Memories of All Saints' Past

by Dan Mechnig

My first recollection of All Saints is as a young boy in the 1950s I served on the Altar under Dr. Lyte who was a stately man whom I considered God on earth. I served at both services 8 and 10. In those days the 8 was communion and the 10 was morning prayer. The first Sunday of each month was communion at the 10 am service. My father would drop me off at 7:30 and pick me up later in the day. There was a young persons fellowship group and in the afternoon we would go roller skating or to a movie or bowl in the Church lanes that are now under the parking lot. Sundays in the 50s were quiet. Stores were not open other than a bakery or deli and Sunday dinner was a must attend no exceptions. Ham or a roast. A more simple time.

My favorite time at All Saints was Christmas Eve. The service was at 11pm in order that we would be singing Silent Night kneeling with the Church full to capacity, all the candles lit as the clock turned to midnight and Christ was born. The Church was wonderfully decorated with a huge Christmas tree that was erected by the fire dept. Dr. Lyte was honorary fire chief and many firemen attended the service. Something to behold. Unknown to me as a young boy just before midnight someone would sneak up to the third floor of the old parish house and turn a spot light on the head of Jesus over the altar. With all the lights out candles lit silent night being sung on our knees it seemed like a miracle. It is something I will never forget.

After serving in the military I came home and went to the Church at 11pm Christmas Eve and the doors were closed. I learned while I was away they changed the time to an earlier time to accommodate most people. I was disappointed and realized that times have changed and my memories would have to do.

Rev. Gene Rose followed Dr. Lyte and we became great friends until his death. He made a plea to help save the Altar window which was in bad shape. There was some talk about replacing it with some modern thing which put me over the cliff. So Harriet Choi and I cochaired an auction to raise money to save the window. The auction was a great success and the window was saved. Little did I know that it would need more work in the future.

During the late 70s early 80s we realized that the monster parish house was too much of a burden and discussion on what to do with it commenced. The old parish house was a beautiful large building that had seen its time. The beautiful foyer, grand staircase, receiving room on the first floor, a large second floor with a theater size stage. Grand but too much to take care of. The stage was the setting for the auction for the Altar window. Many fabulous items were given and we raised the money needed. The grand hall was also the setting for the yearly Christmas Bazaar. Many wonderful items were for sale with many booths. Kathy and I have a wonderful ceramic Christmas tree that was purchased at one,

which we display in our living room each year. Those were the days.

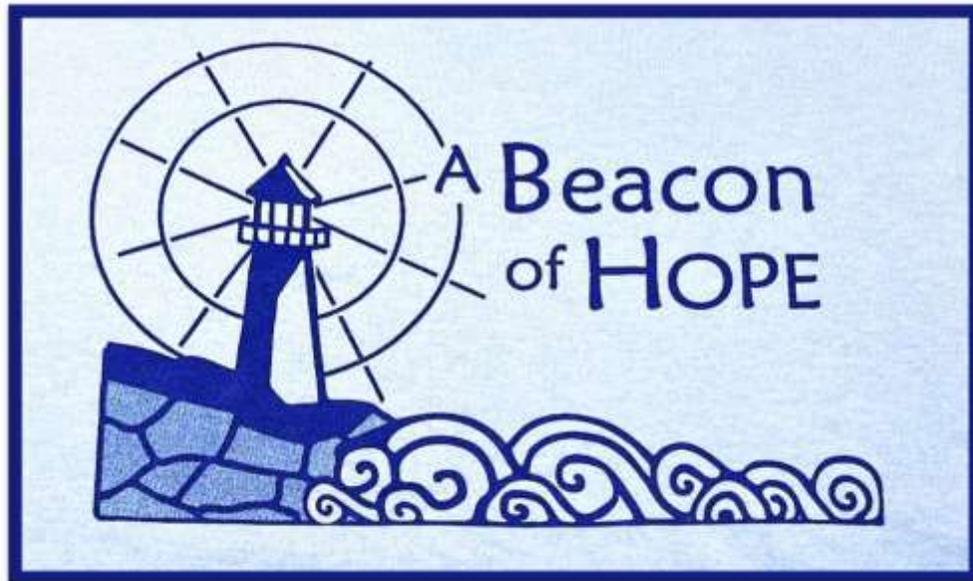
After much discussion and wringing of the hands we decided to tear down the parish house, sell some of the land to St. Elizabeth and dig out the basement to accommodate a new parish hall named in honor of Rev. Gene Rose.

Many of the parishioners over 20 consecutive years traveled to Bermuda the day after Christmas for the New Years holiday led by Nancy and Gus Sundin. The trips were legendary and the fun we had was something one can never forget.

After Rev. Rose came Rev. Jim Bocchino and he was the Rector for 21 years. We also became good friends. After his departure we were lucky to have Rev. David Ames as our leader for 8 years. Now we come to Rev. Julie and we are blessed to have her.

In this uncertain world All Saints survival is in our and Gods hands. What ever happens in the future I can say that All Saints has been a major part of my life. I have met some extraordinary and wonderful people which I call all of you my friends. I have carried the Cross for so many services it is hard to count, I miss all that have gone before us. I have a multitude of memories. Long Live All Saints.

Outreach News



Next Outreach Meeting: Sunday, November 13 after the Service.

Thanksgiving Baskets: We are preparing 35 Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution to our neighbors. We will assemble the baskets on Sunday Nov. 20 after the Service in Rose Hall. Please jump in and help with this all-church project!

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!

- November: Boxed Mac & Cheese

- December: Canned Vegetables



Music Notes

Ethel Smyth, the composer of “O Gott, du frommer Gott” (O God, Our faithful God), Sunday’s prelude, was born in Kent, England. Although April 22nd is the actual day of her birth, she celebrated it with her family on April 23rd, as they enjoyed the coincidence with William Shakespeare’s 39th birthday (and, coincidentally, mine). She was active in the women’s suffrage movement in England but faced many challenges as a woman in the male dominated world of composers.

Her music was often considered too masculine and not appropriate for a “lady composer”. Nonetheless, in recognition of her work as a composer and writer, Smyth was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in 1922, becoming the first female composer to be awarded a damehood. The text of our processional hymn, which has “O Gott, du frommer Gott” as the hymn tune, was written by the English Quaker Edward Grubb. A major leader in British Quaker circles, his

pacifism was a consequence of his disillusionment with the Boer War, a sad chapter in African colonial history.

Update from All Saints' "Healing of Creation" Gardens

I had thought that my last message would be my last until spring, but our very mild weather changed my mind, especially when I looked to see what was new this week.

Some plants have gotten ready for winter and have produced seeds for our feathered friends (White Wood Aster and hips on one of our roses):



Others are still blooming (Northern Blazing Star and Blue Wood Aster):



Yet others are taking advantage of the warm weather, sending out new growth after being planted in the rain gardens (native Bleeding Heart and Wood Poppy):



Finally, garlic cloves planted October 1 are pushing through the soil along the church. They will winter over and be ready for harvesting in late July.



~Becky



Wednesday, November 16 at 12:00 pm
Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers Discussion

We are reading Chapters 20-21 of *Revelation* for next Wednesday. We meet in Rose Hall at 12:00pm for Noonday Prayer. The *Revelation* discussion will follow right after the service.

You may also join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955593827?pwd=akNZeTlmSCtTb1BoUU9hcWQrZk5xZz09>

Upcoming Events

November 13: Outreach Meeting, Rose Hall

November 16: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers, Rose Hall

November 16: Choir Practice, 7:00-8:30pm

November 20: Thanksgiving Basket Assembly, Rose Hall

November 21: Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm

November 28: Confirmation class and First Sunday of Advent

Prayers

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Rev. Becky Anderson,

Marybeth, and Theo. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, and Fontella.

Altar flowers given by Deirdre Greelish for the birthdays of her brother Noel, granddaughter Stephanie, sister-in-law Phyllis, twin brother Dana, her dear friend Gina Ross, her dearly departed Steve, and our dear Ruby.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Ruby Smith and Mercy Peah.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, especially Hannah Makuch.

Share All Saints' With Friends



SCRIPTURE READINGS, LECTORS, AND CHALICE

November 13, 2022

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a April Donahower

Response: Psalm 98 April Donahower

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Dan Mechnig

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Prayers: Rosetta Evans

Chalice: Andrea Hutnak

November 20, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Susan Goodnough

Response: Psalm 46 Susan Goodnough

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 Monika Kraemer

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Prayers: Wilmar Jennings

Chalice: Marybeth Hanavan



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