

The Bell Tower

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Vision Statement:

All Saints' strives to be a place where people come to know Jesus Christ, are transformed to His glory, and become witnesses to God's unchangeable word.

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A Letter from Erik Ewertz, Senior Warden

Father David reports from Switzerland that he and Janet have settled into the apartment provided for them and are becoming acclimated to city life. Father David is consulting the IPC Church of Zurich whom face similar challenges as we face here at All Saints'. Our rector sends his best to everyone and promises he won't let them wear him out.

On the home front, the newly formed Stewardship Committee has been meeting monthly to discern All Saints' financial situation and provide recommendations to the Vestry. The committee was selected from church members who are financially astute and relatively young, as they will inherit the stewardship of the church.

Both Father David and I have attended many meetings of the group and are pleased with the committee's progress. The committee has been asked to make its recommendations at the September Vestry meeting. Please pray for discernment and wisdom for this very important committee.

Last month, John Druhan and I attended the Diocesan Stewardship Conference held at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City. Representatives from All Saints' are required to attend this conference as part of the agreement for our Diocesan Pledge reduction. We received some valuable information that we will share with the Stewardship Committee at their next meeting. Father Charles Cloughen, who moderated the conference and who has preached at All Saints' several times, spoke about his coin philosophy. This philosophy embraces the idea that one side of the coin is Stewardship, the other side is Evangelism, and the edge is Education. In order for All Saints' to become a fully healthy parish, we must engage ourselves in all three aspects of the coin. To accomplish this task, we will need to increase giving, educate ourselves about giving, and attract more people to fill the pews. To that end, please pray that the Lord will raise up people to form an Evangelism Committee.

In His and Your Service,
Erik Ewertz, Senior Warden

From the Parish Archives

submitted by Neal Haynie

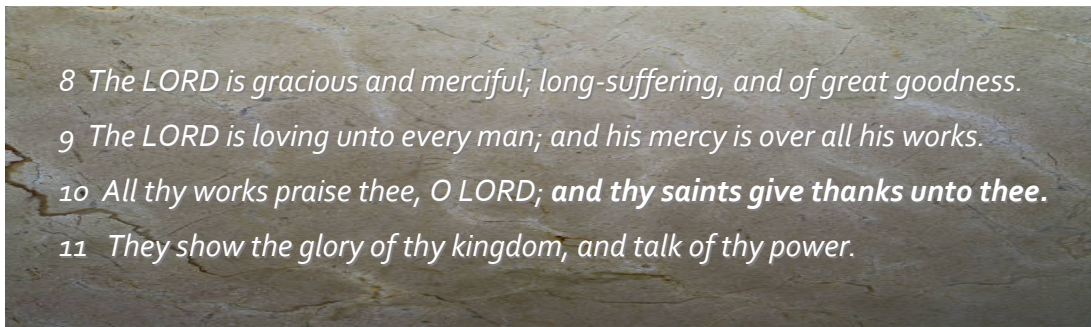
“AND THY SAINTS...”

How many individual windows are there in All Saints’ Church? Would you guess 20?, 30?, 35?, 40? By actual count, not including the basement and narthex, there are 30 windows in this 121-year-old structure. Some of them we take for granted – but seven we cannot ignore on a typical Sunday morning. As we face the chancel, the seven angel windows in the apse are always in view.

Thirteen years ago, “From the Archives” featured a profile of our historic windows. Crafted by William Keyser’s cousin Sarah Whitman (they both died in 1904), these artistic gems lend a special beauty to our “country church.” Some have been in place since 1891, while others – designated memorials – have been altered over the years.

The question which no one asks, however, is WHY the inscription in the chancel windows? They read - one word per window – AND THY SAINTS GIVE THANKS UNTO THEE. Recent research, we are pleased to announce, has solved the puzzle.

Ms. Whitman was apparently familiar with the Book of Psalms, for she borrowed the words from one particular translation of Psalm 145:



Psalm 145, it can be said, is truly our church’s special hymn of praise. July 29, The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, is designated as the appropriate day for the reading of alternate Psalm 145.



Stewardship Corner

submitted by Lee Meads

This month I would like to talk about the importance of giving to the general fund. All of us enjoy giving to the various ministries, especially the youth oriented activities. I feel the same way, often designating money for specific areas.

The general fund however, is money designated for our day-to-day operation. BGE, Verizon, salaries, etc. all must be taken care of each and every month. The Vestry has pared these operational expenses down as far as possible without cutting staff.

Currently, we are not meeting these monthly obligations with our income (weekly contributions) as has been the case for some time now.

Recently, the Stewardship Committee was formed to look at all areas of stewardship with the intention of making recommendations to the Vestry in the next few months. We are meeting regularly in an effort to reach this goal. If you would like more information regarding this committee and its meetings, please contact me.

We ask for your prayers, as we endeavor to find ways to

be self-sustaining and not have to dip into the investment portfolio to meet monthly expenses.

I'll close with the following scripture: 2 Cor 9:6-8

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

In His Service

Lee Meads



ALSoTour's Summer Excursion

So close . . . but centuries away! An appropriate description of the two sites to be visited by All Saints' in July. Join us and learn the story that connects two historic Baltimore venues – the B&O Railroad Museum (birthplace of American railroading) and Mount Clare Mansion (oldest Colonial-era structure in the city).

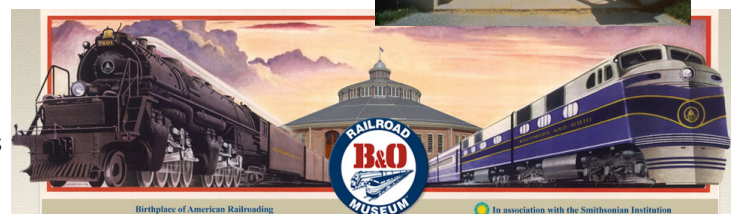
This tour features a short train ride between the two locations. And, between visits, enjoy lunch at a nearby Irish pub.

Tentative date: Saturday, July 28

Cost: \$20.00

Contact: Neal Haynie (410-833-4331)

If you would like to be added to our ETA (Email Trips Advisory) for future excursions, please call or write hayneal@verizon.net.



Holy Baptism

Alyssa Marie Hartlove

was baptized on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at St. George's Episcopal Church. Alyssa is the infant daughter of Aimee and Tom Hartlove and the great granddaughter of Jeanne Morrill.

Death

Betty Ann Quattro

former Active member died on Friday, June 1, 2012 (Allison & Kevin Blahut, daughter/son-in-law PO Box 285 Galesville, MD 20765)

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

Danny Bolgiano - July 4
 Zoe Parton - July 6
 Jon Ewertz - July 7
 Ellery Stenner - July 7
 Lois Butts - July 8
 David Stenner - July 10
 Jonathan Toohey - July 11
 Jessica Richardson - July 13
 Rich McNamara - July 15
 Carol Richardson - July 16
 Preston Athey - July 17
 Keenan McNamara - July 17
 Cory Piette - July 19
 Lois Overturf - July 21
 Wisdom White - July 23
 Sydney Hill - July 24
 Sophie Mace - July 24
 Jessie Bryant - July 27
 Kelly Wright - July 27
 Zoe Mace - July 29

July Wedding Anniversary

Darrell & Susan Robertson

will celebrate their 38th anniversary on Sunday, July 27

Happy Belated Wedding Anniversary

Anita and James Parton

celebrated their 40th anniversary on Sunday, June 3

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

J. Buford Davis

will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, July 7, 2012 (Fairhaven, Apt. #0-505, 7200 Third Avenue, Sykesville, MD 21784)

Betty (Mrs. J. Buford) Davis

will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 (Fairhaven 7200 Third Ave., Apt. 0-505 Sykesville, MD 21784)

Mrs. Jean Long

will celebrate her 87th birthday on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 (3405 Pine Circle N. Westminster, MD 21157)

Father David Stenner

will celebrate his 63rd birthday on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 (203 E. Chatsworth Avenue, Reisterstown, MD 21136)

Note from the Parish Office: If you know of anyone who will celebrate their 80th birthday or older- or who will have a 50th wedding anniversary or higher, please call the parish office to make sure we are aware of the information. Thank you.

July 2012

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Pentecost	1 Services: Fr. Roger Butts <i>No Children's Sermon or Youth Sunday</i> 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	2	3	4 Parish Office Closed	5	6	7 ALSo Tour #4: Mt. Clare Mansion & B&O Museum
6 Pentecost	8 Services: Rev. Linda Fernandez 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	9 7:30p R.O.G./GH	10 7:00p Vestry Planning 7:00p Women 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	11 7:00p Youth Study	12 <i>NO Garden Club July/August</i> 7:00p Vestry	13	
7 Pentecost	15 Services: Rev. Linda Fernandez 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	16 Youth "In Community" Missions Trip: July 15 – July 19	17 7:00p Women 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	18 7:00p Youth Study	19 7:30p Catonsville Kennel Club	20 Bell Tower Deadline	21 1:00 –3:00p Prayer Shawl Workshop
8 Pentecost	22 Services: Fr. Roger Butts 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	23	24 7:00p Women 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	25 7:00p Youth Study	26	27	28 <i>Tentative</i> ALSo Tour #4: Mt. Clare Mansion & B&O Museum
9 Pentecost	29 Services: Rev. Linda Fernandez 10:00 Baptism (Sass) 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	30 7:30p Catonsville KC Board	31 7:00p Women/ FH 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.				

Schedule of Special Events

**Youth "In Community"
Missions Trip
July 15 - 19, 2012**

**Garden Club on break for
July and August**

**Fr. David and Janet away on
sabbatical
June 5 - August 14, 2012**

****Sunday Services June 10 - Sept 9****

8:00a Holy Eucharist (Quiet)
9:15a Adult Education
10:00a Holy Eucharist (Blended service with music)
10:15a Children's School



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Psalm 145 (NIV)

A psalm of praise. Of David.

¹I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.

²Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and most worthy of
praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

⁴One generation commends your works to
another;
they tell of your mighty acts.

⁵They speak of the glorious splendor of
your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful
works. ^b

⁶They tell of the power of your awesome
works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁰All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.

¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,

¹²so that all people may know of your
mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your king-
dom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all
generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the

proper time.

¹⁶You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living
thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desires of those who fear
him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak in praise of the
LORD.

Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.