

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 Father David

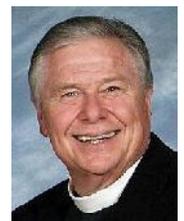
It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Dear All Saints' family,

Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He made a good decision. He decided to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans or the inside of the church until it was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at the beauty of the new church. Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece. But then someone said, "Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each family a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship. "Each time you are here" the nobleman said, "the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark"

I read this story during the summer and was moved by its power. God's word tells us that every member of the church has been given gifts for His glory and that every person in a congregation is so very important to fulfilling God's purpose. Yet in our current culture church attendance is getting lower and lower on people's priority list. In a door-to-door survey conducted by Willow Creek Community Church the question was asked: if you don't go to church, why? The five biggest reasons: 1) Boring, 2) Irrelevant, 3) Asking for money all the time, 4) I'm too busy already, 5) I feel awkward at church. Many churches try various programs to make services more exciting, relevant, comfortable, and less demanding on time but in the end when we do these things sometimes we lose the true meaning and value of worship. Speaking the truth in love, worship is too often thought of as something we get on Sunday instead of what it truly is and that is to give thanks, praise, and honor to the God of the universe.

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he uses the metaphor of the body to remind us that our purpose for gathering is to build each other up, to reach unity of faith, to become mature Christians who can stand firm amidst the conflicting values of the world. He tells us that this will happen when every member is joined and held together by every ligament, building each other up in love, as each part does its work. The bottom line is that every member of All Saints' has a role in mission and ministry that God has called us to do. When you are not here that part of the Church is dark, and everyone suffers including God's purpose. I pray that we all will make a commitment to worship our Lord together as often as humanly possible and that in doing so we will build each other up and become a light to the world.



Fr. David

Stewardship Corner - Why Tithe?

Contributed by Janice Shipley

During the next few weeks, as summer winds down, many are returning from vacation, school will be starting again and we will settle back into regular routines which summer disrupts. With that in mind and given All Saints' is struggling to pay expenses, it would be good to remind ourselves, based on scripture, some reasons we should tithe.

1. God is the true owner of everything including our finances and possessions. Deuteronomy 10:14 says "...heaven of heavens is the Lord's, thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is." Psalm 24 says "The earth is the Lord's and all it contains."
2. Because God owns everything, he expects to be Lord over our finances. When we don't allow Him to be, we are out of his will. Malachi 3:8 says "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me....In tithes and offerings."
3. When we don't tithe, our relationship with God is affected. Tithing demonstrates our trust in God. Luke 16:11 says "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of worldly wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"
4. When we don't withhold our tithes, God blesses us that much more. Malachi 3:10 says "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be

meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 2 Corinthians 9:6 says "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully".

God has made us stewards over the money he gives us. It may be helpful to take a study bible and look up all the references to tithing and money. God knows money is one of the strongholds we struggle with most.

I'll conclude with the following. Crown Financial Ministries has a small group financial study. The assignments include memorizing scriptures. Scripture memorization helps us to grow spiritually and change our hearts. One of the assignments includes meditating on 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 for 30 days, when you first wake up and before going to sleep. That scripture says "Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the Ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might, and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength."

From the Library Corner

by Barbara Carr

THE CELESTINE VISION
by James Redfield

James Redfield stresses the importance of creating spiritual awareness throughout this book. A brief historical and scientific background of the universe is provided to help us understand our connection to the deity, God, its ruler.

Positive energy, received through prayer and meditation, is needed to improve relationships, add purpose to our lives, heal the ill, guide world leaders, and protect loved ones. Scientific stud-

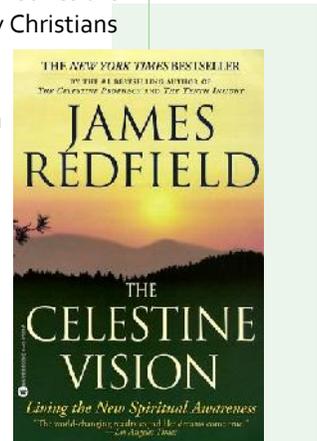
ies, of the effectiveness of prayer, are cited by the author. When we all attain this positive energy, crime, illness, poverty and war will be obliterated.

The reader is urged to avoid negative energy, the source of all evil. Examples of certain negative personality traits are given, with ideas for successfully coping with them.

The author is a firm believer in synchronicity, illustrating how coincidences in our lives lead us to act according to God's plan or our "special destiny."

Although the author believes in the teachings of Christ, and the afterlife, some of his theories are not accepted by many Christians (i.e. reincarnation and evolution.) Many of the ideas expressed in this book could label him politically liberal.

This book can be found on the table in Groff Hall.



ALL SAINTS' FALL FESTIVAL

We will begin to collect donations in mid-September. Attic treasures, book nook, crafts, bake table and youth activities. Please place all donations on the stage in Groff Hall. Let us pray, as a church family, pray now for God's will with our Fall Festival 2012.

Mark you calendars for **Saturday, October 27th from 9a-2p!**



ALSo Tour- **Workers Heritage Tour - #27**

SAT, SEPT 29th

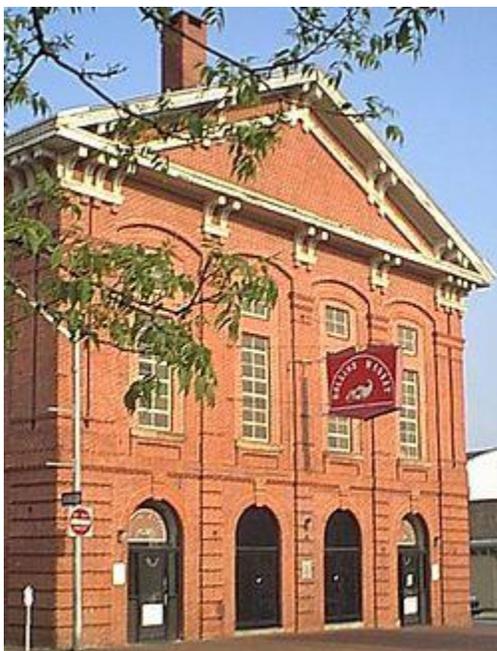
ALSoTours (All Saints' on Tour) is about to continue an adventure begun two months ago when we visited Mount Clare House and the B&O Museum. Join us the last Saturday in September when Baltimore Judge Thomas Ward will lead us through the 19th-century working man's neighborhood near the B&O.

This walking tour includes the Irish Railroad Workers Museum (housed in two actual row houses), the exterior of St. Peter's Church, and Hollins Market – one of Baltimore's oldest! At noon we will enjoy lunch at Patrick's of Pratt Street, a local Irish pub.

And that's not all. The trip home will take us through historic Relay on the rim of the Patapasco Valley. Find out how this remote area became an "industrial cradle" in Baltimore County, and witness a neighborhood that rivals Glyndon in beauty.

For specifics (time, price, transport, etc.) contact Neal Haynie (see your church directory).

Reservations are limited.



Hollins Market



Americas Oldest Irish Pub
est. 1847

Special September Birthdays

Malcolm Carrick
 will celebrate his 83rd birthday on
 Saturday, September 1, 2012
 (3715 Butler Road
 Glyndon, MD 21071-4913)

Joseph Hulse
 will celebrate his 83rd birthday on
 Saturday, September 1, 2012
 (Bethany Village
 5225 Wilson Lane
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055)

Special September Anniversary

Carroll and Jane Johnson
 will celebrate
 their 50th wedding anniversary on
 Saturday, September 8, 2012
 (229 Sacred Heart Lane
 Reisterstown, MD 21136-1414)

Merrill and Dorothy Sumey
 will celebrate their
 55th wedding anniversary on
 Wednesday, September 21, 2012
 (414 Obrecht Road,
 Sykesville, MD 21784-7628)

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sharon Falkner, September 1
- Dara Loretani, September 2
- Spencer McNamara, September 3
- Natalie Yount, September 6
- Colleen Gellatly, September 8
- Dian Hicks, September 8
- Michael Bosley, September 9
- John Bosley, September 9
- Addie Conley, September 10
- Robert Henshaw, September 11
- Diane Parker, September 13
- Becky Kistler, September 14
- Alden Phelps, September 15
- Johnny Bandzwolek, September 17
- Amy Wright, September 19
- Carroll Johnson, September 20
- Zach Parton, September 22
- Margaret Turner, September 25

Deaths

Marie S. Kelley
 (long-time parishioner & Active
 Member)
 died August 18, 2012

September Anniversary

- Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Richardson, September 3 (18)
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Bakhsh, September 17 (1)
- Mr. & Mrs. John Rogers, September 20 (32)
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bajkowski, September 21 (27)
- Mr. & Mrs. Ken Sacra, September 21 (43)
- Mr. & Ms. William DeHaan, September 25 (2)

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.

September 2012

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Pentecost							1 4:00p - Sarah Rogers WEDDING , Church & GH
15 Pentecost	2 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	3 Labor Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	4 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Women 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	5 7:00p Youth Study 8:00p Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 Wedding setup and Rehearsal (GH, Church)
16 Pentecost	9 <i>After Service: Mtg of Cont. Music Team FH</i> 12:00p Youth for Truth 12:30p G.O.C. 4:00p WEDDING CH, GH 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	10 7:30p R.O.G./GH	11 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Vestry Planning 7:00p Women 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	12 7:00p Youth Study 8:00p Choir Rehearsal	13 10a-3p Franklin Garden Club	14	15 Bell Tower Deadline 1-3p Prayer Shawl Workshop
17 Pentecost	16 HOME COMING!! <i>Return to 3 services</i> 12:00p Youth of Truth 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	17	18 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Women 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	19 7:00p Youth Study 8:00p Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00p Vestry 7:30 Catonsville Kennel Club	21	22 Men's Cabin Retreat @ Bolgiano's in PA
18 Pentecost	23 MEN'S cabin retreat 12:00p Youth for Truth 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	24 12:00p Youth for Truth 7:30p Alanon 8:30p A.A.	25 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Women/ FH 7:00p Men's Fellowship 8:30p A.A.	26 7:00p Youth Study 8:00p Choir Rehearsal	27	28 7:30p Prayer and Fellowship, McNamara home	29 ALSo Tours' #27 Workers Heritage Tour (Workers Museum, St. Peter's Church & Hollins Marker)

Schedule of Special Events

HOME COMING!!!!
Sept 16th

Men's Cabin Retreat
@ Bolgiano's Cabin in PA
Sept 22 & 23

ALSo Tour #27
Workers Heritage Tour
Sept 29th

Sunday Services Sept 2- Sept 9

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

Sunday Services Sept 16 - Sept 30

7:45a Holy Eucharist (Quiet)
9:00a Holy Eucharist (Contemporary Family)
9:15a Children's School
11:00a Holy Eucharist (traditional)



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Welcome Autumn

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn. ~**Elizabeth Lawrence**

How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days. ~**John Burroughs**

No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace
As I have seen in one autumnal face.
~**John Donne**

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. ~**Stanley Horowitz**

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. ~**Albert Camus**

Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile. ~**William Cullen Bryant**

falling leaves
hide the path
so quietly
~**John Bailey**
Autumn, A Haiku Year.

