

Fall 2009

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Saints Alive

**Vestry Highlights**

- The Acting Workshops are scheduled for October 26th and November 2nd. Jim Ethier is the contact person.
- Nick Storrs wants to have a Christmas Carol sing in mid-December to be followed by refreshments at the church.
- Erika Scarpignato suggested that we have an indoor flea market in early spring. Tables would be \$15.00 each.
- A Craft Fair will be held on November 7th. Sharon Fernandes is the contact person.
- The Vestry of the Chapel is meeting with Vestries from St. Mark's, Leominster, Christ Church and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fitchburg on October 8 to discuss ways they can work together.
- Church paintings—Erika Scarpignato is going to have someone look at all of the paintings located in the Chapel's buildings to find out what they are worth and whether they should be sold and replaced by prints.
- Susan Beauregard will be away during the month of January 2010. There will be no organist on January 3. Lorna Chabot will play the organ the remaining four Sundays in January.
- Clean-up Day will be held on November 1, 2009, followed by a luncheon. Menu to be determined. The Scouts will be invited to help clean and enjoy the lunch.
- A letter about the budget deficit has been sent out. The Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare a budget for 2010.

North Worcester Deanery Meetings

Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, and some Vestry members from the seven churches that comprise the North Worcester Deanery; St. Johns in Athol, St. Pauls in Gardner, Christ Church in South Barre, St. Marks in Leominster, All Saints in Leominster, Christ Church in Fitchburg, and Good Shepherd in Fitchburg, first met on May 27, 2009 at Christ Church in Fitchburg. This summit meeting had been

conceived by the Bishop to discuss the challenges facing the seven churches in the Deanery, especially declining attendance and the necessity of deficit budgets.

Through this meeting and two others that followed in June and September, several things became clear. First, that no matter what church building in which we worshipped, we were all Episcopalians. Second, all of the churches and buildings

in the Deanery were getting older, they often needed maintenance, and in some cases, they were very expensive to heat in the winter. All this with the fact that overall church attendance was declining, forcing the necessity of deficit budgets in many of the parishes.

On October 8, 2009 the lay readers, joined by the Vestry members of the four Fitchburg/Leominster churches, met for a night of fellowship and discussion at Good Shepherd in Fitchburg. Again, it became clear that we all had many challenges in each parish, but we were all on the same team in our worship of God.

The society in which we now live is not the same one in which our parent grew up. Many things have changed. Through these monthly meetings and discussions we are exploring the ways we may need to change to continue to be God's church by the lake. The next Deanery meeting will be at our church on December 8, 2009.

Rick Scarpignato

Warden's Dinner

Your Junior and Senior Wardens attended the Diocesan Warden's Dinner this past October 1 at the Public House in Sturbridge, MA.

Donna Cameron and Rick Scarpignato sat a table that included representatives from Episcopal churches in Adams and No. Adams, MA. These two churches had recently begun sharing one priest to minister to both parishes. This was only one of the several non-traditional practices we heard about that evening

as parishes across the Diocese cope with some of the many challenges necessary to keep moving forward in today's society.

Fall Clean Up Day

Our annual Fall clean up day will be held on Sunday, November 1 from 9:00 am–1:00 pm. We will be dusting, polishing, weeding, raking, etc. It's going to be a lot of work and fun to make our Chapel shine! Local Scouts, both boys and girls, will be on hand to help out. Lunch will be provided for workers.

Elizabeth Webb competes out West

Elizabeth Webb, wife of our Supply Priest, Hendy Webb, recently competed in the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma City, OK, from October 10–17.

Elizabeth competed in five different classes and was in the top 10 in four of the classes, including a 6th place finish in the World Championship of the Ladies Classic Pleasure Driving.

We congratulate Elizabeth on an outstanding performance and wish her the best of luck in future competitions.

Angel Tree Ministry

The Chapel of All Saints will once again be taking part in the Angel Tree Ministry in December. This ministry gathers names of children who have a parent/parents incarcerated

during the holidays.

The Chapel will receive the names of fifteen children. Sizes and gift wishes of each of the children is given. An Angel tag is chosen by parishioners wishing to help in this way. Each child will receive two gifts (one of clothing and one toy) costing not more than \$15.00 each (a total of not more than \$30.00). Gifts must be new and wrapped and the Angel tag with a message from the child's parent attached. Further information will be coming before the end of October. Gifts must be ready to be distributed by the first full week of December.

I hope that you will really think about helping in this way. This is one way that members of the Chapel can reach out to the wider community. Christmas should be a happy one for all children. Thank you.

Dottie Page

What does the Chapel have to offer our laypeople?

Below is a summary of various roles for our laypeople.

Lector — A layperson reads the Word to the congregation. No license required.

Lay Reader/Worship Leader — A layperson authorized to lead a service of prayers and/or morning prayer (note: not a service where the eucharist will occur.) License required.

Liturgical Lay Eucharistic Minister — Presents & serves the wine at a service of holy eucharist. License required.

Lay Eucharist Visitor (LEV)

— A lay eucharistic visitor is authorized to visit with ill or otherwise homebound people and give them communion. Usually this is a 2 person team. License required.

Acolyte — Serves & assists the minister during the service.

Usher — An usher helps with seating of the congregation, especially important at a large service. Other duties might include greeting visitors and counting the attendees.

Altar Guild — “Sets” the altar, with linens and candles, as appropriate to the season.

Committees

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“The Next Step” (Growth of AS)

If you are interested in taking any of the roles to enhance your relationship with our church community, please contact any member of the Vestry.

Memorial Committee

For many years the Chapel has had a Memorial Committee. Its role is to receive memorial donations after a loved one has passed on. Currently the chairman is Nick Storrs, with the other two members being Nancy Scarpignato and Erika Scarpignato. Please, feel free to contact any of these members for information or with any questions that you have. The committee exists to provide a Christian service, to remember those who have passed on.

This committee quietly exists in such a way that people can help to remember the people who are no longer with us in body. There are many people who attend the Chapel of All Saints—some very new and many others who have been members for over 50 years. We have a long legacy within our four walls. No longer can you talk to the deceased, no longer can you shake their hands or hug them, no longer can you have a two-way conversation with them. Let us all continue to remember those who have passed on in days gone by.

Feel free to put any contributions into an envelope and then just place it in the offering plate. **THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED!**

Our supply priest and our organist

We have many wonderful people at All Saints. We have the Church School leaders who genuinely love the children, we have the vestry members who meet regularly to make decisions about the life & activities of our church (remember, all are welcome at vestry meetings), we have committees which people join because they want to be a part of the planning and the joy of giving back to the church... and we have Gen Severens (dance class downstairs), we have NA and AA as well as cub scouts, girl scouts and other groups.

Our beloved organist, Susan Beau-regard, has been with us for somewhere in the vicinity of 40 years. She knows the popular hymns and plays them with zest and pep, and she

also introduces newer ones so that we don't become stagnant. She cares profoundly about the music ministry. She hopes that everyone will burst forth and loudly proclaim their worship of our Lord through the music. But it is not just the music—Susan is one of the two diocesan delegates to Convention. And is she ever an active participant in the after-church gathering down in Gurley Hall. She knows what she's talking about—she started playing the music for the church when she was about 17... and she's still loving every minute of it. Hooray for her and her musical leadership.

And we have Hendy Webb as our Supply Priest. Hendy is relatively new with us at the Chapel, although many have known him for decades. His sermons and how he delivers the sermons are both kind and caring as well as being humane and compassionate. And they make us all think... and remember what he said. He genuinely wants the church to move forward, to be active, to continue to provide for the needs of the parishioners. He is a model parent, along with his wife Elizabeth. What a couple! Do you all know that Elizabeth is nationally ranked in Morgan horse shows? And Hendy offers counseling through his company called The Falls Counseling. All around we are very fortunate to have Hendy with us almost every Sunday.

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