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*A House of Prayer
for All People*

April 2016

Happy Earth Day from the Sunday School!

This year our Sunday School has been focusing on Creation – as God created it, and as human beings have an impact on every aspect of what God created.

Our first project was getting a compost bin constructed, filled, and maintained. Thanks to those who helped – the Neros, Elys, and Dello Buonos, Bill Koffke (who helped construct our bin and, we hope, will help with new bins!) John Freeman (who loaned us a book on composting) and even non-member Jack Hale (Nina Ely's father, who has had a compost pile for many years and gave some good advice). Oh, and don't forget Joe Raudenbush, who has provided lots of "brown elements" in the form of grass cuttings and dried leaves. The leaves have been particularly helpful because the way that Joe collects them they get shredded into small pieces, which break down more easily.

Families have brought their "green compost" regularly as well – besides rectory and church kitchen waste, I've seen Steve and Natalia Dello Buono and Liz Parker out there numerous times, piling the kitchen scraps on. I also got a "compost aerator" – a simple device consisting of a pole that has metal "wings" on the bottom, which fold up toward the pole when you push it into the pile and then open up as you lift it out, thus stirring up the pile and giving it the space and air it needs to break down. It also shows how well the process is working, as it pulls up dark, decayed plant material from the bottom of the pile!

We've also been paying close attention to the creation story, are planting potato pots, doing artwork related to creation, watching some videos, and making sure to have "creation-themed" snacks when we can.

And now you are all invited to share in the fun. On **April 24** (the Sunday after Earth Day, which is April 22) the Sunday School is hosting an **Environmental Fair** in the Activity Room. We have some fun activities planned and hope that you will all take time to stop by for a few minutes, learn something about creation and how we can all play a part in maintaining a healthy, sustainable earth so that all people, animals, and plants can enjoy it and thrive.

We will be offering compost buckets to collect kitchen waste, leaf bags, potato pots, and a few activities so that people of all ages can learn and participate. (and hoping that so many people participate that we can construct one or two more compost bins).

Please join us! This idea was first promoted by a Sunday School student, Clare, and enthusiastically taken up by the other kids. Support our Sunday School and show your love for God and God's amazing creation with us on April 24.

Mother Sandra+



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My dear brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I give thanks to Christ, through Him, all things are made new.

We begin a new and hopeful journey in this beloved place. I am humbled and grateful that you have allowed me into your lives. I will never take for granted this

sacred trust you have placed in me. I offer myself to you as a loving shepherd, caring servant, and faithful sojourner.

My excitement is in you and the possibilities to come. We have numerous gifts in this Diocese and together we will build the Kingdom of God, hand in hand, hand by hand.

Let work together so the Diocese of Pennsylvania is known as the "Come and See" diocese. A place we encounter God through prayer, community, liturgy and service. Where we lift the dignity of humanity and show how we love one another. A place where Christ is reflected in one another. "Come and See" and you may want to join in our sacred story.

I ask for your blessings and prayers for Suzanne, Jude, and I. May you continue to be settled in God's tender care.

Your brother Daniel,

The Revd. Canon Daniel G. P. Gutierrez, Bishop-elect

Read more about All Saints delegates' experience on page 5.

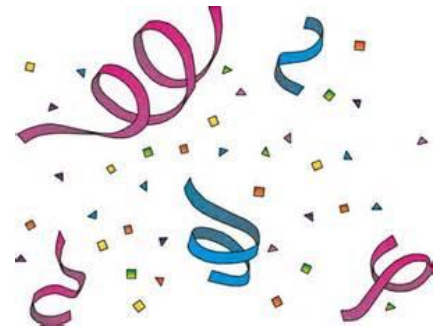
"O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a godly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops, our Bishop-elect, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

BCP 817

April Blessings

Birthdays

- 4/1 Jack Spottiswood
- 4/5 Betsy Gottshall
- 4/6 Mary Mullen
- 4/7 Natalia Dello Buono
- 4/9 Bob Penman
- 4/11 Ryan Cohen
- 4/14 John Paul Batten
Nicole Gelet
Viviann Harris
- 4/15 Nina Schrock
- 4/16 Greg Cohen
- 4/23 Nelson Schrock
- 4/24 Chrissy Gilroy
- 4/25 Debbie Heckard
- 4/26 Dennis Clemson
- 4/30 Deb Porcelli



Anniversaries

- 4/16 Deb and Len Porcelli
- 4/17 Carol and Brian Harrity
- 4/22 Cindy and Nick Durante
- 4/29 Monica and Michael Reynolds

***Celebrating another
great year individually
and together!***

Prayer 50, BCP pg. 830



Gardening at All Saints

Submitted by Philip Gottshall

Spring is here and the flowers in the gardens are beginning to bloom. As we used in the past, an All Saints Church garden grid showing the 16 different garden areas will be hung on the vestibule bulletin board at the entrance to the church through the end of May. To make it easier on everyone, please sign up to adopt one or more areas. An

individual, a family, friends from an All Saints small group or ministry may select a specific garden location.

The care and attention varies to maintain a garden plot. The most important tasks are keeping the area weed free as much as possible, planting flowers or maintaining ones that already exist, and watering during the summer.

Never gardened before? Team up with one of our existing volunteers. Your help and service will be a blessing in the upkeep of the church grounds and the beautification of the Haws Avenue neighborhood. Questions? Catch up with me after 10 a.m. worship or give me a call.

Prayer 1, BCP pg. 814



The Return of the Film Festival

Submitted by Nina Ely

Since our Star Wars festival last summer and our Advent festival in December were so much fun, we'd like to do it again. So this is an informal poll. Here are some ideas and requests we've had for upcoming festivals. If any of these intrigue you, or if you have ideas of your own, grab Andrew or Nina to talk movies.

Harry Potter Festival- Eight movies chronicle the adventures of the boy wizard from age 12 to adulthood. This series made stars out of young actors Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson, but also features British stars Alan Rickman, Dame Maggie Smith, Ralph Feinnes, Helena Bonham Carter and many others.

Disney Classics- Movies to be determined, but will all be animated features considered the best of the studio's work. Will most likely include films like "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Sleeping Beauty," and "Frozen."

Disney's Hidden Gems- Movies to be determined, but will include animated features that you probably haven't seen, but are worth checking out. Will probably include films like "Lilo and Stitch," "The Emperor's New Groove," and "Big Hero 6."

Superhero Festival- Leaping from the comic book pages onto the screen, this festival will feature superhero films through the decades. Movies to be determined, but will probably include "Superman" and "Spiderman," along with some lesser-known heroes like "The Rocketeer."

All showings will include snacks and movie trivia/discussion.

Again, if you're interested or have any ideas (or just like to talk about movies,) see Nina or Andrew at any coffee hour. Thanks!

Report on our Friend: Brendah Ndagire

Brendah Ndagire attended All Saints' while she was a student at Eastern University and lived right down the street on Haws Ave. Many of us remember the Sunday she said goodbye to us and sang us a song in her language, Luganda, which the majority of people speak in Uganda, Brendah's native country.

Brendah has had several adventures since we last saw her, including work with World Vision in Baltimore, Maryland, and trips home to Uganda and also to South Africa.

Brendah is now in Colombia, working with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in international development. She is producing a blog about her experiences there, which can be found at <https://free55586.wordpress.com/>. She is also on Facebook, and her user name there is Bren Coxy Ndagire.

In her blog, Brendah says that she will be accompanying development projects with MCC and their partners in Istmina, Colombia, and other communities in the Choco Department (in Colombia, "Departments" are geographical regions). Brendah currently plans to be in Colombia for two years, and isn't exactly sure yet what her professional role(s) will be, so it's both an exciting and nerve-wracking time for her. Colombia is very different than Uganda or the United States, and so part of Brendah's experience is the adjustment to a different climate, cuisine, social norms, and everything else that goes along with a different culture.

Brendah says that the word "accompaniment" is heard frequently in her work with the Mennonite Central Committee – these days, international workers don't just go in and "do" a job – instead, they "accompany" the locals who will not only be affected by the projects, but then will need to sustain those projects. And so the workers "accompany" them on *their* journey, helping get things started but not storming in with some idea of "saving" other people or somehow showering them with supposedly more advanced ideas and resources, which can have the effect of reducing the dignity of local participants and also creating non-sustainable projects.

Brendah points out that Christianity itself is an "accompaniment process" in which Jesus (as part of the Trinity) accompanies followers, who in turn accompany one another. She points to the story of the Walk to Emmaus in Luke 24.

What you see here is a prayer card – you are encouraged to cut it out and post it somewhere prominently (like the fridge, of course) so that you can remember Brendah, think of her, and say prayers for her on a regular basis.



Brendah Ndagire

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Birthday:
March 23



**Mennonite
Central
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Electing a New Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Submitted by Philip Gottshall

All Saints representatives: Cy Burke, Donna Penman and Philip Gottshall along with Mother Sandra met all the candidates over the weekend of February 18-21, 2016, who were seeking to become the next Bishop for our Diocese. All Saints' representatives and Mother Sandra met after church on March 6, 2016, to prayerfully consider and discuss our selection. (All Saints' lay representatives get one joint vote and Mother Sandra gets one vote as clergy).



On Saturday, March 12, we all traveled to the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral to take part in the Diocesan Special Convention. We all registered and received our ballots, sang hymns, received communion and eventually voted. We had jointly decided who we would vote for, and although we were provided 10 ballots, the election was finalized after four. The process was that we would sing a hymn, then fill out and submit our votes, and then wait for about half an hour while the votes were tallied. Then the process repeated. On the fourth ballot, Daniel G.P. Gutierrez was elected the next Bishop for the Diocese of Pennsylvania (see page 2).



It was a wonderful experience for all.



Prayers and Blessings

Our organist, Jeff Shuman, has submitted his resignation effective April 21 to accept a position at another church. We are thankful, he was here to get us through our Easter celebrations and will be blessed with his presence a few weeks longer. Jeff said he feels he has grown while at All Saints, both spiritually and musically, and that he believes the Lord will send just the right person to us after his departure. We send him forth with our blessings as well as prayers that God will bless Sue and him abundantly.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. *Psalms 98:1 NIV*





Spring Cleaning Alert!!

My 5th grade Girl Scout troop is currently working on earning our Bronze Award, which is the highest award for Junior GS, and we chose to partner with Mitzvah Circle Foundation (MCF) as our "Take Action Project." Our troop is holding a donation drive through the end of April to help struggling families.

We are collecting donations of used clothing, shoes, baby/toddler accessories, toys and board books for ages newborn to 4th grade. We will gladly accept brand new items such as teethingers, pacifiers, bottles, sippy cups, and plastic toddler utensils and dinnerware as well. MCF is a non-profit, non-faith based organization; they support people through times of tragedy and crisis. After learning what people need most, they deliver and ship care packages containing items such as clothing, shoes, diapers, books, household items, toiletries, and more. They also provide ongoing assistance and referrals. Our troop has enjoyed volunteering our time at MCF's warehouse in Harleysville and is very excited to help make a difference through this drive. MCF is running low on many of the above-mentioned items (both new and gently used) and we would like to help them restock their inventory.



As you are spring cleaning this year, we hope you will put together a few things for MCF. My family would be happy to pick things up at your home, or at church if you can bring them. For more information on how you can help, about MCF, or other drop-off locations, please contact me or you can email our troop at gstroop7181@gmail.com. Feel free to help spread the word.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely with the grace of God,
Isabella Nero



Begin making plans to attend the
Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia
Night at Citizens Bank Park
on Tuesday, May 17,
when the Phillies host the
Miami Marlins at 7:05 p.m.
To purchase tickets please go
to: www.phillies.com/episcopal

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, tree and flower, sun and moon & stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart & mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth & buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.



Sharing the Light of Christ



New Address: Emily Beaty recently moved, her new address is: **10 Ember Lane, Horsham, PA 19044**
Feel free to send cards of well wishes to bless her in her new home!



April 2016

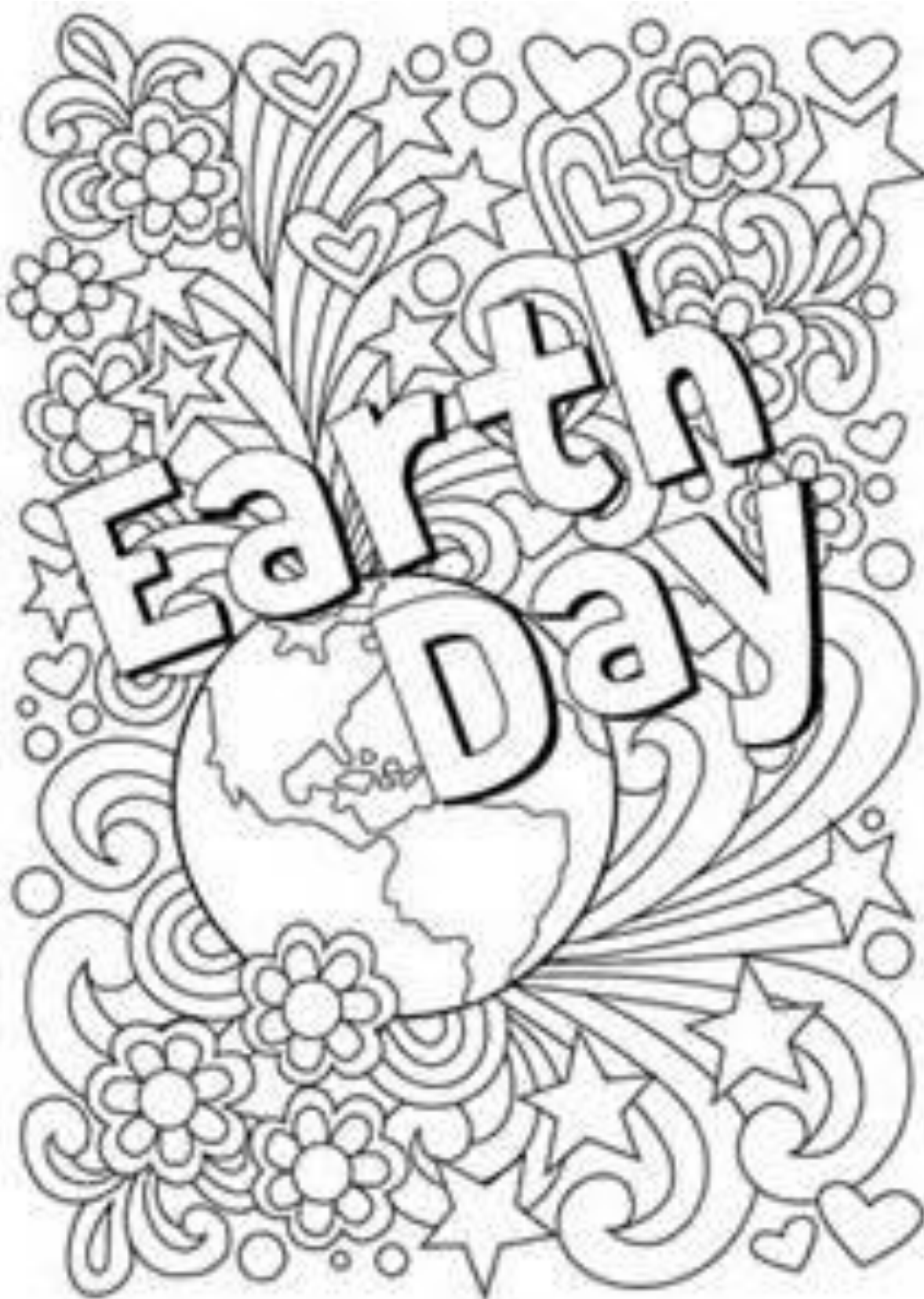


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The choir rehearses Sundays at 9:20 a.m., and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., except the week prior to Contemporary services.</p> <p>The choir does not rehearse Thursdays after a major holiday.</p>					<p>1 Rector's day off</p> <p>7:30PM N.A. (activity room)</p>	<p>2 12:30-5PM Private Event (activity room)</p>
<p>3 Easter 2 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II Sunday School (after church; Activity Room)</p>	<p>4 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice</p>	5	<p>6 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop</p>	<p>7 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 2PM Private Event (activity room) 6PM Choir rehearsal 7PM N.A. (activity room)</p>	<p>8 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)</p>	<p>9 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café</p>
<p>10 Easter 3 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II 10AM Sunday school & Eucharist w/ Rector 11:30 Kaleidoscope forum (chapel) 1-4PM Private Event (activity room)</p>	<p>11 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice</p>	12	<p>13 9:15AM Norristown Ministerium (activity room) 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop <i>VESTRY REPORTS DUE</i></p>	<p>14 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 7PM N.A. (activity room)</p>	<p>15 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room) MESSENGER DEADLINE</p>	<p>16 10AM Crafts & Knitting Group, Activity Room</p>
<p>17 Easter 4 8AM Rite II 8:30AM Good Noise Band Practice/Set up 10AM Contemporary Worship (activity room) Sunday School (after church; Activity Room)</p>	<p>18 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice Mother Sandra away on continuing ed. April 18-23 Rector Away</p>	<p>19 Rector Away</p>	<p>20 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 6:30PM Vestry Mtg. (activity room) Rector Away</p>	<p>21 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 6PM Choir rehearsal 7PM N.A. (chapel) Rector Away</p>	<p>22 7:30PM N.A. (activity room) Rector Away</p>	<p>23 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café Rector Away</p>
<p>24 Easter 5 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II 11:30 Kaleidoscope forum (chapel) Sunday School Environmental Fair (activity room)</p>	<p>25 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice</p>	26	<p>27 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop VF Deanery Plenary Meeting</p>	<p>28 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab Choir rehearsal (subject to change) 7PM N.A. (activity room)</p>	29	<p>30 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café</p>

Serving for the Glory of God

Date	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Acolytes	Joe Gelet, Austin & Emily Taylor	Donna Penman, Beville Jones, Natalia Dello Buono		Jack & Emily Spottiswood, Betsy Gottshall
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen, Mary Jane Daley, Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen, Deb Porcelli	Susan Cohen, Diane Mullen	Susan Cohen, Susan Dean
Bulletin Assemblers	Marilyn & Jack Clemson (4/1)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall (4/8)	Donna & Bob Penman (4/15)	Ginger Banmiller, Mary Jane Daley (4/22)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono	Would you like to join the team? <i>Contact Mother Sandra</i>
Counters	Diane Mullen, Francie Dean	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Betsy & Phil Gottshall	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers (10 a.m.)	John Freeman, Phil Gottshall	Donna Penman, Beville Jones		Cornelia Hoffman, Dale Kerr
Intercessor	Cornelia Hoffman	Diane Mullen		Donna Penman
Lector	Laurie Sawyer	Nelson Schrock	Donna Penman	Deb Porcelli
Nursery	<i>Adults and older youth are invited to join this special ministry; speak with Nina Ely, if you're interested in giving it a try.</i>			
Server Reader (8 a.m.)	Viviann Harris	Viola Van Der Meulen	Diane Mullen	Viola Van Der Meulen
Ushers/ Greeters	8:00 10:00 Majid Etemad	8:00 Charles Brinker 10:00 Dello Buono family	8:00 10:00 Betsy Gottshall, Judy Baca	8:00 10:00 Donna & Bob Penman

If you'd like to serve in any of the above ministries, contact Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, at 610-279-3990 or allsaints535@yahoo.com. Donna will be happy to direct you to the appropriate church leader who may best answer your questions about the ministry to get you started and involved.





Prayer for the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer 32, BCP pg. 825

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*Proclaim the Gospel and God's love, provide for Christian worship and fellowship,
strengthen community spirit, nurture growth in Christian faith and values,
and share our resources to serve others.*