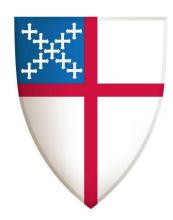


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### **HAPPY NOVEMBER!**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. 1 Chron. 16:34

Dear Friends: So many things to be thankful for; first, for me, is that God brought me to All Saints six years ago, and I have only learned far more than I expected, but I have come to dearly love the people of this church! Let me list a few other things for which we can raise our hearts to God in gratitude:

Bread of Life Café: We are well into our fifth year of the Café – unbelievable, isn't it? Speaking of unbelievable – the Bread of Life Café has been amazingly successful. Our guests love the food (and I'd dare you to find a better meal served with such grace and love anywhere!), and many have become more than guests, arriving early to help set up, staying to help clean up, ready to lend a hand.

No longer just a "soup kitchen," the Bread of Life Café is a community in every sense of the word. Volunteers from all over the place – church and even corporate groups, individuals, church members – find the "work" to be so rewarding that they come back over and over again. (And maybe they are hoping to have dinner as well, since the meals that Kate Petel cooks and organizes are, really, top-notch. If you have never visited, come, have dinner, and see for yourself!) Over the years the procedures have gotten smoother and smoother. Often, volunteers come up with great suggestions to make the program even better.

Jay Petel, who is the head organizer and also carries out all the various administrative tasks, purchases food, watches over everything at every dinner, and undoubtedly does a million other little things we don't know about — says that he was really surprised to realize that this ministry isn't just for people hungry for food — it also nourishes the volunteers in a deep, life-changing way. As I am fond of saying, this is a ministry that allows us all to live out our baptismal vows.

Jay likes to think of Bread of Life not so much as a soup kitchen as a community that serves people in various ways, meeting people where they are. Calling it a soup kitchen only scratches the surface.

I can remember when we were in the planning phases, and we performed our "due diligence" by talking with all the other food program leaders in the area. We were told several important things: Don't give seconds, because you'll have big fights over them. Don't give food to go or you'll have a mess everywhere. If you want to give things away (food, clothing, etc.) be sure to open it up to everyone at the same time, or else you'll have fights over whatever is being given away. Oh, and definitely don't use regular cutlery — it's dangerous, and people will steal the spoons as part of drug paraphernalia.

Jay, being a strong-minded person, reacted differently to that advice than I did. I heard it and since those people had so much more experience assumed that we couldn't do any of those things. Jay did no such thing: he had a "try it out and see" attitude, and guess what?

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### In Remembrance



After a brief illness, Jack Clemson passed into eternal life on September 27. Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

We are thankful for Jack's life, and his service to God and to the church as a greeter, bulletin and Messenger assembler, usher, and genial presence over the years.

As we mourn for his passing, we remember that his life has changed, but not ended. Cards for the family may be sent to:
Marilyn Clemson, 2511 Swede Road, Norristown, PA 19401; donations made in Jack's memory may be made to All Saints Church or the American Heart Association (P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058)





Just a reminder to all our Redner's Warehouse Markets shoppers who participate in the Rewards program (formerly "Save-

A-Tape"), please bring your grocery receipts in for the 1% rebate program. Place your receipts in the mailbox reserved for Kate Petel any time you visit the church. Kate collects the receipts throughout the years and submits them bi-annually to Redner's for the rebate program. All proceeds from Redner's benefits All Saints' general budget and last month the church received a check in the amount of \$78.30. Your participation will help to make the next check from Redner's even bigger!

### November

## Birthdays

2	Hal Ely
4	Adrian Griffin
	Eryn Griffin
6	Ryan Kratz
7	Cornelia Hoffmar
	Logan Shilling
10	Quinton McGrane
11	Nancy Ritter
12	Kiera Griffin
13	Jane Fitzroy
14	Mother Sandra
15	Marge Kinsey
16	Billie McGrane
18	Brian Harrity
22	John Cervino
28	Bev Kratz
	Sara Gelet
29	Kay Ely
30	Jay Petel

## Anniversaries

3	Sarah & Tim Dorsey
4	Doris & Ralph Hockridge
5	Adele & Buddy Henning
9	Andrea & Jay Kerr
20	Cindy & Larry
	Baldassano

Best Wishes to ALL!

### **Happy November!** continued

Bread of Life gives seconds (when possible), gives people food to go if there are good reasons for doing so; let people in whenever they show up so they don't have to stay out in the heat or cold waiting; give away clothing and food (bread, pastries, canned food, etc.) on a first-come, first-served basis. And we use real plates, real cutlery, including spoons, with no problems.

I attribute this to the dignity and respect offered to our guests, who we welcome as guests. When people are treated with equal dignity to that which everyone would hope to receive, they respond by being kind, helpful, and dignified. They respect the folks running the meals because they know that they, too, are respected and loved.

One small story from Jay: on Thanksgiving one year, a man wanted to give Jay \$10 for the meal, and Jay protested that the meals are truly free. The man replied, "I didn't come because of money – I have enough money to have a good dinner – but I came because I didn't have anyone to eat dinner with and I wanted to be with other people."

For all these things – for all the All Saints volunteers, for Jay and Kate Petel who do 90% of the work both before, during, and after each dinner, for people who donate time and money to keep the dinners going, for the beautiful facility that enables us to feed 100 people give or take, each dinner, and for the community of ASC, which has been incredibly supportive, I give thanks.

And a brief plug for the dinners: Our account funds are running very low, and we are in need of donations. Regular donors are encouraged, as well as one-time gifts. But we also need other volunteers: <u>you don't need to be at the dinners to help</u>. We could use plenty of administrative help, including soliciting donations and other kinds of fundraising. <u>Please help if you can</u>. The program is a lot of work and requires money to keep going. We need your help. This is <u>your program at your church</u>, so get involved!

I'm grateful for so many things I can't possibly list them, but here are a few:

- Ginger Banmiller, our own buildings and facilities committee member, who has really mobilized us to do all the work you see being done around you: new carpet, fixing and painting walls in the sanctuary (the vestibule is next!), power washing and painting the rectory and church, resurfacing the parking lot, and many other small projects. Oh, and add to that her offer to be our Assistant Treasurer, for which she has learned Quickbooks, how to write checks, and many other things.
- Charles and Shirley Brinker, for their work with Interfaith Food Pantry.
- The staff of the Second Time Around Shop (Betsy Gottshall, Nancy Ritter, Donna Penman, Marcia Carneavale, Jean Dean, Linda Cox, Francie Dean, Clara Mae Panczak, and Shirley Jording, as well as all the former or intermittent volunteers).
- Steve Dello Buono and Liz Parker, who organize almost all the special occasion meals we have around here.
- Joe Gelet, who has done more work single-handedly around here than almost anybody else, fixing whatever needs to be fixed, from electrical stuff (he's a Master Electrician) to plumbing, fixing and replacing windows, finding and fixing leaks, keeping us cool in the summer and warm in the winter, and a host of other things.
- Andrew Ely, who has been the Rector's Warden for more than two years, keeps our grounds beuatiful, and heads up our stewardship.

Those are just a few; each of you contributes in ways, large and small, that nobody even knows about.

It's a great month for gratitude, and I love and thank God for you!

Mother Sandra+



October 3, 2016

All Saints Episcopal Church 535 Haws Avenue Norristown, PA 19401

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Patrician Society Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and clients, I thank you for your ECHO Outreach donation of \$100.00.

We greatly appreciate your involvement in helping us to provide assistance for our 1,500 different verifiably needy families.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely,

Joseph Maccolini Executive Director

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### **About the Patrician Society:**

In 2015, the Patrician Society marked 34 years providing assistance for elderly people on fixed incomes, homeless persons, parents with children who are receiving diminishing public assistance benefits, residents of boarding homes, recently unemployed and underemployed family breadwinners, and others who experience a verifiable financial need. In the past year, the Patrician Society worked with 1,465 families (unduplicated) in one or more of its services programs. 53% of Patrician Society's income covers food distribution to individuals and families in need. In the last five years, the number of families served by the Society's H.U.M.A.N. Program (Housing, utilities, and medical aid) has more than doubled (In 2011, 123 families were helped; and in 2015, it grew to 261 families who were helped by this assistance.)

# Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, November 6

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before retiring for the night Saturday, November 5



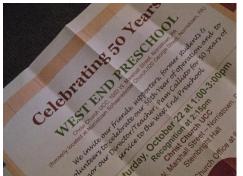
### **Remembering Others**

The Rector's Holiday Giving appeal is a way members of All Saints may support local families involved with All Saints for Thanksgiving or Christmas celebrations. It has made a huge difference to families in the past, allowing parents to get their children gifts that would otherwise be missing on Christmas morning, as well as good, festive holiday meals. Donations received throughout the year to the Rector's Discretionary Fund has blessed many of our neighbors in need by providing everyday necessities, such as rent, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation assistance.



Such gift-giving warms our own hearts and fills a genuine need for others; if you haven't given to this fund in the past, we're sure you'll find it uplifting and gratifying.

Although the Christmas season hasn't begun yet, we invite early gifts so we can assist families in advance of the holidays. Your generosity has touched many individuals and families in the past, and will continue to do so in days to come.



### West End Preschool Celebrates 50 Years

On October 22, Bob Penman (a volunteer with the computer lab) and I (Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator), attended West End Preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Christ UCC Church. Over the past ten plus years the preschool, teacher/director Pam Callisto, and teacher assistants have been visiting ASC's computer lab and the Second Time Around Shop monthly.

We enjoyed the walk to Christ UCC, just as the children make their walk to ASC to visit us. Representing All Saints made the drizzly, breezy, cool fall day much brighter.

The children love coming to All Saints to learn and play on the computers and to visit the Shop for books (see article below). The preschool classroom was full of past friends, students, and families, along with several pictures of classes and mementos of yesteryears. Following that visit there was a small ceremony to celebrate both the preschool's and Pam's 50 years of service. We had a wonderful time. We both got to see first-hand how the many years of donations generously given to the preschool from All Saints, as well as gifts of time and talent, blessed the preschool, the students, and its teacher.

Some ASC members who have served in leadership positions and served on the board over the years include Francie Dean, Richard Kratz, Jeff Vermuth, Marge Kinsey, Bonnie Knipe, Marian Betty, Marilyn Trudeau-Miller, and Candy Schwartz. Light refreshments and conversation followed, and we both enjoyed the blessings of the day, thankful for being a small part of this celebration.

Please refer families in the area with preschool-aged children looking for a reputable preschool program to West End, as they still have openings in their class. Also, the Preschool Board is seeking representatives from the local neighborhood churches. Presently, All Saints does not have a representative. For more info, contact Christ UCC Church at 610-275-3092.



### Books for preschoolers needed

The Second Time Around Shop staff is seeking donations of picture and easy-reading books for preschool-aged children. 45 children from neighboring preschools visit the Shop and select a book each week for their teachers to read to them; then the children get to

take the books home. Spanish is the native language for most of the students. The children are learning English and they in turn help their parents to also learn English. It is a wonderful project and benefits our neighboring families as well as the children as they get ready for kindergarten! Bilingual (English/Spanish) book translations would also be happily accepted. Gratefully, The Shop Staff

### Remember: "Each one, bring one!" Help our Neighbors in Need

All Saints has been using the motto "Each one, bring one" to remind us all about bringing items for the local food pantry; why just stop there? Let's keep this motto in mind with All Saints' special outreach promotions throughout the year. Throughout this month's newsletter, you'll find many opportunities. Feel free to bring a canned good for the Interfaith Pantry, a book for a preschool-aged child, a special gift for the Rector's Holiday Appeal, or a donation of clothing or household item for the Second Time Around Shop. Let's pray that all our hearts overflow with loving generosity throughout the month of November, thanking God for our overabundance of blessings to bless others!



## November 2016



What's Happening at All Saints...

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop	Thursday 3 9:15AM -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 7PM N.A.	Friday  4 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A.  Diocesan Convention (Pt 1)	Saturday  5 Diocesan Convention (Pt 2)
6 Pentecost 25 8AM HCI 10AM HCII  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	7 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	8  ELECTION DAY Remember to vote!	9 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop VESTRY REPORTS DUE	9:15AM -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 7PM N.A.	11 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	12 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café
Pentecost 26 Guest Preacher: Food for the Poor 8AM HCI 10AM Sunday School & Eucharist w/ Rector (Rectory) 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel)	14 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	15 6:30PM Work Night Subject to change  MESSENGER DEADLINE	16 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 6:30PM Vestry Mtg.	9:15AM -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 7PM N.A.	18 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A.	19
20 Last Pentecost 8AM HCII 9AM Good Noise Band Practice/Set up 10AM Contemp. Worship 1-4PM Private Event (activity room)	21 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	22 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop	23 Second Time Around Shop-CLOSED 1PM Bulletin assembling	24 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED 1-3 PM Community Thanksgiving dinner 7PM N.A. Mtg	25 OFFICE CLOSED Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A.	26 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café
27 Advent 1 8AM HCI 8:30-9:45AM Breakfast 10AM HCII 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel) Sunday School (activity room)	28 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	29	30 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop			

### **Serving for the Glory of God**

Date	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27			
Acolytes	Sarah Callow, Betsy Gottshall, Natalia Dello Buono	Beville Jones, Donna Penman		Joe Gelet, Jack Spottiswood, Isabella Nero			
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen, Patty Gelet	Deb Porcelli, Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen, Susan Dean	Susan Cohen, Mary Jane Daley			
Bulletin Assemblers	Marilyn Clemson, Louise Geisinger, Donna Penman (11/4)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall (11/11)	Donna & Bob Penman (11/18)	Ginger Banmiller, Mary Jane Daley ( <u>Weds.,</u> 11/23)			
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono	Would you like to join the team? Contact the office to have us add you to the schedule.			
Counters	Francie Dean, Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Francie Dean, Diane Mullen	Betsy & Phil Gottshall			
Eucharistic Ministers	John Freeman, Phil Gottshall	Donna Penman, Dale Kerr	Louise Geisinger, Anthony Nero	Judy Freeman, Dale Kerr			
Intercessor	Diane Mullen	Louise Geisinger	If you would like to read the prayers of the day, contact the office	Donna Penman			
Lector	Laurie Sawyer	Joanne Heisler	If you would like to read the scriptures of the day, contact the office	Louise Geisinger			
Nursery	Adults and older youth are invited to join this special ministry; speak with Nina Ely, if you're interested in giving it a try.						
Ushers/ Greeters	8:00 10:00 Majid Etemad, Dale Kerr	8:00 Charles Brinker 10:00 Dello Buono family	8:00 10:00 Betsy Gottshall, Judy Baca	8:00 10:00 Donna & Bob Penman			
8AM Server/ Reader	Viviann Harris	Viola Van Der Meulen	Joe Raudenbush	Diane Mullen			

If you'd like to serve in any of the above ministries, contact Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, at 610-279-3990 or <a href="mailto:allsaints535@yahoo.com">allsaints535@yahoo.com</a>. 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 Remembrance (https://churchofengland.org)

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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