



The Messenger



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A House of Prayer for All People

SEPTEMBER 2017

Dearest All Saints Friends:

In light of the turmoil in our country lately, I'd like to share with you a sermon I found by Nadia Bolz-Weber, a Lutheran minister who has written the best-sellers *Pastrix* and *Accidental Saints*. She's known for her plentiful tattoos and her provocative and even shocking writing (keep in mind that Jesus was often provocative and shocking to his audience, too!). I don't necessarily agree 100% with what she says – primarily, I worry that the way she uses the phrase “white supremacy” could have the unintended effect of minimizing the evil of those who are proud of their racism. Still, Bolz-Weber has a wise message; she has a good explanation of what this means for us as people of faith, as Christians trying to live out God's will for ourselves and for others. And she suggests almost the same prayer from August 20's Gospel: “Lord, help me!” (Her version is “Lord, save us!”)

These are excerpts, but you can look up the entire sermon online if you want more. Bolz-Weber begins by asking herself why the U.S. seems to have a far greater racial divide than countries such as Australia or Canada:

The difference is that our country started with the doctrine of manifest destiny, the doctrine of discovery and the belief that slavery was God's will. In other words, this country I love and which has given me (as a White Christian) so much protection and opportunity and education and wealth – was able to do so because of the belief that God has ordained Christian White people to claim as our own any land we so-called “discovered” . . .

She goes on:

And this country I love and which has given me (as a White Christian) so much protection and opportunity and education and wealth – was also able to do so because of the belief that God had ordained Christian White people to sail to the shores of other countries and steal black human bodies. . . .

The society in which I was raised bombards me with messages that I am superior by accident of birth. Instead of pointing fingers, let's dig deeper than that.

Here are 3 examples of how I've benefitted from white supremacy :

1. African Americans and whites use drugs at the same rate and yet the incarceration rate for African Americans for drug related crimes is 6x that of whites. As a former drug user – if I were black I'd be 6x

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ALL SAINTS' LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

CLERGY: The Rev. Sandra L. Etemad, Rector; The Rev. Geoffrey G. West, Associate Rector

VESTRY

(2017): Ginger Banmiller (Treasurer), Nick Durante, John Errington (Rector's warden)

(2018): Andrew Ely, Joe Gelet, Laurie Sawyer (Secretary)

(2019): Cy Burke, Joanne Heisler (Vestry's warden), Donna Penman

STAFF: **Parish Administrator** - Donna Longobardi; **Music Director** - Constance P. Winoski;
Sexton - Robert Law



Coffee Service resumes September 17

We are happy to welcome back our coffee service team members: Joanne and Bob Heisler, Karen and Jack Spottiswood, Steve Dello Buono, and Judy and John

Freeman (with Mother Sandra and Majid Etemad stepping in when necessary). Joanne, Bob, Karen, Jack, Steve, Judy and John, look forward to serving you with their warm and friendly hospitality and special brews and treats! We are still seeking one additional team to be able to have hospitality available each Sunday. We currently have four Sundays covered. We have the fifth Sunday of the month open (about every 3rd month) and available for a new team. Contact Donna in the church office if you would like to be added to the rotation. To learn more about participating in the after-church hospitality ministry, stop by after worship and speak with our coffee service team members. They'll be happy to share their experience and the details on making coffee and setting things up for the church community and our guests.



THANK YOU to those who hosted receptions after worship this summer: Judy and John Freeman, Mary Jane Daley, Susan Dean, and Sandra and Magi Etemad.

Your gift of hospitality blessed us all!



Improving our Marriages

On August 7, the Washington Post published an article about a study of how prayer can impact romantic couples. "After numerous studies that spanned two decades and published in top journals like 'Psychological Science,' the answer appears to be yes" the article says! Control groups did other activities, like self-focused prayer, self-help books, marriage enrichment programs, etc. . . . but still, those who prayed for their partners consistently saw the greatest impact on their relationship. Whether your marriage has more rocky spots than you wish, or seems completely fine the way it is, we can only win by praying for our spouses.

Here's the prayer that they offered as an example:

Dear Lord, thank you for all the things that are going well in my life and in my relationship. Please continue to protect and guide my partner, providing strength and direction every day. I know you are the source of all good things. Please bring those good things to my partner and make me a blessing in my partner's life. Amen.



September

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| 8 | Linda Kinsey |
| 9 | Liz Parker |
| 10 | Shirley Brinker |
| 13 | Cindy Baldassano |
| 15 | Marianne Kohn |
| 16 | Cheri Plummer |
| 22 | Lois Byrne |
| 23 | Laura Reynolds |
| 26 | Judy Dougherty |
| 30 | Brett Byrne |



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| 5 | Judy & John Freeman |
| 14 | Kelly & Adrian Griffin |
| 15 | Stacey & Steve Dello Buono |
| 21 | Laura & Anthony Nero |
| 25 | Shirley & Bob Jording |
| 26 | Cleta & Francis McClay |

Best Wishes to ALL!



Homecoming & 9/11 Tribute

Valley Forge Highland Band will join us for worship and our picnic on Homecoming Sunday, September 10. VFHB will be sharing classic renowned bagpipe pieces along with a special tribute for 9/11. Please come, welcome, and enjoy the musical talents of our guests.



Family Movie Night Continues



Bring the kids, family, and your friends to watch our next movie, *My Neighbor Totoro* (1988, rated G), September 17 at 6 p.m. This animated feature from Japan is the story of two young sisters who have moved to a new house to be closer to the

hospital where their mother is recovering from a lengthy illness.

They soon discover there are magical creatures, called Totoro, living in the nearby forest. This charming movie is considered one of the best animated films from Hayao Miyazaki, who is sometimes known as the Japanese Walt Disney. It is appropriate for all ages, and has been dubbed in English.



New Homes, Addresses, and Updates

Leslie Murphy
165 W. Ridge Pike - #115
Limerick, PA 19468

Dick Kratz
Brandywine Living at Senior Suites
2101 New Hope Street – Rm. 109
Norristown, PA 19401
610-277-1893 / 610-639-9781

*Marilyn Clemson is settling well in her new home. There is a change to her street number; please change your address book to show **6575 Tabor Avenue – Apt. 227, Philadelphia PA 19111**

Shower our friends with visits, cards, and calls of congratulations and well wishes!

We're having a picnic!

*Hot dogs, burgers,
and vegetarian options.*

Come one, come all!



*Bring something to share if you can;
we have invited the Valley Forge
Highland Band to join us,
so bring extra.*

**Homecoming
Sunday
September 10**

TURMOIL *continued*

more likely to have been arrested and thrown in prison, and yet not 6x more likely to have broken the law. Slavery was a cash cow for white folks as are private prisons today.

That is white supremacy.

2. Redlining was a common practice a generation ago where African Americans could not get loans to buy homes. As a white person I am significantly more likely to have parents and grandparents who owned their own homes – which means I am more likely to inherit money – which means I am more likely to own a home which means my children are more likely to inherit money.

This is white supremacy.

3. When I see a police officer I assume they are there to serve and protect me. When my black friends see a police officer they assume they are there to harm them.

This is white supremacy and I condemn it and yet I have benefitted from it every day of my life in ways that society tries to keep hidden from me so that I can keep believing that I deserve the life I have and so does everyone else – good or bad

This is white supremacy and I have benefitted from it every day of my life even though I smile at black folks,
and even though I have never worn a swastika
and even though I have never marched holding a tiki torch
and even though I never owned slaves
and even though my parents taught me that everyone is equal in the eyes of God.

And what do I do with that? How do I fight against something I hate and yet which has loved me back my whole life?

Because let's be honest – white guilt does nothing. White guilt makes us look for exoneration. White guilt leads to changes of only optics in which people of color are the object and not the subject. Once again. White guilt leads to me trying to figure out how to relieve my white guilt and once again it's all about me. So let's let White Guilt go. It doesn't work.

And yet I believe that it is the will of God that as the Prophet Amos wrote – that justice roll on like a river and righteousness like a never ending stream. And I believe that Jesus desires his name be associated only with love and mercy and justice and kindness....and I believe the Lord has sent us out in these waters

But I just don't think I can trust myself to navigate this storm.

Like the disciples, we are in a small boat in a stormy sea and I hope to God that figure I see on the horizon is Jesus and not a Ghost.

It's stormy and we are scared and Jesus walks toward us saying Take heart, I am here, do not be afraid.

So people of God, I believe that Jesus sends us out in these little boats of ours to be agents of justice and love and reconciliation and mercy. But he does not send you out on perilous waters and not also provide you with what is needed to do his work.

This isn't a test of faith.

Because **reaching for God and saying Lord save us – that IS faith.** That's what it means to be in right relationship to God – knowing that God is God and we are in need of God. If we are not in need of God when it comes to racial justice in America then where are we? Continued, **TURMOIL** page 6.

Second Time Around Shop Fall Season Opening Day Wed., September 6

Come check out the new stock of merchandise. Shelves and racks are filled to capacity. Affordable prices. Watch for special sales.



Wednesdays - 10AM to 1:30PM
Proceeds benefit All Saints and its ministries.

Have items to donate?

Donations are accepted year round. Bring them to worship each Sunday, or drop them off during either the church staff's office hours or the Shop hours.

Plastic bags and large brown paper grocery or canvas bags are appreciated too. Place items at the entrance of the Shop's work room adjacent to the coat room area.

Thank you!



Summer Work Nights at All Saints

Our faithful volunteers were generous with their precious summer leisure time helping us maintain our beautiful building. Here's an idea of what we accomplished with these wonderful helping hands!

In the Sanctuary

- ♦The controllers for the Sanctuary air conditioning were replaced and adjusted numerous times....all for our comfort.

The Lobby and Coat Area

- ♦The lobby is even more welcoming with a new Welcome Sign and an oil painting. More pictures and collages of our favorite events are coming.
- ♦We've measured for the baseboards. Still to be done is to sand, paint and install them.
- ♦Paint touchup

Choir Room

- ♦Remove chalkboard in preparation for plaster repair.

Kitchen

- ♦Repaired a leaky pipe in the kitchen.

Rectory

- ♦We've replaced the garbage disposer.
- ♦Helped Mother Sandra prepare and plant her herb garden.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who have participated in our projects and who help maintain the grounds this year. Your help was invaluable and makes me feel like we have a great big wonderful family.

♥ *Ginger Banmiller*

TURMOIL *continued*

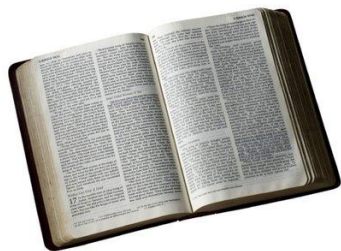
In all these years of trying to root out the sin of racism in my own heart and attempting to call a thing what it is when it comes to white supremacy, it feels like trying to do the impossible – it feels like walking on water and only drowning and in all these years I must confess this: I don’t know that I have just called on the name of God. So here today I say this, Lord save me.

Let us pray,
God who came to us as the Prince of Peace, God who raised up poets to speak truth to power and prophets to speak truth to stupid,
We call on your name to bring your fierce mercy upon us and remove our complacency and our complicity. We call on your name to heal. We are drowning Lord. And yet we believe that the true name of God is stronger than what has been done in God’s name. So we call on you. Come to us in the storm.
Lord save us. Amen.

(A Sermon on Christianity and White Supremacy)
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/nadiabolzweber/2017/08/lord-save-sermon-christianity-white-supremacy/#H9ogJTuDyFR86rWq.99>



Gateway to the Bible



Some church members read the Bible more than others, and Bob Heisler is in the former category. He mentioned to me that

he reads Romans 5:1-11 every morning, and of course that piqued my interest. So Bob and I had lunch and talked about lots of things – including his experience of reading the Bible.

It turns out that he reads the Letter to the Romans and the Second Letter of Peter more frequently than other parts of the Bible. But then he pointed out that he has to read Romans 4 to understand Romans 5 completely, so he reviews that one fairly frequently as well.

When I asked him why Romans 5 is so important to him, Bob went through the 11 verses with me, enthusiastic about every single verse, trying to

summarize what he thinks it is saying. To sum it up, Bob said, “This passage is verification that God will never give up on me, even when I feel like I’m blowing it. Forgiveness is there for the asking.” Jesus intercedes for us constantly, this passage reminds us, and so, by grace, we are constantly being forgiven. 2 Peter is similar, claiming that our faith is “ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.”



Later in 2 Peter, we read, “You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). To that I say, AMEN.

Mother Sandra+

Partnering in Ministry

The Norristown Ministries Hospitality Center is in urgent need. The Center is eagerly searching for volunteers to fill their resource desk position. This position is crucial to the efficiency and order of the center on a daily basis. Below find a description of this position's responsibilities. The Center's staff and its clients will appreciate your help and support.



Overview:

Resource Desk volunteers maintain a hospitable and professional reception to everyone entering the Center; oversee activities of clients that take place during the shift, and ensure client needs are met. Resource desk volunteers greet and direct visitors, answer and direct incoming phone calls, manage the shower and social services lists, ensure a clean and safe environment, and maintain supply of appropriate client supplies at front desk.



Opportunities available:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Hear firsthand how the clients appreciate the volunteers by visiting <http://www.hospitalitycenter.org>. Interested? Contact Jen Mathews, Development Coordinator, at 610-277-1321 x109.



ASC and DIOPA Veterans Ministry

All Saints' Knitting and Craft Group is taking part in the Diocese's Veterans Ministry by making blankets. Our stitches, thoughts, and prayers while we knit, crochet, quilt, knot, or craft, provide a gift of love, comfort, and warmth, to homeless veterans and veterans in need. The group meets periodically to work on blankets together at church or at an individual's home, and some work solo. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate. In terms of color and patterns, there are no specifications. Majority of recipients are male, but we also accept blankets with colors geared for females.

A blue-striped collection tote is available in the main lobby to place finished blankets in. The group will also accept donations of 1 ½ & 2 yards of fleece and skeins of yarn, if you are not gifted with crafting, but would like to contribute in a small loving way. We hope to gather a large amount of blankets by the end of October, so we may schedule a pick up prior to Veterans Day, November 11.

Our next Knitting and Crafting Day will be Saturday, September 16, at 10 a.m. in the activity room at All Saints. Come make a blanket with us, work on a project you already have started, or come make a special prayer card to share with the veterans.



God works through us all to send love where it is most needed. You never know how your gifts and words will touch the life of someone you don't even know.

Please remember our service men and women, veterans, and their families, daily in your prayers, especially on Patriot Day-9/11, POW/MIA Day-9/15, and Veterans Day-11/11.

Seeking Singers

Please come join the choir.



Share joyfulness unto the Lord!

**Sunday rehearsal resumes,
September 24 at 8:30 a.m.**

Rehearsals not held on the
3rd Sunday of the month.

Serving for the Glory of God

	September 3 9:30AM	September 10 10AM	September 17	September 24
Acolytes	Sarah Callow Betsy Gottshall	Donna Penman Beville Jones		Jack Spottiswood Joe Gelet Natalia Dello Buono
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen Patty Gelet	Susan Cohen Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen Deb Porcelli	Susan Cohen Diane Mullen
Bulletin Assemblers	Donna Hale Donna Penman (Thurs., 8/31)	Phil Gottshall Marion Shupe (9/8)	Donna & Bob Penman (9/15)	Ginger Banmiller Mary Jane Daley (9/22)
Coffee Service		Join us for the Homecoming Picnic Barbecue!	<i>Coffee Service resumes</i> Steve Dello Buono	Judy & John Freeman
Counters	Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Betsy & Phil Gottshall	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Raudenbush Phil Gottshall	Beville Jones Donna Penman	Donna Hale Ginger Banmiller	Phil Gottshall Patty Gelet
Intercessor	Laurie Sawyer	Cornelia Hoffman	<i>If you would like to read the prayers of the day, contact the office</i>	Donna Penman
Lector	Joe Raudenbush	Marcia Carneavale	<i>If you would like to read the scriptures of the day, contact the office</i>	Laurie Sawyer
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>			
8AM Servers	N/A	N/A	Joe Raudenbush	TBD
Ushers/ Greeters	Majid Etemad Nelson & Nina Schrock	Dello Buono family	Betsy Gottshall Judy Baca	Donna & Bob Penman
Vestry Rep		Andrew Ely		Donna 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.



Diocesan Convention

This year's convention will be held at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, Friday evening, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. and continues on Saturday, November 4, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Sarah Callow, Mary Jane Daley, and Donna Penman will be representing All Saints as delegates and will accompany Mother Sandra and Fr. West to the convention. Our delegates and clergy will gather with fellow Pennsylvania Episcopalians for worship, discussion, and decisions for the Diocese. This year's theme is "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." 1 John 3:1a (NRSV)

SERVING THE DIOCESE: Diocesan Committees 2017 - Call to Serve

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At Convention 2017, we will elect new members to serve on Diocesan Committees. It's an exciting time of regeneration and renewal in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Nominations Committee asks that you consider sharing your gifts of talent, service, and time.

We're seeking members for the Standing Committee, the Finance Committee, the Church Foundation (TCF), the Commission on Clergy Compensation and Employee Benefits (CCCEB), the Nominations Committee, the Christmas Fund, General Convention - Alternate Deputies, and Disciplinary Board. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of a diocesan committee, information can be found on the Convention page on the Diocesan website: <http://www.diopa.org/diocesan-convention-2017/>.

The Nominations Committee's mission is to be inclusive racially, geographically, culturally, by gender and gender identity, and by age. We encourage you to participate in building and strengthening our diocese, and in representing the breadth and diversity of our many parishes and deaneries. Each of us has God-given gifts; let us offer them in service to our diocese and to one another.

Candidate biographies can be submitted electronically. For information, please see the Nominations page:

<http://www.diopa.org/convention-2017-nominations/>

STANDING COMMITTEE - seeking 1 new clergy member, and 1 lay member

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 1 clergy; 1 lay

CHURCH FOUNDATION: (TCF) - 1 clergy; 3 lay

COMMISSION ON CLERGY COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: CCCEB - 2 clergy; 2 lay

GENERAL CONVENTION - ALTERNATE DEPUTIES - 4 clergy; 4 lay

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - 3 clergy; 2 lay

DISCIPLINARY BOARD - 3 clergy; 1 lay

THE CHRISTMAS FUND - 2 lay

In Thanksgiving,

The Diocesan Nominations Committee



September 2017

What's Happening at All Saints...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parish Administrator's Office Hours Beginning September 5 Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.					1 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 N.A.	2 2:30 Private Event (activity room)
3 Pentecost 13 9:30 Worship	4 LABOR DAY Office Closed 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	5 <i>Cape May Retreat</i>	6 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop – OPENING DAY <i>Cape May Retreat</i>	7 7 N.A. (act. room) <i>Cape May Retreat</i>	8 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	9 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
10 Pentecost 14 <i>Homecoming Sunday</i> 10 Worship Picnic immediately following	11 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice PATRIOT DAY	12 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 6:30pm Work Night	13 9:15 Norristown Ministerium 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop VESTRY REPORTS DUE	14 7 N.A. (act. room)	15 Rector's day off MESSENGER DEADLINE 7:30 N.A. POW / MIA DAY	16 10 Knitting & Craft Group (activity room)
17 Pentecost 15 8 HCII 9 Good Noise Band practice/set up 10 Contemp. Svc. 1-4 Private Event (activity room) 6 Movie Night <i>Coffee Service Resumes</i>	18 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	19 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	20 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop 6:30 Vestry Mtg.	21 11 Bible study w/ lunch 7 N.A. (act. room)	22 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A. AUTUMN BEGINS	23 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
24 Pentecost 16 8 HCI 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HCII 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel) Sunday school (activity room)	25 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	26 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	27 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	28 7 N.A. (act. room)	29 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	30 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café

Prayer for the Human Family BCP p. 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



<p>SPACE AVAILABLE Please call the church office at 610-279-3990 For additional information</p>	<p>Bagpipes and Drums Valley Forge Highland Band Make any event unique with music with one bagpiper to the entire Highland Band... Contact: Heidi Jankauskas 484-431-6338 Valleyforgehighlandband47@gmail.com <i>Affiliated with All Saints for over 60 years.</i></p>	<p> 2113 W. Main St. JEFFERSONVILLE 610-539-7282</p> <p>COMPLETE LINE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FREE Delivery to Seniors FREE Blood Pressure Screening • Medicare Billing for diabetic Supplies • Vitamin & Herbal Counseling • All Prescription Plans Accepted WE ARE A COMPOUNDING PHARMACY Henny Cole, R.PH. F.A.C.A. FAX: 610-539-6430</p>
<p><i>Michael Kinsey</i> President/Owner KINSEY LANDSCAPING <i>"We Trim Everything"</i> 240 Carey Lane, Norristown, PA 19403 610-539-2229</p>	<p>LIFE INSURANCE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE TO USE <i>Which is better for you?</i> Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage Call for FREE information Jules Hernadi, LUTCF 610-623-9241 ♦ JHernadi@aol.com</p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE Please call the church office at 610-279-3990 For additional information</p>
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Be our guest!

Church Picnic - September 10 after the 10 a.m. service

SEPTEMBER 2017 - HOMECOMING EDITION

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER

September 3: One service, 9:30 a.m.

September 10: One service, 10:00 a.m., then homecoming picnic

We're having a BBQ. Come one, come all!

September 17: Two services schedule resumes (8 a.m. & 10 a.m.)

All Saints' Mission Statement

*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.*