



The Messenger



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A House of Prayer for All People

FEBRUARY 2018

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu . . ."

As the children in *The Sound of Music* sang their goodbyes, it's almost time for me to say goodbye. Our Parish Administrator, Donna, gave me of "parting phrases." The English word "goodbye" comes from the Old English *God þē mid sīe*, which means "God be with you". Others are: Hindi- नमस्ते (namaste) * German – Auf Wiedersehen * French – Au revoir * Spanish – Adiós * Latin – Vale. I'll be absent for four months on sabbatical and vacation, so it's time to say "goodbye for now."

First I'll depart for India on February 8; I'll meet my sister Ellen Skagerberg there, then back in the U.S. on March 1. Majid (my husband) and I will also take trips to London (where his daughter Amanda is studying at King's College) and Sedona, Arizona. (The last time we were in Sedona I had a phone interview with the All Saints' Search Committee!) The rest of the time I will go back and forth between the West Coast and home, spending time with family and on retreat when I'm gone, and time with Majid when I'm here.

Unless travel prohibits, I'll be going to different churches every Sunday, enjoying the opportunity to be in church "incognito," simply praying and worshiping and communing with others, hearing other preachers, and picking up interesting ideas and possibilities to bring back with me when I return.

You'll have a chance to meet Bud Holland, long-time rector of St. James, Collegeville, who is now theoretically retired, but still stays very busy with church work – filling in on Sundays or as an Interim Rector, writing (I have copies of his book of Advent meditations), taking photographs (which you can see on Facebook if you "friend" him), and doing a lot of other church work. He'll be with us six Sundays and I believe you'll come to love him in that short time; he's an extremely loveable guy!

You'll also be taking a trip to the National Cathedral on April 29 (if the date has to change, you'll get plenty of notice); we are hiring a full-size bus with a restroom in the back, and you'll meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. in order to arrive in Washington DC in time for the 11:00 a.m. service, then lunch and a few visits to monuments before returning home. I really hope everybody who possibly can participates in this adventure! We are also inviting folks from St. Augustine of Hippo to join in the trip, and if there are any spaces left you may invite other family or friends.

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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



All Saints' Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! We will be reviewing the budget for 2018 and electing Vestry members and delegates.

Crafting Valentines

All Saints Craft & Knitting Group will be making Valentines, Sat., February 10, 10 a.m.-Noon in the activity room.

Join us in making handmade cards. We'll be sending our finished masterpieces to some special valentines. We'll supply card stock paper, doilies, stickers, markers, and glue sticks/tape. If you have scrapbooking supplies at home you would like to share, bring them along!



Join us for a potluck dinner (6:30 p.m.) and worship (7:30 p.m.)



Ash Wednesday, February 14 Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday is a fast day and also lands on Valentine's Day this year. Join us for a simple potluck dinner before attending the Ash

Wednesday service. Coordinators are needed so the event runs smoothly. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule for the number of people attending, what you will be bringing, and how you can lend a hand. Items should arrive warmed and ready to serve.

February

Happy Birthday!

1	Tommy Durante
3	Bob Jording
5	Francie Dean
	Isabella Nero
9	Nina Ely
11	Sue Errington
15	Jay Kerr
18	Jerrit Windbiel
20	Jennifer Spata
	Olivia Gelet
	Mike Reynolds
23	Ayden Mitchell-Mullen
28	Fr. Steve Nelson

Happy Anniversary

8	Ginger & Rich Banmiller
12	Chrissy & Brian Gilroy
20	Kay & Hal Ely

Best Wishes to ALL!

No 8:00 Service in February; starting March 4, first Sunday of every month

For those who attend the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service, whether occasionally or on a regular basis: this service will be held on the first Sunday of each month until further notice. If attendance builds up and those who attend would like more frequent 8:00 a.m. services, we can reconsider in the fall. This will begin during Mother Sandra's sabbatical (although there will be no service on February 4, since it is the day of the Annual Meeting, when we have historically held one joint service at 10:00 a.m.), and we will review the schedule in the fall and make adjustments as necessary. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, contact Mother Sandra (prior to February 7) or the office.



Read the Bible with us during Lent/Easter

Episcopalians around the world will read the Gospel according to Luke during Lent and the Book of Acts during Eastertide in 2018. Presiding Bishop Curry and Forward Movement invites you to join this adventure, to sustain and enrich yourself and to encourage others in this journey.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

What is the Good Book Club?

The Good Book Club is an invitation to all Episcopalians to join in reading the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Episcopalians will start reading Luke on Sunday, February 11 and read a section of Luke’s Gospel every day through the season of Lent. The entire season of Easter will be devoted to daily readings from the Book of Acts. Already, individuals, congregations, and organizations are committed to being a part of the Good Book Club, and we hope you’ll join the journey too!

Why read the Bible?

People who read scripture with an open heart grow in faith through their encounter with the sacred stories of the Bible. We know this to be true in our personal experiences — and we have research to back it up.

[RenewalWorks](#), a Forward Movement research-based initiative, has data from nearly half a million participants that identify scripture engagement as a key catalyst for spiritual vitality in congregations and for individuals. In other words, if you want to grow and strengthen your faith, reading scripture is the perfect exercise.

Why Luke and Acts?

We love sequels, and Luke-Acts provides a wonderful two-part narrative. Luke tells the wondrous story of Jesus’ birth, ministry, teaching, death, and resurrection. Acts picks up where Luke leaves off and tells the story of the earliest disciples through the lens of Peter and Paul and the real star of the show — the Holy Spirit. Written by the same author, the books are accessible, and the story is a page-turner!

How will it work?

[Forward Movement](#) has created a set of [daily readings](#) to divide Luke and Acts into 50 days each. Each day, participants will read a few verses of Luke or Acts. Readers of *Forward Day by Day* can easily follow along, with Luke and Acts guiding the reflections during Lent-Easter 2018. (This handout will be available in the lobby beside the quarterly editions of the *Forward Day by Day* devotionals.)

Will there be other resources?

Yes! In addition to *Forward Day by Day*, Forward Movement offers the [Bible Challenge](#) series, [A Journey with Luke](#) and A Journey through Acts (coming soon), with theological reflections written by faith leaders from around the world. Forward Movement also will provide a free, downloadable discussion guide for groups. Further, many partners are working with Forward Movement to create resources to support you on your journey in the Good Book Club. These resources will include videos, podcasts, blogs, and study guides for all ages.

How much does it cost?

The Good Book Club is free. You can download the reading list and read Luke and Acts for no charge. Several resources created for this project will be free, while others will have a cost. You can purchase these individually, or if a group wants to study them together adult education funds can help cover the cost.

Who is doing this work?

The Good Book Club is an initiative of Forward Movement and supported by its RenewalWorks ministry. In addition, many partners from across the church are joining in the project. Partners include [The Episcopal Church](#), [The Center for Biblical Studies](#), [Episcopal Church Women](#), [Acts 8](#), [ChurchNext](#), [Episcopal Church Foundation](#), and many others.

To learn more, visit <http://www.goodbookclub.org/>



Pictured with Chief Talbot (left) and fellow police officer, are ASC's Outreach Committee members, Francie Dean and Donna Penman

All Saints Acknowledged for Generosity

All Saints was recently acknowledged on Norristown Police Department's Facebook page for a generous donation made to The Norristown Police Foundation for its Seven Days of Christmas program. The program helps bring Christmas cheer to families in need during the holidays. The Foundation is the conduit to providing funds for gifts and food. In 2016, they raised over \$3,500. The police department appreciates the community's support to help them build community relations and to make Norristown a safer, more loving and caring community. Read how they helped share and promote All Saints:

Norristown Police Department · November 27 at 10:43 a.m.

A BIG THANK YOU to All Saints Episcopal Church for your

generous donation! All Saints Episcopal Church is located at 535 Haws Ave., their thrift shop is open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also, they serve a free hot meal every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturday of the month from 5-6 p.m.

Please feel free to visit their website at <https://norristownpolicefoundation.org/> to make a personal donation or see their up-to-date activity.



Groundhog Day and Family Movie Night: February 18, 6pm

Wikipedia states Groundhog Day is a popular tradition celebrated in the United States and Canada on February 2 and derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog (Deutsch: *Grundsau*, *Grunddax*, *Dax*) emerging from its burrow on this day sees a shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat back into its den and winter will persist for six more weeks, and if he does not, due to cloudiness, spring season will arrive early.

The weather lore was brought from German-speaking areas where the badger (German: *dachs*) is the forecasting animal. This appears to be an enhanced version of the lore that clear weather on Candlemas forebodes a prolonged winter.

The Groundhog Day ceremony held at Punxsutawney in central Pennsylvania has become the most attended.

The 1993 movie (*Groundhog Day*) helped boost recognition of the custom, and the celebration has spread even further afield. Join us Sunday, February 18, at 6 p.m. for this month's feature, "Groundhog Day". Bill Murray is a weatherman who finds himself reliving the same day over and over until he can figure out exactly what change he needs to make to set things right again. This movie is rated PG.



What do you predict? Six more weeks of winter or an early spring?

So long, farewell Continued

I believe God will bless me with time for retreat, reflection, and family-time; I believe God will also bless you all with some new faces, new preaching, and adventure. Fortunately, Fr. Jeff West will be with you while I'm gone, providing some continuity and pastoral presence (although he may be gone a few Sundays as well).

If you need anything while I'm gone, you can contact Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, at the church (610-279-3990), Rector's Warden Andrew Ely (610-275-4275) or Vestry's Warden Joanne Heisler (610-304-0069), or Father West (610-308-4472, free feel to leave a message).

Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine. I pray that this time apart will energize us all, and that on June 11 we will joyfully reunite and begin the process of hearing each other's stories and seeing where God is leading us in our future together.

Namaste! (literally "I bow to the divine in you" in India, but also used for "hello" or "goodbye"),
Mother Sandra+

Suggested things to GIVE and GIVE UP during Lent

Give thanks
Give compliments
Give forgiveness
Give encouragement
Give hope
Give attention to virtue
Give time to prayer
Give respect
Give help
Give time to God

Give up complaining
Give up harsh judgments
Give up revenge
Give up negativism
Give up despair
Give up sin
Give up wasting your time
Give up prejudice
Give up selfishness
Give up what keeps you from God



Notes from....

I wish to extend a special thank you to Mother Sandra for her visits and flowers, and to Phil Gottshall in helping with taking the food donations to the pantry during my recent hospitalization and absence. -Shirley Brinker

A very big thank you to our carolers! We had another great year of Christmas caroling for our church shut-ins! Anthony Nero played guitar and piano while we sang. See you next year! FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA! -Susan Dean



*Natalia Dello Buono,
one of our happy shoppers.*

Interfaith Shopping

A group of All Saints youth and adults enjoyed an afternoon shopping at local West Norriton Wal-Mart to help keep the shelves full and stocked at Interfaith Food Pantry.

We thank Liz Parker and Andrew Ely for their help in organizing and making this special Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service happen.



Taking a well-deserved rest, pictured left to right: Emily Spottiswood, Wal-Mart helper, Andrew Ely, Clare Ely, Natalia Dello Buono, John Paul Batten, Karen Spottiswood, Victoria Batten, Liz Parker, and Nina Ely

Liz shares, "All went great! We collected and spent \$900. Six huge shopping carts filled to the top. 800+ items! Awesome time!"

Andrew shares, "We ended up with at least as much as we normally get by volume with a bit less money this year. I attribute that to the lack of peanut butter which is expensive.

I love that we had to stuff our second seat, including under Clare's feet!

We pretty much cleared out the Wal-Mart of every item we could. We had \$20 left and no idea what to get. We were all blasted at that point. The remaining funds were given as a cash donation directly to Interfaith."



We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this special day, either by physically shopping and delivering the car loads of goods, contributing monetary gifts and gift cards to purchase the non-perishable items, and also to the Wal-Mart employees for their help, support, and patience to help with the process. Together our efforts will bless many individuals and families in the Norristown community.



Clare Ely keeping all the goods in place as they are delivered.





February 2017



What's Happening at All Saints...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11 Bible study w/ lunch 7 N.A. (act. room)	2 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	3
4 Epiphany 5 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HE Rite II 11:30 Parish Annual Meeting	5 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	6 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	7 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	8 <i>Mother Sandra's sabbatical begins</i> 7 N.A. (act. room)	9 7:30 N.A.	10 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
11 Last Epiphany 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HE Rite II; Sunday school 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel)	12 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	13 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 6:30 Work Night	14 Ash Wednesday 9:15 Norristown Ministerium 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop VESTRY REPORTS DUE 6:30 Parish Dinner 7:30 Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes VALENTINE'S DAY	15 11 Bible study w/ lunch MESSENGER DEADLINE 7 N.A. (act. room)	16 7:30 N.A.	17
18 Lent 1 9 Good Noise Band practice/set up 10 Contemp. Svc. 6 Movie Night	19 OFFICE CLOSED 8 V.F. Highland Band practice PRESIDENTS' DAY	20 Parish Administrator's day off	21 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop 6:30 Vestry Mtg.	22 7 N.A. (act. room)	23 7:30 N.A.	24 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
25 Lent 2 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HE Rite II 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel)	26 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	27 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	28 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop			

To schedule and promote your special event, activity or meeting, contact Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, at 610-279-3990.

Serving for the Glory of God

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Acolytes	Betsy Gottshall Sarah Callow	Donna Penman Beville Jones		Jack Spottiswood Joe Gelet Natalia Dello Buono
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen Patty Gelet	Diane Mullen Mary Jane Daley	Susan Cohen Deb Porcelli
Bulletin Assemblers	Donna Hale Donna Penman (2/2)	Phil Gottshall Marion Shupe (2/9)	Donna & Bob Penman (2/16)	Ginger Banmiller Mary Jane Daley (2/23)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono	Judy & John Freeman
Counters	Betsy & Phil Gottshall	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Patty Gelet Sarah Callow	Donna Penman Beville Jones	Ginger Banmiller Phil Gottshall	Donna Hale Patty Gelet
Intercessor	Sarah Gelet	Laurie Sawyer	<i>If you would like to read the prayers of the day, contact the office</i>	Donna Penman
Lector	Marcia Carneavale	Sarah Callow	<i>If you would like to read the scripture of the day, contact the office</i>	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>			
8AM Servers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10AM Ushers/Greeters	Majid Etemad Gelet family	Dello Buono family	Betsy Gottshall Judy Baca	Donna & Bob Penman
Vestry Rep				

Ash Wednesday (2/14-7PM): Eucharistic Ministers: Judy & John Freeman, Lector: Nelson Schrock. **We are in need of Acolytes, Intercessor, and Ushers/Greeters, please contact Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, if you are able to serve.**

See a vacancy? Fill free to step forward to serve.



A Prayer for Compassion

Mother Teresa

Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened, and the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one. Amen.

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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.*