

# THE CARILLON



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## Rector's thoughts

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**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."**

I appreciate that many may be weary of the constant musak that bombarded us since Halloween, but the reality of Handel's music and words are always appropriate.

Could we only keep the glow of Christmas throughout the month of January, much of the world's chaos would be put into perspective. However, we Christians have Our Lord Jesus' birth and reality to help us through the long winter months.

As we enter a New Year of many distractions, political and international, we must focus on the living Christ who meets us wherever we find ourselves. The challenge for today's disciples is to keep the love of Christ ever before us.

Christmas is not merely one day but every day gives us the opportunity to visit the sick, feed the hungry, shelter those with no place to lay their heads. Christmas is a way of being courageous in the face of evil and ill will. As we make our way into a New Year, we have the opportunity to share the blessings of the Christ Child's birth.



## Epiphany & farewell potluck on January 6th

We will be gathering to celebrate Epiphany, which falls right on a Sunday this year, and also to thank Paul Foster for his years of musical service to All Saints. He has not only elevated our praise to God with his strong vocal and organ-playing talents, he has informed our services with his deep knowledge of Episcopal musical worship. However, he is moving to Chicago early in 2019. So we are holding a Potluck Farewell luncheon following the 10:30 Epiphany service on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us as we thank Paul for his service and wish him farewell—and bring a dish to share!

## Parish news

### Parish in transition will meet

The Search Committee will be displaying a slide show of our new Parish Profile at our Annual Meeting this month. This is what potential candidates for rector will see when they take a look at All Saints, so be sure to come view it! In addition, other important issues will be discussed, such as the decision to seek a half-time rector.

This all will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition, nominations for vestry will be taken from the floor; current candidates are Jeffrey Fowler, Sandy Kynerd, and Ruthann Wasil. **On January 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a single church service at 9:30, followed by a potluck breakfast, and then the meeting.**

### Sunday School highlights

by Jan Fritzsche

We do something “hands-on” every week, whether crafts or games. For instance, for Epiphany, we will read the story of the Wise Men from the Bible, while the older children enact the story with figurines. Then we will have a review activity, such as a game or a craft featuring the Star.



### Office hours to change in January

Vickie, our Parish Administrator, will have surgery the first week of January and will be out of the office from January 6<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ruthann Wasil has graciously volunteered to fill in for Vickie. If you cannot reach Ruthann at the office (440-888-4055) and have an emergency, please call our Senior Warden, Ray Heitland, at 440-243-4347.

### Easier care for the Altar Guild

by Jan Fritzsche

The Altar Guild welcomes Cindy Cantwell. And we recently received donations to purchase a fair linen to cover the altar, purificators (or napkins), and lavabo (wash bowl) towels. The best part is that all of these are of easy-care fabric. We’ve been very impressed because the fabric is so substantial, but doesn’t wrinkle like linen.

Finally, a spirited thank-you to everyone who helped green the church for Christmas. They did a great job! We have so many people who know a job and just do it, which makes it go very quickly. A special thank you to Canon Nancy for polishing all of the silver.

### Sweatshirts & fleeces return

by Mary Susan Sheaves-Bein

They’re back! All Saints is once again selling high-quality sweatshirts & fleeces embroidered with “All Saints.” As a personal testimonial, I grabbed a fleece this year because I’ve wanted to wear the one my husband bought last year as much as he did! Besides being warm & well-designed, they help increase name recognition for our parish. The best part is that Brad & Betty Booth are donating the items at cost, so that the proceeds can benefit outdoor repairs at the church, like repairing even more worn-out windows.

Look for the order form next to the display of sample sweatshirts & fleeces in the narthex to place your order. You can pay when you pick up your order.

### Bishop Williams to visit in Feb.

Bishop Williams will be visiting us on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to be confirmed or received, or to re-affirm their baptismal vows, should **speak to Canon Nancy immediately**. This will, of course, also be a wonderful occasion for baptisms. In addition, there will be a potluck reception following the 10:30 service.

## Message from the Senior Warden

by Ray Heitland

The year 2018 has shown many achievements in our parish life. They include establishing our Search Committee, deciding to seek a half-time rector, celebrating the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canon Nancy's historic ordination, resurfacing our parking lot, lighting up the narthex, and replacing windows that had seriously deteriorated, including one in the nursery.

All of these will be discussed in detail at the very important annual parish meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, described on page 2.



## Editor's corner

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I want to start with a big shout-out to Jeff Fowler, who has edited the Carillon for so long and so capably. He has managed a slicker look in Microsoft Word than that software wants to create, so that when I opened his file I found that I couldn't quite follow all of the twists and turns he'd managed. But his time is getting stretched thinner and thinner, what with his service for the Mobile Food Pantry, the Search Committee, possibly the Vestry next year—and now his first diocesan post, serving on the Episcopal Community Services (ECS) Development Board. So I'm happy to take off his broad shoulders one service he's been doing for All Saints.

Of course, I had to take advantage of the chance to play with the crayons. Let me know, please, how you like the look of this issue—especially, if you are able to read it easily or not. You can expect a certain fluidity to the Carillon's look for the next few issues, while I look at the output I get and investigate an actual desktop publishing program for us. So this is the ideal time to express any frustration you might have.

*And please send me short articles or news. Or just call me, and we'll work out a paragraph together over the phone. Easy!*

## Winter Convocation: Feb. 1 – 2

To whet your interest, a few of the details on some of the workshops that will be offered on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- **Exploring Lay Leadership:** Examine the purpose, roles, and responsibilities of lay leadership in The Episcopal Church with Bishop Hollingsworth.
- **Speaking our Faith:** Building upon her Friday keynote presentation on her book *Speaking Our Faith*, the Rev. Kit Carlson will offer practical help in learning to have compassionate, caring conversations with others about spirituality, belief, and Jesus Christ.
- **Youth Ministry in Smaller Churches:** We will explore practical aspects of ministry like marketing, recruiting, parent support; the balance of study, prayer, fellowship, service, and worship, while also discerning specific goals to engage, and be engaged by, the youth in our parishes.
- **Playing with the Psalms:** Join with an artist and a musician in praying, singing, and reflecting on a Psalm through your own artistic expression. No special abilities or training are needed.
- **Connecting Communities:** This workshop will give you a taste of our diocese's new nine month process to help your congregation grow closer to God, each other, and your community.
- **Dinner Church:** At Dinner Church, liturgy becomes informal, sermons become dialogues, and Holy Communion is placed in the context of a family meal. It is a fresh way to nurture members and invite friends.

We're out of room, but they're not out of workshops! And until January 9<sup>th</sup>, it's all for just \$29 at

[www.dohio.org/calendar/february-2019/winter-convocation](http://www.dohio.org/calendar/february-2019/winter-convocation).

## Weekly services

Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist (see January 27 <sup>th</sup> for exception): All welcome!
Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School: All children are welcome.
Wednesday	10:00 AM & 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist and Healing Oil followed by Bible Study (except on Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ): all will be welcomed, to either one or both.

## Upcoming events

### January, 2019

Jan 1	Tuesday	Office Closed	New Year's Day Holiday
Jan 2	Wednesday	Rector's vacation	No Eucharist or Bible Study
Jan 6	Sunday	11:30 AM	Epiphany & farewell potluck luncheon for Paul Foster
Jan 9	Sunday	n/a	Last day to get lower prices for the 2019 Winter Convocation
Jan 12	Saturday	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry (volunteers, please report early; soups are especially needed in the cold weather; <i>note that this falls a week early due to the coming holiday</i> )
Jan 20	Sunday	Noon	Vestry Meeting
Jan 21	Monday	Office Closed	Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
Jan 27	Sunday	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Single service</b> , then potluck breakfast & Annual Meeting

### February, 2019

February 1-2	Friday – Saturday	Friday 5:00 – 9:30 PM Saturday 8:00 – 4:00	2019 Winter Convocation at Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center
February 3	Sunday	1:00 PM	Senior Dinner; volunteers needed
February 9	Saturday	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Mobile Food Pantry (volunteers, please report early; soups are especially needed in the cold weather; <i>note that this falls a week early due to the coming holiday</i> )
February 17	Sunday	Noon	Vestry Meeting
February 18	Monday	Office Closed	Presidents' Day Holiday
February 24	Sunday	8:30 & 10:30	Bishop Williams' visit