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## Practice New Acts of Devotion

Heather Hill, Rector



A candle, an advent wreath, a special picture, a card, a special ornament. All of these items could be used in the coming months to help you focus on the God of all creation. In the darkness or busyness of this time of year we can easily become distracted from the work God seeks to do in each of us. There are many thoughts to think and worries to have.

In the midst of all of it God is calling out through the incarnation for us to seek God's peace and clarity. I want to invite you to find an item in your life that can help you refocus on God. Some examples of ways to do this are:

Light a candle as you eat to help you remember the light of Christ.

Light an Advent Wreath each day to help you prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

Place a picture of your loved ones in place where you can remember to praise God for their presence in your life.

Set out a card that depicts God's love for the world to help you remember God's love for you.

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Hang a special ornament in a location you often see can allow you to remember the joy that God longs to give us deep in our hearts.

What special item can you put out this season to help you to focus on God?



## Weaving God's Promises

Sandy Kynerd

On Saturday, September 13, Jan Fritzsche and Sandy Kynerd attended a *Weaving God's Promises* workshop at St Timothy's in Perrysburg Ohio.

The Reverend Canon Joanna Leiserson, leader of the workshop, told us about her faith journey and how she arrived at the Episcopal Church. Brought up in a church where, regardless of what you did or didn't do, you were going straight to hell, Joanna stopped attending church services for twelve years. One day, while expressing her desire to find a denomination that would value reason and her right to question, she was introduced to the Episcopal Church. Not only did she become an Episcopalian, but she also became the Canon for Christian Formation at Christ Church Cathedral and an interim priest at St Anne's in Cincinnati. Joanna eventually developed and wrote exclusively for the Episcopal Church's *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum.

We were among twenty people from approximately ten Diocese of Ohio parishes. Only two of the parishes use the *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum: All Saints is in its second year and the other parish has been using it for three years. Some of the attendees expressed their interest in this program because they heard that the curriculum that is user friendly. In fact, if a parish needed a substitute teacher, they could call on Saturday night and the substitute would be able to teach the next morning.

We were surprised to find out that many churches didn't have a Sunday school program, mainly



because they couldn't find people that would commit to planning lessons and being in the classroom every Sunday of the school year.

Joanna introduced us to some good faith resources. Buildfaith.org is a resource website dedicated to Christian Formation. On it are posted articles, tips, reviews, features, and resources about formation ministry with people of all ages. The book "A People called Episcopalian" by John Westerhoff, offers a great introduction to the Episcopal way suitable for newcomers or seekers in the Episcopal Church who may wonder what makes Episcopalians different than Roman Catholics and other Protestant denominations.

At the end of the workshop we broke off into groups of four to develop sample lesson plans. Kay, the wife of St. Timothy's pastor Jeff Bunke, was in our group. Afterwards, Kay gave us a tour of St Timothy's rectory and gardens while we discussed our experiences with Weaving God's Promises. She also gave us a tour of St Timothy's church building and showed us some of their outreach ministries.

God's Peace!!!

Sandy Kynerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny

## Outreach Projects

Lisa Czerny, Outreach Committee

### November Outreach Project

We will be providing Christmas Gift Bags to cancer patients and their caregivers who are staying at HOPE Lodge during Christmas. The American Cancer Society's Cleveland HOPE Lodge is a home away from home for cancer patients and loved ones as they are receiving treatments at nearby hospitals. We are looking for specific items/gifts to be provided for both women and men. Cards can be found on the bulletin board in the parish hall listing the items/gifts needed.

If you would like to help with this Christmas project please select a card or cards and purchase the items, or make a monetary donation to outreach and we will do the shopping. All items/gifts need to be brought to church by Sunday Nov. 30th. Together with you and the Social Committee, we as a parish will package & tag these items/gifts as we celebrate the Feast of St Nick on Sun Dec 7th by giving to others. We look forward to your continued generosity at Christmas time and we look forward to your company and participation in this joyous project!

The **Thanksgiving Service** is just around the corner and we hope you plan to attend and stay for Pie afterwards! The Dessert Menu is...Coconut Cream,

Cherry Streusel Tart, Blueberry Pomegranate, Candy Cane, Lemon Meringue, Turtle Cheesecake & Chocolate Salted Caramel w/ Almonds. We usually have a couple volunteer bakers to make & share an Apple & a Pumpkin Pie, if you would be so kind to do that, please let us know. Thanks & we will see you for service & pie!

Monetary donations to give Undergarments to the Cleveland Veterans Hospital totaled \$225, thank you for your support and thank you Susan Love for doing the shopping!

Monetary donations to help the Parma Christian food pantry totaled \$98. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors for Thanksgiving

On behalf of All Saints, deliveries of some of the food from our Mobile Food Pantry were made to The American Cancer Society HOPE Lodge in both months of September & October. The many guests staying there were graciously accepting of all that we had to offer and we will provide it again in November if we are able to.

Thank you for your generosity and support to our many projects, we hope you have a safe & enjoyable Thanksgiving & Christmas with your family & friends!  
- Lisa & the All Saints Outreach

## Prayer Shawls

The purpose of a Prayer Shawl is to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care. The shawl is knitted or crocheted so the recipient can wrap up in it and feel God's arms around him or her. A prayer shawl is made with prayer and blessed before giving to the person who needs it.

Our prayer shawls are given to those in need of strength while undergoing medical procedures;

those in need of comfort after a loss; those in need of peace and patience during an illness and recovery; those in celebration of graduation, a marriage or a birth of a child...there are endless possibilities for these gifts!

Please see Pastor Heather if you are in need of a prayer shawl.

## Social Committee Update

Jan Fritsche

**Sunday – November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Everyone is cordially invited to the annual **Advent Wreath Making** event. We will meet in the parish hall between services. Bring a breakfast treat to share, if you can, and join in the fun of warm cider, tasty fall treats and the wonderful smell of fresh cut greens. We will provide all necessary supplies; but if you have your wreath container from previous years, please bring it with you.

### DECEMBER



**Sunday – December 7<sup>th</sup>** – The Social and Outreach Committees are sponsoring a St. Nicholas

Day of gifts. In celebration of the Saint known for his kindness and generosity, we invite all to join us in the parish hall after the first service to assemble **Christmas Gift Bags** for the folks at Hope Lodge. There will be coffee/tea and cookies to keep us going, as we think of others at this special time of year.

**Sunday – December 21<sup>st</sup>** – It will be time once again to prepare our sanctuary and narthex for the joyous Christmas celebrations. Stay after the 10:30 service for some light snacks and the camaraderie of **Greening the Church**. Many hands make hanging wreaths, setting-up the crèche and setting out all the candles, light work. There are jobs for all ages, so bring your family and kick off the season with a great Episcopal tradition.



Above: Mobile Pantry Day at All Saints

Left: Animal Blessing at Stearns's Farm

## 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of Samuel Seabury

Jeffrey Fowler, Senior Warden

A crucial date for members of The Episcopal Church is the consecration of the first Bishop of the Anglican Communion in the United States. During the colonial era, there had been no Anglican bishops in the New World; and persons seeking to be ordained as clergy had had to travel to England for the purpose. After the achievement of American independence, it was important for the Church in the United States to have its own bishops, and an assembly of Connecticut clergy chose Samuel Seabury to go to England and there seek to be consecrated as a bishop.

However, the English bishops were forbidden by law to consecrate anyone who would not take an oath of allegiance to the British Crown. Seabury accordingly turned to the Episcopal Church of Scotland. When the Roman Catholic king James II was deposed in 1688, some of the Anglican clergy (including some who had been imprisoned by James for defying him on religious issues) said that, having sworn allegiance to James as King, they could not during his lifetime swear allegiance to the new monarchs William and Mary. These included almost all the bishops and clergy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland. Accordingly, the monarchs and Parliament

declared that thenceforth the official church in Scotland should be the Presbyterian Church. The Episcopal Church of Scotland thereafter had no recognition by the government, and was therefore free to consecrate Seabury without government permission, and it did. This is why you see a Cross of St. Andrew on the Episcopal Church flag.

In Aberdeen, 14 November 1784, Samuel Seabury was consecrated to the Episcopate by the Bishop and the Bishop Coadjutor of Aberdeen and the Bishop of Ross and Caithness. He thus became part of the unbroken chain of bishops that links the Church today with the Church of the Apostles.

In return, Seabury promised that he would do his best to persuade the American Church to adopt the Scottish Prayer of Consecration, taken largely unchanged from the 1549 Prayer Book, rather than the much shorter prayer used by the English church. This prayer, adopted with few modifications, is widely regarded as one of the greatest treasures of the American Episcopal Church.

Excerpted from James Kiefer

[http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Consecration\\_Seabury.htm](http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Consecration_Seabury.htm)



**Bishop Samuel Seabury**

## All Saints Financial Report

Marcia Day, Treasurer

	August	September	October
Monthly Income. 2014	\$14,642.80	\$8,288.42	\$9,819.77
Monthly Expense. 2014	\$13,275.35	\$8,129.14	\$11,994.10
Difference. 2014	+\$1,367.45	+\$159.28	-\$11,994.10
Year to Date Income. 2014	\$84,798.79	\$93,087.21	\$102,906.98
Year to Date Expense. 2014	\$94,101.88	\$102,231.02	\$114,225.12
Difference. 2014	-\$9,303.09	-\$9,143.81	-\$11,318.14
Year to Date Income. 2013	\$70,554.54	\$80,957.62	\$91,786.40
Year to Date Expense. 2013	\$96,308.19	\$105,271.10	\$118,298.52
Difference. 2013	-\$25,753.65	-\$24,313.48	-\$26,530.12

Compared to 2013, our income for 2014 increased about \$11,000+ monthly. Thanks be to God! The expenses are about the same with some variations. There have been no unexpected expenses, just our normal, everyday expenses that a church incurs. Some months have higher expenses due to quarterly payments (pension, insurance) or weather related expenses (gas, snowplowing, etc.). The difference between Income and Expenses is dramatic between 2014 and 2013 and due to the increase in income.

All of our bills are current; we are current due to the carryover of funds from December 2013 and one small loan to ourselves of \$1000.00.

We did lose two of our regular renters and are working to bring in regular renters again. A budget is actually very fluid due to circumstances beyond our control: parishioners who died or moved, parishioners new to the church, repairs needed, weather, etc. Thank you to all for your continued support of this church on the corner of Ames and W. Ridgewood in Parma!

### PLEDGES:

Have you turned in your pledge card yet? We will be preparing a 2015 Budget soon and your input in terms of pledge is needed. Do you need envelopes? Yes or no, let us know on that form also. Regardless of whether or not you want the actual envelopes, attaching your name to your donation allows the Pledge Recorder to keep a record of your giving, can be used at tax time and is approved by IRS for that purpose.

Several parishioners pay their pledge or donation through on-line bill paying services. Their pledge number becomes the account number.

## The Bulletin Board

### **Communion without Gluten**

Gluten free communion wafers are now available please speak with Pastor Heather if you would like to receive one.

### **Parish Database:**

Vickie has distributed a form to the church to collect personal and family information for our parish database. Updated information will help us with record keeping, church mailings, and historical records. Call Vickie at the church office if you have questions or concerns.

### **Taizé Prayer Service**

Originally from a community in France, Taizé worship combines meditative songs with silence. This favorite service of many at All Saints will be held on Sunday, November 16 at 6 pm. It is a great service to invite family and friends to join you!

### **Monthly Breakfast and Advent Wreath Making**

Join us on Sunday, November 23 (a week early because of Thanksgiving) for our Monthly Breakfast and an opportunity to create an Advent Wreath. Advent wreaths are a beautiful way to help us journey through Advent focused on God. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we have enough supplies!

### **Thanksgiving Service and Pie Celebration**

Let us thank God together in worship on Tuesday, November 25 at 7 pm! Plan to stay afterwards to share God's love with each other while we eat some wonderful pie!

### **Advent Season**

One of the shortest seasons of the Church Year, **Advent** provides time for us to prepare in hope for the coming of Christ. This is a great time to spend a few minutes each day focused on God and prayer.

Starting Sunday, November 23 Advent Devotionals will be available in the narthex. I hope in the midst of the crazy holiday season they will feed your soul.

### **Senior Dinner**

Our next Senior Dinner will be Sunday, November 30 at 1 pm. All Seniors are invited to come for a great holiday meal and a game of Bingo!

We are seeking **donations of Christmas cookies** for our next Senior Dinner. If you are able to help, please place them in the kitchen on Sunday morning November 30.

### **When Christmas Hurts Service**

This annual service will be held on Sunday, December 14 at 6pm. This prayer service, gathered around our Advent Wreath is designed for those who have a more difficult time during the holiday season. Please invite your family and friends who would be interested in a safe place for challenging emotions.

### **Greening of the Church**

Please plan to stay after our 10:30 service on Sunday, December 21 to help us decorate the church for Christmas! We always have a good time pulling out the greens and preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ!

### **Christmas Services**

Mark your calendars today to celebrate Christmas at All Saints with your family! Our services on Christmas Eve will be at 6 and 9 pm and on Christmas Day at 10 am.

### **Weekly Emails**

All Saints sends out weekly emails. Are you getting this email? If no and you would like to, please send your email address to [allsaintsparma@ohiocoxmail.com](mailto:allsaintsparma@ohiocoxmail.com) or call the church office at 440-888-4055.

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