



SAINTS ALIVE

Worshipping in the Anglican Tradition

All Saints Church
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JULY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Tuesday Night Group 6:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Intercessory Prayer 9 a.m.
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If you received your newsletter in the U.S. mail and have an email address, we would like to ask you to please send it to us at jjcdemolay@comcast.net. Next month we will send your newsletter via email. This helps to save on costs for printing and postage and you get the newsletter in pdf format and in color.

Thank you for helping us to reduce our costs.

AUGUST 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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19	20	21 Tues. Night Group Bible Study 6:30—8 p.m.	22	23	24 TNG Cookout	25 Saturday Blessing- Grace Anglican Church, Edgeworth 7—8:30 p.m.
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Celebrate What Matters with Women of Faith

We all experience good times and bad days, triumphs and tragedies. But no matter what life throws at you, this is what matters: God loves YOU. (Always has. Always will.) You're invited to be part of a very special celebration. Compelling stories, Bible-based teaching, world-class music, unstoppable inspiration, and a few surprises combine for an experience like no other. *God loves you! And that means there is always a reason to celebrate.*

All Saints Church is organizing a group to attend this exciting and inspirational Women of Faith event, coming to Pittsburgh's Petersen Events Center on Friday, September 28 (7 – 10 pm) and Saturday, September 29 (9 am – 5 pm). Tickets for a group of 10 or more are \$89.

You don't want to miss out. *Celebrate What Matters.* Reserve your group ticket by contacting

Pat Serafini at serafinip@yahoo.com or 412-247-0617.

Summer in Canonsburg Pa?

Maybe Canonsburg is not the place we would think to spend a significant part of our summer, but for a number of our members that is exactly what they plan to do. A team of more than a dozen from All Saints will be spending the month of July and perhaps a few weeks in August visiting Christ the Redeemer.

Previously St David's, Christ the Redeemer changed its name and relocated to Canonsburg from Peters Township after the lost of their building to the Episcopal Church. To support the congregation and their clergy, David visited the first service in their new location. While worshiping with Christ the Redeemer, David felt led to send a team to Canonsburg.

The purpose of the visits is simple – to step away from our routine and issues, and see ourselves anew through the “lens” of worshiping in a different congregation. This has nothing to do with the form of our worship. In fact Christ the Redeemer’s worship is very similar to our own. Even the two rectors are similar in their worship leadership.

To emphasis the point – we are not going to Christ the Redeemer to consider changes to our form of worship. We're going to see ourselves in a way that we can't do if we stay home. Through the eyes of worshiping at a different location we expect see new things about ourselves.

As an example, and perhaps most importantly, we want to understand what a visitor to AS sees in us when they visit.

The team will talk among themselves during each visit. To help understand what God is telling us, David Wilson, rector of Christ the Redeemer will meet with the team after each service to help process what they are experiencing.

We don't want to speculate what the team will find about ourselves as they look through this new lens. But we fully expect to learn much about ourselves, and about what God wants us to do and know as we begin the to invite Rosedale to AS this year.

We are spending the summer in Canonsburg to grow. First spiritually and into the will of God. Second to grow as a congregation as we continue the process of renewing AS. We are sure God will use this season in powerful and unexpected ways.

Please pray for the team as they travel.

Being Willing to be New

As promised, AS is in the process of working to renew itself. If anyone wants proof of our willingness to become “new” all one needs to do is read this edition of Saints Alive.

In this issue you will find articles about our participation in combined services with Rosedale United Methodist Church and sending a team to Canonsburg for a significant part of the summer to worship at Christ the Redeemer. Both of these endeavors would seem radical to some. To AS, they represent a new way of being intentional about being Jesus' Church.

Much of the history of The Church is about division, another part of the history of the church is about isolation - “we do what we always do because we've always done it”. Division and isolation are wrong. Neither represent what God intends for His Church. Our steps may be small, but they are real. They may not effect anyone else, but they do effect us.

We are not being governed by the “old” but seeking to be made new, into a church that is concerned first and foremost about being what Jesus wants us to be. So, we seek to be an example by bridging something as “small” as denominational division. And we seek to throw off isolation by seeking to see ourselves through the eyes of another parish.

These “changes” would be criticized by some and unfathomable in many congregations. While others change theology, reinterpret Scripture, ignore Scripture, compromise, deny the Truth of Jesus, and/or sue other churches, all the while literally working against the Body of Christ, AS has moved on.

We have refused to fight an ungodly fight over a building (please read Matthew 5:40) just as we refused to cling to denominational identity (so we're now Anglican). We have chosen to identify first and ultimately in the name of Jesus Christ.

We have chosen to become new for a new world in order to be a light into the world rather than cling to old self-identifications. We have chosen to take a risk in worshiping with other brothers and sisters in Christ, just as we are willing to look at ourselves through the eyes of another congregation to better see ourselves.

No one knows where any of this may lead. In truth, that does not matter as long as we are living into God's will. In all that we do may our first priority be to be His Church. We'll stumble often. But no one will ever be able to accuse us of being afraid, of being afraid to trust God in whatever He has for us.

Combined Worship Services

The One True Church

One of the most unexpected and unique results of our move to our new building is our combined worship with Rosedale United Methods. At the time of our move there was no thought at all about this possibility. Why would there be? This is truly unique, we don't know of any other place where this is being done. The question may be asked - why are we doing it?

The most important reason is that spiritually it makes sense. We believe God is glorified and well pleased with these services.

One of the great failures of the Church is "denominationalism" which represents a divided Christianity. Spiritually there is only one church, it is the Church established and eternally ruled by Jesus.

There are legitimate reasons for different denominations but there is no legitimate reason for true Christians to consider themselves "Anglicans" or "Methodist" or a member of any other denomination before they considering themselves Christian. In the end, there will be no denominations, only Christians.

We believe these services represent an important message to all of us in both congregations – we may belong to an Anglican or Methodist congregation, but we are part of the one true church of Jesus Christ. It is also an important message to the "world" which knows mostly the reality of churches fighting.

David and Don, pastors of both congregations, are committed to these services and hope they will be a testimony to all of us about who we really are and also a witness to the rest of the Church and the world about Christian unity.

Current plans are for a combined service on each fifth Sunday of a month and each service will begin at 10:00. The services will alternate between Anglican and Methodist. Other than the summer season, combined services will include combine choirs. Already Todd and Dave have developed a close relationship and their combined effort has been impressive and a great blessing.

In addition to the services on the fifth Sundays, there will continue to be special services such as the cantatas we shared this past December and May.

Please make plans to join us for our next combined service on July 29th which will be led by Don. After the service AS has been invited to participate in the RUMC annual picnic held on the church grounds.

Your Will Be Done

Part III

David's Story

*O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God. But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! **Psalm 3:1-8***

*Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. **Psalm 4:1-3***

*As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. **Psalm 42:1-8***

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? **Psalm 27:1***

As I do with Paul, I love reading about David. His story testifies to me about the life lived in God's presence.

It's not at all what most television "ministers" have to say. There are no promises of worldly happiness, riches, success or health. I have less evidence about sermons from the pulpit, but I feel sure that relatively few are preaching the fullness of their stories. As with Paul, David's story is up and down, holy and sinful; made a king by God and then chased for years by the sitting king who had no intention of turning the crown over to this "boy". David waited, he suffered, he was confused; he looked up

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All Saints Prayer List

July/August 2012

Parish: Joanne Calderone, The McMarlin Family, Barbara Slattery, The Keller Family, The Tendick Family, Karen Rucker and Family, Shelby Rushmore, Kathy Swan and Family, Greg Jazwindki (Heidi's dad), Phoebe (Godline's mother), Charles (Godline's brother), Dolores Oliver, Jo Clapperton (Barb Harman's mother), Apollo Ogut (Moses's father)

For Moses's discernment process and Carolyn's ministry

For All Saints, for our being open to God's vision for us, and for our leaders.

For our African students: Margaret Kiconco, Kennedy Gondwe who recently graduated, and Emmanuel Mukeshimana & Gideon Ninsiima.

For our Mission in Africa: Gisele Umotoni, Arlene Brown's Ministry (Hope Made Real)

Friends of the Parish: Frank Lusi, Mike Theiss and Family (friend of Jes lusi/ cancer), Jack Miller, Connor and Family (Dylan Arend's friend), Jeff Freeman (Friend of Pat's sister/recovery from heart bypass surgery), Patty Palo (Friend of John Colaianne cancer), Caprice Serafini (Pat's niece), Mike Herald, (Ray's Brother), Bernadine Srocki (Larry's sister-in-law), Jackie (Pat's friend)

For victims of human trafficking, that they may know God's loving presence in the midst of their suffering.

Armed Services: Pray for the safety of those in the armed services and the peace of mind of their families, especially those known by this congregation: Jason Biehl, Paul Burger, Dustin Churchel, Anthony Lusi, Marcus Levering, Jeff Muir, Howard Wagner. For employment for returning military personnel and veterans.

Friends of the parish will be listed for 1 month. If you would like to add a name, remove a name, or have a name stay on the prayer list longer than 1 month, please contact Pat Serafini at 412-247-0617 or serafinip@yahoo.com

News from Arlene Brown

Arlene Brown, the founder and head of Urukundo Village for Children in Rwanda, sent me an email about a great happening this past few days.

Arlene was sitting in a church service with many of her kids. Next to her sat Claudine, age 5. They were afraid that Claudine was going blind (she exhibited all of the actions that would have people, without eye care professional resources to guide them) to think she was going blind.

As five year olds do in church, Claudine was fidgety and picked up Arlene's glasses that Arlene had removed and had in her lap. Claudine put on the glasses to imitate Arlene and suddenly she gasped. Then she squealed in delight. It turns out that she needed glasses to correct her vision. They have had her eyes checked and are ordering the proper glasses, so she can see clearly.

It gave me a thought that if we put on spiritual glasses that Jesus has provided, we can be amazed at how things really look.

Tom Nunnally

Enjoy the message here...

Contributed by John Colaianne

Lisa Beamer on Good Morning America - If you remember, she's the wife of Todd Beamer who said 'Let's Roll!' and helped take down the plane over Pennsylvania that was heading for Washington, DC back on 9/11.

She said it's the little things that she misses most about Todd, such as hearing the garage door open as he came home, and her children running to meet him.

Lisa recalled this story:

"I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband died suddenly of a heart attack.

About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students. As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there.

With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, 'Class is over, I would like to share with all of you, a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important. Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment.

Perhaps this is the power's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day. Her eyes, beginning to water, she went

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one day and realized God had accomplished what He promised, but not at all the way David expected or planned. He led great army's in epic victories and suffered humbling defeat. He was a man after God's heart, but committed the most grievous of sin. He cried out in anger to His God; he bowed before His God in humility, worship, gratefulness, and love.

His story is important to use because, to steal the words of a song I know well, David was "every man".

Paul and David share first person accounts which are the most powerful way to share a story. In their stories relationship is the center and there relationships center on God. In these stories the truth of God comes alive in new, powerful, ways.

Unfortunately, it is possible to lose the purpose of these stories because they may seem so much "greater" than ours; they are so awesome we simply don't relate. Please reject that lie – in the middle of their stories we will find ourselves, whatever our circumstances. Whether confused, broken, lonely, doubting, in sin, in His glory, in mission or out of His presence, we will find our place in these stories.

How many times have I turned to David's Psalms to praise and worship God! Also, to cry out to God in need or despair.; seek comfort in my doubts or confusion. These stories give me permission to be human even as my soul pants after God as the deer for water.

In is not the size of their stories that separates many people from David and Paul – it is the center of the stories. For both men, God is the center. Their life revolves around their God and creator, their hope and desire for the future. They were certainly selfish and sinful, their stories comfort us that the "saints" are sinner too, just like us. But in the depths of their hearts, they cast their eyes and longings to God. This is where, unfortunately, the stories of so many people are disconnected from David and Paul. For so many, "I" is the center. Maybe this can be redefined so that children or work or money or pleasure is at the center, but not God.

For many, God is there for "emergency purposes" only, or as "one of many". Not so for David and Paul. In the middle of their stories, both good and bad, it all comes back to God.

Without doubt, the saddest thing for me is that most of the church has lost this center. We take care of

obligations like Sunday (at least we use to) and maybe a prayer life of some sort, and then we move on. Life is so busy today, how can it be any other way? (If you want to see busy, read David and Paul's stories. I doubt that any of us could keep up.). But it's the center that matters. It's from the center that our true stories will be written.

Day by day we are writing our story, and our real story will revolve around that which is at the center of our heart. For David and Paul and countless others, God was and is the center. These stories will literally last an eternity. All others will return to the dust from which they came.

Our stories matter. Your story matters. How much does it matter to you?

Blessings

David

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on, 'So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice.

It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent, perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground. Please look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the "stuff" of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted.

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.

If you like this, please pass it on to a friend, if not just delete it and go on with your life!

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

God bless you every day of your life.

All Saints New Women's Ministry

After weeks of praying and planning by a steering committee made up of women from All Saints and Rosedale United Methodist Churches, we will be launching our new Women's Ministry in September. Although we are offering what we hope will be interesting activities, our vision is that women's ministry is so much more. It is we as women responding to one another's needs, hopes, and joys as we grow into the women God created us to be. We do this by living in love for our Lord and for one another.

Two special activities are planned for September. We are putting together a group to attend the Women of Faith event *Celebrate What Matters* on Friday, September 28 (7 – 10 pm) and Saturday, September 29 (9 am – 5 pm) at Pittsburgh's Petersen Events Center. Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired by compelling stories, Bible-based teaching, world-class music, and a few surprises. In the midst of good times and bad days, triumphs and tragedies, *God loves you! And that means there is always a reason to celebrate.* Tickets for a group of 10 or more are \$89.

Having attended several Women of Faith events, I can honestly say that it's an experience you and your friends do not want to miss. Reserve your ticket by contacting me at serafinip@yahoo.com or 412-247-0617.

In September we are also starting a Women's Bible Study based on the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. "The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet ... but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve Him ... yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then come Jesus into the midst of your busy life inviting you to choose the 'better part' -- a joyful life of intimacy with Him that flows naturally into loving service." Joanna Weaver shows us how all of us can draw closer to Jesus, deepen our devotion and strengthen our service, and do both with less stress and greater joy. It could change your life. To register, contact me at serafinip@yahoo.com or 412-247-0617.

We will soon be announcing more exciting, meaningful women's ministry opportunities. And we look forward to being with you as we all grow into the women God created us to be.

Pat Serafini



Kennedy & Margaret Graduate

Below is a photo at their graduation, with Marylee Bolitho. She and Bob are missionaries in Uganda.

Kennedy has returned to Malawi and is already preaching. Margaret is back in Rwanda and making her search from Arlene's guest home at Urukundo Village and helping Arlene while she is there. Arlene reports that Maggie is a dream come true.

So our sponsored students are already making their way in the world. Please continue to pray for Kennedy and Margaret as they begin their ministries. We will keep you informed as they continue to serve our Lord as he has supported them through their studies and the great celebration of the completion of their dreams. God Bless you Both.



Our Mission Continues

Gideon is our present sponsored student. Bob and Maylee Bilotheo are missionaries in Uganda and our contact with the students. Please keep Gideon in your prayers as he begins his studies.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

JULY

- 7 David & Kathy Swan
- 10 Pat Hamilton
- 10 Judy Kennedy
- 11 Walter Eyrich
- 12 Gerry & Carole Gagliano
- 12 Tom Harman
- 15 Kathy Vogtsberger
- 18 Dick & Pat Hamilton
- 18 Anthony Tominello, Jr.
- 21 Don & Kim Arend
- 30 Jenny Burger
- 31

AUGUST

- 12 John & Donna Violando
- 14 Dina Tominello
- 18 Brian O'Donnell
- 20 Miya Tominello
- 21 Alexa Tominello
- 21 Bob Whiteacre III
- 24 Heidi Young
- 28 Randy & Sarah Sanders Jr.
- 29 Gordie Ishenwood Jr.
- 30 Karen Rucker

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Jason Rucker
- 2 Joey Arend
- 5 Kingsley Nwachukwu
- 7 Miranda Miller
- 11 Chris Swan
- 14 Abby Young
- 18 Kelsey Kennedy
- 24 Sara Colaianne
- 27 Don Arend

Are you missing from our list, Please let Donna Violando know. Thanks



Christmas In July

You are cordially invited to join
Rosedale United Methodist Church
 For Christmas In July on July 29th at 10:00 a.m.
 We will be having a combined service that morning
 Featuring The RUMC Bell Choir &
George Rice (Who has sung at All Saints)
 Followed by a picnic
 Everyone is to bring a covered dish.

WORSHIP

SERVICE SUNDAYS

9:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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