

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
The Monthly Newsletter of All Saints'
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Dear Friends,

On Sunday, June 18 Bishop Benhase will make his visit to All Saints'. June always sees the beginning of our annual summer slump in attendance so I do hope as many of you as possible will make it a priority to be with us for the 10:30 am service. There will be no 5.00 pm service on that day, as per the Bishop's request.

Amongst the material that the Bishop sends in advance of his visit is the request that he not be welcomed as if he is a guest when he visits a parish in his diocese. There are important theological and historical reasons for that request. The ministry of our church is his ministry and All Saints' is the local embodiment of his vocation to serve as a Bishop.

While he is with us the Bishop will be the celebrant at our Eucharist during which he will confirm those whom Liz Williams and I have prepared for that important event. The Bishop will also bless our new additions. We will have a reception for him by the gazebo and he will then meet with the vestry.

I have been asked why he has changed his schedule. He used to be with us in the fall. This is because he has moved to a rotation of parish visitations which is over a thirteen-month period. Next year he will be with us on June 24 making us the last parish that he will visit. My expectation is that in 2019 he will be with us in the early fall since we will then be one of the first parishes. No promises, however! Bishops make their own decisions.

I know that the Bishop will want to discuss stewardship and evangelism with the vestry. For our part, we are hoping for a substantive conversation around the Executive Summary of the results of our recent parish survey. Those have now been compiled. After the vestry has discussed them with the Bishop we will communicate what we have learned to the entire parish.

Thank you once again to all who participated. Your perceptions of life and ministry at All Saints' are vital to the vestry as they lead us forward in our work on God's behalf.

I have made no specific plans yet about time away during the summer, but Cynthia and I are hoping to make a trip to California perhaps in August just before the school year begins.

I wish you every blessing – and don't forget the 18th!

Paul+

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

On 5/9/17, the ECW concluded the 2016–2017 meeting year with a grand tea held at Springwood. A big thank you goes to Lee Chubb and Lee Mitchell for hosting this lovely event. Several of you had the opportunity to sign up to host an ECW Meeting for the coming year – thank you. We still have openings for hosts in August, October, November, January, February, and May. We are also in need of someone to coordinate the meetings for next year – please consider serving in this capacity.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Emily Funk
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VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry will hold its meeting with Bishop Benhase this month on Sunday, June 18 after the morning service in the Parish Hall Library.

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE

As in years past, during the summer months the office will close at Noon on Friday.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Many thanks to new member Jack Coppedge for leading the May discussion on The Alphabet House. On June 14th, Lee Chubb will present a medley of three of her favorite beach books/summer reads. In July and August Chip Bragg will present his newest book, Martyr of the American Revolution: The Execution of Isaac Hayne, South Carolinian and Tammy Miller will lead the discussion of Kick Kennedy: The Charmed Life and Tragic Death of the Favorite Kennedy Daughter. The order of the selections will depend upon Dr. Bragg's schedule. We meet in the Parish Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:50 a.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch and we'll supply the beverages. We hope that you'll join us.

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CHOIR NEWS

Adult Choir

My heartfelt thanks to our parish choir members for blessing me this past season. I'm grateful for you and will miss you during the summer. It's such a pleasure to work with people who are so dedicated, pious, devout, God-fearing, spiritual, prayerful, saintly, reverent, and dutiful. You teach many, lessons and behaviors. I'm proud to be your choir director and friend. Have a wonderful vacation from the loft and I'll see you in September. Clarise Waddill, Emily Funk, Julie, Elise and Doug McPherson, Patti Poppell, Will Sheftall, Denny Lewin, Peter Potter, Lynn McCabe.

St. David's Choir

Thank you for a memorable and blessed Mother's Day. I look forward to your return in September. Elle and Palmer McCollum, William McCollum, Elise McPherson, Ben Watts, Caroline Cobb

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in June to:

John Brigham Daniel	6-1-07
Robert Amos Rollins	6-4-11
Emmett Clark Overton Griffith	6-6-12
Will Bracken	6-10-10
Anna Kelly	6-18-97
Jack Anthony Hodges	6-19-03
Claire Louise Hodges	6-23-01
August Kachaluba	6-24-07
Andrew James Wetzel	6-24-15

Happy Birthday in July to:

Emma Hutton Daniel	7-7-05
Simms Wetherbee	7-10-08
Sara Bayly Wagner	7-14-10
Truman (Edward) Wright, IV	7-15-97
Henry Portman Cobb	7-16-13
Elizabeth "Eliza" Davis	7-16-13
Madeline Claire Bruhn	7-22-98
Andrew Raney McMullian	7-26-07
Henry Simmons Ladson	7-30-02
Mary Elizabeth Benton	7-30-96
Sims Bracken	7-31-13