

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
The Monthly Newsletter of All Saints'

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Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Parish Picnic at 11.00 am on Sunday at the Osceola Barn. Once again, we thank Diane, and Alston and Philip for inviting us. We will be multi-tasking. Celebrating both St. Francis and All Saints' and blessing pets. Please bring them with you.

I have been checking the weather app. on my phone to see how Sunday will be. It suggests sunshine and that dawn will be in the high fifties and that the temperature will reach 75 during the day. To my mind that is just about perfect. We have some absolutely perfect days at this time of year in Thomasville!

Yesterday was my day off and I spent most of it outdoors. It was one of those perfect Thomasville days and I was reminded of the Lenten study that many of us participated in, reading John O'Donohue's book, Beauty. The back cover introduced us to the theme of the book which is that beauty is far more than just a pleasant distraction and that, if we can learn to fully engage with it, it is powerfully beneficial.

'Beauty is all around us – in a flower, a song, the sound of water falling, or a dramatic painting. We often think about it as just 'window dressing'. But it's not: it's one of the key elements of a healthy, happy existence, and fully engaging with the everyday beauty that surrounds us can help us combat depression and malaise, speed recovery, and make life feel more purposeful.

The author teaches us to see the beauty of the everyday in a whole new way, not as a pleasant distraction but as a powerful therapeutic tonic that can help us forge connections with others, cope with stress, and build healthier lives.'

When I read the story of Creation and hear the refrain that God saw what he had made and saw that it was good my suspicion is that God was saying to himself "My that is beautiful! Just the environment I want for my humans!" If that is the case, it stands to reason that God intended the beauty of his creation to be a tonic for our souls.

O'Donohue states an important caveat that we not confuse beauty with glamour. I suspect we often do. Here is what he had to say:

Coarseness is always the same relentless chafing; it makes everything it touches raw and rough.... Coarseness falsifies and anaesthetizes our desire. However, when we awaken to beauty, we keep desire alive in its freshness, passion, and creativity. Sadly, beauty is often refused, repudiated or cut down to the size of our timid perceptions. The tragedy is that what we refuse to attend to cannot reach us. It has become the habit of our times to mistake glamour for beauty. Beauty is not glamour. Most of what the media, the fashion world, Hollywood, the art world has to offer is glamour. It is a highly fickle, commercially driven enterprise that contributes to the humdrum. Glamour has but a single flicker. In contrast, the Beautiful offers us an invitation to order, coherence and unity. When these needs are met, the soul feels at home in the world.

Isn't it true that 'what we refuse to attend to cannot reach us' but when we do attend to beauty the soul does feel at home in the world?

It is fall in Thomasville and you are being invited to a lovely picnic when all of us can take time to 'attend' to its beauty for our souls' benefit. See you on Sunday at Osceola.

Every blessing, Paul+

VESTRY

The November meeting will be held Sunday, November 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Library.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our meeting will follow Holy Communion on November 18 at which time we will elect three members of the Vestry. Rotating off this year are Julie Carico, Denny Lewin and Vann Middleton.

OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Friday, November 9 in observance of Veteran's Day and at Noon on Wednesday, November 21st in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen on Monday, November 26th.

EYC NEWS

Save the date! We'll assist with Saturday Lunch at St. Thomas again on December 15.

YOGA NEWS

Yoga at All Saints' is going strong with two classes a week: Mondays at 5:15 pm and Thursdays at 10:00 am in the nursery. All you need is a yoga mat, comfortable clothing and a water bottle. No previous yoga experience required!--

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The Altar Guild is delighted to welcome aboard four new members: Suzanne Alexander, Margaret Boltja, Robyn Enright, and Nadia Watts. Last month we held a mini-orientation session at the church to acquaint our new members with the inner workings of the altar and sacristy. We give thanks for all of our members (both new, and not-so-new!) who work diligently behind the scenes to serve God and our parish.

Patti Poppell

ECW NEWS

Due to Hurricane Michael the ECW fall event at Blue Bear Farm has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

As way of a reminder this is the announcement from October's newsletter:

Hello ECW!

Please join us for our first fall event at Blue Bear Farm – the home of Dawna Bicknell Tanner and her husband, Mike. ~~We will gather at their home on Thursday, October 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.~~

Among the Five Marks of Mission adopted in 1871 by the Episcopal Church's General Convention in organizing the Woman's Auxiliary Society, point 5 hit home for Dawna. It reads:

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Dawna has agreed to briefly introduce us to their motivations for developing a small family farm. She'll describe their commitment to raising nutrient dense grass-fed beef in a way that allows for the humane treatment of animals, respect for the land, and working in a way that benefits the ecosystem.

Their farm is located between Beachton and Cairo, off Highway 93, approximately 22 miles from the church. Carpooling is suggested given the distance and maps will be available before the event. Dress casually and if you want to tromp around outside, be sure to bring your boots or wear suitable shoes.

We hope you will join us to plant seeds of friendship for the new year, rejuvenate our spirits and find a common path toward fulfilling the various missions of ECW.

Cynthia

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Attention Reading enthusiasts:

If you were not at our October meeting, you missed a terrific, thought-provoking discussion lead by Annie Jones, about the Thomasville ONE BOOK for 2018, "We Were The Lucky Ones" by Georgia Hunter. All agreed it had been a worthwhile read. Many marveled at the talent of this author to tell the World War II story of survival of her family members during the horrors of the Holocaust.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th, when the discussion will be of "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. In an interview available online Delia Owens said when she was "growing up in Thomasville, Georgia, her mother encouraged her to venture deep into the wilderness, saying, "Go way out yonder where the crawdads sing." Hence the title. So if you have not started reading it, now's the time!

Hope to see you on the 14th of November.

Be well, Maureen

CHOIR NEWS

Adult Choir

Thank you to the Adult Choir for your continued dedication, spirit and Leadership Ministry. We appreciate all you do!

St. David's Choir

The Children's Choir will sing:

November 18 at 10:30am (9:45 call)

December 24, at 5:30pm (4:45pm call)

The organ is in pretty good shape, with only one little issue in addition to needing a tuning. A Tuning is scheduled for December 4th, at 9:00am.

Organ, Voice and Piano lessons are available upon request for ages 6 and up on Wednesday at 3:00pm at All Saints Church. I have spaces available in Tallahassee at Deerlake United Methodist on Tuesday. There are a couple of openings on Mondays in Lloyd, FL.

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GIVING TREE

All Saints' Episcopal Church is sponsoring a parish-wide Giving Tree this Advent Season. Each ornament contains a wish from a child associated with CASA, so please take an ornament from our giving tree and add your name to the accompanying list. The tree will stand in the Parish Hall or the Narthex of the Church starting November 7 until December 9th. All wrapped and labeled gifts should be returned to the Parish Hall by December 16th. Call the office (229-228-9242) for more information or to sign up.

GODLY PLAY



Starting in January, we will begin Godly Play on Sunday for children ages 3 year olds - 4th grade during the 10:30 service. Shepherds will lead the children out of church to the new Godly Play room where the nursery was previously located. Once in the classroom, a teacher acts as the storyteller and sits at the top of a circle waiting for the children to enter. Shepherds will help children get settled within the circle. The storyteller relates a spiritual story using props such as a sandbox and wooden models of buildings and people. After telling the story and eliciting responses from the children, both teacher and shepherds help the children break away to work on expressive art work or other projects.

Godly Play is an imaginative approach to working with children based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori. Each session mirrors the rhythm of the church service with a greeting, sacred story, time for wonder, "work" time, feast of communion and blessing.

Please consider being a part of this wonderful program. I have been trained, and I will be here each Sunday to mentor and assist the storyteller and helper. If you would like to know more about Godly Play or can commit to teach one Sunday a month, please contact lbrackenallsaintschurch@gmail.com. This is a wonderful program for the children. Even if you can only teach twice a year, that would make a huge impact on the success of Children's church.

TRANSITIONS:

Happy birthday in November to:

Tyler Chubb	11-5-97
Harrison Jackson	11-7-04
Reid Myers	11-9-00
Wilson Young	11-14-05
Camille Cook	11-19-01
Ethan Myers	11-20-02
Hardy Davis	11-26-02
Bridger Middleton	11-26-00
Francis Elizabeth Wetzel	11-27-13
Addison Faith Kelley	11-29-02
Kinsey Grace Kelley	11-29-02
Carsyn Trace Kelley	11-29-02
Georgia Syfan Real Rieck	11-29-10

Happy birthday in December to:

Marley Davis	12-8-99
Bryce Cornell Rieck	12-12-07
Aleks Arwood	12-19-02
Madison Elizabeth Cook	12-25-99

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Requiescat in Pace:

*Elinor S. Buechner
departed this life on October 8, 2018.
May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

*J.V. Shields, Jr.
 departed this life on October 10, 2018.
 May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed
 through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Sunday	November	4	Parish Picnic @ Osceola Barn
Wednesday	November	7	St. David Choir Rehearsal <i>Body & Soul</i>
Wednesday	November	14	Book Club St. David Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	November	18	Annual Meeting
Wednesday	November	21	No St. David Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	November	28	St. David Choir Rehearsal

DECEMBER

Sunday	December	2	Advent I – Parish Covered Dish
Wednesday	December	5	<i>Body & Soul</i> St. David Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	December	9	Advent II
Wednesday	December	12	Book Club St. David Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	December	16	Advent III
Wednesday	December	19	St. David Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	December	23	Lessons and Carols Pageant Rehearsal Greening of the Church No Evening Service
Monday	December	24	Christmas Eve Evensong/Pageant Midnight Mass
Tuesday	December	25	Christmas – Holy Communion No Evening Service
Wednesday	December	26	No St. David Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	December	30	Morning Prayer/No Evening Service