

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
The Monthly Newsletter of All Saints'
June, 2019
228-9242
www.allsaintsthomasville.org

Dear Friends,

For those of us who use the Church's calendar to direct our discipleship three important Sundays lie immediately ahead of us. June 2nd will be the Seventh Sunday of Easter and the Sunday after the Ascension. June 9 will be Pentecost, the day sometimes called the birthday of the Church. June 16 is Trinity Sunday. The altar guild will have a busy time changing the hangings in the Church. White for the Ascension, red for Pentecost, green for the weekdays after Pentecost, white for Trinity. After that they can take a break from their labors as we settle in for the long haul of the "green season" – the Sundays after Pentecost.

We will stay in the "green season" for a long time. It will not change until the first Sunday in Advent, which this year will be December 1. In the modern Roman Catholic calendar the "green season" is known as "ordinary time" as a way of distinguishing it from the rest of the year which is made up of specific seasons, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost.

Some people have a sense of disappointment about entering the "green season". They feel it is a let-down after all the spiritual high points of the other seasons. Its sheer length

feels rather daunting and there is a sense of 'blah'. But I want to suggest that the "green season", just plain, old "ordinary time", has its own particular spiritual richness – one that is a much needed antidote to the spirit of our times.

There can be a great sense of peace and stability that comes with the "ordinary". It is a respite from jumping from one high to another. Stability is also an important component of spiritual health. In fact, it is so important that when St. Benedict wrote his rule for the Benedictine communities, he added to the traditional three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the fourth vow of "stability". Benedictine monks are not to be wanderers, moving from place to place. Their vow is that they will remain in the same community as they enter. One Benedictine community's website describes it this way, "We live together, pray together, work together, relax together. We give up the temptation to move from place to place in search of an ideal situation. Ultimately there is no escape from oneself, and the idea that things would be better someplace else is usually an illusion. And when interpersonal conflicts arise, we have a great incentive to work things out and restore peace. This means learning the practices of love: acknowledging one's own offensive behavior, giving up one's preferences, forgiving."

My sense of the spirit of our time is that there is too much that encourages us to believe there is a possibility and desirability of escaping from ourselves and that someplace else would be better. In fact, instability is pandemic in our culture. What has happened to the idea of a "home town"? Thomasville has far more stability in that sense than most places, where almost no one stays for long. That means there are no lasting relationships between friends, professionals, customers, tradesmen and clients. What about a "home

church”? It seems people skip from church to church looking for that illusive place where all the sermons are great, the people friendly, the moral teachings affirm what they believe, and the liturgy is executed exactly to their liking. What about marriage? The vow that a person takes when they enter into a marriage is that they are committing themselves to stability in the relationship, in good times and bad, sickness and health, riches and poverty. Many, however, have the illusion of the ‘ideal’ relationship and if there is any ‘ordeal’ then it is time for change, a new ‘deal’.

Ordinary time, the green season. It seems to stretch out forever. It’s ho-hum. It’s the same every Sunday. Going to church and saying your prayers just become routine. There is not a lot to excite. There is just a stable contentment with what God has given us and no restless seeking for anything else. I think that is just the recipe for my spiritual life right now. How about you?

Every Blessing, and remember I am here for you.

Paul+

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE

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

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Hello fellow readers,

Pack a lunch (we'll supply cold drinks and sweets) and join us for a lively discussion of the following selection at the All Saints' Book Club June meeting:

June 12th Selection: Annie Jones from the Bookshelf in Thomasville will lead discussion of: "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingslover.

If you don't know anything about it here is a partial summary from the publisher: "Brilliantly executed and compulsively readable, Unsheltered is the story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum, as they navigate the challenges of surviving a world in the throes of major cultural shifts.

In this mesmerizing story told in alternating chapters, Willa and Thatcher come to realize that though the future is uncertain, even unnerving, shelter can be found in the bonds of kindred—whether family or friends—and in the strength of the human spirit." (From the publisher.)

Hope to see you at 11:50 am on Wednesday June 12th! Feel free to bring a friend.

Maureen Monsalvatge

YOGA CLASS NEWS

Yoga will continue throughout June on the following dates:

Monday, June 3, 10 and 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday June 6 and 13 at 10:00 a.m.

We will meet on July 1, but not on the 4th.

The rest of the summer schedule will be listed in the July newsletter. As always, both beginner and experienced yogis are welcome.

Thank you!

Madeline

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

During the month of June we will be celebrating three important festivals: the Ascension, the Day of Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday. For the Ascension our paraments will be white, symbolic of gladness, purity, light, and the joy of Christ. For Pentecost our paraments will be bright red, symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit. Then, for Trinity Sunday we change back to white. Thereafter, for the season after Pentecost, the liturgical color will be green, which is symbolic of growth, hope, regeneration, and immortality.

Patti Poppell

CHOIR NEWS

St. David's Choir

Many thanks to the parents of the following children for committing to Wednesday practices and monthly Sunday services. Without your effort St. David's Choir wouldn't exist. Thank you for sharing your angels with the entire parish. We are looking forward to having them back once the new school year begins. Please put your feelers out. We need more children to join for the fall so that when a few are absent we won't be quite so challenged. PRETTY PLEASE and THANK YOU!!!

Kenji Sun, Kami Sun, Caroline Cobb, William McCollum, Elle McCollum, Palmer McCollum, Bryce Reick, Sophia Phipps, Robert Rollins

Adult Choir

Thank you to the members of the adult choir for leading the hymns, service music and singing of anthems. The whole church sings with greater confidence when you are present. We will miss you during the summer months. On behalf of the entire church, I'd like to especially acknowledge and thank Elise McPherson for being so willing to sing solos and duets in addition to intoning our Introit and Gloria. We appreciate your willingness and devotion.

Members: Julie McPherson, Doug McPherson, Elise McPherson, Patti Poppell, Emily Funk, John Mirocha, Denny Lewin, Will Sheftall

As you can see, we only have 8 members from the church. Now is the perfect time to consider joining us for the FALL

SEASON. We will have hired singers to help but really could benefit from more parish singers. Please contact Margit Miller – margitchris25@juno.com 850-524-0176

Margit Miller - Organist, Choir Master, and Music Director

PIANO LESSONS: Our Summer Session will begin on June 3. There are a few time slots still available. Please contact Margit Miller for more information. 850-524-0176

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in June to:

John Brigham Daniel	6-1-07
Emmett Clark Overton Griffith	6-6-12
Robert Amos Rollins	6-11-11
Peggy Boltja	6-13-05
Will Bracken	6-18-10
Jack Anthony Hodges	6-19-03
Claire Louise Hodges	6-23-01

Happy Birthday in July to:

Robert Barton "RV", V	7-5-13
Emma Hutton Daniel	7-7-05
Simms Wetherbee	7-10-08
Sara Bayly Wagner	7-14-10
Henry Portman Cobb	7-16-13
Elizabeth "Eliza" Davis	7-16-13
Andrew Raney McMullian	7-26-07
Henry Simmons Ladson	7-30-02
Sims Bracken	7-31-13

FOR THE PARISH REGISTER

Marriage

William Livingston Ireland and Caroline Helen Buechner
were united in Holy Matrimony
on May 17, 2019.

USHER SCHEDULE

June 2 Holy Communion

The Seventh Sunday of Easter:

The Sunday after The Ascension

John Hand
Paul Gurley

June 9 Holy Communion

Day of Pentecost/Whitsunday

Howell Ferguson
John Glenn

June 16 Holy Communion

The First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

CB Grubbs
Chip Hancock

June 23 Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Bob Jackson
Bill Ladson

June 30 Holy Communion

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ben McCollum
Paul McCollum