



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2017

THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT



**OUR MISSION**

To be a church of Disciples Making Disciples for Jesus.

**OUR VISION**

To be a church that Loves Like God Loves.

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# WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS'

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If this is your first visit or if you are looking for a church home, a Greeter is available in the Welcome Center before and after worship services to provide information and a welcome gift.

## ALL SAINTS' CORE VALUES

- Being an active, inclusive community of faith;
- Worshiping God in the Episcopal tradition;
- Nurturing individuals to grow in Christ;
- Seeking and serving Jesus in unexpected places.

**INVITE**

**NURTURE**

**SERVE**

**GROW**

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY

**10:00 AM**

**Chalice Bearers:** Kim Gordick and Ericka Southworth

**Lector and Intercessor:** Karen Urbanski

**Paten:** Reverend Vern Cahoon

**Acolytes:** Olivia Shorter, Treinity Haynes, Mary Dial, Reggie Miller,  
Devyn Miller and Yasmine Miller

**Greeters:** Ericka Southworth

**Altar Guild:** Jill Trull, Pat Black, Carol Bentley, Carol Cline, Bill Harris, Kay Nixon,  
Betty Wiley and Joan Williamson

**Ushers:** Tom Dillard, Bob Black, John Cline, Ragan Kearns, Clement Ramdin  
and Fred Trull



**The Church office will be closed**

**Monday, December 25th**

**Tuesday, December 26th**

**Monday, January 1st**

Have you been receiving the *All Saints' Weekly Word* via [email](#)? If you have not but would like to, please email [admin@allsaintsconcord.org](mailto:admin@allsaintsconcord.org).

If "Google Mail" is placing the Weekly Word in "Promotions," please email Brian at [bsapp@allsaintsconcord.org](mailto:bsapp@allsaintsconcord.org) for directions to resolve this issue.

# Christmas at



## December 24th

3:50 PM The children are invited to gather in the Parlor to select and carry the pieces of the nativity into the Church for the Family Service.

4 PM FAMILY SERVICE

*St. Nicholas & Junior Choirs*

5:30 PM THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Special Musician: Vasily Gorkovoy, Violin*

10 PM THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Choir of All Saints'*

Reception and revels to follow

## December 25th

10 AM CHRISTMAS DAY - CHRIST IS BORN!

## December 31st

10 AM ONE JOINT SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE SERVICE THIS DAY.*

## January 7th

5 PM CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST & CANDLELIGHT COMPLINE BURNING OF THE GREENS

### **Annual Chili Cook-off, Candlelight Compline & Burning of the Greens**

Sunday, January 7th at 5 PM



Bring your best pot of chili. That evening, the celebrity judge will be our intern, Trevor Eppheimer. This will be his last time with us, so please make a special point to come out and be part of the delicious fun.

*There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Jennifer and Chris Cook at [jessmith0712@gmail.com](mailto:jessmith0712@gmail.com).*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DID YOU KNOW?

The **Pastoral Care Team** sends over **200 cards** a year to the parishioners to celebrate, to provide comfort & to provide encouragement.

## Fellowship Dinner, Thursday, January 4th, 6 PM All Saints' Parish Hall

Please join All Saints' as we host this month's dinner. All Saints' Parishioners are invited to bring Protein/Meat based casseroles or dishes, side dishes and salads. Please sign up on the easel in the Welcome Center.



**There's a place for you at the table!**

Contact Pam Collier for more details: 704-782-5003

## Saturday Morning Men's Group



The Saturday morning Men's Group will embark on a new book study on **Saturday, January 6th**, at 8 AM. The book is *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell. The books have been delivered! See Mark Robinson to collect your book.

*What Is the Bible?* provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives.

## The New Stephen Ministry Class begins on January 7, 2018!!

**All Saints' Stephen Ministry** has been an active resource in our congregation, as well as in the community, helping those who are in need of healing of hurts, pains and life's issues. The new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin **Sunday, January 7, 2018**.



For more information, please contact Barbara Lewis at 704-796-7100.

## AFTER DARK @ ALL SAINTS' - Registration is Open!

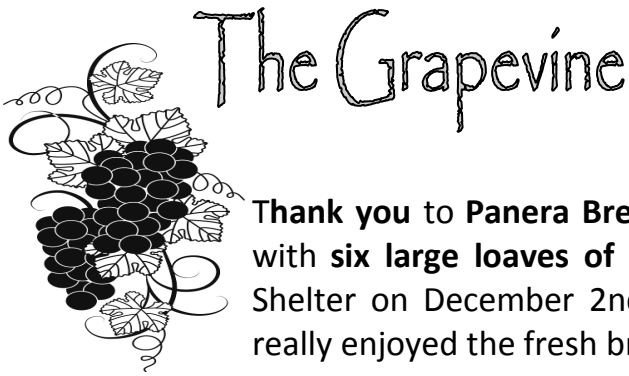


The **After Dark @ All Saints' 2018 Information** is ready for you! Take a look at the sessions that will be offered in January and begin planning which ones you will attend.

Go to [www.allsaintsconcord.org/after-dark-all-saints-2018/](http://www.allsaintsconcord.org/after-dark-all-saints-2018/) for the schedule or to register.

## Offering Envelopes for 2018

Those who requested offering envelopes for 2018 may pick them up in the Welcome Center. If you would like offering envelopes, please email your request to [admin@allsaintsconcord.org](mailto:admin@allsaintsconcord.org).



# The Grapevine

Sharing the news of our community!

Have a grape for the vine? Contact the church office at 704-782-2024 or email [announcements@allsaintsconcord.org](mailto:announcements@allsaintsconcord.org).

**Thank you to Panera Bread.** They were kind enough to provide the All Saints' team with **six large loaves of French bread** for the Saturday evening meal at the Night Shelter on December 2nd. It helped make the meal complete, and all our guests really enjoyed the fresh bread with their baked ravioli dinner!

Our condolences and prayers for the family and friends of **Bob Norwood**, brother of **Hilda Marshall** and uncle of **Valerie Drye**, who entered into the resurrection on November 25th.

We celebrate with **Aurora Swain, Director of Operations for Families First and the director of the Lockhart Preschool** here at All Saints'. She was recently named **National Parent Educator of the Year!** Please join us in celebrating her 12 years of service to families with young children, as she was recognized for implementing this national program here in Cabarrus County with exemplary outcomes.

We **celebrate** with **Zara Noreen**, daughter of Darryl Noreen & Regina Forsyth, who **graduated** with a B.A. in Biological Science from UNC Charlotte, December 16th.

Congratulations to **Sara Hornung**, who is receiving her **first communion** at the Christmas Eve Family Service at 4 PM.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Share the Love

When you buy or lease a new Subaru during the "Share the Love Event" that lasts until January 2, 2018, Subaru of America will donate \$250 to your selected charity—and we hope you'll choose Meals on Wheels.

**Meals on Wheels** will use Subaru's "Share the Love" Donation to pay for nutritious meals for home bound seniors.

We are extremely grateful for the partnership with Subaru. "Share the Love" is a great program that allows our local community members to give to local agencies in a unique way.

*Kimberly Strong, Executive Director*

### Current Food Pantry Requests

Soup (Any Kind)	Spaghetti (1 pound)	Low Sodium Items	Canned Fruit
Sweet Peas	Breakfast Items	Paper Towels	Toilet Paper
Sugar Free Items	Canned Beans (Any Kind)		

We appreciate and need any donation of food, cleaning or paper products, and health and beauty supplies, including recycled grocery bags. For your convenience, a box is kept in the Welcome Center for donations.

# VESTRY & STAFF

## VESTRY

**Hilary Smith** - Senior Warden, Finance

**Chris Charest** - Junior Warden, stewardship

**Kay Boland** - Connect

**Fran Burkett** - Youth & Adult Christian Formation

**Willie B. Dillon** - Stewardship

**Don Foskey** - Outreach, Racial Reconciliation

**Sue Gelarden** - Pastoral Care, Connect

**Tommy Jones** - Physical Plant

**Charles McKinley** - Connect

**Bob Simpson** - Connect

**Amy Spunich** - IWC, Newcomers

## REPORTING TO THE VESTRY

**Gil Small**, Treasurer

**Kim Gordick**, Vestry Clerk

## OFFICE HOURS

M-F 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

## CLERGY

**The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox**, Rector  
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**The Reverend Vern Cahoon**, Deacon  
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## STAFF

**Brian Sapp-Moore, MM**, Director of Music/  
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**Tina Luckey**, Interim Administrative Assistant  
adminassist@allsaintsconcord.org

## VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER FRAN BURKETT



“My name is Fran Burkett. I have been an Episcopalian since 1985. I started looking at Episcopal churches in the area in January of 2016. I first came to All Saints' in May of 2016 after having looked at websites of other Episcopal churches in the area. I loved All Saints' from the first time I looked at the website. I was very impressed with all the ministries and activities available. I have always been welcomed with open arms and love from the time I first walked in the door. My love for All Saints' deepened when Father Jeff Batkin told me he knew Reverend Nancy and how everyone in the church embraced and supported her while she was on medical leave. I participate in several ministries at All Saints' that include our Youth ministry and Education for Ministry.

I came to Concord because my son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren live here. My son was fortunate to receive a scholarship to Christ School and started school there in eighth grade and graduated in 2001.

Having served on other vestries over the years, I want to serve on this vestry because I believe I can always be a presence at All Saints' and help in various situations.

# PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

*Prayer is the foundation of the ministry of this parish. Prayer requests & praise reports can be added or removed by going to the All Saints' website and clicking on Prayer Requests, or by calling the church office at 704-782-2024. You may choose to have your request sent to the Prayer Chain (a small group of faithful intercessors who pray daily for the requests) and/or to be included in the announcement bulletin. Please note that names will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

**We pray** for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Samuel; our Suffragan Bishop Anne; our Assisting Bishop, Peter; our Rector, Nancy; our Deacon, Vern; our staff and Vestry; and for the people of All Saints' and their families.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Yola - (Jos, Nigeria)

**Diocesan Cycle:** Diocese of Costa Rica

**Cycle of Prayer:** Jerry Plock & Karen Fernandez, Laura Fetters, Matt & Jami Fischer, Brad & Dawn Fisher, Don & Nancy Foskey, David & Roxanne Friday and their families

**Prayers have been requested for:** Anne, Ben, Bill, Cameron, Clement, Erica, Eternity, Frank, Grace, Jeff, Kevin, Mary Margarite, Mickey, Rebecca, Salve, Stephanie, Tammy, Tori, Tom, Ulric, and Valerie

**In nursing homes or homebound:** Jane Armitage, Uldrick Branford, Ben Burton, Sarah MacRae, Hilda Marshall, Bill Speer, James E. Swann, Jr. and Alene Williams

**Living with ongoing special needs:** Annabelle, Bill, Bob and Brenda, Dalton, Dayna and Jason, Devyn, Ericka, Fred, George, Jean, Kendall, Lydia, Marjorie, Mary G., Michael, Mike, Paul, Rhonda, Stephanie, Yasmin and Maddox

**Serving in the military:** Dean Fedrizzi, Keith Lee, Jacob Rodgers, Nathan Rodgers, Matt Shorter, Becca Simpson, Bo Simpson, Jack Simpson, Justin Smith and Jim Trollan

**Our Stephen Ministers:** Don & Nancy Foskey, Mickey Hayes, Debbie Lewallen, Barbara Lewis, Garen Livingston, Charles Simmons, Dorothy Teeter, and Valerie Devine

**Our College Students:** Emily Badgett, Chris Berg, Anna Catherine Carroll, Jazzmine Cox, Margaret Ericson, Eli Helms, Josh Holdren, Gabrielle Hollopeter, Celeste McFarlane, Sophia McFarlane, Will Moyes, Zach Moyes, LiDan Noreen, Nathan Shorter, Ryan Waters, Jameson Williams and Sydney Wydra

**Discernment process:** For Jackie Whitfield, candidate for Holy Orders, and Trevor Eppehimer, our intern: Almighty and eternal God, draw their hearts to you; guide their minds, fill their imagination and control their will so that they may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you, and then use them, we pray, as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ALL SAINTS' CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

Monday		<i>Office Closed</i>	
December 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day - Christ is Born!	Nave
Tuesday		<i>Office Closed</i>	
December 26	5:30 AM	F3 [Men's Fitness-Fellowship-Faith]	Outdoors
Wednesday		<i>Office Closed</i>	
December 27	9:00 AM	Welcome Center Open until 1 PM	
	12:00 PM	Noonday Prayer	Nave
	2:30 PM	Blood Drive	Parish Hall
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room
Thursday		<i>Office Closed</i>	
December 28	9:00 AM	Welcome Center Open until 1 PM	
	5:30 AM	F3 [Men's Fitness-Fellowship-Faith]	Outdoors
Friday		<i>Office Closed</i>	
December 29	9:00 AM	Welcome Center Open until 1 PM	
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room
Saturday			
December 30	7:00 AM	F3 [Men's Fitness-Fellowship-Faith]	Outdoors
Sunday	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist with Lessons & Carols	Parish Hall
December 31	2:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Community Room

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7th

Chili Cook-Off, Candlelight Compline  
& Burning of the Greens

### Online Giving

Go to <http://www.allsaintsconcord.org/online-giving/>  
or go the Church Life app to make your donation

### Text Giving

- To give to the General Fund, text SAINTS to 73256
- To give to the Assistance Fund, text SAINTS ASSISTANCE to 73256
- To give to the Memorial Fund, text SAINTS MEMORIAL to 73256