

CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29

All Saints will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th following the morning service. We will have one of our famous All Saints Potlucks during the meeting in The Commons. We will be reviewing the past year, approving a budget, and electing new vestry members. Are you interested in serving on Vestry? Please see Sr. Warden Mark or Fr. Cody. We are hoping to fill a couple of positions this year. Meetings are the second Sunday of each month following our service.

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Welcome to All Saints

Masks are welcome but not required during the service. Service will continue to be available at 10:30am at allsaintsnorthfield.org

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Priest-in-Charge
Father Cody Maynus

After four wonderful weeks of watching and waiting during Advent and the high solemnity and extravagant beauty of Christmas Eve and Day, January can feel rather dull. Life starts to go back to normal. Not just in the church but in the world as well. Folks will begin to take down the twinkle lights from their rooftops and dry Christmas trees will start to line the curb, just waiting for intrepid sanitation staff to take them away to be composted.

Life in January can start to feel really dull, but let me tell you: there is actually quite a lot going on. Some of it is behind the scenes, but most of it is just waiting to be discovered and embraced.

Every year on January 6th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. In the East, this is the principal commemoration of Christmas and Orthodox families will gather in the same way that Western Christians did a week before. For us, the Epiphany remembers the arrival of the star-led Magi to worship the Lord Jesus. The Magi are significant to the story because their identity as non-Jewish people who are, in fact, astrologers and wizards (the word Magi is plural for 'magus,' which is the Latin for magic worker) signals that God's Son did not come only for biblical Israel but for the whole world. Those within the ancient Covenant and those on the outside are now brought together in salvation. God's love is forever inclusive.

The Sunday after the Epiphany—on the 8th, this year—we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. After the sermon, we will process to the baptismal font at the back of the church and solemnly renew the promises we made—or, more likely the ones made on our behalf—at our baptism. We will also bless new holy water for the font and sprinkle it on one another joyfully in remembrance of that moment when God said: 'This is my beloved child in whom I am well pleased.'

As you perhaps know, the baptismal font here at All Saints has been empty since the beginning of the pandemic. With a little elbow grease of my own—and chemical help from Bob and Rhonda Rowe—the baptismal font is now clean and once more filled with holy water for your devotional needs. It is an ancient custom to dip your fingers into the font when you enter the church and to mark a cross either on your forehead or across your torso. This is a customary way to remember your baptism, but also to ward away any untoward spirits or ailments.

The week between January 18th and January 25th is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and we will devote our worship service on January 22nd to praying for unity among Christians. This ecumenical observance is commemorated worldwide and has the official approval of the heads of churches, including our own. The theme for this year is 'do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)' and this year's celebration is especially important to us because the theme and materials—which will be used internationally—were all developed by representatives of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Jesus prays in John 17 for all of his followers to be one, just as Jesus and the Father are one. We are no strangers to divisions in Christianity—Roman Catholic v. Protestant, Left v. Right, High Church v. Low Church, and so on—and so this week is an opportunity for us to both celebrate what we do hold in common and pray for God to reconcile the areas where we do have genuine difference. I have invited a friend of mine, Sister Brenda Lisenby, VHM, to preach here at All Saints on the 22nd. Sister Brenda is a member of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary and lives at the monastery in North Minneapolis. She was raised a Baptist and spent many years as a missionary in China before coming back to the United States, becoming a Roman Catholic, and entering the Visitation Sisters. If anybody can speak to the unity of Christianity, it's Sister Brenda. You won't want to miss this week!

Father Cody Maynus, continued

January 29th is the date for our Annual Meeting and I hope you'll all plan to be in attendance. Annual Meetings can seem humdrum and formal, but they really are a time to gather together as one parish community and discern and discuss the ways that we order our lives together. Who do we sense God calling us to be in 2023 and how will we resource and structure ourselves to live into that calling? It might seem that Robert's Rules govern the proceeding, but I suspect that the Holy Ghost is, as she ever is, winging in and out of those Rules on that day. Please bring your passions and commitments to this parish on January 29th!

And finally, just over the line into February, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ on February 5th. The Feast of the Presentation—sometimes called Candlemas—actually falls on February 2nd and marks forty days after Christmas. It is a liturgical celebration with loads of meaning. The theme of 'light' runs throughout, taking the Cantic of Simeon as its cue (where Jesus is called 'a light to enlighten the nations'.) We will bless candles, lightbulbs, and other sources of light on that Sunday, giving thanks for the ways that our lives are physically illuminated and asking God to enlighten our minds and hearts with spiritual wonder.

As you make your way through January and into early February—weaving between stars and lights and fallen Christmas trees—know that you are held tenderly in prayer. Please reach out if there is anything that I—or your Wardens—can do to assist you. I can't tell you how grateful I am to be serving alongside such a wonderful, faithful, and fun group of people. All Saints is such a wonderful parish—not only because we have the most adorable church in the whole diocese—but also because our people are passionate and committed to one another, to the community, and to God.

Bless you, dear friends, today and always,
Fr. Cody+



On December 29th, Fr. Cody hosted clergy friends from around the country to celebrate the Eucharist and to enjoy some treats in the Fireside Room, in keeping with the spirit of hospitality at All Saints!



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

The All Saints Children's Christmas pageant was held on Advent III for the first time since 2019. Everyone enjoyed this joyous tradition of the telling of the birth of Jesus and singing of some favorite carols. Enjoy the pictures!



Preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas!



CHRISTMAS EVE



The mystery and
magic that
candlelight provides
at the celebration of
the birth of Jesus



CHRISTMAS DAY



Rejoice!
A Savior is born!





GREEN TEAM UPDATES



Because the Episcopal Church wishes to focus our attention on care of creation, we would like to print church members' ideas monthly on this page. Keeping within the usual limitations of letters to editors, any member of All Saints may contribute their thoughts about creation care, global warming, or climate justice, and we will do our best to share them

Care of Creation Corner

Submitted by Marshall Hansen

A little-known prophet of global warming was a woman, Eunice Newton Foote, an American scientist, inventor, and feminist of the 19th century. She experimented with heat absorption from sunlight by different gases and showed that an atmosphere with higher amounts of carbon dioxide would become warmer than one of ordinary air. She predicted that earth's atmosphere could be similarly warmed by an increased level of CO2 in our planet's air, and her findings were presented in 1856 to the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science. This was the beginning of climate science.

Eunice N. Foote

(Foote's signature c. 1860; source Wikimedia)

Though she was correct, it took more than 100 years before actual evidence of what she predicted began to be observable. And although regular meetings by scientists and governments to discuss the need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions began in 1988, world CO2 emissions have nonetheless continued to rise more than 40% since then—and are still increasing. This should concern all of us. I ask myself, if heating my house, driving my car, and flying to business meetings or vacation spots is harming the lives of others, what does my faith urge me to do? What ideas do you have? What actions can we take, individually as well as together? There are lots of ideas. We must discuss them and then act--today if possible!

If you wish to learn more about climate change or want to become more active in solving the problem, please speak to me, or to any member of All Saints' Green Team, or to Father Cody.

January

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| 15 | Vestry, noon |
| 19 | Outreach Meeting, 8:30am |
| 22 | Green Team Meeting |
| 23 | Southeast Mission Area Zoom meeting, 5:00pm |
| 29 | Annual Meeting, noon |

Episco-Speak
A Guide to the Language of Episcopalians
Submitted by James Young

You say you don't know your ciborium from your paten? Well, don't despair! Help is here. Each month I will attempt to dazzle you with my command of the vocabulary of Anglicans and Episcopalians. If there is some term or concept about which you want to learn more, I will also take requests. Please contact me!!

This month: Twelfth Night: no, not the play!

Yes, there is a play by William Shakespeare called *Twelfth Night*, but I am referring to the evening of January 5th which is the twelfth day of Christmas and the Eve of the Epiphany. It has traditionally been a day of feasting and "making rather merry" to close the observance of Christmas and greet the coming Epiphany season. It is during the Epiphany that the nature of Christ's divinity and his own sense of call is made known to us. A little trivia for you: "We Three Kings" is not a Christmas carol. It is an Epiphany carol because it is on the Feast of the Epiphany, that the three Wise Magi visited Mary and Joseph and the child, Jesus to present their gifts.

Another interesting tradition associated with this time of the year is chalking the door. Either on Twelfth Night (5 January), the twelfth day of Christmastide and eve of the feast of the Epiphany, or on Epiphany Day (6 January) itself, many Christians write on their doors or lintels with chalk in a pattern such as "20 + C + M + B + 22". The numbers in this example refer to the calendar year 2022 and the crosses to Christ. The letters C, M, and B stand for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar), or alternatively for the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat* ('May Christ bless this house').^[2] Another form, for Three Kings day, is to mark the door with "IIIK" (the Roman numeral three followed by "K" for "Kings").

Chalking the door is done most commonly on Epiphany Day itself. However, it can be done on any day of the Epiphany season.^[3] In some localities, the chalk used to write the Epiphanytide pattern is blessed by a Christian priest or minister on Epiphany Day, then taken home to write the pattern.^[4]

The Christian custom of chalking the door has a biblical precedent as the Israelites in the Old Testament marked their doors in order to be saved from death; likewise, the Epiphanytide practice serves to protect Christian homes from evil spirits until the next Epiphany Day, at which time the custom is repeated.^[5] Families also perform this act to represent the hospitality of the Holy Family to the Magi (and all Gentiles); it thus serves as a house blessing to invite the presence of God in one's home.^{[6][a]}

Next Month: Candelmas
Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!





ALTAR FLOWERS IN 2023



The 2023 calendar year is open for signing up to donate the altar flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to do so, you may provide the flowers yourself or send a \$30 check made out to All Saints with Flowers on the memo line. Please also mail in or email the church with what you would like to have printed in the bulletin.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Red Cross held another Blood Drive at All Saints on Friday, December 30th, and despite the cold it was another huge success! Thank you to Melody, Kalie and Kate Ford and their Girl Scout Troops for organizing the drive!

Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards from area stores such as Cub, Family Fare, Kwik Trip and Target during the Christmas season! Due to your generosity, we have \$195 for Cub, \$120 for Kwik Trip and \$65 for Target, or a total of \$380 to be given to the CAC to provide aid to those in need. A few of these cards are kept by Deacon Cassandra and Father Cody for emergency use as they discern the need. As you might recall, efforts are made by the local churches to guide people in need to the CAC so that they become aware of the resources available from the CAC.



Hospitality at All Saints

Fr. Cody's first Sunday with us on Advent I, November 27 presented us with the opportunity to demonstrate our hospitality. For the first time in many years, we wore nametags! Not only will this aid Fr. Cody in getting to know each of us, this is also a sign of welcome to visitors and newcomers to the church. We do have blank one-time-use nametags that can be used if you do not yet have one. Please speak with Pam if you would like a permanent nametag.

! WELCOME !



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1	Numbers 6:22-27 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 2:15-21 Psalm 8
8	Isaiah 49:1-9 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17 Psalm 29
15	Isaiah 49:1-7 I Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42 Psalm 40:1-12
22	Isaiah 1:12-18 I Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23 Psalm 27:1,5-13
29	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:4-18 Luke 2:22-40 Psalm 24:7-10

January Readings

BIRTHDAYS

1/4	Mark Heiman
1/10	Cassandra Cook-Quarry
1/10	Tim Halverson
1/24	Bob Aby
1/28	Mason Berkebile

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