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## Advent is Upon Us!

Opportunities for worship, fellow-  
ship, and outreach abound at All  
Saints' during this Advent season.  
The calendar on page 4 lists the  
special events and worship services  
that take place this month. There  
are three special outreach projects  
sponsored by different ministries  
at All Saints' to help those in our  
community.

**Holgate House Christmas Angels**  
is a project of Sunday School which  
provides gifts and Christmas cheer  
to our neighbors at Holgate House,

an Assisted Living Residence for  
elderly and disabled people.

The Episcopal Church Women  
(ECW) invite your participation in  
the **Fill a Heart, Fill a Stocking**  
project. Stockings filled with gifts  
are given to people of all ages who  
are in need this Christmas season.

**The Hot Meals Program** always  
provides a special holiday meal the  
Saturday before Christmas. Nate  
and Amelia Brooks are looking for  
donations of coats and other items  
for the gift baskets given to guests  
that day.

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## Every Member Canvass Meets Goals

*By Chris Broderick*

A special holiday thanks goes to all  
the members of All Saints' parish  
for their outpouring of support for  
our church in the coming year. As  
of the end of November, 85 families  
and individuals pledged nearly  
\$155,000. Your contributions en-  
abled us to reach our fund-raising  
goal, which means we will be able  
to sustain the programs, activities,  
outreach and ministries that make  
All Saints' a vital force in our com-  
munity.

Because we are 100 percent funded  
by our members and community  
events, the annual pledge drive is  
our primary source of support. The  
money you give goes directly to



worship, adult and youth ministries,  
pastoral outreach, evangelism, com-  
munity activities, staff salaries and  
other areas.

The pledge drive was steered by a



## 'Master Greeter' Rich Liedtke Comes to All Saints'

### 11 Actions That Build a Friendlier Church

1. Pray for new people
2. Look for the unknown
3. Be the first to reach out
4. Do it with enthusiasm
5. Say "Hi, my name is"
6. Listen for the name
7. Say it more than twice
8. Introduce one to another
9. Tell people they are appreciated
10. Tell people they were missed
11. Share your praises and prayer requests with them

On Nov. 18, members from All Saints' and several other parishes gathered in the Parish Hall to learn from Rich Liedtke, a Vancouver Washington resident and author of the book *How to Be a Master Greeter*. The afternoon ended with his presentation of the 11 Actions That Build a Friendlier Church, each with its own hand motions. --Kathy Martin



Rich says "Do it with enthusiasm!"



Participants practicing greeting techniques during a seminar break.

### Avoiding the greeting faux pas:

You've just welcomed a "newcomer" who, it turns out, has been going to the church since 1985. To avoid such situations, smile, introduce yourself, and ask "have you been at the church long?" Any answer avoids embarrassment and keeps the conversation going.

## The Story of the Newcomer

*Note: Rich Liedtke is a wonderful story-teller and entertained us with stories about his experiences as a greeter at his church and his travels to other churches. He is especially passionate about the important role each of us has in welcoming the guests that walk through our doors. Here is a paraphrase of his story regarding you and the Newcomer:*

Consider the unfamiliar person sitting in the next pew. On a typical Sunday morning, in fact on every other Sunday morning except this Sunday, this person is at home reading the newspaper, or at Starbucks sipping a latte. They have made the decision not to come to church for weeks, or years, or even decades. Yet today they have gotten up early, dressed for an occasion, made their way to the church, navigated the parking lot, found the front door, gotten past the crowd of strangers in the

narthex, and have found an empty spot to sit down near you.

Now suppose that this person's presence in a church-- any church--this morning, is an answer to the fervent prayers of someone in that person's life—a parent, a sibling, a friend, even a co-worker or acquaintance. They have been praying for this person to find a church community and to hear the good news of Jesus.

The person feels self-conscious, does not know the routines of church, and above all, is looking for some indication that the decision they made this morning—the decision to come to church—was the right one. Your warm greeting to this person could tip the balance; It could be the one thing that causes the person to say "yes, I will be back next week".

—Sarah Gibson



# Advent and Christmas at All Saints'

## Dec. 2 Advent Wreath Making in the Parish Hall after 10:15 service

Greens, candles and wreath forms will be available to make a family Advent wreath that will stay fresh until Christmas. \$5 donation requested to cover cost of materials.

## Advent Series—The Creche Comes Alive Wednesday Evenings in the Parish Hall 6:15-8:15 pm

We will gather for a light potluck dinner at 6:15, begin our program at about 6:45, and conclude with prayer at 8:15. Childcare provided.

Dec. 5 — The Gospel of the Velveteen Rabbit

Dec. 12 — When the Animals Sing

Dec. 19 — Did You See Christ?

## Dec. 9 Saint Nicholas Celebration for Children in the Parish Hall at 9:45 am

This morning children are introduced to St. Nicholas, a Bishop from the third century whose deeds of generosity and care of the poor became legends told for nearly two thousand years. Festivities include breakfast, crafts, learning new words to a classic Christmas Carol about St. Nick, and a visit from our honored guest.

## Dec. 16 Greening of the Church in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary after the 10:15 service

Stay after the 10:15 service this morning to help the Altar Guild get the church “dressed up” for Christmas. There will be jobs for all including garland-making and setting up greenery throughout the church.

## Dec. 23 “EEK, A Children’s Musical for Christmas” during the 10:15 service

The Family Choir, along with guest soloists and the resident mice of All Saints’ present a story of Christmas hospitality today during the 10:15 service.

## Dec. 24 and 25 Christmas Services

**Dec. 24 7:00 pm** — Family Service featuring children’s sermon and familiar carols

**10:30 pm** — “The Music of Christmas”, featuring carol singing for congregation with brass and choir

**11:00 pm** — Holy Eucharist

**Dec. 25 10:15 am** — Christmas morning service with Holy Eucharist

## Jan. 6 Festival of Lessons and Carols during the 10:15 service

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is an adaptation of the King’s College Choir, Cambridge, service heard worldwide on Christmas Eve. Hear the Old Testament prophecies and New Testament stories of the coming of the Savior, along with carols telling the story in popular tradition.



## Noteworthy

### Diocesan Water Project Overflowing With Change, Bills, and Checks

The total from the Diocesan Convention **Clean Water Project** keeps growing. Barbara Ross from the Diocese reports that as of late November the total deposit is over \$17,000 and there is still more to be counted. All of the proceeds will go to Episcopal Relief and Development to dig wells to provide clean drinking water for communities around the world. The original goal of \$2250 would have provided a well in three communities—one each in India, Africa, and Latin America. Now our gift will touch 8 times as many people who live without adequate access to clean water.

### Lenten Observance Includes Retreat

Ash Wednesday is February 6 this year, and following close behind will be an all day parish retreat, "Christ Healer and Reconciler", on February 9th. Look for a flyer with more details in January.

### Beta Book Group to Read Presiding Bishop's Book

*A Wing and a Prayer: A Message of Faith and Hope*, by Katharine Jefferts Schori, is the topic of discussion for the Beta Book Group beginning in January. The book is described as "an introduction to the brilliant mind and deep spirituality of Katharine Jefferts Schori" by the Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Angus Dun Prof. of Mission & World Christianity, Episcopal Divinity School. All are welcome to come to Beta Jan. 2 at 7:00 pm, continuing weekly on Wednesday evenings.

### Auction Chair Chris McClave Passes the Torch

After 6 successful Auctions and countless hours of work, Chris McClave is stepping down from her post as Chair of the Awesome Autumn Auction. All who have worked with Chris on the Auction know her dedication, resourcefulness, and organizational prowess are truly remarkable. We are thankful she has used these gifts to support the important work of All Saints'. Thank you Chris!

### Served at the "Take a Break"

### Christmas Bazaar Nov. 10 and 11

## Italian Sausage and Tortellini Soup

Donna Woodruff

- 1 lb. mild turkey sausages, casings removed
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 large cloves garlic, sliced
- 5 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes (about 3/4 lb or 3-4 fresh tomatoes)
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 large zucchini, sliced
- 1 large carrot, thinly sliced
- 1 medium-sized green bell pepper, diced



1/2 cup dry red wine

1 T dried basil

1 T dried oregano

8 to 10 oz. purchased fresh cheese tortellini

Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Saute' Italian sausage in heavy Dutch oven over medium-high heat until cooked through, crumbling with back of spoon, about 10 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer sausage to large bowl. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon drippings from Dutch oven. Add onion and garlic to Dutch oven and saute' until translucent, about 5 minutes. Return sausage to Dutch oven. Add stock, tomatoes, tomato sauce, zucchini, carrot, bell pepper, wine, basil and oregano. Simmer until vegetables are tender, about 40 minutes, (Can be prepared 2 days ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Bring to simmer before continuing.)

Add tortellini to soup and cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Season soup to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls. Sprinkle with Parmesan and serve.  
Serves 6



## Spotlight on a Healing Ministry—Legacy Hopewell House

By Mary Cammann

Legacy Hopewell House is run by the Legacy Health System. A former private residence made into a hospice by the addition of a nursing wing and set in lovely grounds, Hopewell House provides compassionate inpatient hospice services. These include control of pain, nausea, seizures, and breathing difficulties, allowing a patient to die in peace and comfort in homey surroundings. Some patients' symptoms are brought under control so that they are able to return home or to a longer-term nursing facility. Staffed by specially trained nurses and nursing as-

sistants 24 hours a day, the services of doctors, medical social workers, a chaplain, bereavement counselors, and physical therapists are also available.

Payment may be made by Medicare, Medicaid, the Oregon Health Plan, private insurance, or private payment. For more information call 503 244 7890 or visit the web site at [www.legacyhealth.org](http://www.legacyhealth.org). I have volunteered at Hopewell House for 15 years and can attest to its beauty and its compassionate and loving atmosphere.

Legacy Hopewell House is located at 6171 Capitol Highway in Portland.

## Getting to Know — Barbara White

*A series highlighting members of All Saints' compiled by Alison Olsav and Sarah Gibson*

### Has been a member of All Saints':

Since 1999

### How she got here:

A life long Episcopalian, had attended St. Peter's and Paul and then visited All Saints' and felt more at home with the worship service here.

### Profession:

Teaching Preschool and tutoring with the "Success for All" program. Spent five enjoyable summers working with preschoolers in the day camp program at Washington Park Zoo.

### Ministries at All Saints':

Has served on the Vestry and provided leadership for the Sunday School Program for several years. Now volunteers in The Mustard Seed and represents All Saints' at the Metro East Convocation. Has recently joined the Greeters and enjoys the fellowship of the Beta Book Group.

### Ministries outside of All Saints':

Has been a volunteer teaching assistant at Vestal Elementary for past 3 years. Close to her heart is her work with the children of the Medically Fragile Children's Center of Providence Hospital. In her 4th year of this ministry, she pushes wheel chairs,

sings songs, and helps these children experience many aspects of a normal childhood.

### Favorite quality in a friend:

Ability to listen with understanding.

### Favorite pastime:

Spending time with family, line dancing, and traveling on Senior trips with Salvation Army and the Parks Dept. Next trip is to the Bavarian Christmas village of Leavenworth WA.



### Heroes/heroines:

Along with Eleanor Roosevelt, "a women well ahead of her time", Barbara admires the ordinary people who work with those who suffer from mental illness and with those who have problems society tends to ignore.

### Natural gifts:

Never lost child-like sense of wonder.

### Idea of earthly happiness:

A world where we would all respect other peoples' values and ideas. This would solve many of the world's problems.