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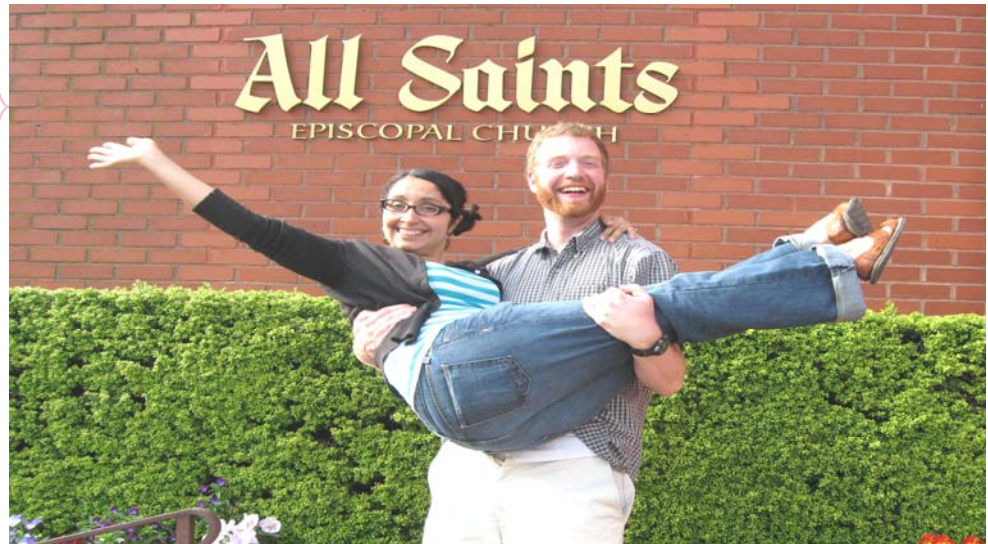
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Nathan and Amelia: Ta-Ta For Now



Nathan and Amelia with characteristic smiles on their faces.

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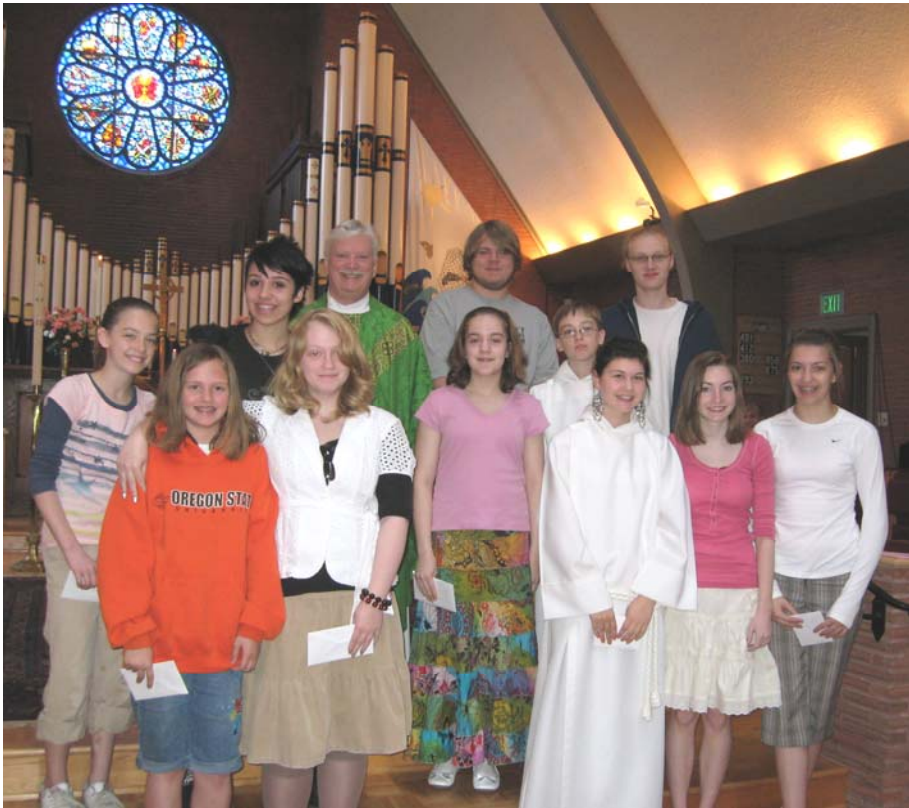
All Saints' bids a fond farewell and Godspeed to Amelia and Nathan Brooks, who will be leaving Portland in July for a cross-country car journey to Boston. Nathan will begin his studies as a first year medical student at Boston University Medical School in the fall. Amelia, with a freshly-minted Master of Arts in Teaching degree, will be looking for a position teaching language arts in a middle or high school.

Amelia and Nathan first came to All

Saints' in Dec. 2006 and were married at the church in September of 2007. They took over the leadership of the Hot Meals program and have been active with the All Saints' youth group.

"It's really sad to leave this church. We love you", Amelia said last Sunday. "But we hope that Nathan will be able to do his residency at OHSU—that will bring us back to Portland and All Saints' in four years".

All Saints' Honors Graduates



On June 8 graduates and transitioning students were honored during the 10:15 service. Included were students transitioning from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school. Special recognition was given to Noah Kilian, who graduated from Grant High School, and Ben Miller, who, though he has been taking college coursework for quite some time, completed his GED. Two All Saints' parishioners completed post-graduate coursework: Amelia Brooks received a Master of Arts in Teaching from Lewis and Clark College and Larry Chalew will receive a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix later this summer. Congratulations to all!

Youth Fundraiser, Talent Show, International Dinner June 22

Everyone is invited to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship June 22 for the Annual Youth Fund Raiser. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with an international-themed buffet dinner. Musical acts like line dancing and piano performances provide the entertainment. Ardis Weir has donated this beautiful quilt (be sure to view the online version of the Bellringer at allsaintspdx.com to see it in full color) which will be given to the lucky raffle ticket holder.

If you have a special international dish to contribute please contact Rebecca Taylor at 503 774 2748. Sonja Miller is rounding up the talent. See her after church or contact her at 503 771 7089. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 and available after church in the Parish Hall.

All proceeds from the evening go to the All Saints' Youth Ministries Fund. Money from the fund is used to pay for children and youth to attend diocesan events like Bishop's Ball and Children's Day at the Cathedral. The fund is also used for youth group meetings and youth activities.



The Incredible Shrinking Bulletin



You may have noticed that the Sunday Bulletin isn't what it used to be—in fact it's about half of what it used to be. The summer experiment is designed to save some green by cutting down on our paper and copying expenses—and to act a little green by reducing the amount of paper we send to the recyclers each month. The move also has the advantage of reacquainting us with that handy book in the rack by our seat: the Book of Common Prayer.

The Bellringer has also jumped on the bandwagon. Try reading it on-line at www.allsaintspdx.com.

Boston Children's Chorus to Perform at All Saints' July 1

The Boston Children's Chorus is coming to All Saints' in just a few weeks. Mark your calendar now to attend their performance July 1st at 7pm. The group of accomplished singers, ages 12 to 18 years, is stopping at All Saints' on their way to an International Children's Concert in Eugene. All Saints' will be hosting these children for 2 nights (at least 2 children in a home).

If you can host 2 or more children (there will be about 40), please contact the church office at asecoffice@yahoo.com or call 503 777 3829



Coming to All Saints' this fall— Women's Bible Study

Plans are underway for a Women's Bible Study group to meet weekly beginning in the fall. The group will most likely meet in the morning and there may be childcare available. Pat ten Broeke is the point person for the group and would love to hear from you if you are interested in attending. Pat can often be found at the back of the church greeting folks as they leave the 10:15 service or can be reached by phone at 503 772 5273.

A Tip From Master Greeter Rich Liedtke

Train your eyes to look for new, unknown and seldom spoken to people in your midst. By habit we have trained our eyes to look for our friends. Conversely, we have also trained our eyes to look beyond those we do not know. We are very friendly to our friends and too often leave the others out. Let us train our eyes to see the unknown and the new faces. Let us think about meeting their friendship needs instead of our own.

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Dallas Fort-Worth Airport on a Sunday Morning

Musings by Derek Taylor

The weekend of the 17th and 18th of May I spent out of town, my work has me travel twice a year to Las Colinas in Texas. It is a suburb of Irving, which in turn is a suburb of Dallas. Las Colinas is a sprawling collection of freeways, country clubs (which is an euphemism for gated subdivisions), shopping centers, and corporate offices a few miles away from the airport. It is truly Texas-sized; the building where I conduct my work has a parking lot only a little smaller than Sellwood. The area is also flat, so a slight rise reveals far horizons. My hometown of Blackpool is flat, and Salisbury Rhodesia, where I spent my teen years, had only a few low granite hills dotted around on the flat highveld, so that part of Texas is a familiar type of landscape to me. I actually see very little of the state on these trips, so my image of the Lone Star State is big sky, straight roads, and cold windowless rooms full of computer tape drives and monitors.

For a place where everything is huge, it is something of a paradox that it also possesses the smallest place of worship I have yet been in. It is located in Terminal "D" at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport amongst an eclectic collection of stores ranging from sophisticated fashion houses to ones selling novelty chocolates in boxes marked "armadillo droppings". I saw the sign "chapel" next to the USO, and as I was not going to be able to enjoy worship with my Parish family, and I had a few minutes, I went in to see what an airport chapel might look like. It is interfaith, so the decoration is pleasant but generic; a stained glass backlit wall decoration which was a pleasing collection of pastel colors, chairs, a low table, and subdued lighting. There were no specific religious symbols at all in there, although hanging on the wall were some Moslem prayer mats. When I entered, a Christian service was in progress whose

congregation grew by 25% when I was invited in by the minister. I did wonder as I sat down what would happen if a passing Moslem were to enter at that moment and decide to pray, but then I remembered this is Texas, the buckle on the Bible Belt, and I wondered instead if anyone had ever taken a mat down from the wall in all the time they had been hung there.

So, outside this room one of the world's busiest airports was in full swing, but for 10 minutes until I had to leave to board my flight I was in a quiet, comforting, and very familiar place. In that short time, the minister spoke with great conviction about the timeless themes of faith we all know so well, and I left there feeling refreshed and uplifted from this concentrated 10 minute spiritual recharge. I needed it especially because the second the aircraft



left the ground the passenger in front of me reclined their seat, thus trapping me in position for the next 13,200 seconds until we landed. Tall people do not like flying.

There are chapels in other terminals at Dallas-Fort Worth. They're not All Saints' (but what is?), though on Sunday morning and missing the Parish family, they are an acceptable substitute. What I have seen of Texas I like, and now I have another reason to like it even more. Thanks for reading, y'all.

Don't forget—Bible Day Camp is July 21-25 at
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Getting to Know Lorelee Henry

a series highlighting members of All Saints'

Has been a member of All Saints':

Since January 2001. She and husband Bill came to All Saints' the very first Sunday after they moved to Portland. After attending the 8:00 service they were greeted and whisked out to brunch by Jean and Bill Stewart. They have been "stalwart exuberant members" since that Sunday.

How she got here:

She grew up in a loving family in Pleasant Valley, Tillamook Oregon. Married young and raised six children but widowed at 42. She met Bill at a company picnic, became engaged, and moved to Portland to begin married life.

Profession:

Spent over 44 years with a family-owned freight business, TP Freight Lines. Among other accomplishments she introduced the company to computers and technology in the 1980's.



right for her. Upon her retirement she took training classes and after moving to Portland made contact with the Hospice folks here. She has participated in this ministry for over 7 years and 1000 hours.

Ministries at All Saints':

Under the tutelage of Molly Sorenson she joined the Altar Guild and she and Bill have missed only one work party in years. Thanks to her work, the pews are cleaned and waxed before the Easter and Christmas services. She is a Lay Reader, acolyte, Chalice Bearer and assists Fr. Stephen once a month when he celebrates Eucharist at Moreland Manor. She helps as Assistant Treasurer and attends Tai Chi on Wednesday mornings. She serves as Vestry Clerk and works 2 shifts per month in the Mustard Seed.

Interesting jobs:

Being the first-born in the family she got to be the replacement of a son for dad and so learned to punk whistle in his small logging company, to set chokers, run a small triple-drum cat and run the donkey to run dad up a new spar tree. She also learned how to use dynamite to build logging roads and with her first husband built a three bedroom house from the ground up.

Ministries outside of All Saints':

She first heard of Hospice while she was living in Tillamook and knew immediately that this would be

The Dierckes family is visiting Oregon in June and will be attending services at All Saints' on June 22. They look forward to seeing their Parish Family.