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Transitional Deacon Jaime Sanders Comes to All Saints'

By Sarah Gibson

Bellringer: Welcome! First things first, what would you like to be called?

Jaime Sanders: "Jaime" is fine, as is "Deacon Jaime"

BR: What is a "Transitional Deacon"?

JS: The canonical practice of the Episcopal Church is to ordain priests first as deacons and then, after six months or more, to the priesthood. A Transitional Deacon is someone whose recognized vocation is for the priesthood, after their first ordination (which occurred for me in June 2007) and before their second (which God willing will take place in early 2008).



BR: How did you come to All Saints'?

JS: I was a gift from Bishop Itty. He knew All Saints' needed a Deacon and that it would be a good place for me to gain experience and receive mentoring from Fr. Stephen. By tradition, Transitional Deacons do not serve their home parishes, which for me is Christ Church Lake Oswego.

BR: Tell us a little about your personal life?

JS: I practiced corporate tax law for 17 years and was partner in a law firm. My husband Steve, whom I met in law school, is Assistant Attorney General for the State of Oregon. We have two daughters.

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All Saints' Guilds, Committees, and Groups Welcome You

By Sarah Gibson

All Saints' September calendar is brimming with activities. Some, like the choir, are starting up again after a summer break. Some, like Beta, are just starting something

new. Others, such as the YMAC (Youth Ministry Advisory Committee), meet year round but always welcome the insights and ideas of new members. Consider attending a Guild, Committee or Group meeting this month.

All Saints' Guilds, Committees and Groups (cont. from pg 1)

Here is a listing of September meetings

Sept 10 ECW (Episcopal Church Women) at 2:00 in the Guild Room

In their monthly business meeting, ECW discusses the business of the Mustard Seed and Altar Guild and plans and supports ministries for both in-reach within the church and out-reach within the community. All women of All Saints' are members and are welcome at the meeting.

Sept. 11 Shawl Ministry 7:00pm in Tower Room

This group brings knitters together to make shawls for those in need of healing and spiritual comfort. During their monthly meeting they minister to each other, share fellowship, and pray for those who receiving the shawls.

Sept. 12 Beta Book Group 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

A group of thoughtful booklovers gathers weekly for fellowship and discussion. Tonight they begin *Where God Was Born* by Bruce Feiler. Mr. Feiler goes to the heart of civilization by being on site in Iraq as he searches for the place where God, as defined by Christians, Jews, and Muslims was first made known.

Sept. 13 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm in the Choir Room

The Chancel Choir sings at the 10:15 AM service on all but fourth Sundays, and for all special services with choir. The choir consists mostly of committed volunteers who love to sing and for whom music plays a large role in their worship experience. Those who are interested in singing with this choir are invited to contact any choir member to arrange for attending a weekly rehearsal on Thursday evening.

Sept. 16 Youth Ministries Advisory Committee (YMAC) 11:45 am Guild Room

All who have an interest in Youth and Children's ministries are invited to this monthly meeting to provide vision, planning and evaluation of programs.

Sept. 16 Family Children's Choir 11:45 am in the sanctuary

Children age 5 and above and their families are invited to join the Family Children's choir, which performs on Youth Sundays (fourth Sunday of each month) and other special occasions.

Sept. 18 Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm Guild Room

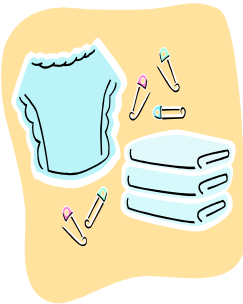
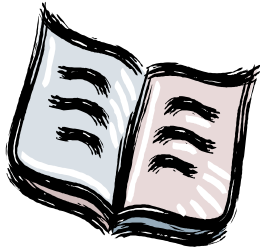
The elected Vestry, Rector, and Wardens conduct the business of the church in a monthly open meeting.

Sept. 19 St. Elizabeth's Guild 10:30 am Guild Room

This group gathers twice a month to sew, quilt, and knit layettes for the Teen Parent Program: receiving blankets, nightgowns, baby sacks, sweater sets, caps and booties.

Look for information about these groups meeting
in October in the next issue of the Bell Ringer:

Fruits of the Spirit
Evangelism
Healing Ministry



Up, Up, and Away: Awesome Autumn Auction October 19

Raising \$11,000 for church programs is the goal for All Saints' **Awesome Autumn Auction**, an exciting evening of fellowship and fun for our parish family and the community. Beginning at 6 p.m. guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages while perusing the wonderful selection of silent auction items.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for two separate drawings that will take place during the auction. One lucky winner will take home a certificate for a **Hot Air Balloon ride for Two People**, a \$400 value which is transferable and valid through Oct. 2008. Tickets are \$10.00.

Three **"theme baskets"**—Kitchen,

Kids, and Literary—will be given away in a second raffle with ticket prices of \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.



A Hot Air Balloon ride for Two People will be raffled off at this year's Awesome Autumn Auction.

Donations for the silent auction are gratefully accepted. Do you have a vacation home you would be willing to donate for a weekend getaway? Do you have a special talent you can share with others? How about an evening of food and fun in your home?

Mark your calendar now and invite family and friends.

Contact Auction Chair Chris McClave 503 771 8528,

jamma43@msn.com to donate, volunteer, or get more information.

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"A Journey of Faith" Begins Sept. 30

"A Journey of Faith—an Introduction to Christian faith through Episcopal Eyes" is open to all and begins September 30 from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm in the Guild Room. This 6 week journey will explore: our spiritual experiences; what we believe about God, Jesus and the Bible; God's plan for our lives; our dialogue



with ancient wisdom in the creeds; and elements of a sacramental life.

Led by Deacon Jaime, this video presentation and discussion program is an informative and open approach to central Christian beliefs and practices.

Food and childcare are provided. The program meets for 6 Sundays and concludes Nov. 4.

New Adult Ed. class
Sept. 30– Nov. 4
after the 10:15 service.



Noteworthy

“Intro. to Healing Ministry”

Takes place Sept. 29 from 9am—5pm at All Saints’. Led by Rev. Constance Hammond, this will be a special day of learning about healing, laying on of hands, prayer, anointing and

meditation. Cost is \$35 plus wholesale cost of the book, \$17. A service of healing will take place at 5:30 and is open to all. To sign up call the church office at 503 777 3829 or Constance at 503 230 2331

Hot Meals Receives Diocesan Grant

For the third consecutive year, Hot Meals has received a grant for \$1000 from the Diocesan Poor and Homeless fund. This money is extremely

valuable for Hot Meals, not only to help purchase food for weekly meals, but also to help with the purchase of coats, blankets, and other items for the yearly Christmas giving event.

Co-Ed Cursillo

Takes place at St. Thomas, Eugene October 4-7. For more information contact Anna Rose at 502 421 2447 or amrose@netzero.com or talk to one of the many Cursillistas at All Saints’.

Attention Future Babysitters

Red Cross Babysitting class will be held at All Saints’ Sept. 29 from 9:00-4:30. Participants must be at least 11 years old at the time of the class. Fee is

\$35. Pre-registration required by calling David Champion at 503 775 1380 or modernherodotus@hotmail.com.

Beginning Tai Chi class now offered

In addition to the Tai Chi class meeting Wednesdays

at 11:15 in the Parish Hall, instructor Jann Jasperse has added a class especially for beginners at 10:15. Cost is by donation.

Served recently at an All Saints’ Supper

Club Dinner

Zucchini Casserole

By Jen Schafer

Ingredients:

- 3 cups zucchini (cut into fourths lengthwise and then 1/4” slices)
- ½ butter or margarine
- about 3 cups or so (Jen used Pepperidge Farm) flavored croutons
- 2 carrots shredded
- 1 small onion sliced thin
- 1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream

Method:

Preheat oven to 350’. Parboil zucchini for about 2 minutes. Meanwhile, melt butter and toss with croutons in a small bowl. In a large bowl, whisk sour cream and chicken soup. Add zucchini, croutons, carrots and onion. Spread into a greased casserole dish. Bake 45-50 minutes.



Deacon Jaime, cont. from page 1

ters, a 20 year old going to college at Colorado State and an 8th grader at Lake Oswego Junior High.

BR: And your call to the ordained ministry?

JS: I did not grow up in a church family and came to believe in God while I was in college. When I went to law school I met another student who was also an Episcopal priest. She helped me practice and refine my faith; we went to church together, observed Lent, and worked through the catechism in the Book of Common Prayer. Later when I met and married my husband, a Christian from a different faith tradition, we became active in a small Episcopal congregation.

My first inkling of being called to ordained ministry occurred during communion time at Crusillo. As time passed I began to feel that God had something more in mind for me than corporate law. I became a mother; I prayed; I sought advice from clergy and others; I searched for ways to insert ministry into my job, such as mentoring young attorneys new to the firm. Still, I felt called to do more. I began a rigorous discernment process under the guidance of my pastor and Discernment Committee, took a sabbatical, and finally left my law firm, certain that God was calling me to do

something different. I had worried that I was throwing away 3 years of law school and 17 years of practicing law. Now I have come to believe that the experiences I had during those years has prepared me for this new calling.

BR: How can the people of All Saints' help you during your time as a Transitional Deacon?

JS: The people here have been very welcoming and enthusiastic. I have enjoyed talking with people and hearing about their faith experiences. It is helpful to me to hear people's stories and also receive feedback about my sermons—whether what I'm saying resonates with them.

Editors note: Jaime has a full schedule at All Saints'. She is preaching nearly every week at one of the services and will offer an Adult Education class beginning Sept. 30 (see story pg. 3). She is also conducting a demographic analysis to help the Evangelism Committee and assisting the Vestry in creating a narrative budget that will tie expenditures more clearly to the baptismal covenant and mission of the church. Her stay with us is brief—she will leave us after her ordination in early 2008.

Wanted

Quality Craft Vendors Wanted

For the "take a Break" Christmas Bazaar held in the Parish Hall Nov. 10 and 11. Information sheet including table rental rates and guidelines is available by contacting Tasha McKinlay at 503 775 1380 or TMcKinlay@msn.com. To volunteer in the kitchen or bring soup or pie, please contact Laurie McDowell 503 760 2268 or sandlmcd@yahoo.com.

Dishwasher For Hotmeals Wanted

Especially for the 3rd Saturday of the month. No experience necessary; on the job training provided. Approximately 2 hour time commitment required. Contact Nathan and Amelia, 503 788 2533 or brooksna2000@yahoo.com

Writers, Reporters, Photographers Wanted

For future editions of the Bell Ringer. Choose your topic or have one assigned. Newcomers, old-timers, and youth welcome—no experience needed. Let's keep everyone connected with the life of the parish. Contact Sarah Gibson at 503 775 1126 or sgibsonpdx@aol.com for story ideas or contributions.