



# The Bellringer

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### Rejoice in the Lord

**R**ejoice in the Lord, always! Again, I say Rejoice!

Discipleship is an intentional choice to grow in one's relationship with Jesus Christ. For we who have decided to disciple after Jesus, it is important that we read, reflect and pray upon those words that draw us close to the One who Loves us. Then the great challenge is to put our thinking into action. I encourage all of us to consider ways that we can nurture our relationship with Jesus. Here are a couple of things that you might want to do after our summer season.

The Beta book study will take the month of August off. (If you have ever spent much time in the Guild Room in August you'll understand why.) In September, Beta will reconvene on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Two books are scheduled for fall reading.

The first book is very dear to me personally. The *Jesus Creed*, by Scott McKnight is a book that has truly touched my soul. This remarkable, tough and historically significant new creed given by Jesus Christ has challenged men and women disciples of Jesus to great works of art; enabled them to face certain death; and, brought hope to hopeless situations. I hope that you will find the time and commitment to participate in this book study. The following quote from the back of the book gives a bit more information:

“When an expert in the law asked Jesus for the greatest commandment, Jesus responded with the Shema, the ancient Jewish creed that commands Israel to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength. But the next part of Jesus' answer would change the course of history. Jesus amended the Shema, giving his followers a new creed for life: to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength, but also to love others as themselves. Discover how the Jesus Creed of

love for God and others can transform your life.” The next book on the Beta reading list is, *A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey*, by Brian D. McLaren.

I have not yet read this book. However, I'm looking forward to reading and perhaps participating in the book study as well. Rosalie Grafe has recommended this book to Beta. Here is a quote from the back cover:

“A New Kind of Christian's conversation between a pastor and his daughter's high school science teacher reveals that wisdom for life's most pressing spiritual questions can come from the most unlikely sources. This stirring fable captures a new spirit of Christianity – where personal, daily interaction with God is more important than institutional church structures, where faith is more about a way of life than a system of belief, where being authentically good is more important than being doctrinally “right,” and where one's direction is more important than one's present location. Brian McLaren's delightful account offers a wise and wondrous approach for revitalizing Christian spiritual life and Christian congregations.”

Another opportunity in Discipleship is the Sunday morning **Pentecost Bible Study**. We begin at 9:00 and conclude by 10:00 a.m. We are meeting in the parish hall and childcare is provided in the nursery.

Please accept my invitation to attend an exciting new series that I will be conducting at All Saints'.

When I was young I dreamed of bringing about dramatic change to the world. My idealism was spurred by new developments. New and exciting events were happening in technology. A computer was available to a select few in a large room at Purdue University. A poor woman in Alabama and a preacher from Georgia brought about the civil rights movement of

### Mission Statement

*The purpose of All Saints' Church is to celebrate God's love, to seek and to serve Christ in all persons, and to go forth into the world rejoicing in the powers of the Spirit.*

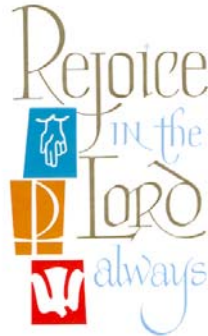
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# Rejoice in the Lord (continued from page 1)

the 1950's and 60's. The new age of medicine was ushered in when, on December 3, 1967, South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard conducted the first heart transplant on 53-year-old Lewis Washkansky.

These events were no less dramatic and no less pregnant with possibilities than when the Holy Spirit descended upon a few frightened people gathered behind locked doors on the first Pentecost in the Christian Community. Who could have dreamed that the future of those bewildered few would result in your faith?



The very early followers of Jesus were eagerly waiting for the Messianic Age to usher in an eternal time of justice and peace. There had been a hope for a utopia. What happened? Why have we not yet achieved that which we long for? Is this still possible today? Can we create an alternative reality? The Church has the potential to be the Happiest Place on Earth. In fact lives are made better by the ministries of many fine, empowered people at All Saints'.

Come and enjoy a Sunday morning Bible Study on Galatians 5. This is seminal teaching of St. Paul on the life of a Christian Disciple. This chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Galatians can be challenging yet bears great hope. If we spent our lives attempting to live in the Way described by Paul we would usher in the long awaited new age. Come be part of the solution.

Fr. Stephen




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Timothy Clarke	3rd	Everett Hanson	16th
Patti Ryall	4th	Elizabeth Allen	17th
Ogouma Remi-Lekun	6th	Todd Schwartz	18th
Pauline Azevedo	7th	Stephan Russell	20th
Alicia Swindel	8th	Bill Henry	20th
Jean Stewart	8th	Diane Miner	22nd
Rachael Evans	9th	Patrick Holland	23rd
Loralee Henry	12th	Jon Baker	24th
Mike Carroll	12th	Richard Nunley	31st
Nick Miller	13th	Pamela Winter	31st
Joseph Marlia	15th		

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## All Saints' Helps Food for the Poor

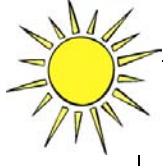
This year, All Saints' has accomplished something fantastic! We gave a home to a family that needed it desperately! Beginning as a Lenten project, and continuing as a gift to Father Stephen for the 30th anniversary of his ordination, All

Saints' raised a total of \$2,360.75 for Operation Starfish through Food for the Poor, Inc. This is enough to supply a simple house to a family in great need!



A Food for the Poor house in Haiti.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 8am Rite I 9am Adult Ed. 10:15am Rite II 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>3</b> 12pm Cursillo	<b>4</b> 6pm Banners 6:30pm AA 7:30pm Cursillo	<b>5</b> 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 7pm Beta	<b>6</b> 7:15 Choir	<b>7</b> 10-3 Mustard Seed	<b>8</b> 10-3 Mustard Seed 11:30am Hot Meals 7pm Narcotics Anon
<b>9</b> 8am Rite I 9am Bible Study 10:15am Rite II 11:45am End. Comm.	<b>10</b> 12pm Cursillo	<b>11</b> 6pm Banners 6:30pm AA 7pm Shawl Ministry 7:30pm Cursillo	<b>12</b> 12:15 Rite II Chapel 1:30pm ECW 7pm Beta 7pm OCP Quart. Rehearsal	<b>13</b> NWMTI Dental Van 7:15 Choir	<b>14</b> 10-3 Mustard Seed	<b>15</b> <b>Woodstock Festival</b> 10-3 Mustard Seed 11:30am Hot Meals 7pm Narcotics Anon
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## VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Our church library is much more than just the passageway to the restrooms! It is a treasure trove of a wide range of books, tapes, CD's, videos and DVD's. Since Easter, a hard-working group of parishioners headed up by Donna and Earl Woodruff has taken over the upkeep of the library. The curtains have been washed and the shelves cleaned. The library is now a welcoming, pleasant place to browse or read. Here is a tiny sampling of titles from our parish library: Pigs in the Parlor, Saints on Main Street, The Cloister Walk, The Episcopal Church: Its Message for Today, The Chronicles of Narnia, A History of God, All God's Critters Get a Place in the Choir, The Wonder Book of Bible Stories, The Liv-

## Great Books and Videos at All Saints' Library

ing Church Magazine, Mars Hill Audio Journal.

Beyond the library itself, is a whole other stash of interesting media. Many parishioners might not know that we have a library of videos and DVD's in the Audio/Visual room across the hall from the kitchen. In the left cabinet along the right hand wall, there are many movies and documentaries to choose from. Here are a few titles gleaned from just the first layer of videos and DVD's: Searching For God in America, From Jesus to Christ, Jesus: The complete Story, Mary Magdalene: The Hidden Apostle, The Question of God, Veggie Tales, Kids Ten Commandments. There are many interesting titles in this small cabinet, so make sure you poke around for a while to really see what's in there.

All of these books and videos can be checked out by filling out a card in the library. For more information, you may give Alison a call in the church office.