



CALLING ALL SAINTS !

*News & events from
All Saints Episcopal Church
Ministering in Palo Alto since 1892*

EASTER 2013

From the outside, Silvacane looks much like any other 12th century Cistercian abbey; pass through the austere stone façade and the difference is striking. The builders started at the eastern end with a calm, perfectly balanced Romanesque apse; by the time they reached the western wall, they had changed quarries, changed the design of the pillars and windows, introduced Gothic arches, experimented with different vaulting, and abandoned the original plan of two levels of clerestory windows and blocked up their earlier efforts. The last window in the last bay built is of an entirely new design, and bears no resemblance to anything else in the building. Perhaps oddest of all, the church's three naves are on different levels, to accommodate the gently sloping bank of the river Durance. And yet nine hundred years later, the building embodies integrity and harmony - Le Corbusier once wrote "light and shadow are the loudspeakers of this architecture of truth, calm and strength."

Clearly Silvacane's builders had a plan, but they also had to respond to the challenges presented by climate, resources and landscape (the name means 'forest of reeds'). The result is an enduring tribute to their creative ingenuity and sheer exuberance: they chose what seemed to them to have been the best course of action in a unique set of circumstances, and perhaps this lies not only at the heart of great architecture, but also at the heart of great lives. Like those medieval masons, we often set out with definite ideas and fixed goals but, in the course of realizing our perfect vision, walls collapse, foundations crumble and materials fail, and every ounce of our skill and imagination and perseverance is required just to shore up and salvage the lives we have built. We think that we have failed in achieving what God had in mind for us, forgetting that there is no divine master plan, no detailed and rigid blueprint in which we are assigned fixed roles and responsibilities, but only that 'plan' put forth in the Gospel and outlined in our Baptismal covenant, and God's unceasing invitation to journey deeper into truth and freedom and happiness.

In finding solutions and starting afresh, we are never without resources – the scriptures, the wisdom of the church, the counsel of trusted advisors, our own consciences and capacity to judge. But I also believe that we are enveloped by a God who speaks to us in every way we are capable of comprehending: through our bodies and imaginations, our feelings and reactions, the directions in which our thoughts run when left free to wander, the signs which seem startlingly obvious to us yet which others fail to notice. And even when we choose unwisely, our God makes of our errors and missteps works of beauty and praise.

Although often built by the same builders working from the same designs, no two Cistercian abbeys are identical – there were always problems! Their solutions weren't always perfect or even particularly successful, but now we see them all of a piece, triumphs of ingenuity and inspiration. And I suspect our God casts the same kind eye on our false starts and interrupted projects, admiring our resourcefulness, and wondering at the beauty of all we have accomplished.

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What's Happening This Spring . . .

MARCH 28 & 29

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday
at All Saints with
BISHOP MARY

See pages 2 & 3.



*See page 3 for
the entire
Holy Week schedule*

MONDAY, MAY 13

All Saints hosts the monthly
OPPORTUNITY CENTER
BIRTHDAY PARTY

See page 8.



REBUILDING TOGETHER

Saturday, April 20
(prep work)

Saturday, April 27
(primary work and completion)

See page 8.

Complete Schedule
of
ALL SAINTS'
SPRING
CONCERT
SERIES
on page 7.

Sunday, June 2, 4 pm
All Saints' Choir
Choral Evensong





BISHOP MARY GRAY-REEVES

WILL CELEBRATE MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY WITH US HERE AT ALL SAINTS'. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE BURIAL OF CHRIST SERVICE ON GOOD FRIDAY EVENING, AT WHICH THE CHOIR WILL SING A NEW WORK BY KENTON COE, LAMENTATION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, COMMISSIONED BY ALL SAINTS' FOR THIS OCCASION. PLEASE MARK OUT MARCH 28TH AND 29TH IN YOUR CALENDAR.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER:

5:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE PARISH HALL TO ATTEND AND TO BRING SOUP TO SHARE AT THIS SIMPLE BUT SPECIAL MEAL.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE
EMAIL JODI SCHERER AT
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EASTER WEEK



March 24 Palm Sunday
 8 am Holy Eucharist
 10 am Palm Procession & Eucharist

March 28 Maundy Thursday
 Celebrant: Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves
 5:30 pm Light Supper
 7 pm Eucharist with *Mandatum*

March 29 Good Friday
 Celebrant: Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves
 Noon - Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
 6 pm Solemn Evensong of the Burial of Christ

March 30 Holy Saturday
 8 pm Great Vigil of Easter followed
 by Champagne Reception

March 31 Easter Day
 8 am Eucharist
 10 am Festival Eucharist
 Special Music - The Whole Noyse
 Brass

*There
 will be no Godly
 Play Sunday School on
 Easter Sunday. Childcare
 during the 10 o'clock service will
 be provided in Small Saints,
 our nursery facing the
 courtyard.*

All children are
 invited to bring your
 Easter baskets for the
 Easter egg hunt following
 the service. Extra baskets
 will be available for those
 needing them.





MINISTRIES...ACTIVITIES...GATHERINGS

AN ONGOING SERIES OF STORIES ABOUT THE MANY AND VARIED SMALL GROUPS THAT PROMOTE COMMUNITY, PROVIDE SERVICE, AND KEEP ALL SAINTS' RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

THIS ISSUE: WEEKLY HOT MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY, AKA "BREAKING BREAD"

By Susan Barkan

About thirty years ago, the Food Closet, a brainchild of Patsy McAfee (Margaret Wootton's mom) was All Saint's only outreach program for the underserved of Palo Alto. Then, as now, volunteers filled bags with donated groceries for the needy to pick up. Among the worker bees were Geri and Rob Ehle who noticed that many who took the bags were homeless and had no means of preparing the food. Thus was born the concept of having the church prepare a hot meal for those in need. Once launched, the program was named "Breaking Bread."

Gloria Van Bree recalls the early days when food was provided in the form of leftovers from local restaurants, caterers, even wedding receptions and private parties. "You never knew what you would get," she recalls, but somehow Merrie Jane McFate and Dorothy Beckett would put it all together into a coordinated meal. At that time volunteers put in a full day of work, including preparing the meal, setting the table with dishes and flatware (and sometimes flowers), serving the food, and cleaning up afterwards.

Today, funding comes from InnVision Shelter Network, and six churches (Holy Trinity in Menlo Park, First United Methodist, All Saints' Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Covenant Presbyterian, and Grace Lutheran in Palo Alto) share the responsibility of preparing and serving a nutritious hot lunch or dinner every day of the week. In addition, volunteers come from Etz Chayim, Menlo Park Presbyterian, First Congregational, The Vineyard and several lay organizations, notably Intuit. All Saints' turn is Thursday and Friday of every week. Some helpers come almost every week, but most check in once every five weeks.

Stricter government regulations about food safety have streamlined the process of feeding large numbers of guests, even though some of the earlier spontaneity may have been lost. Now food is provided by Palintar, a nearby software company (700 lbs/week), Linked-In (250 lbs/week), Califia Restaurant at T & C (175 lbs/week), Second Harvest (200 lbs/week), and the Food Closet (850-1500 lbs/week). Other supplies come from Costco.

A staple most days is a big salad prepared by the volunteers, and one woman in her eighties makes a very popular soup. When budget cuts eliminated cucumbers and peppers from the salad menu, volunteers provided them independently. When chicken from Costco is on the menu, volunteers decide how to prepare it.

Workers are divided into two teams: food preparation and food service. Servers fill trays with meat, vegetable, salad, and starch and then hand them to the guests. They try hard to accommodate individual tastes—one person might want double potatoes and no salad, for example. Prolific Oven

used to donate cakes, but since their baking is no longer done on-site, desserts are usually canned fruit or donated fresh fruit in season. More healthful, but not as much fun, especially for servers, who got to lick the icing off their fingers. After the meal comes the clean-up, which involves loading the dishwasher and wrestling the giant pots and baking dishes to the sinks to be scoured and scrubbed.

Every week an average of 300 people are fed. They include the homeless, people who find themselves short of cash at the end of the month, the elderly, and those on a fixed income. No one has to register, no one is questioned, no one is turned away.

As in any large group, there may be a few malcontents, but the vast majority are grateful, calling the program a lifesaver. On the rare occasion when someone complains or tries to cause trouble, often the others will rally round with effusive praise to make up for the rudeness.

Sometimes a volunteer will ask if any of the guests would like to retire to a corner of the room and offer a prayer of thanksgiving. A significant number do so.

Volunteers are brimming with enthusiasm about the program. The gratitude of the guests is a given, cooking together is a special way of getting to know each other, and the kitchen camaraderie is a reward in itself. All agree that they get more than they give.

Special thanks to the following for providing information: Sally Cadigan, Margaret Weil, Gloria Van Bree, Carol Hubenthal, Robbie Hill, Margaret Wootton, Jake Warde, Mary Ann Hayward



Outreach Lenten Project For Kitchen and Parish Hall Repairs

By Jake Warde

The All Saints' campus is a busy place. A Breaking Bread meal at noon, an evening music concert, and groups gathering throughout the day are common occurrences. We are of course grateful for all the healthy community activities taking place on our campus. But all the use means increased wear and tear on our kitchen and parish hall. This year the Outreach committee is undertaking a Lenten "InReach" project to help make some needed repairs. Our goal is to create a fund in the amount of \$3,500. Working with the Buildings and Grounds Committee the fund will be used to repair cabinets, service ovens, and replace the locks in the parish hall. While repairing cabinets may not seem like Outreach it is an important part of our hospitality to the community to have these facilities in good working order. Please consider a gift of \$25.00 (or any amount) as part of your Lenten Observance to support this project. (Check to All Saints' Church: Kitchen Repairs in the memo line)

All Saints' Spring Concert Series

Sunday, March 24, 7 pm

The New Choir
Benefit Concert'

www.newchoir.org



Sunday, April 7, 7 pm
Festival of New Music for
Treble Voices

www.pwchorus.org



Saturday, April 13, 6 pm
SF Conservatory Chamber Choir
Stravinsky Mass, Pärt Passio

www.sfcm.edu



Sunday, April 14, 4 pm
TOPAZ

Dance of the Cosmos

www.topazmusic.org



Sunday, April 21, 8 pm
New Esterhazy Quartet
The Danube Runs Through It

www.newesterhazy.org



Saturday, April 27, 8 pm
California Bach Society
Schütz Symphoniae sacrae

www.calbach.org

Saturday, May 4, 4 pm
Kids Can Groove Family Music
Universal Artist Randy Kaplan

www.kidscangroove.com



Sunday, May 19, 4 pm
Ragazzi Continuo
An English Renaissance

www.ragazzicontinuo.org



Sunday, June 2, 4 pm
All Saints' Choir
Choral Evensong

www.asaints.org



Saturday, June 8, 8 pm
Sunday, June 9, 7 pm
The New Choir
Rejoice!

www.newchoir.org



Saturday, June 29, 8 pm
SF Renaissance Voices
Opera Early & Ancient

www.sfrv.org

ALL SAINTS' TO HOST BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE OPPORTUNITY CENTER IN MAY

By Sally Cadigan

The new Opportunity Center Support Committee has chosen as its first project, organizing various community groups to host monthly birthday parties for Opportunity Center residents and drop-in clients. All Saints' Outreach Committee offered to take the lead for our parish in hosting a party on May 13th for all those who have birthdays that month. The monthly parties thus far have been very much appreciated and great fun for residents and volunteers alike. Watch for more news on this coming soon, and let the Outreach Committee know if you'd like to help plan, cook or put together some special gift bags.



REBUILDING TOGETHER PENINSULA 2013

By Margaret Weil

All Saints' volunteers will once again have the opportunity to work together to rehabilitate a structure in need of TLC. Our project is Samaritan House Clinic in San Mateo, just 12 miles from us, which provides primary and specialty medical and dental services to uninsured, low-income residents.

The dates are: April 20 (prep work), and April 27 (primary work and completion) We anticipate some clean-up of landscaping and a lot of external painting.

All Saints' Endowment: The "Well-Woven Basket"

By Mary Ann Hayward



Endowment: Sounds boring, right? Not at all. All Saints' endowment is a vital, vibrant entity, a great underpinning for the financial health of All Saints'.

Although All Saints' was founded in 1892, it wasn't until 2007 that we established a formal endowment – a vehicle to accept financial gifts outside of regular pledges to the annual budget. Over the first 120 years of All Saints' existence, parishioners certainly made special gifts to the church. Elizabeth Gamble is probably the most notable example of generosity but there have been many others. For example, gifts have been received as people have remembered All Saints' as beneficiaries of their wills. One can imagine how these gifts were incorporated into the life of the church: to help defray current budget needs, to fund capital expenditures, maybe to add to the reserve.

Now, however, we have an endowment fund which spells out specifically how such gifts are to be managed. First of all, there is a three-person Endowment Subcommittee, appointed by the Vestry, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Each member has a three-year term. Current members of this committee are Pitch Johnson, Chairman, Curt Weil and Lin Miller.

It is the job of the Endowment Subcommittee to invest the endowment funds with the help of professional financial advisers if they so choose. The investment objectives, in order of importance are:

- Safety of principal
- Growth of capital
- Preservation of long-term value of the portfolio
- Maintenance of long-term purchasing power
- Prudent diversification
- Reasonable liquidity

In the words of the Endowment Fund Plan, "...the Fund shall be managed as a true endowment employing the restriction that the principal shall not be invaded. Principal is defined as the cumulative amount of all original gifts to the Endowment Fund."

As you saw in the Annual Report of January 2013, the Endowment Fund is currently valued at \$167,508. Each year a small percentage of the income of the fund is transferred to the operating budget of the church. The rest of the income is reinvested in the fund.

The good news is that All Saints' now has the "well-woven basket" (in the words of the Episcopal Church Foundation) to receive and invest bequests and other gifts. We can now be assured that any money given will be managed well and used effectively in ways that truly help others. Special thanks are due to the Vestry of 2007, then-Senior Warden Diane Frankle, and Margaret Weil who put together our Endowment Plan.



MISSION TRIP

All those who for any reason are interested in pursuing the discussion about a possible mission trip are encouraged to send an email to the rector tpleeson@asaints.org - signaling their interest. This is not a commitment to participate, just an expression of interest in following the conversation. Palo Alto has a long term sister-city relationship with Oaxaca and we would like to arrange for someone involved in that program to come and speak to those who are interested.



Mabel's Corner

Happy Easter, share this time to
reflect on life, love, family, friends
and all of your blessings.



NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS AT ALL SAINTS'

By Margaret Weil

Recently a member of the parish told me that her group was growing smaller and smaller as people have moved away. Is there a group she and her husband could join, she asked. The Vestry thinks that it may be time to start some new groups, based as before on geographic proximity. We know that some small and not-so-small groups already exist: The Stanford Plus group, master-minded by John Sack; the young singles, started by Waheed Gardeezi; and the Dinner for Eight, initiated last fall. And historically the geographic groups have had longevity, great value and buy-in by parish members.

In conclusion, we'd like to hear from anyone interested in being part of some new neighborhood group. With enough interest, we'll help you get started.

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GUNS: CREATING A CULTURAL SHIFT

By Mary Burt Blume

Few of us can claim that the taming of the Wild West did not play some small part of our childhood. I can remember making up a play with my classmates proudly titled "The Bandits" probably in the fifth grade. We had cap pistols, jeans and boots as we strutted in front of our parental audience and what good fun it was in the wild West of New York City!

Have we changed much in the intervening years? The influence of the formation of our country has trapped us in a mentality of gun rights, now enshrined in the Second Amendment of the Constitution, as it is interpreted today. And no one disputes our right to own a gun. However, there is an effort since the recent massacre at Newtown, Connecticut, to bring the right to own guns in line with safety, legal ownership and prevention of such killing machines getting into the hands of the wrong person. Since the shooting in Tucson, Arizona in January, 2011, 24,000 Americans have been murdered with guns.

Recently, New York Times columnist Joe Nocera wrote of a new approach, indeed a cultural shift. In an effort to rebrand violence prevention Rebecca and Jon Bond (both advertising professionals in Minneapolis) are reframing the issue to say "how can we save lives?" Both gun and non-gun owners want to save lives. They are working on slogans, such as "Friends don't let friends with children keep guns unlocked in the house." The message is taking "revolver" and making it "evolve" into safety without polarizing.

In churches throughout the country, there have been prayers, vigils and statements of support for enforcement of gun registration by all sellers; limiting the sale of assault rifles and the large ammunition magazines now available. Communities are offering gun buyback events. Here in Palo Alto, there was a gun buy-back offered on February 23rd sponsored also by the cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Protect Our Children, a Menlo Park-based nonprofit organization started by Silicon Valley investor Roger Lee, raised tens of thousands of dollars for the buyback event. There were 355 guns turned in and \$52,000 paid out.

At the California State level, there has been general agreement to get guns out of the hands of people who have no right to a gun, such as 20,000 people with previous convictions and to enforce existing laws. There is also an urgent effort to push for further regulation of guns and ammunition.

Let's hope that by striving to commit to save lives we can indeed transform the message that for so long has glorified the culture of violence with guns across our country.

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word in reality. This is why right,
temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil
triumphant.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Youth Program Getting Underway

By Kathy Veit

A group of folks have begun efforts to revive a youth program for All Saints kids in middle and high school. We are still at the early discernment stage and welcome more voices. Thus far, it seems that most parents would like to create a space where our kids can 1) learn about our faith at an age-appropriate level, 2) discuss their life challenges in a spiritual setting, and 3) participate in service of some kind – perhaps in connection with existing programs at All Saints and even the mission trip under discussion with Bishop Mary. The program would also be a forum through which to prepare for Confirmation, though we don't want it to be exclusively that. Knowing how busy kids already are, we also want to design the program realistically, to ensure maximum participation. At times we may also need two sub-groups – one for middle schoolers, one for high schoolers – though we hope they will work together as well.

We would like to extend an invitation to members in the parish to consider this important ministry—we have a hunch that to be most successful, it's best when youth groups are not led exclusively by the parents of the kids in them, and it would be so wonderful for our kids to get to know other adults committed to following the way of Christ. If you feel a calling to help with the youth program in some way, please get in touch with Fr. Terry to discuss your interest.



*Epiphany:
Kings, Queens,
& Cake*

Lauren reports on parish finances at the Annual Meeting . . .



. . . & people are smiling!



Another spectacular concert from Talisman



Dennis' parents celebrate 50 years of marriage

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The Rev. Terry Gleeson, Rector

Sunday Eucharist 8 & 10:00 a.m.

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*The Right Reverend
Mary Gray-Reeves
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real
will join the people of All Saints Palo Alto
for fellowship and worship
on Maundy Thursday
and Good Friday
See pages 3 & 4 for dates and details.*