Weekly E-news and Updates







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Ministry Assignments

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> Sunday, March 17th The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Eucharistic Ministers

8am

Carol Simpson

10am

Dawn DeKemper

Linda Brown

Lector

Susan Fuller

Altar Guild

Sue Harding

Gayle Gurney

Usher

Holm

Flower Guild

No flowers in Lent

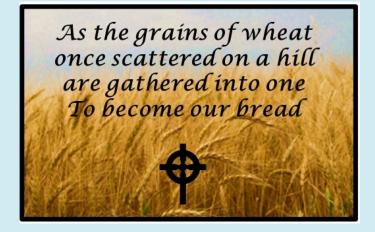
Flower Delivery

Greeter

A. Champagne

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Beloved Saints and Sinners,

We are nearing the conclusion of Lent and in Sunday's gospel Jesus is likened to a grain of wheat that once buried in the earth comes alive to bear much fruit. It is a reminder that we gather each week to hear the Word proclaimed and receive the gifts of grace through bread and wine, the bread of heaven and cup of salvation—a meal that through the cross feeds, forgives, and us gives us life.

As the grains of wheat... by Marty Haugen (b. 1950) is featured in five hymnals and is one of my favorite contemporary (1990) communion hymns because of its simple and profound theological imagery. It is based on a communion prayer from the *Didache*, an ancient Christian book that includes prayers and liturgies for the sacraments of Holy



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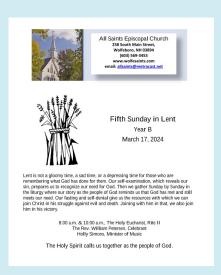




Worship Links for Sunday

Link to <u>Live Stream at 10:00 am</u> Link to <u>Worship Links</u>

Link to Bulletin, please click on the picture below.



Links to the Readings

<u>Jeremiah 31:31-34</u> - A new covenant written on the heart

<u>Psalm 51:1-13</u> - Create in me a clean heart, O God

Hebrews 5:5-10 - Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

John 12:20-33 - The grain of wheat dying in the earth

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly

Baptism and the Eucharist. It was written in the late first century, about the same time some of the last New Testament books were written. This ancient prayer brings us an ancient promise and a faithful hope—that the church scattered nonetheless is gathered by our Lord in the body he shares with us at the table.

Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

His hymn As the Grains of Wheat reminds, our generous God, invites and feeds us at the table of the Lord. Through the meal we taste God's immeasurable grace and just as grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, one body, we are made one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Taster and see that the Lord is good! **Bill+**



Lenten Midweek Celtic Worship & Labyrinth Walk

Intentional spiritual practices are critical to our growth in Christ. During March, All Saints will offer a brief midweek Celtic worship service at noon in the Stevens Room, followed by a time to experience ethe labyrinth, either walking our portable one, or using a variety of hand-held ones.

The best way to learn about a labyrinth is to walk one- with an open heart and open mind, then allow your experience to guide you.

wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Labyrinths are a place of prayer, reflection, healing and discernment. To experience one offers an intentional place to quiet our minds and help us locate our inner peace.

We each come to the path bringing our many realities, our individual histories, the unique journeys we have traveled. To experience the labyrinth is to acknowledge that the paths merge. In our fractured and fragmented world, this metaphor can set the stage for powerful healing energies on many levels - within individuals, communities, and nations.

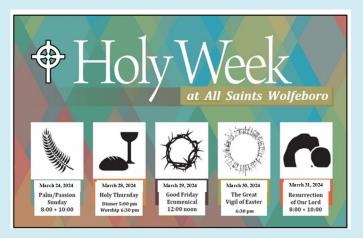
IN WITH STANK IN WINDOWS WILLIAM IN

- Helen Curry

Flower Dedication

The chancel flowers are not presented during Lent





God loves you. No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

This week we pray for:

For our Parish

Jim & Anne Bullitt, Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Louise Graham, Judy Hess, Don & Sandi Johnson, The Jeffers Family (Polly, Dave, Rachael), Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Liz Libby, Norma Lunney, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Connie Mitchell, Warren Muir, Carol Pearson, Bree Schuette, Sebastian Tordonato, Inger Woerheide.

For our Family & Friends

Basil Brown, Peter DeVeau, Candy Desrocher, Michael Dowd, Anne Fish, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Linda Hall, Susan Belt Hartson, Dillon Johnson, Faye Juul, Jim Lunney, Shane Mitus, Margie, Jim & Lil Shepherd, Tom Southern, Marguerite Truesdale, Kyle Williams, Peggy Young.

From The Music and Tech Corner...



Beloved church family,

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this letter. Various life circumstances and prayerful conversations have guided Ralph and I to the difficult decision that it is time for me to retire from my position as Minister of Music, and for Ralph to step down from his volunteer role in technical oversight leadership for our parish.

Words cannot express the love and growth that has come to us both through this decade of service in this giving faith community. For that reason, we are hopeful that we can remain as vital members of this parish, and allow our Lord to guide us all into how best to transition well in this new journey.

We have deep trust in God's gracious wisdom and discernment in helping our leadership to go forward into this season with faith for shaping the future music and tech ministry. My understanding is that a team of folks will be asked to join a transition and search team to help in this need. Ralph and I will also be hoping to help with certain needs in making this change.

We realize there is no good time for these significant changes to occur, but we have set June 9^{th} 2024 as the effective date for this transition.

Writing with sorrow, yet trust and belief in God's good guidance, Holly





All Saints Community Labyrinth Project F.A.Q. for March 15th



Pastor Bill introduced the Community Labyrinth Project recently during his remarks at our annual meeting. As we discern and plan, you may have questions about labyrinths and each week we will share a frequently asked question here. Feel free to ask any questions of Pastor Bill or Linda Brown who are both trained labyrinth facilitators by Veriditas the non-profit organization committed to inspiring transformation through the labyrinth experience. The word "Veriditas" originated with Hildegard of Bingen and means "the greening power of life".

How can a labyrinth support and enhance the life of our congregation?

A labyrinth can be a wonderful outreach and hospitality tool that communicates the warm, open spirit of a church. Having a labyrinth that is available to the larger community is a wonderful way of welcoming the public onto the church property or into the building. Sharing this sacred tool communicates the congregation's interest in the spiritual health of its members and neighborhood. Our proximity to the hospital, library, and schools offers a wide range of opportunities for a labyrinth.

The possibilities of labyrinth programming are as varied as the imaginations of church members. For instance, labyrinths have been used effectively as extensions of a congregation's prayer ministry, for Sunday school and Bible Study participants to ponder what they have learned, and for special use during different liturgical seasons and feast days. Special labyrinth events support the spiritual health of all those who come and labyrinths have been used effectively during weddings, funerals, and baptisms. Youth group members in a confirmation class at one church enjoy walking the labyrinth as they discern their next steps of faith.

All Saints Hosting Preconcert Potluck







THE WESTERLIES ARE A BRASS QUARTET MIXING IDEAS FROM JAZZ, NEW CLASSICAL, AND APPALACHIAN FOLK.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE WOLFEBORO FRIENDS OF MUSIC WEBSITE, FROM BLACK'S PAPER & GIFT SHOP, AND FROM AVERY INSURANCE.



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH

IS HOSTING A PRE-CONCERT POTLUCK DINNER AT 5:00 PM. PLEASE BRING SOUP (IN CROCKPOT), SALAD, BREAD, OR DESSERT. THE PARISH WILL PROVIDE NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND ATTENDEES MAY BRING WINE.

Meet and Greet with the Rezaye's During Coffee Hour

More than 30 All Sainters video chatted with the family of Afghan Hazaras we are working to sponsor to emigrate to a safe country. Warren Muir facilitated the

gathering with Ali Rezaye, his wife Rana, and their two young sons, Amir and Ovid during the coffee hour after the 10:00 am service last Sunday. Thank you to Warren and Danielle Pierpont, who have been tutoring Ali and Rana respectively, for introducing the family to those gathered.





Mercy is honored on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Mercy Amiani, the EFAC student All Saints Church has sponsored through high school and college, is about to graduate later this year. She will receive her degree in Clinical Medicine-Radiography from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

Mercy has distinguished herself as a diligent scholar and strong leader. She was honored as 1 of 2 female EFAC students who pursued studies and a career in STEM subjects. Her accomplishments were recognized last week

on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. She has written a reflection on her received honor. The link is below. Please take a few minutes to read Mercy's reflection. It is inspiring.

Here is the link: <u>Student Reflection: At the Heart of Science — Education For All Children (EFAC)</u>

It is unlikely we will meet Mercy in person in the near future, but an opportunity has arisen for us to meet another EFAC student this Sunday, March 16th after the 8:00 service. Naiomi Amadak attends Wellesley College. Mercy and Naiomi know each other from an extended preparatory session before they began high school. Naiomi will speak about her EFAC participation and education so we can better relate to Mercy's experience.

10:00'ers please join us before 9:30 so you can meet and chat with Naiomi. Coffee and treats will be available!

If you want more info on EFAC Sponsorship please go to: https://www.efac.org/sponsor-program

Thanks to all of you for your support of Mercy.

Gerry DeGeorge

While the liturgical color for Lent is purple, Dianne, Terri and Danielle make a good case for teal on the fourth Sunday and start of daylight savings time!



Lord & Tailor Spring Refresh Underway

Volunteers have been emptying the shop and storage rooms into a portable storage unit this week in preparation for painting by our Holy Roller Team of Junior Warden Bob

Christmas and Treasurer Bill Woodard. Please speak with wither Bob or Bill if you'd like to express your inner van Gogh.



VESTRY NOTES

The next Vestry meeting is on Monday March 18th.

The links below have been corrected.

Our Mission Outreach Team has developed a varied list of recipients receiving \$\$ from our summer fair and Lord and Tailor.

Click here to read about it.



Click here to read the 2023 Annual Report minutes

LORD & TAILOR CALENDAR

March 23 (Saturday) through April 6th the shop will be closed for painting. **April 7** - Tentative reopening at 10 am with Spring/Summer clothes.



ECW MEETING MINUTES

Click on the link to open pdf.

2024 Altar Flowers reservation is

now open online.

https://ttsu.me/2024altarflowerrequest

You can also drop a dedication slip in the office or email your request to allsaints@metrocast.net.

We also have more dates available at the end of this year to fill.

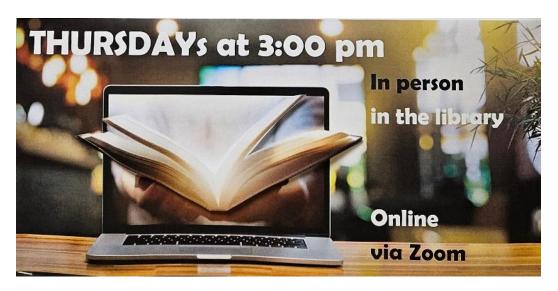
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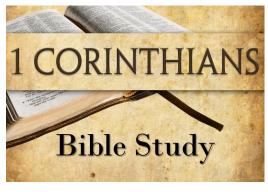
Please remember to drop your payment to the office prior to your dedication.

Thank you.



BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER!



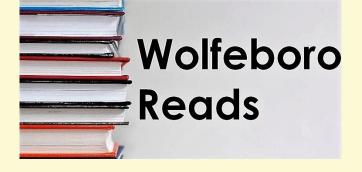


Thursdays in the Beck Library and online via Zoom at 3:00 pm, followed by Eucharist

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

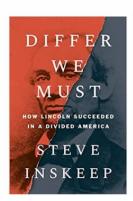
In January, the Rector's Bible Study will read through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We will hear this epistle in worship throughout the time after Epiphany. It speaks about the incarnation as both the revelation of God's

empathy for and solidarity with the human condition and our baptismal calling to practice such empathy and solidarity with our neighbors as the nature of discipleship. In the time after Epiphany, we will ponder the revelation of God in the person of Jesus and, through baptism, in our personhood as well.

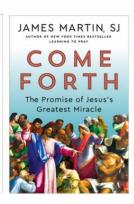


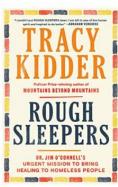
Please join us for our community book group as we gather via Zoom on Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm for reflection and discussion. The Wolfeboro Public Library and Country Bookseller have our lists.

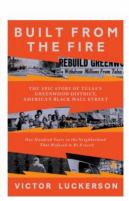
Winter/Spring 2024













Join us for Wolfeboro Reads in February (6th, 13th and 27th) as we discuss how the trauma that our struggling species has experienced in recent years—because of both the pandemic and societal tensions that threaten to overwhelm us—is not going away anytime soon. Existing political and economic systems are not enough to bring the change that the world needs. In his book Rainn Wilson explores the possibility and hope for a spiritual revolution, a "Soul Boom," to find a healing transformation on both a personal and global level.





Dinner Bell DINING IN PERSON IN THE PARISH HALL THURSDAYS 5:00 PM

March 2024

3/21

Italian wedding soup, Roast pork, potatoes and vegetables

3/28

Squash soup, Macaroni and cheese, Vegetables

A reminder that our Dinner Bell program offers a community meal weekly on Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome and donations are accepted to offset costs.

Your help is also welcome to share hospitality with our neighbors, please speak with Carol Simpson or Pastor Bill to volunteer.

March 2024 Calendar



Click on the Calendar for a pdf copy



Help Needed

We have a family of two that could use assistance with meals and in other ways. Visit https://mealtrain.com/k0o18v and/or contact Bree Schuette to see how you might be able to assist.

There are many ways to connect with one another to see, hear and share God online at All Saints



E-NEWS UPDATE E-news editing has now moved to the Parish Office. Please have your submission requests to the office by Tuesday of the week you would like it in the e-news. You

may email your requests to Debra at allsaints@metrocast.net.

DO YOU KNOW OF A CHILD IN NEED OF SOME EXTRA FOOD OVER THE WEEKEND?

Kid-friendly weekend food bags are distributed weekly at the schools and community-based organizations throughout the GWRSD

For children 3 years old through grade 6 (not yet in school, attending school, or homeschooled)

To sign up or ask a question:

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OUTREACH COORDINATOR:

Deb Bunting email: dbunting@sau49.org or text: (802) 738-0408

End 68 Hours of Hunger Wolfeboro Area Chapter; Serving children of GWRSD Towns



End 68 Hours of Hunger is a non-profit organization that provides weekend food for children, in preschool through grade 6, at risk of food insecurity; 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, and snacks.



HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING FOOD FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY? HELP IS AVAILABLE

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION –
FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS MONTHLY
10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
4:00PM TO 6:00PM
264 S. MAIN STREET, WOLFEBORO

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www.lifeministriesfoodpantry.com

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