

Fellowship

Instead of rushing back to the world after the service on Sunday, we invite you to stay for a time of food and fellowship. By becoming better acquainted with one another, we learn how God has been working in each other's lives.

Youth Groups, for ages 8 and up, meet on Sundays at the parish from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Supper Clubs meet monthly to socialize and visit one another in their homes.

The **Young Families Fellowship** may be particularly appealing to families with younger children. It meets quarterly.

Other Gatherings of the Congregation

We also come together for milestones in our journeys of faith and life. Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception are celebrations as parishioners step forward in faith. We rejoice that the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church is represented in the covenant of marriage. And while we sorrow when we are parted by death from brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice that the one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord. We would be happy to speak further with you regarding any of these services.

Outreach to the Greater Community

Both as individuals and as a parish we are called in various ways to serve Christ in all persons. Two of the ministries of this parish that involve many members but are always eager to employ the service of more are the following: The **Hot Meals Program** prepares and serves a mid-day meal every Saturday to the people of the community in need.

The **Mustard Seed Thrift Store** provides quality, previously owned items at low cost to the community. It is open every Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Newcomer Socials

We recognize that becoming involved with a church may at times feel like a daunting proposition. Thus, three or four times a year we host socials where newcomers can meet representatives of parish ministries, tour our facilities, and learn more about what it means to be part of our Christian community. All that newcomers need to bring are their appetites.

Other Ways to Find Out More:

Brochures covering in more detail several aspects of parish life and ministry are kept in the entryway, along with pamphlets on other subjects.

Besides noting the announcements in the Sunday bulletins, another great way to learn about what is happening in the parish is to read our monthly newsletter, *The Bell Ringer*. Copies are in the entryway, and it can also be read on the parish website whose address is below.

In addition you are welcome to call or email the church regarding any questions you may have. Furthermore, part of the Evangelism Committee's purpose is to assist visitors and newcomers.

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**WELCOME
TO
ALL SAINTS'
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**



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

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my great joy to welcome you on behalf of our Christian community. We look forward to getting to know you.

I invite you to learn more about who we are and to consider becoming part of this fellowship. It is through the participation of all its members as they grow in Christ that we are able to pursue our parish's mission statement:

*Celebrate God's love,
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This brochure provides an introduction to how we are trying to fulfill our mission.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, we hope you will join our efforts to give glory to God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*The Rev. Stephen D. Whitney-Wise
Rector, All Saints' Episcopal Church*

Worship

The principal gathering of this parish is when we as a community worship God on Sunday mornings and at other appointed times. It is a time not only to celebrate what God has done for us, but also to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us through the reading and exposition of the Scriptures. We are also fed with the spiritual food of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Each time we participate in the liturgy of corporate worship, we are renewed once again to go forth into the world to do the work that God has given us to do in the name of Christ.

Regularly Appointed Services

Sundays 8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel* (traditional language, and music only on the fourth Sunday of the month).

10:15 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church* (contemporary language with music and choir).

Prayers for healing are conducted after Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

On the fourth Sunday of the month children have a more prominent role during the 10:15 service.

Nursery care for children through age 4 is available from 9:15-11:45 a.m.

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II and healing prayers in the Chapel.*

Christian Education

In order to commune with God more fully and to become the people He would have us be, it is important that we set aside time to study the Bible and to learn from the experience and thought of other men and women of God. Besides our deliberation upon the scriptural readings and the sermon during the services, we have other opportuni-

ties as a community to become acquainted with Him who the Book of Common Prayer calls "the fountain of all wisdom."

For Children

Sunday School classes begin at the same time as the 10:15 service and conclude when the sermon is over, at which time the children join the service for Holy Communion.

On the first three Sundays of the month the classes for children from age 3 years 9 months and up use a curriculum that is inspired by the scriptural readings for the day.

On the fourth Sunday young children attend a class while children 7 and over participate in the entirety of the Youth Sunday service.

On fifth Sundays there is a group activity.

Although there are no summer classes, there is a week-long Vacation Bible School.

For Adults

The **Adult Forum** meets between the Sunday services (9:15-10:10 a.m.) in the Guild Room. It is dedicated to further enhancing our spiritual journey through education and discussion on a variety of topics. Drop-ins are welcome.

The parish offers other opportunities for adult education that are announced periodically in the Sunday bulletin and in the monthly newsletter, *The Bell Ringer*.