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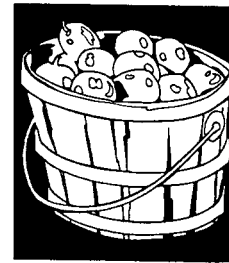
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November 2009

Lift Up Your Hearts

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Bringing the Gospel into life for you!

A Message From Reverend Mary Lou McKenney



In the evening as I leave the church the smell of apples surrounds me in the quiet cool evening air. The grocery stores are full of apples of every size and hue. I go to visit my sister and the apple tree in her yard is loaded. I encountered Father Mario in the hallway outside the parish hall. He was carrying a huge bag of apple that he offered to share.

The beautiful valley and temperate climate are God's gifts that make this all possible. Our work, and the impulse to do that work, comes from God too. Without God's grace to inspire us, we would do nothing. Without the bodies and intelligence to carry out God's inspiration we would be equally helpless. It is truly a month for Thanksgiving. Not just the holiday, but the overflowing of our hearts as we see and understand the immeasurable bounty of God.

The harvest is coming home. The harvest that provides beauty and nourishment to all of Watsonville, all of the county – even all of the world. When I lived in Honduras I could buy Martinelli's sparkling cider in Tegucigalpa. When I come over the Buena Vista hill from Santa Cruz, it amazes me that the small valley spread out before me can produce so much; not just apples, but strawberries, raspberries, lettuce, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and more. That the relatively small number of farmers and farm workers can flood the world with such bounty.

The possibilities of All Saints' are as boundless as the possibilities of the Pajaro Valley. A relatively small number of people have the possibility to impact the world in much the same way as our agriculture does. An example is the ESL class. A few of our congregation are working as tutors to teach others to read and speak in English. Look at the possibilities that open up into the world with the one interaction: in learning to speak English, the student will be able to gain access to the governmental, educational and health services offered here. They will be more able to engage in the culture,

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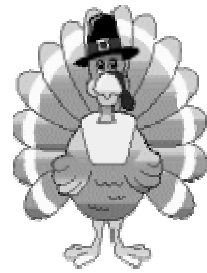
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to improve their possibilities for work and earning a living. They will be able to find educational opportunities for their children who will in their turn become happily educated and engaged members of our society. This is the work of one member of our congregation. We are educating our young people and their families to think theologically and ethically, and they will carry their Christian values into the work place, and build a future in our cities and our country that takes love and care of neighbor as the norm, not an exception that we struggle to attain.

This is the work of All Saint' – changing the world. It happens one person at a time. One dollar at a time. You are part of something much, much larger than you can see on Sunday morning, or even when we are all gathered at a special event. The hard and sometimes frustrating work you do at church is not really work FOR the church. It is work for the body of Christ in the world. It is God's hands and heart working in the world. The changes you make are beyond your ability to see or calculate, because they are multiplies by God hundred-fold.

Blessings,
Mary Lou+



Parish Life

There is not too much to report. The big item is All Saints' Birthday, 11/1/09, and our Honor Saint recognition for this year. It will all be over by the time you read this, but on 11/1, we will have our birthday lunch at church instead of the regular coffee hour and we will be honoring Barbara and Gene Pedemonte for all their years of service at All Saints'. I hope you all will have been with us for this big day.

On Tuesday, 11/15, we will start our feeding of the homeless at the Salvation Army. I know that help is needed for this ministry so if you are so called to help, please call the church office and tell Wanda. Someone will contact you and explain all the different things you can do to help.

We have 2 more meetings with Katie to help us with the Restoration Plan which is due at the Diocese's office by the end of November. We will also be making up the list for coffee hours for 2010 and need as many names as possible so the burden will not be to great. All these requests are part of our stewardship so please give it great consideration volunteer where you can!

Bless You All,
Debra

Two Little Boys in Trouble

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew all about it. If any mischief occurred in their town, the two boys were probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys.

The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. So the mother sent the 8 year old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath,

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

We are thankful, God, this
Thanksgiving Day
For all the blessings sent our way
We pray for every family large or small
We ask Thee to care for them all.

For all our loved ones far away
Dear God, keep them safe we pray
May they know they are not forgotten
On this Thanksgiving Day.

We give thanks for the miracles we receive
Forgive us for being so blind we do not see
Give us a new awareness of everything
And for the joy to our life that you bring.

Dear God, we are thankful to you
For the many things that you do
We ask for Thy guidance along our way
As we pray this Thanksgiving Day.

Glenna M. Baugh
Living Faith



ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"I was just fine until you stood up in service and testified that golf was one of your spiritual gifts."

To All Women of All Saints', ECW

Change of plans;

We shall meet again on the 2nd Friday of the month, November 13, for our potluck in the Parish Hall from 12:00-2:00 pm. We can discuss all the little helps we provide for All Saints'.

Since our active members are reduced, we will not be having a Holiday Happening this year. Jeanette has joined us, happily, and she has offered a special ECW Holiday Gift table each Sunday in November until mid-December, for the many hand made gifts you all have created.

Be in good cheer and keep in touch, everyone,
Nancy, Lillie, Judith, Sara & Jeanette (our new parishioner & ECW member!)

History of the United Thank Offering

Since its beginning in 1889 with Julia Emery, the United Thank Offering has been looking for new ways to be a vibrant ministry throughout the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church.

In the early years, the Women's Auxiliary collected funds at the General Convention and their focus was on expanding the mission of the church. Grants supported training women in the church, supporting and sending women missionaries domestically and overseas and funding the build-ing of schools, hospitals and church buildings all over the USA and around the world.

The Unit4ed Offering become the United Thank Offer in 1919 with a "Victory Offering: of \$468,060.41. This offering was given

in thanks for the end of WWI and mindful of the many women who lost sons and husbands in the war.

In the 1943 triennium, the UTO offering surpassed the \$1 million mark for the first time, and in 1949 it increased to almost \$2 million.

In 1952, Bishop Gordon of Alaska was awarded UTO money for an airplane in order to reach the parishes. He coined the phrase "Blue Box" and named the plane in its honor.

In 1970, the offering started to be given on an annual basis. In the 1970's, the United Thank Offering Committee was established and its responsibilities were to promote, interpret and allocate the offerings annually.

UTO recently celebrated its Centennial Anniversary and funds available for granting topped \$3 million for the first time.

The Mission:

To expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

UTO'S Vision:

To significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ's love. To achieve this vision we will focus particularly on projects that implement significant change toward alleviating profound human suffering that the Millennium Development Goals address.

Please use your UTO envelopes or boxes. We shall gather our All Saints' funds by Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 29th Thank you.

From the Senior Warden

Dear Saints,

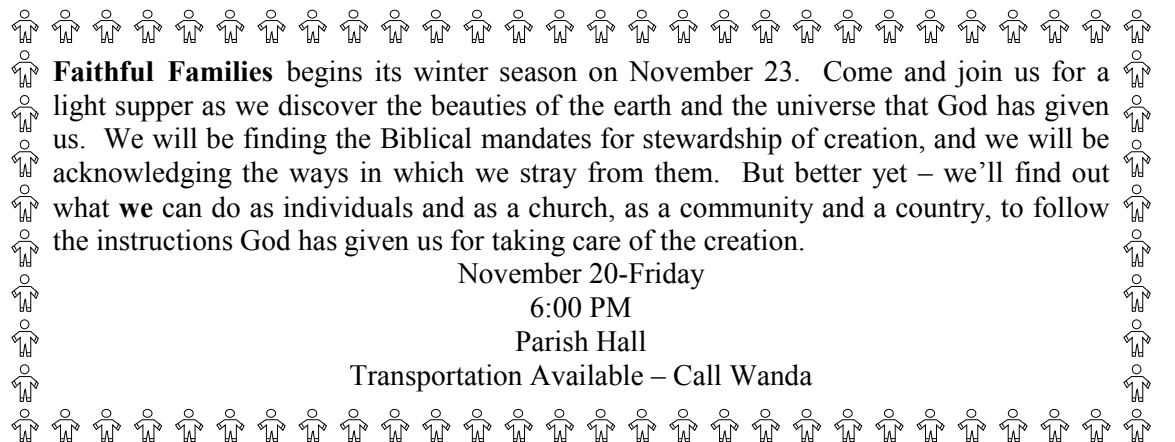
On September 25th my Aunt Mary Littledale Turley died. She was a member of All Saints' in the 40's and 50's. She was always the caregiver for her dying relatives, parents, two husbands, only child, sister and brother-in-law, and many good friends while they were dying.

This left my father and myself to help her these last few years. She was 86 years old. Here is one of my favorite passages:

**When the signs of age begin to mark my body
(and still more when they touch my mind)
when the ill that is to diminish me or carry me off strikes from without
or is born within me;
when the painful moment comes in which I suddenly awake
to the fact that I am ill or growing old;
and above all at the last moment when I feel I am losing hold of myself
and am absolutely passive within the hands
of the great unknown forces that have formed me;
in all those dark moments, O God,
grant that I may understand that it is You
(provided only my faith is strong enough)
who are painfully parting the fibers of my being
in order to penetrate to the very marrow of my substance
and bear me away within yourself.**

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Blessings,
Carol Schmidt, Senior Warden

 **Faithful Families** begins its winter season on November 23. Come and join us for a light supper as we discover the beauties of the earth and the universe that God has given us. We will be finding the Biblical mandates for stewardship of creation, and we will be acknowledging the ways in which we stray from them. But better yet – we'll find out what **we** can do as individuals and as a church, as a community and a country, to follow the instructions God has given us for taking care of the creation.
November 20-Friday
6:00 PM
Parish Hall
Transportation Available – Call Wanda

Publicity and Fund Raising

We really didn't want to do it – but the Vestry voted it in – so Carol and I co-chaired the 2009 Antique Sale and Preview Party. And what a success it was!

A committee was formed with Debra Kennedy, Robin Brownfield and Andrea Willy. Flyers were produced, ads were placed in the Pajaronian and Sentinel, and Steven Yvaska gave us a first-rate write up in the SJ Mercury News. From September 30th to October 2nd the Parish Hall “library” was transformed into an “Antiques & Collectibles Gallery” with the help of many hands and Marky's always excellent layouts. Invitations had been mailed, and on a balmy Friday night the party began! The Silent Auction, totally donated by parishioners, outstanding food from Swing Time Café and underwritten by a generous parishioner, wonderful donated wines and sparkling cider poured by Kirk Schmidt – altogether a delightful and successful evening! To save money, we used signs from previous years, altering dates, and Saturday and Sunday were very good as well. We made a total of \$4194.78 after expenses for the three day venture.

Many thanks to everyone for your generosity and support. Special thanks to Norma McLean for helping Carol & me pack up the “leftovers” Sunday afternoon; Roz Heubach for helping us store it all in the newly cleaned out storage room Monday, while Diane Cooley replaced all the books in the bookshelves. This

project took a village, and you all came through – thank you!

We won't be having a Holiday Happening this year, but Jeanette will be selling handmade items from the ECW at the Antique Store. I will be offering assorted Episcopal themed items at coffee hour until December 1 for your Christmas and other gift needs.
Peggy Eklund




Our Stewardship Status

As of November 4, and down to the wire, with only a few parishioners yet to make their financial (tithe?) support pledge to our Church for 2010, we stand at 75% of the needs.

The Vestry requested \$98,500 in pledges to meet the 2010 needs. This is the amount pledged for 2009, although expenses, of course, are up. Pledges in the amount of \$73,956 from 31 parishioners and friends have been received to this date.

Many THANKS to you who have responded. Special thanks to you who responded with increases as requested by the Vestry.

From your Stewardship Captains
Dick James, Don Cooley




PLEASE PRAY FOR

Roberta, Al Anderson, Carteena, Joanne, Marc & Family, Audrey and Family, Harry, Troy and his mother, Jan Marie, Laurie, Jean, Pete, Mark, Judy, Allen, Karen and Family, Carrie, Robert, Lynette, Dale Anderson, Winnie, Jen and Family, Becky, Ann, Anders and Family, Ron and Deb, Ayleen, Maggie, Pat Reid, Jessamyn and August Orange

Thanksgiving: Mary Lou, Carol & Peggy, The Vestry, Jennifer and Joan, Wanda, Everado and Elodia, Fr. Mario

Rest in Peace: John Doyle, Paul Irwin, Mary Lowry, Pat Schmidt, Bonnie Searles, Tony Pope, Dusty Carrithers



Homeless Ministry

We begin to feed the hungry again next month, and we are in real need of more hands for this ministry. If you are able to cook, serve food or pick up and deliver prepared food, please, PLEASE, talk to Dick James. It's only one Tuesday a month, and it takes about an hour of your time to serve the food. You can be home in time for your favorite television show! It is getting cold out. People need a hot meal. Please help.

November Birthdays

11/3 Navarre Marshall
11/5 Penny Hudson
11/6 Nancy Ruiz
11/9 Audrey Carrithers
11/10 Nancy Buthenuth
11/12 Bruce Willy
11/15 Garret Brown Field
11/16 Jean Pogue
11/16 Otto Wenzel
11/17 Gideon Steinbert
11/21 Ted Anderson
11/24 Priscilla Brown
11/26 Megan Starks
11/28 John Peterson
11/29 Marky Starks



November Anniversaries

11/4 Mato & Judy Paljetak



Congratulations

Why Wait

In *Nouwen Then*, author Luci Shaw writes: “I’m an impatient, restless person. Slowing down and waiting seem like a waste of time. Yet waiting seems to be an inevitable part of the human condition.”

Henri Nouwen said, “Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting.

Eugene Peterson’s paraphrase of Romans 8:22-25 resonates with Nouwen: “Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting” (The Message).

During a time of waiting, God is vibrantly at work within us.

-Luci Shaw in *Nouwen Then*, edited by Christopher de Vinck (Zondervan 1999)

NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Usher	Coffee Hour
11/1	Anthony Jacob, Nathaniel	Jerry Olson Alec Olson	Gerry Harrah Bob Steinberg	Marky Starks
11/8	Matt, John, Alec, Theo	Alec Olson Theo Olson	Dave Fletcher	Winnie Roumimper
11/15	Anna, Geof, Nicko	Dick James Matt Paljetak	Tom Starks John McKenney	
11/22	Matt, Theo, Anthony, Nathaniel, Alec, Jacob	Kirk Schmidt Bob Steinberg	Don Cooley Pete McCormack	Barbara Pedemonte
11/29		John McKenney Navarre Marshall	Dick James Volunteer	Debra Kennedy



Altar Guild

11/1	Team #3: Debra Kennedy, Roz Huebach
11/8	Team #1: Sara Anderson, Barbara Pedemonte
11/15	Team #2: Ann Clark, Norma McLean, Winnie Roumimper
11/22	Team #3: Debra Kennedy, Roz Heubach
11/29	Team #1: Sara Anderson, Barbara Pedemonte

The Altar Guild Needs You

The Altar Guild is in need of new members. Please prayerfully consider helping out in this most reverent ministry—assisting with the necessary set-up of the altar for our rector to conduct the service. The Altar Guild continues to meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month following coffee hour after the 10:00 am service. If you have any questions, please contact Norma McLean. Peace and Blessings, Norma McLean

All Saints Episcopal Church Calendar 2009

November 1	10:00 am	All Saints Day-Honored Saint
November 20	6:00 pm	Faithful Families
November 26	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Service
December 18	5:00 pm	Caroling & Hot Chocolate
December 19	10:00 am	Homeless bags/Cookie party
December 22	5:30 pm	Homeless Christmas
December 24	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Morning Service
January 17	10:00 am	Confirmation
January 24	11:30 am	Annual Meeting

Buildings and Grounds

Updates to the Memorial Garden plot maps and instructions are nearly complete. A draft of the instruction is under final review and should be released before the end of October. Wanda has a copy of the new plot map.

Repairs completed during this period include:

- Thank you to the Cooley's for having Antonio take down the sickly tree at the corner of the lawn and trimming dead branches from the neighboring tree. Visibility of the Church is much improved.
- Torn linoleum at the entrance to the Antique store was repaired prior to the recent Antique sale.
- PG&E helped restore wall heaters to service in Mary Lou's office and Fr. Mario's office.
- The blower for one of the main heaters in the Sanctuary failed and needed to be replaced (\$\$).
- Mary Lou's computer got a memory upgrade after it suffered a RAM failure. Bruce Willy

Liturgy and Music

We have had several new attendees this past month at our Sunday evening service who have pledged to continue coming after enjoying both food and music. Our new friends liked our interactive approach to our service where we discuss and question the subtle meanings of The Gospel and the relationships with other readings, followed by a short communion and then great cooking. Patrick and

another retired couple, Jim and Susan, who spend several months a year at Pajaro Dunes, were familiar with some of our music choices and even brought our attention to pieces out of our song-books which we hadn't tried, which proved to be worthy melodies to be revisited. We extend our invitation to all parishioners to come worship, sing and eat with us at least once to gain a better understanding of what the Sunday evening service has to offer. Wes Johnson

Advent Book Group

We'll have a book study group this Advent. We will be using the four weeks of Advent to contemplate God's presence in the world through literature. So far, two books have been suggested: The Case For God by Karen Armstrong and Quarantine by Jim Crace.

The Armstrong book is a historical look at the development of belief in God from ancient times, contrasted with the shape of modern belief. Jim Crace's book is fiction, and is a beautiful, but challenging discussion of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

Do you know of a book that would make for a good discussion? Let Rev. McKenney know.

We'll meet for an hour on Wednesday morning at 11AM, following the Eucharist service, and again on Thursday evenings at 5PM. Rides will be available for both times.



November 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 9:00 am All Saints' Service 10:00 am All Saints' Service 12:00 pm Cristo Rey Service 12:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm All Saint's Service	2 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 1:00 am ESL Tutor Training 4:00 pm Head Start Policy Council and Board Training	3 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 6:30 pm Cristo Rey Bishop's Committee	4 10:00 am Eucharist 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 7:00 pm ESL Class	5 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Holy Hours	6 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 6:00 pm Faithful Families	7 8:00 am The Brotherhood at Valley Heights 5:00 pm Cristo Rey Catechism 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Service (Mass)
8—23rd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am All Saints' Service 10:00 am All Saints' Service 12:00 pm Cristo Rey Service 6:00 pm All Saint's Service	9 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 1:00 am ESL Tutor Training	10 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	11 Veterans Day Office Closed 11-12:00 for training 10:00 am Eucharist 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)	12 Office Closed 11-12:00 for training 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Holy Hours	13 12:00 pm ECW Luncheon & Meeting 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)	14 5:00 pm Cristo Rey Catechism 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Service (Mass)
15—24th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am All Saints' Service 10:00 am All Saints' Service 11:30 am Altar Guild 12:00 pm Confirmation Class 12:00 pm Cristo Rey Service 6:00 pm All Saint's Service	16 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)	17 12:00 pm AAUW Luncheon 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 6:30 pm Cristo Rey Bishop's Committee	18 10:00 am Eucharist 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 5:00 pm Head Start Policy Council 6:45 pm Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm ESL Class	19 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Holy Hours	20 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 6:00 pm Faithful Families	21 8:00 am The Brotherhood at Valley Heights 5:00 pm Cristo Rey Catechism 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Service (Mass)
22 Last Sunday After Pentecost Christ the King 9:00 am All Saints' Service 10:00 am All Saints' Service 12:00 pm Cristo Rey Service 6:00 pm All Saint's Service	23 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)	24 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)	25 10:00 am Eucharist 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 7:00 pm ESL Class	26-Thanksgiving Office Closed 10:00 am Thanksgiving Service 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking) 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Holy Hours	27 Office Closed 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)	28 5:00 pm Cristo Rey Catechism 7:00 pm Cristo Rey Service (Mass)
29-First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am All Saints' Service 10:00 am All Saints' Service 12:00 pm Confirmation Class 12:00 pm Cristo Rey Service 2:00 pm Stamp Club 6:00 pm All Saint's Service	30 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm AA Meeting (Spanish Speaking)					