

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

JANUARY 2024

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Dear All Saints

Happy New Year x2.

We celebrate two new year calendars. January 1, 2024, begins a new Gregorian calendar year – a 365-day solar year that is determined by the Earth’s revolution around the Sun. On December 3, 2023, we began our new Christian Church Year. It is based on the centrality of the Son of God. The Bible reveals the unfolding drama of the coming of the Son. We cannot live without the Sun and the Son.

On January the first, many people will make New Year resolutions. Throughout the year Christians make daily resolutions. It is our hope to “delight in God’s will and walk in His ways.” We want every day to be lived as one that brings glory to God’s name “not only with our lips but in our lives.”

As your pastor I want to encourage you to resolve this year to make Bible reading a more regular part of your daily life. The psalmist reminds us that “the entrance of Thy Word giveth light.” God’s children have been delivered from the darkness of unbelief. The shadows, though, remain and lengthen the more we neglect his Word. Commit yourself to reading the Bible.

Our Prayer Book will assist you. The Daily Offices and the weekly readings give you ample opportunity to get into the Word. When we think about our Prayer Book and the calendar and liturgy presented, we are met with the importance of both time and rhythm. We are reminded that *our* time is in God’s hands and that the rhythm of life is steady when lived according to *His* time.

It truly isn’t about how many days we get, but how the days are ordered. When we are resolved to make our thoughts and actions captive to God’s will and ways our

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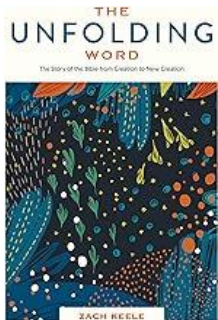
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lives will be more and more ordered to reflect the heart and mind of God. As you live this year, January through December, may the cycles of Christmas and Easter set God's rhythm to your steps. Blessings, *Fr Rick+*

ANNUAL MEETING

Please stay after service for the annual meeting on January 14. There are important business items that need to be voted upon and require a quorum. The new Vestry will be voted in, the annual budget needs to be approved, as well as an important vote to approve the new Bylaws. The vestry hopes that everyone has read (or at least perused!) the new Bylaws. We are blessed to have the skills of Reuben McGilvary who was able to analysis our current ByLaws (Version 3) and determine the many discrepancies that did not meet the requirements of The Anglican Diocese of the South (ADOTS), as well as unneeded duplications in the document. He constructed a completely new document (Version 4) to incorporate the local requirements of the Church. A more detailed description of the background was sent along with the document via email. There are two copies available at the church should you want to read a paper version. The Annual Meeting should not be lengthy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School begins on January 21. This season Father Rick is going to lead us in a study to help us understand the Bible from creation to new creation. We will be using Dr. Zach Keele's book entitled: "*The Unfolding Word: The Story of the Bible from Creation to New Creation*". The goal of this study is to help us better understand how all 66 books tell one story about Christ. Dr. Zeele's book is well written, researched, and easy to understand. It not only does a wonderful job of helping us understand the narrative shape of the Bible, but he does a beautiful job of explaining each book's historical context. It is necessary to buy the book for this study and read the chapter to be studied ahead of the class. The hope is that as we progress in the study, we will be excited and better equipped to dive deeper into our personal Bible reading with a clearer understanding of God's word. The book can be bought on Amazon.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Father Rick encouraged us at our last Sunday school session and to his letter to the Saints in this newsletter, to think about resolving this year to reading the Bible. Our class, “The Unfolding Word” is intended to help us do that, with the goal that at the end of the study we will have read the entire Bible. Each chapter in the book has the Bible books to be read for the chapter. Father suggested that we all have a personal study Bible, several are available. He uses the ESV, but the NIV, NKJV, etc., are all good. Because reading entire books of the Bible can be intimidating and time-consuming, he outlined a method he called “skim reading.” At the beginning of each book of the study Bible is an introduction and outline of the book. Go through the outline to familiarize yourself with the book. Then, with the outline beside you, go through the book and read each chapter heading. Father said that will give you an overall picture of the book. Then, for our daily devotion, read part of a chapter in “The Unfolding Word” followed by the psalm of the day. The calendar for the reading of the daily psalm can be found in our prayer book on page 717 (we are in Year B). Should we resolve to follow this plan, by the end of this study we will have read all 66 books of the Bible. That’s exciting!

EPIPHANY BEGINS JANUARY 6



What’s Epiphany”? The word “epiphany” means “revelation.” It is about God’s revelation of his Son to all the nations. Epiphany begins each year with The Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. This is the day each year that we remember the coming of the magi who visited Jesus.

”Note how fitting was the order of events: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to go before them, drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger.” *St. John of Chrysostom, The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3*

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The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and ends on Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent). The season of Epiphany focuses on Jesus' revelation, on his light entering world.

“The season of Epiphany is an invitation to follow Jesus into the ways of gratitude and joy, We are no longer bound by the dissatisfaction of our consumer culture that tells us to keep striving for more stuff, more success, more money, more of everything for myself. Instead we are invited to learn to live in the joy and contentment of seeing every moment as a gift from God.” *Brian O'Connell*

VESTRY UPDATES

What does your Vestry do? The vestry meets once a month (second Thursday of the month). Members are always welcomed to attend. Father Rick opens the meeting with prayer before sharing his comments, calendar and announcements. Then each member gives his/her report. Notables from December meeting:

- Membership (active and inactive) is currently 61 members.
- Budget for 2024 was approved for vote at the annual meeting.
- Southern Flooring will install new carpet in Sherill Hall and the sacristy January 9-12.
- The Time and Talent Survey will be compiled and names given to appropriate chairs.
- End of year left \$1200 in the Outreach fund. Members agreed to send Herb and Mary Hand (missionaries in Northern Africa) \$500 to help with their relocation expenses; \$50 to Harvey's Chapel to help with their outreach programs; \$200 to Samaritan Ministries in Hot Springs to help with their program to help homeless men get back on their feet.
- A money market account was created to hold money for future unforeseen happenings.
- David Keyser will arrange first aid training and active shooter training for designated parishioners.
- A Greeter Team will be established to help welcome newcomers on Sunday.
- A need to be present at the POA Newcomers events led to assigning Virginia Smith to recruit members and organize monthly representation.

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SECRET SISTERS SANTA

Christmas celebration was made just that much more special with our annual Secret Sisters Santa party. Our ladies had a wonderful and blessed time sharing gifts, food, laughter and togetherness. Thank you, Margaret Buford, for hosting this very special All Saints tradition.



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GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

Marc and Martha Nichols



Marc and I moved to Hot Springs Village from Upstate New York. I worked as an Ultrasound Tech and supervisor at Glens Falls Hospital. Marc worked for the New York State Department of Corrections, first as a correction officer and then as a substance abuse counselor.

We chose HSV for its beauty and central location to family in multiple states. Our home here was built while we were still working in NY. We rolled into town on June 1, 2012. The temperature was 110 degrees!

We worshiped at the Catholic Church and several other local churches, but never felt welcome. We met the Keyzers and Lamberts through dog sitting. They both expressed their love for ASAC and knew they had found their "Home" immediately. They encouraged us to attend a service. We did and immediately felt welcomed by all the members and by Father Rick. The wonderful music and singing of old time hymns touched my soul.

When Marc had to have hip replacement surgery, Father Rick was at the hospital at 6 am to bless us both with prayer. I know if I need a word of encouragement, there are many sisters I can lean on. Then, there are the OJ hugs. We are home.

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THERESA AND BILLY AUGHTRY

Our newest members!



Billy and Theresa began their lives together 28 years ago. They met over the computer, so it is appropriate that they found their forever home with All Saints over the computer on our website.

Theresa was born in Ontario, Canada. She immigrated to the United States in 1988. Theresa and Billy met online in 1995. She moved to Texas to be closer to Billy and his two children, who he was raising alone. They married in 1996 and had a child together a year later. Theresa became a citizen in July of 2017. She became Practice Manager for an animal

hospital in Greenville, TX. She continues to work remotely from her home and plans on continuing for a while.

Billy was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He moved with his family to Texas, where they ran a Wester Sizzler restaurant. After his military time (Army), Billy settled back in Texas to be with family. He began a career with the US Postal Service, retiring after 33 years.

Once Billy and Theresa had raised their three children, they both felt the need to find a “forever” home. They wanted something different as well as something fulfilling in their lives. They started searching online and found Hot Springs Village. After further investigation, they discovered the All Saints website. That is when they knew All Saints Anglican Church was the place for them. We welcome them with open arms!

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CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

	All Wednesdays
8:00 am	Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies
9:00 am	Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies



- January 6 Epiphany Season Begins
- January 7 NO POT LUCK THIS SUNDAY
- January 14 Service 10:30 am followed by Annual Meeting
- January 18 Vestry Meeting 10:00 am
- January 21 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am
- January 28 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Service 10:30 am

January Birthdays	January Anniversaries
1/5 Max Cox	No one got married in January!
1/7 Dave Beed	
1/9 Bruce Neiswander	
1/11 Sami Jo Magoffin	
1/12 Lila Kay Lanio	
1/13 Theresa Aughtry	
1/15 Pat Hansen	

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