

# NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

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### A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

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Dear Saints

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and month of July. Since the fall men and women (by God's grace) have continued to pursue holy and sacred activities (prayers, sitting under the hearing and preaching of God's Word, receiving the sacraments, and fellowshiping with the saints). Through such activities we demonstrate that we are "citizens of another world"—a spiritual one. While on this pilgrimage—living in this age, this world, "the life I now live in the flesh," as the apostle Paul put it (Galatians 2:20)—we are to love our neighbor. We seek to do so as "witnesses of Christ our Lord," doing good deeds as we seek to help others hoping to improve the plight of our neighbors [with desires ultimately to lead them to Christ.

While we pilgrim through as "witnesses of Christ our Lord," we also function as citizens in the place we happen to reside. We pay taxes, we maintain our houses and cars, we attend art, music and sporting events. We hold down jobs and we retire. Some serve the government, and we all serve our society in various vocations. Whether we engage in sacred or secular activities, we are commanded to do "all things to the glory of God." (Colossians 3:17)

Some activities are truly holy or sacred (worship and prayer, engaging God's Word, fellowship with the saints, etc.). These holy activities are redemptive in that they "prepare us on our pilgrimage in this life for the world-to-come." Other activities

(secular) are not holy. They are not sacred or redemptive. They are in fact "common in that we share them with unbelievers." To quote theologian Bryan Estelle, "We perform them as part of our civic duty, like voting or paying taxes So, even when we perform these 'secular' duties we do them as unto the Lord, with thankfulness; however, this is reflected in our internal disposition and not in an external transformation, whatever cultural object we happened to be engaged with at the time.

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For example, we don't make a distinction between sacred and secular patriotism. A Christian is not necessarily more patriotic than a non-believer. My salute to the flag does not bring more honor to the country than does the salute of my pagan fellow soldier. The difference is internal disposition.

- I love the Triune God.
- I want to glorify Him.
- He has commanded me to honor and obey the authorities appointed over me.
- This is a good land that God has blessed and used to bring blessing to the world. So, I love my country too.
- My love for God is ultimate.
- My love for the country is penultimate.

The Army chaplaincy's motto is "Pro Deo et Patria." "For God and Country." These musings are how I tried to keep things straight as I served God as a chaplain for the country I love, and how I try now to live as a citizen of this great land while serving the Greater King of Kings.

God bless you. Happy Fourth! *Fr Rick+*

\*I was helped in putting these thoughts together with readings from the book, "The Primary Mission of the Church" by Bryan Estelle. Blessings, Fr Rick+

### **Reminder: All Saints Supports Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs**



Samaritan Ministries provides shelter, a comfortable bed, meals, clothing, and a nightly Chapel service for each homeless man who seeks assistance. They also offer showers and provide scrubs, clean underwear, and socks for the men as they prepare to attend Chapel.

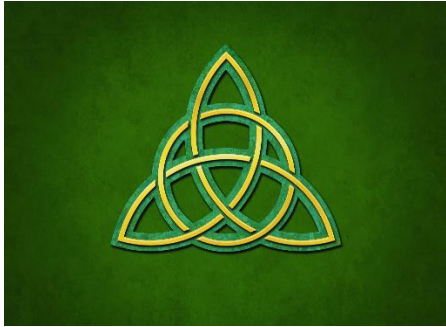
The men are allowed to stay for up to 15 days per month while they are encouraged to find employment. Once employment is verified, they are given up to 45 nights free of charge to help them transition to a productive lifestyle.

One of the ways we can support this mission is by donating underwear and socks. Please consider contributing to this wonderful mission that changes lives!

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### ORDINARY TIME



We are in the second part of Ordinary Time. Since the early centuries of the Church, Christians have often measured this season by the number of Sundays after Pentecost. Thus, it sometimes bears the name the Season after Pentecost. When referring to Ordinary Time, the word “ordinary” means “numbered” (think *ordinal* numbers), because the Sundays of this season are numbered.

Whatever you call this half of the Church Year, we are called to live what it believes—what we have remembered in the seasons remembering Christ’s life—through our actions in the world.

Green is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time. Why is it green? Because it represents growth and expansion of the Church following the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Green plant dyes would have been one of the most widely available kinds of dyes during this time and the color brings to mind the tender new shoots of spring and the lush grasses and summer crops that sustained animals and people throughout the year. This leads naturally to seeing green as a sign of hope and life.

Prayer for Ordinary Time (Liturgylink.net)

*Help us to live into the **ordinary** days of our lives and of the church year. Remind us again that this day is a gift from you in all its ordinariness. For this day, we give you thanks, Gracious God, because you gave us another day to love you and to love each other. On this ordinary day in ordinary time, we will worship you, Loving God. Amen.*



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### The Good Shepherd Memorial Stone



Merry Lou Neiswander is still deeply missed by all who knew her. All Saints was blessed to have her as one of our founding members and eventually our first Verger. After her passing last August, her family wanted to create a memorial in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. Many ideas were considered, and eventually, the family and the Memorial Committee agreed that a granite stone engraved with the image of the Good Shepherd in the middle of the Garden would be perfect.

It took some time for the stone (4 feet high and 800 pounds!) to arrive and be sandblasted. Then came the challenge of transporting and placing it in the Garden.



Thankfully, Mitch, the owner of Fountain Lake Monument Company, assessed the situation and assured us he had handled more difficult placements. He provided instructions on which trees needed to be removed and which limbs needed trimming to clear the path. Although it was a nail-biter to watch the delivery, it went off without a hitch,



just as Mitch predicted.

If you haven't seen it yet, please take a walk to the Garden to check it out. This beautiful memorial was made possible by the generous donations of our parishioners and the family.

The family will be here on Sunday, July 14th, and we will have a dedication ceremony followed by cake and coffee.. Please join us!



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### WHAT IS A THURIBLE



A thurible is a censer used in worship for burning incense. It consists of a censer section, chains (usually 1-4), a metal ring around the chains to lock the lid in place, and a removable metal crucible for holding the burning incense. Our thurible was in dire need of restoration. A new thurible would have cost thousands of dollars, but thankfully, CM Almy, a company that designs furnishings and supplies for worship, was able to refurbish it and make it beautiful again.

### Why Do We Burn Incense During Our Service?

Burning incense during our service serves multiple symbolic purposes:

- **Heavenly Reminder:** Incense reminds us of heaven and the divine origin of worship.
- **Symbol of Prayer:** It symbolizes prayers rising to God, akin to the smoke from the censer.
- **Purification and Sanctification:** It represents purification and sanctification.
- **Mystery of God's Presence:** Incense conveys the mystery of God's presence.
- **Sacredness of Worship:** Overall, incense acts as a visual and sensory reminder of the sacredness of worship, inviting participants to focus their hearts and minds on God.



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### GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

#### **Dottie Stewart**



Dottie was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, as the middle child and only girl among two brothers. Her father, John, was a highly specialized diesel mechanic for the Chicago North Western Railroad, which led Dottie to refer to herself as a “railroad brat” due to their frequent relocations. By the 3rd grade, she had attended at least five different primary schools. Despite these moves, Dottie became deeply involved in choir and orchestra, playing the violin from the 5th grade and fostering a lifelong love for music. (After moving to Hot Springs Village, she joined the HSV Sweet Adelines and later the internationally successful Top of the Rock chorus in Little Rock.)

After earning her BA in Sociology, Dottie became a juvenile probation officer in Indianapolis. A year later, she moved to Pennsylvania to continue her work with the YWCA, where she met and married Samuel Stewart in 1971. She adopted his 3-year-old son, Jack, and in 1974, the family bought a farm in central New Jersey. While Sam ran a successful Gunitite (sprayed concrete) company, Dottie managed the farm, tending to goats, gardening, and handling farm chores, all while raising Jack.

In 1975, Dottie’s parents retired and moved to Hot Springs Village. Following Sam’s early retirement, they built a home in Hot Springs Village and moved here in 1988. Dottie worked as a journalist and eventually became the editor for the La Villa News until it closed in 2000. In 2001, she began working as a Physical Therapy Technician at Physical Therapy Plus, owned by PT Sami Jo Magoffin, and retired at the end of 2014 when Sami Jo closed the clinic.

Dottie occasionally attended her parents' church, the Village United Methodist Church. During this time, she became involved with a newly formed group that

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established Mountainside Methodist Church as part of their contemporary music ministry. There, she sang and played the violin, cello, and later, bass guitar.

Dottie also attended Asbury Theological Seminary, a Methodist institution, for three years, completing most of her studies online with occasional intensive courses and one full semester on campus in Wilmore, Kentucky. However, she left before attaining her degree due to the difficulty of the required study. When the Methodist church began facing similar divisions to those of the Episcopal Church, Dottie decided to become an Anglican and joined All Saint in 2003.

### **Sue Sherrill**



I was born a few decades ago in Camden, Arkansas, and grew up there. I moved back to Camden in 1996 and taught school. In 2006, I happily relocated to Hot Springs Village, and in 2011, I was very blessed to marry Jack Sherrill.

A few years before that, I discovered a small group meeting on Sundays embracing the Anglican faith. As you know, we met in homes and businesses for over 10 years. All Saints has always felt like home to me. It was an exciting time early on when a group of fourteen of us traveled to Dallas for a national meeting of the Church, where the future of All Saints Anglican Church was confirmed. We are fortunate to have some of those original members still with us in our congregation.

Being involved with All Saints brings me great joy. When I'm not at church, I enjoy playing card games, reading novels, listening to Irish music, visiting with friends, and most of all, being trained by my wonderful dog companion, Lily.

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## CALENDAR FOR JULY

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



- July 5 Ladies Birthday Lunch at Sunset Grill
- July 7 Worship Service 10:30 am – No Potluck
- July 11 Vestry 10:00 am
- July 14 Worship Service 10:30 am  
Good Shepherd Dedication and reception following
- July 21 Worship Service 10:30 am
- July 23 Funeral Service for Nancy Norton 2:00 pm
- July 27 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for Grace (Sharon Gunn's Mom)
- July 28 Worship Service 10:30 am

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
7/16 Bob Gunn	7/7 Nick and Cheryl Grable
7/20 Theresa Keyser	7/18 Jerry and Cissy Duhon

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