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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

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Happy November Saints of God;

A little girl was thrilled to draw a picture for her daddy. “What would you like me to draw for you,” she asked. “I love horses,” said her daddy. “Great, I’ll draw you a horse!” Later that day she came back with the drawing. She proudly presented the picture to him. It was a drawing of a flower.

“This is lovely, but it is not a horse, it is a flower,” he said. “I know. I made a mistake, and I change all my mistakes into flowers.”

What a lovely sentiment from this little girl. The mistake wasn’t devastating. It was an opportunity for creativity to please her dad.

The roles are reversed when it comes to our relationship with God. He delights in pleasing us. We are the ones who make mistakes—we sin against Him, we fail to love others, and we often make messes of our affairs in this life. Yet, by his grace, he turns our lives into new creations in Jesus Christ. We cannot fathom the love of God. It has been lived out in a Triune relationship throughout eternity, and in our present lives, we are brought into that love by our union with Jesus Christ.

In this happy though solemn month of November, with Thanksgiving, All Saints Day, and Veterans’ Day, may our hearts be turned to God who loves us in his Son, Jesus. We have so much for which to be thankful. This great land. The beautiful

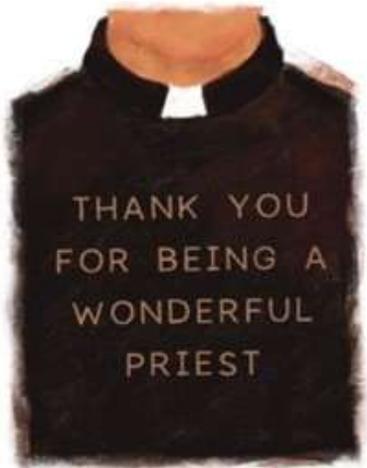
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lives and memories of those who have gone before us. The men and women who faithfully serve and the multitudes who have given their “last full measure.”

We may not be able to change our mistakes into flowers. And we cannot, with a snap of our fingers, change difficult circumstances, but we know Him who holds it all in His hands. And he does promise to make all things new. He promises Salvation from our sins, Provision for the journey, and Rest when his kingdom comes on the Last Great Day Help us Lord to wait!

Happy Thanksgiving! Fr Rick+

A Message to Our All Saints Family



As many of you have heard, Father Rick has announced his plans to retire on July 1, 2026. For most of us, this news came with a mix of emotions—shock, concern, and heartfelt sadness. We love him deeply, and his presence has been a blessing to our church family.

Yet, after reading his thoughtful letter, we understand that this decision is a natural and prayerful step. Father Rick and Nancy have shared over 50 years of active ministry, and now they look forward to a new season of rest—spending time with grandchildren, enjoying unscheduled days, and embracing the joys of retirement. We rejoice with them and are especially grateful that they plan to remain part of our All Saints community.

In preparation for this transition, the Vestry has appointed a Search Committee to begin the process of discerning our next rector. The committee members are:

- Margie Lambert, Chair
- Myra McGilvary, Secretary

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- Jerry Duhon
- Deacon Sami Jo
- Joe Norton

At their first meeting, the committee affirmed that their mission is to seek God's will and plan for All Saints. They are also committed to open and regular communication with the congregation throughout the search process.

On October 23, a letter was emailed to all parishioners outlining the committee's plan to follow the protocol set forth by ACNA, beginning with the creation of a Parish Profile. If you did not receive the email, please contact Margie.

To gather input for the Parish Profile, a congregational meeting will be held after the service on Sunday, November 9. The email included a list of ideas about our church's hopes and goals, as well as thoughts on priest qualifications and responsibilities. These materials are meant to help you prepare and come ready to share your insights.

We hope you'll join us for this important meeting. Your voice matters, and your prayers are vital. Please continue to lift up the Search Committee as they seek the man God has prepared to lead us into the next chapter of our church's life.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for All Saints Anglican Church, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Barnabas Ministry: Serving with Encouragement and Love

The Barnabas Ministry has been established—and what a blessing it has already been! Inspired by Barnabas, the early church leader and companion of Paul, this ministry reflects his legacy of encouragement and compassion. His life reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another and to walk alongside those in need.

Under the Barnabas umbrella, we've organized seven areas of care, each led by a dedicated chairperson. If you or someone you know could benefit from any of these services, please don't hesitate to reach out:

-  **Driving Pool** – *Virginia Smith* | 941-387-4998
Need a ride to a doctor's appointment, church, or other engagement? Contact Virginia, and she'll connect you with someone from her team.
-  **Phone Calls** – *Cheryl Brown* | 213-906-0955
Know someone who hasn't been at church lately and may need a check-in? Call Cheryl. She'll arrange a friendly call—and if a home visit is needed, she'll coordinate with Barb Fuller.
-  **Home Visits** – *Martha Nichols* – 501-984-0329
For those who would benefit from a personal visit, Barb is ready to help.
-  **Hospital Visits** – *Myra McGilvary* | 806-433-4686
If a Saint is in the hospital, let Myra know. She'll ensure someone from her team reaches out with care and prayer.
-  **Quilt Ministry** – *Sharan Gunn* | 501-984-1668
Quilts offer warmth and comfort. If you know someone who could use one, Sharan would love to hear from you.

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- 🍷 **Meals, Groceries & Medications** – *Theresa Keyser* | 984-264-5551
Whether it's a hot meal, a grocery run, or picking up prescriptions, Theresa and her team are here to help.

These ministry leaders have already been hard at work, and many Saints have felt the love and support of Barnabas. As we continue to grow, we may make adjustments along the way—but the heart of this ministry remains the same: to serve with compassion and encouragement.

Let us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Barnabas Quilt Ministry: A Birthday Blessing



On October 23, the Barnabas Quilt Ministry delivered a heartfelt gift to one of our beloved members, Mary Haynes, just in time for her birthday. Along with a beautifully handcrafted quilt, the team brought a delicious cake and a charming pink rose plant to brighten her home.

The visit was filled with joy and fellowship as the ministry team spent a meaningful hour with Mary. Her delight was evident, and the love shared that day was a true reflection of Christ's compassion in action.

What a beautiful reminder of how small acts of kindness can bring great comfort and connection. We are so grateful for the Barnabas Quilt Ministry and the blessings they continue to share within our church family.

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THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Do you have plans for Thanksgiving? If not, join us for a Thanksgiving Lunch at 12 noon on Thanksgiving Day! All Saints are welcome to gather for good food and warm fellowship. Please sign up in Sherrill Hall.

Farewell (But Not Goodbye) to Deacon Lynda and Don

Sunday, October 26, marked the last official day our beloved Deacon Lynda was with us at All Saints. While we are overjoyed that she and Don will be moving to Dallas to be closer to their children, grandchildren, and medical care, our hearts are also heavy as we say farewell to two people who have been such an integral part of our church family.

It's hard to imagine All Saints without their faithful presence, servant hearts, and joyful spirits. As a token of our love and gratitude, our Quilt Ministry presented them with a beautiful quilt signed by members of the congregation and filled with warm wishes.

After the service, we gathered for cake, ice cream, and plenty of hugs. Of course, we didn't say goodbye—just "see you later"—because Dallas isn't that far away, and we know Deacon Lynda and Don will return from time to time to worship with us.

They leave behind a legacy of love, service, and faith that will always remain part of the All Saints story.



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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



- November 2 Worship Service – 10:30 am **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Potluck Sunday – **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS**
- November 7 Ladies Birthday Luncheon
- November 9 Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:30 am (Father William)
Congregational Meeting following service
- November 10 Search Committee Meeting – 10:00 am
- November 13 Vestry – 10:00 am
- November 16 Sunday School - 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:30 am
- November 23 Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:30 am
- November 27 Thanksgiving – 12 noon Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 30 Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:30 am

November Birthdays	November Anniversaries
11/2 Blair Oram	11/7 Justin and Cathy Pierce
11/7 Martha Nichols	11/26 Melvin and Lorelei Slife
11/10 Cristi Wilson	
11/11 Vicki Liles	
11/13 Marc Nichols	
11/14 Kate Dahl	
11/17 Father Rick	
11/17 Sandy Whitson	
11/18 Joel Bailey	
11/23 Billy Aughtry	
11/29 Sherri Stuckey	

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