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Common Praver

our common life together consists of our worship of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Common Learning

our common life together consists of teaching one another how to be obedient to Jesus in all things

Common Service

our common life together consists of loving one another and the world as Jesus loves us



Parish Forum

Much has occurred among us since we moved into our new nave back in November. As All Saints continues to grow and develop our campus into a Mission Abbey, the Vestry wants to be sure to keep our parish informed about all that is happening among us: new staff, new systems, new online accounts, new debt service, and more. We try to do this at our Parish Summit each year in January, but the beginning of the school year is also a good time to help bring everyone up to speed of these matters. So make plans to join us for a hamburger and hotdog dinner in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 28 before we share with you around 6:00 pm the latest happenings and invite your

thoughts and questions. If you plan to eat, please register and pay by using this QR code.



Know Anybody in Cookville?

There is a small group of folks in Cookeville, TN led by Fr. Andrew Counts and David Fancher hoping to work toward planting an Anglican church. They have a Facebook page called "Cookeville Anglicans" that you can check out. If you know anyone in the Cookeville area who might be interested in helping with this plant, please let Fr. Wes know.

New Sunday Schedule

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Starting on Sunday, August 11, our Formation Hour returns for all ages, which will begin this year at 9:00 am instead of 8:45. Our new nave allows us to have one Sunday service instead of two, which affords us the opportunity to gather beforehand for an hour of preparation.

Since we began this format back in November, we have been so encouraged to watch how the Spirit has worked in the lives of the children, youth, and adults who have taken advantage of this new offering. The Formation Hour gives us time to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through a time of community, learning, and prayer.



We especially call upon our parents of young children to register them for the Atrium where kids ages 3–11 participate in the world-renown *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. This is the primary environment of All Saints where Christian formation occurs for our young ones. Our catechists have made huge commitments of their time and energy to be trained to serve in this way. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact our Lead Catechist, Katie Beavers, at katie.a.beavers@gmail.com.

Our Adult Formation Hour has taken its cues from *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. In doing so, we have created a unique experience for our adults to reflect upon our lectionary readings and our liturgy, as well as participate in some of the spiritual practices that nurture us as Christians. Here's the schedule for the month of August.

August 11	Ephesians 4	David Thomas
August 18	Ephesians 5	David Thomas
August 25	Ephesians 6	David Thomas

Join in Our Common Life

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 4 | After the Service All Saints | Nave

We invite our children to bring their school backpacks with them to church on Sunday, August 4 for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks, which will occur at the end of the service during the closing blessing

Noonday Eucharist

Wednesday, August 7 | 12:00 pm All Saints | Nave

We invite you to observe a day of prayer and fasting on the first Wednesday of each month and to join us for a said Eucharistic service.

Morning Prayer

Mon-Thur | 8:15-8:45 AM All Saints | Nave

Considering going deeper into our practice of Common Prayer by joining us for Morning Prayer, Monday through Thursday at 8:15am in the Nave.

Centering Prayer

Thursdays | 9:00 am All Saints | Nave

A new weekly opportunity to practice centering prayer with others meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 9:30. You are invited to participate whenever you are able.

Usher/Greeter Training

Sunday, August 11 | 12:00 pm All Saints | Nave

If you serve as an usher or greeter, or are interested in possibly serving in this way, we invite you to join us for a brief training session immediately after church on August 11.

Ladies Koinonia

Sundays, August 11 | 6:00–8:00 pm Sheila Williamson's Home | 32 Country Club Cv.

The ladies of All Saints are invited to gather together for a time of fellowship and meaningful discussion around the TV series, *The Chosen*.

Healing Prayer

Every Tuesday | 12:00–2:00 pm All Saints | Nave

Members of our Healing Prayer Crew are available to offer prayers to anyone in need. No appointment necessary, and feel free to invite others. Everything is confidential and done with care.

Youth Encounter

Wednesdays | 5:45 pm Various Locations

All students 6th–12th grade are invited to join in for a time of food, Bible study, and fellowship. Contact Fr. Kevin Vailes for more information.



A New Year in the Atrium

With the start of a new school year comes the beginning of a new year in the Atrium: the special place we have prepared for children to encounter God during the Formation Hour. Our children's catechists have been busy undergoing training in the method of religious formation known as *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, and have been preparing the Atrium rooms to foster work and prayer as we learn and grow as a community.

Anyone interested in learning more about the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is invited to sign up to observe on a Sunday morning. Contact Katie Beavers (katie.a.beavers@gmail.com) for more information.

Parents, please register your PreK-5th grade children in advance by using the QR code.

August Sermon Series: Our Common Life

This August we plan to offer a sermon series that will start the school year off by rearticulating our common life together as a church. As we repeatedly say at All Saints, we exist to nurture a community of Jesus followers who "share in the life of God for the life of the world." This transformative journey occurs as we participate together in three sets of practices that we believe are central to the Christian life. These practices represent *Our Common Life*. The series will end with our first ever Common Life Sunday, where everyone will be given the opportunity to renew their commitment to these practices.



August 4 Practices of Common Prayer

August 18 Practices of Common Service

Practices of Common Learning

August 25 Common Life Sunday

August 11

All Saints Choir

All Saints Choir welcomes new choir members. It is open to everyone and all ages. One needs to be able to sing in tune, to sing independently (four-part music), be committed to attending Tuesday evening rehearsals, Sunday services, special services, and warm-up rehearsals. Ability to read music would be a plus. Interested? Show up Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. We welcome you!





Reflections on Provincial Assembly

by Fr. Wes Gristy

Ten years ago, as the newly installed Rector at All Saints, I attended the five-year anniversary Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) at the St. Vincent College Basilica in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. After the event, I promised myself that I would never go to an Assembly without others accompanying me from the church. At an Assembly, you get to witness the breadth of the ACNA and our connection with Anglicans around the world. You get to hear from some of our key leaders about our shared mission in the world. It's truly inspiring! And for this particular Assembly, as well as the one I attended ten years prior, you are introduced to the next archbishop of our province.

I am so grateful to have attended this Assembly with such a great showing of folks from All Saints. Ever since my first Assembly back in June of 2014, All Saints has always had more representation than almost any other local church. This year our group consisted of Olivia Abernathy, Greg Jordan, Celeste Pope, Dn. Nan and David Thomas, Stephanie Traylor, Fr. Kevin Vailes, and Sheila Williamson (and as the former Vice Chancellor of the Province, Jeff Garrety was present as well). We were also joined by Fr. Ben and Janie Williams, and Carrie Whaley from Mission Saint James. Be sure to speak with any of these individuals about their experience at the Assembly. Below are two more reflections from our time together in Latrobe.

by Greg Jordan

The Provincial Assembly of the Anglican L Church in North America (ACNA) was of interest to me because I am basically a convert. Although I have been Anglican for eleven years, I only know how we do things at All Saints. I joined our group at the assembly to get a broader view of our traditions and polity, and of our basic personality as a denomination. The magnificent 18th-century basilica on the campus of St. Vincent College set a tone of reverence and, at the same time, one of a shared identity for all of us. I was surprised that I felt instantly at home with hundreds of people I had never seen before. From the first to the last celebratory worship service the congregation of Anglicans from so many different places were family. The family of God. Our unity centered around the love of Christ and the calling of our churches. We were of one mind and one heart in seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit to take our gift to the world. All the meetings we attended, the breakout sessions, the conversations around shared meals, and Bible teachings, were focused on this. In other words, I realized that All Saints is in excellent company with churches from all over the continent seeking to preserve our liturgy and to take the gospel of Christ to a starving world. We are a family at All Saints, and we are part of a growing healthy family in Christ all across the province.

by Stephanie Traylor

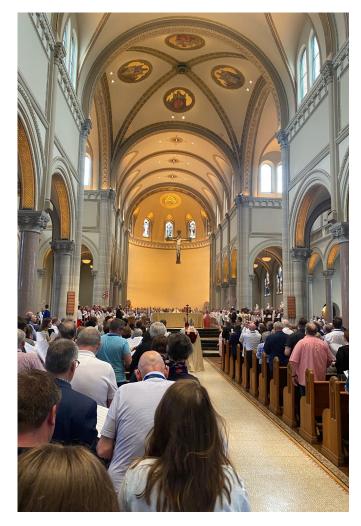
Since coming to All Saints in 2015, I've been privileged to attend three Provincial Assemblies. I'm not the only one from All Saints who has been to that many, but it has become something of a running joke that I'm the resident Assembly aficionado. I don't mind—it's true! I enjoy traveling; I enjoy church activities; the Assembly pairs both.

Attending multiple Assemblies also means that people will occasionally ask me what to expect from the event. Honestly, I have no idea. Every time, there are plenary and breakout sessions. There are opportunities for corporate prayer and personal reflection. Holy Eucharist is celebrated

at least twice. But beyond that, I've come to realize there's no way to set expectations for a Provincial Assembly, because the Holy Spirit has plans we do not see. While preparing for the trip, I told the Lord that I wouldn't go in with my own plans, which was wildly liberating.

This year's Assembly felt different to me. Before, there was almost too much to do, to the point that I remarked on how few activities there seemed to be at Latrobe. But this was an enormous gift of rest and reflection. I enjoyed many opportunities to sit in the beautiful Pennsylvania weather and meditate on the Lord. From an emotional encounter in a chapel in the basilica to a peaceful time of adoration in the student chapel, I spent most of the week in Latrobe alone with God, which was what both of us really wanted.

If the Lord wills it, when the next Provincial Assembly rolls around, I will be there. I don't know what to expect. But I do know that the Lord is where his people are, so I can expect to find him there, no matter what.





Just One Thing

George Frideric Handel

by Dr. David Thomas

You know Handel for *Messiah*, that most-famous-of-all oratorios, written in 1741. Messiah went on to (literally) unparalleled musical success. To quote Calvin Stapert: "No work of music has survived, let alone thrived, on so many performances, good, bad, and indifferent, by and for so many people, year after year, for such a long time." In some halls, *Messiah* has been sung every Christmas without fail for over 150 years.

Handel's story closely parallels his contemporary J. S. Bach. Handel was born in 1685 in Germany, just a few weeks before Bach. He was born into a devout Lutheran family, as Bach was. Obviously talented from an early age, he received the training to match and embarked on the life of a composer. International recognition followed and at age 27 (1712) he moved to England at the request of King George the First. Like Bach, Handel remained a Christian for the duration of his life and a Lutheran by conviction, although he became an Anglican in 1727 by an Act of Parliament so he could teach the children of the royal family. Unlike Bach, Handel never held a post as a church musician. Much of his composition—lyrics as well as music—reflects the complicated political and religious issues of interest to his courtly audiences.

"Oratorio acknowledges two masters, the church and the theater."

-Jens Larsen

A thoroughly private man and a committed bachelor, Handel left behind few personal records. Thus, the best understanding of his faith comes from others and from his music, of which *Messiah* is a revealing example.

Early in his career, Handel was known for his brilliant Italian operas for the concert hall. Messiah is not opera, though; it is oratorio. Oratorio began as part of a reform movement: prayer and singing in groups in chapels known as oratories. Like opera, oratorio is all about dramatic stories set to music but, importantly, in oratorio people sing Scriptural stories. Oratorio did not use stage sets, costumes, and choreography, making oratorio considerably cheaper to perform than opera. Thus, sung in English and much less expensive, oratorio was more accessible to the middle class, more profitable, and more devout. To quote scholar Jens Larsen, "Oratorio acknowledges two masters, the church and the theater." Those who sought entertainment from musical drama squirmed under the preaching, while those who sought a pure gospel squirmed under the quest for profit. And squirm they did. Puritans and at least one bishop were united for once, appalled that such a sacred theme as Messiah would ever be performed in such a disreputable place as a theater.

Oratorio, then, matched Handel's gifts well. Handel's greatest musical talent was choral composing, uncommon in opera. In oratorio his extraordinary talent with choruses flourished. Handel knew business (he started three opera companies), was intimately familiar with how public entertainment worked, was very well networked, and was a compassionate Christian. Handel's generous philanthropy was grounded in oratorio: the first performance of *Messiah* was for charity. Most famously, perhaps, his 1749 concert supported the London Foundling Hospital for orphans and illegitimate children

and was so successful that it continued annually for the rest of his life. Entertaining, Scriptural, passionate, evangelistic: *Messiah*, and oratorio generally, display the best of Handel's brilliance, compassion, and faith.

At the risk of sounding obvious, this business of being a saint is intensely human. Handel's genius gave us the remarkable joy, inspiration, and witness of Messiah, but a quick glimpse behind the veil reveals a real person, not a powered wig. Handel was a leader, a teacher, a man of prayer and philanthropy, a man of Lutheran conviction in an Anglican church who could swear vigorously in five languages, one who could navigate English courts and theaters yet write music that has elevated the souls of millions for almost three hundred years. With people like Handel, human features are often lost, but discipleship is always human, as doctrines and practices that are broadly accepted by Christians find particular form in each of us.

I am happy to continue the conversation in person, but see also Ellen T. Harris, *George Frideric Handel: A Life with Friends* (2014). For a brief, clear description of how the music of the Hallelujah chorus supports the theological message, see Harris, pp 283-284, available in Union's library.



Handel's Messiah

Our New Archbishop

The Most Rev. Stephen D. Wood was elected as the third Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America on June 22. On Friday, June 28, authority was passed to him during the closing Eucharist of Provincial Assembly at the St. Vincent College Basilica in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

He was elected as the first Bishop of the Diocese of the Carolinas by the College of Bishops on June 5, 2012. He was consecrated Bishop at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC by Archbishop Robert Duncan on August 25, 2013. Co-Consecrators included ACNA Bishops Roger Ames, Alphonza Gadsen, and John Guernsey.

He was installed Rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC by Bishop Edward L. Salmon, XIII Bishop of South Carolina, on September 1, 2000. Under Bishop Wood's leadership, St. Andrew's was described by the Charleston Post & Courier as, "one of the Lowcountry's biggest church success stories," growing to a membership of more than 3200 and planting new churches in Goose Creek, SC and downtown Charleston.

Born October 12, 1963, Bishop Wood is the oldest of two sons born to the late Elanore Mitchell (Smith) Wood and the late Jewell Nelson Wood. He attended Lake Catholic High School in Mentor, Ohio, graduating in 1981. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Cleveland State University in 1986. He then completed his priestly formation at the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia where he earned a Masters of Divinity.

Bishop Wood was married to Jacqueline Elizabeth (Benner) Wood on February 1, 1986. Together, they

have four sons and eight grandchildren.

Wood Bishop ordained to the diaconate on June 15, 1991 and to the priesthood on February 1, 1992 by Bishop James R. Moodey, VIII Bishop of Ohio. He was appointed Vicar of St. Anne-in-the-Fields in Madison, Ohio where he served until April of 1995. He then served as Associate Rector and Chief of Staff at St. Luke's parish in Bath, Ohio until his move to South Carolina.



"For the Life of the World" Pastorates

A swe often remind ourselves at All Saints, the church exists "for the life of the world." We remind ourselves this important truth because we tend to forget it. Churches too often—even if unintentionally—isolate themselves from the world. But that's not God's intention for the Church. As the Father sends Jesus into the world, so now Jesus empowers us with his Spirit and sends us into the world to bear witness to His Kingdom. That's why every year, our fall Pastorates (small home groups) are focused on this critical part of our mission statement, mobilizing ourselves outward so that we might join Him in

His work in the world.

4 Ways of Engaging

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So often, when we see the brokenness of the world around us, we tend to jump straight to the *what*: just tell me what to do! But bearing witness to the Kingdom of God is more about *how* we engage than about what we do. We want to engage with our neighbors the way Jesus would.

This fall, our Pastorates will explore 4 Ways of Engaging, a framework developed by our new Minister for Community Engagement, Olivia Abernathy. These four ways of engaging are rooted in the ministry of Jesus and will help us explore how we engage our community as a church.

Pastorates will kick off on September 11 with everyone together in the Parish Hall. After that, small groups will meet in homes to eat dinner and discuss the 4 Ways of Engaging. Pastorates will conclude with another large group gathering in the Parish Hall on November 30. These Pastorates will set an important foundation for our Community Engagement Ministry at All Saints and you don't want to miss out!

Registration for these pastorates is coming soon!

Facilitator(s)

Andy Frizzell & Aaron Beasley

Host: TBD

Josh Krebs

Hosted by Billy & Sally Slack

Cindy Jayne

Hosted by Robin Salyers

Lowe Finney & Donald Jordan

Hosted by Ross & Laura Priddy

Chelsy Crawford & Tamarin Huelin Wednesday Evenings

Hosted by Rob & Lynn Binkley

Small Group Meeting Time

Sunday Evenings 6:00–8:00pm

Wednesday Evenings 6:00–8:00pm

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Monday Evenings 6:00–8:00pm

Wednesday Evenings 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday Evening 6:00–8:00pm

Pastorate Schedule

Large Group Kickoff

Wednesday, September 11 | 6:00pm All Saints | Parish Hall *Nursery available for infants & toddlers

4 Small Group Meetings

SEPTEMBER 15-NOVEMBER 13 At Host Homes *Each group makes childcare

Large Group Finale

Wednesday, November 30 | 6:00pm All Saints | Parish Hall

*Nursery available for infants & toddlers

Outreach Highlight Lane College

by Olivia Abernathy

Lane College, a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in Jackson, Tennessee, holds a significant place in history and education. Founded in 1882 by Bishop Isaac Lane, a former slave and Bishop in the Colored Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, Lane College stands as one of the oldest HBCUs in the United States. Its establishment was a direct result of the CME Church's mission to educate newly released slaves following the Civil War. Today, Lane College continues its mission by preparing students to enter the professional world and advance their careers through higher education.

In the Summer edition of *The Crown*, we highlighted our new partnership with Isaac Lane Elementary School and explained why investing in education is so important for our particular community, where education outcomes are some of the lowest in the state. The same is true for our partnership with Lane College. The college-going rate in Madison County has fallen from 62% to 42% over a ten-year period, and rates for Black or African American students are disproportionately lower, falling below 40% for the first time in many years. In light of these trends, the work of Lane College has become increasingly important, which is why All Saints continues to invest in the institution through our Outreach Budget.

But our partnership with Lane College has never been one-sided. Many of our parishioners have been blessed by Lane College in different ways. For ten years, Reverend Logan Hampton has been a faithful friend to our church through his preaching, encouragement, and care for our staff and clergy. Earlier this Summer, Lane College announced that Reverend Hampton would be stepping down from his position at Lane after ten years. A small group from All Saints invited Reverend Hampton to lunch to celebrate him and to

thank him for his care for our church. At lunch we asked him how All Saints could continue to support Lane, to which he replied, "You've always been a good friend. Keep being a good friend."

Dr. Donald Comer, a long-term advocate for Lane and former Vice President of Fed Ex in Memphis, has been selected to serve as interim president of the institution. Through this transition, All Saints will strive to "keep being a good friend" to Lane.



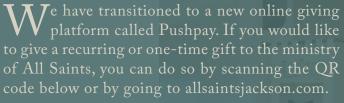


There are several ways you can support Lane College:

- 1. Pray for Reverend Logan Hampton and his wife, Susan as he takes a sabbatical and they transition into a new stage of life.
- 2. **Pray for the New President, Dr. Donald Comer**, as he steps into his new role and for the smooth transition of leadership at Lane College.
- 3. **Send a Note of Appreciation and Encouragement** to Reverend Hampton or Dr. Comer. You can bring notes to the Welcome Desk any Sunday in August or contact Olivia Abernathy.
- 4. **Become a tnAchieves Mentor:** tnAchieves is a partner organization to the TN Promise Scholarship, providing last-dollar scholarships and mentor guidance for TN Promise participants. Mentors play a crucial role in guiding high school seniors through the college application process, ensuring they meet deadlines, answering questions, and providing encouragement. This volunteer opportunity only requires about one hour a month and is a meaningful way to support future Lane College students. Contact Olivia Abernathy to find out more.

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