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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



Interested in going deeper into the Anglican tradition?

Discover All Saints is an introduction to All Saints and the Anglican tradition for those who would like to learn more. This home group is required for membership and is also the first step toward confirmation for those who choose, but long-time Anglicans are always free to attend. The group will meet for five weeks on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm beginning on October 27. If you would be interested in hosting this years group, please reach out to Fr. Wes. Scan the QR code to register.



Join us in the backyard

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Friday, October 4 by spending some time in the great outdoors! We will gather in the Priddy's backyard at 811 Skyline Dr. at 5:30 pm. Feel free to stop by earlier in the afternoon to set up your tent. If you want something other than hotdogs, the grill will be on around 6:30 pm for whatever you bring. Complime and campfire at 8:00 pm. Even if you don't spend the night, you're free to stop by whenever.

Stewardship season reminds us of the generous heart of God

by Fr. Wes Gristy



Life is impossible without receiving. Each of us is born into this world receiving those things that enable us to survive and hopefully then to thrive. Food, water, shelter, clothing, care, encouragement, forgiveness, education, opportunity—these are graces from God that must be received if we are to flourish as humans. We are blessed to receive.

And yet Jesus says, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” What? How does that work? Short of negating our need to receive, Jesus simply reminds us that it doesn’t stop there. That we receive for a purpose. That there is an obligation—indeed, an invitation that comes with every gift we receive. An invitation to be blessed at a deeper level.

At the heart of the Trinity is an outflow of generous, self-giving, forgiving love. For God so loved the world that he *gave* his only Son, and the Son, in turn, *gave* us the Spirit. When we give of what we receive, we are participating in this divine outflow of love. We are sharing in the life of God.

For this year’s Stewardship Season, which begins Sunday, October 27, we will be exploring some of the ways in which it is truly *More Blessed to Give* than to receive, and how we might participate in and be changed by this divine outflow of love in our daily lives.

Furthermore, all members and regular attenders will receive a packet in the mail introducing you to this year’s Stewardship Season as well as providing you with pledge forms to fill out that will help us create next year’s budget. Also included with this packet will be an update on where things stand financially as we work toward paying off our building loan.

Join in Our Common Life

College Conversation Night

OCTOBER 14 & 28 | 6:30-8:00 PM

ALL SAINTS | PARISH HALL

All college students are invited to an evening of exploring answers to questions that are most pressing to you. Those who gather will help set the agenda for future meetings, and we hope to feature special guests drawn from the All Saints' community. Contact Jason Strandquist (jls827@gmail.com) for more information.

Lost Arts Women's Group

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 1:00 PM

THE HEFFERNAN'S HOME | 46 NOAH CV.

All college and high school girls are invited to join a multigenerational group seeking to revive and pass on various skills and crafts. This month we will practice *The Art of Table Setting* alongside the delight of fresh made popcorn balls. Contact Joyce Heffernan (joyce.1947@icloud.com) or Grace Sarver (grace21doc@gmail.com) for more information.

Ladies Koinonia

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 6 | 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*.

The Diaper Project

PREP DAY | OCTOBER 7 | 2:00 PM

DISTR. DAY | OCTOBER 10 | 11:00-2:00 PM

If you would like to volunteer to help on one of our next diaper prep or distribution days, please email Olivia Abernathy at olivia@allsaintsjackson.com.

Noonday Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 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.

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 am in the Nave.

Morning Prayer

MONDAYS | 7:15-7:45 AM

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 in the Nave.

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.

The Blessing Place at Brookdale

by Paula Kirby

It's funny how God works: we begin with something small, and then God opens our eyes and hearts to a bigger need. Our journey to become "The Blessing Place at Brookdale" began with a Blessing Blast, something the All Saints Blessing Team does periodically for the community—head out with a handful of flowers, passing them out to those who work behalf of others with little recognition for their efforts.

On one particular day, the team of Jane Garrety, Joyce Heffernan, and I headed to Brookdale to bless those who worked among the residents of that retirement community. Touched by what she had experienced, the Activities Director (who already had been praying for help) asked, "Could you come and join us on a regular basis?" How could we say no?

And so it began: a handful of us joined their Wednesday afternoon Prayer and Praise time. After a few visits, the group asked that we focus on grief support in our time together. As we listened to their stories, we realized that the residents were struggling with profound loss and grief. This new focus has taken us into a new place: as our compassion has grown, we no longer "minister to" the residents as outsiders, rather we walk alongside them as sisters in Christ. We find ourselves encouraged even as we try to offer encouragement to the residents.

Each time we are there we find more ways to bless and be blessed.

- We visit residents who are unable to get out.
- We provide scripture cards or flowers for the group to pass out to other residents.
- Sometimes after a casual hallway conversation we find ourselves speaking a blessing into the life of someone who needs to know that God cares.
- We look for ways to be encouragers. Upon hearing the Activities Director talk about the stress level among those working in the Memory Care Unit, we wrote notes of encouragement to each one. (Knowing the way God works, we are not surprised to hear that some received their note just when they needed it.)

Who knows where God is going to lead next! He is at work among the people of Brookdale and we are honored to be a part of it.



Invitation to Join 26 Healing Miracles Class

Dear All Saints,

I'd like to invite you to a course I'll be teaching through the Order of St. Luke on the 26 healing miracles of Christ. Both I and Deacon Terry have taken and taught this course several times, and we have found it to be of immense benefit to our understanding and practice of healing prayer. The class focuses on about two accounts of Christ's healing miracles each week which allows us lots of time to dive deep into the word and learn more about how we are called to emulate His example in our prayers for others. If you are like me, you may be tempted to think you've learned about all you can about these gospel stories, having heard them from childhood. But I urge you to join me as we sit at the feet of the Teacher once again. I promise he still has more to show us.

However, this class is not just an exercise in scholarship. We reserve some time each week to put into practice what we have learned by praying for one another and learning some practical ways to focus our attention on God so that His Spirit can work in us and through us. We are called to be hearers of the word, and doers also, and this course is designed to facilitate our development as healing prayer ministers in our churches and communities.

Here are the details. We will meet online via Microsoft Teams each Saturday afternoon from 2-4pm for fourteen weeks. We'll take off the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the Saturday after Christmas. So, the class runs from November 2 through February 15. I will email the readings, questions, and supplemental material each week. The course is offered at no charge. Finally, for All Saints prayer team members, this course is a requirement, and many current members of the team have already taken it. You may wish to reach out to some of them to learn more about the course.

Please feel free to email or call if you have questions.

Yours in Christ,

Jay Beavers





ADOTS Synod & Missions Conference

Each year our diocese (the Anglican Diocese of the South) hosts a synod and missions conference where clergy, delegates, and laity are invited for fellowship, learning, business, and worship. This year's theme is *Reaching Youth in the 21st Century*, with special guest speaker the Rev. Shojil Abraham, youth minister of the Northeast American Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. Deacon Abraham has built a thriving youth ministry program for his diocese and now leads youth summer camps, retreat, college campus ministry, and other events from his diocese.

The Synod meets this year at Christ the King Anglican Church in Birmingham, AL on November 8–9, with pre-conference activities beginning on November 7. Fr. Wes, Fr. Kevin, Dn. Nan, and Dn. Terry will be attending as clergy from our church. Olivia Abernathy plans to attend as a staff member, and Stephanie Traylor as our Vestry-elected delegate. This year's synod will be special for All Saints as we will be officially seated as a church in the diocese.

If you'd like to attend, you can register at adots.org for \$165 until October 15, then the price increases to \$185. Please let Fr. Wes know if you're interested so we can better arrange transportation and accommodations.

Adult Formation Hour

Each week at our Adult Formation Hour, we are invited to do what many Christians never get the chance to do: to slow down and prepare ourselves to encounter God through a time of community, learning, and prayer. We hope everyone will continue to take advantage of this opportunity afforded to us each Sunday at 9:00 am in the nave.

Here's the schedule for the month of October.

October 6	<i>Lectionary Reflection</i>	Tamarin Huelin
October 13	<i>Lectionary Reflection</i>	Tamarin Huelin
October 20	<i>Prayer of Examen</i>	Chelsy Crawford
October 27	<i>Healing of Bartimaeus</i>	Jason Strandquist





Just One Thing

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

by Dr. David Thomas

Gathering the range and complexity of life as Christians remains one of the great rewards of learning our pasts. Sometimes the reality of Christian faith is stark, bold, and prophetic: Bach and Augustine. Sometimes it is tumultuous and uncertain, more a matter of hope on the historian's part than on knowledge gained from evidence: Caravaggio comes to mind. Or a person's faith can be so hidden by mythology that the truth is hard to see and what we see is hard to trust: Francis of Assisi.

Mozart had a complicated relationship with his era, his family, his church and himself. In the swirling negotiations of court, church, and family, where everything became stylized and theatrical, Mozart's Christian devotion was stylized and diplomatic, characterized by conventional rhetoric and behavior. Mozart's contemporaries, his historians, even his enthusiasts conclude that Mozart's commitment to the church was perfunctory, formal, duty-bound. He did not by any means have Bach's piety, zeal, or message.



The Mozart Residence, Salzburg, Austria

One suspects from his music, though, that there was likely more truth and grace from God than could be spoken. What faith do we see in the otherwise conventional, calculating, anti-clerical, fun-loving life of Mozart? More than I have space for. As with Caravaggio's painting, the great thing is his music. Mozart was keenly aware that his musical talent was a gift which to deny would have been blasphemy. *The Ave Verum Corpus*, quickly written in the last year of his life (1791), remains one of his most moving and spiritually inspiring of his works. The twenty Masses were certainly not the work of a court jester and the Requiem Mass, written in response to his wife's death and anticipating his own, carries in the music hope of life that transcends death. For Mozart the music was a central response to God. Karl Barth put it this way in his *Church Dogmatics*: "he knew something about creation in its total goodness that neither the real fathers of the Church nor our Reformers . . . either know or can express." Barth heard in Mozart the "immanence of divine goodness in creation." And Lawrence Toppman,

art critic for *The Charlotte Observer*, noted that "every one of Mozart's mature operas is about forgiveness in the end."

What are we looking for when we look to the saints? Several things, perhaps, but especially signs of grace in another, given partly that we might be strengthened and give thanks to God. As Charles Williams wrote, "The altar must often be built in one place in order that the fire from heaven may descend somewhere else." So it is, I think, with Mozart: look for his faith less in his words or his life on stage, but mostly in his music. And let his joy, his delight, his awareness of the divine goodness in creation be what it is.

For more, turn to the music: the *Ave Verum Corpus* can be found [here](#), with lyrics [here](#). The Requiem Mass [here](#). The *Kyrie* from his C-minor mass is [here](#) and some commentary on that Mass [here](#).

Spiritual Director, Renee Farkas, coming to All Saints

by Sally Swanson

We expend a lot of energy trying to reach or maintain a stable plateau in life. If we could just reach that happy spot where life feels under control, where we're productive, prosperous, and able to avoid unwanted events or circumstances. Even in our spiritual life, we may strive toward some idealized state that once achieved, we'd finally be at peace with ourselves and God. Ahh, if life would just hold still!

But it doesn't. Seemingly out of nowhere comes the diagnosis, the downsize, the fractured relationship. Life-stage changes elicit new questions, evolving needs. Friends or family relocate, or we do, disrupting valued connections. People or institutions we've trusted fail us; places we once belonged no longer feel ours. The way we've seen things feels inadequate to explain or make meaningful the life we're now living. Practices that nurtured us have lost their glow; we feel adrift. Or maybe we're just tired of trying so hard but never hearing the internal "well done."

How are we to understand these seasons when the ground under our feet begins to shift? Are they undesired aberrations to avoid or graced invitations to transform, to find a deeper life in God? Author David Benner says that anything that provokes

"significant internal conflict, a disruption of meaning and self-coherence, or a sense that our way of being in the world needs to change" holds the potential for deep transformation when "we move beyond simply trying to get back to how things were before the crisis."

An upcoming on-campus retreat, *Navigating Change with God*, will seek to provide a framework for understanding the hidden gifts in change and the signs of being on a threshold of transition. Renee Farkas brings twenty years of experience as a spiritual director to help create a space in which we can explore ourselves and God through silence, guided conversations, teaching, liturgical prayer, embodied practices, time in nature, and personal reflection. Enjoy the benefits of a go-away retreat while still being able to sleep in your own bed and without the hassles of travel. Whether you're in a season of stability or change, these two days in community can revitalize your connection to God. Scan the QR code below to register.



Learn more at www.allsaintsjackson.com



NAVIGATING CHANGE *With God*

OCTOBER 18-19

Join us for a semi-silent retreat facilitated by Renee Farkas, a Nashville-based spiritual director, that will focus on relating to God in seasons of change.

\$50 person
\$80 couple
(Scholarships Available)

212 McClellan Rd.
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekend Schedule

Friday, October 18

6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, October 19

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Outreach Highlight

WRAP

by Olivia Abernathy

For survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault, life can feel like an inescapable nightmare. In the United States, nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience sexual assault or intimate partner violence at some point in their lives. Every minute, an average of 20 people are physically abused by an intimate partner. The trauma these individuals endure often leaves them feeling trapped, ashamed, and without hope. What they need most is a safe place to turn and the loving support of a community that cares.



This is where WRAP (Wo/Men's Rape Assistance and Protection) comes in. WRAP offers comprehensive services designed to help survivors break free from abuse, rebuild their lives, and find safety and healing. From providing safe housing in two shelter homes to offering financial assistance and supportive advocates, WRAP empowers survivors to envision a brighter, violence-free future.

As a church committed to sharing in the life of God for the life of the world, we believe it is our calling to walk alongside organizations like WRAP that work tirelessly to offer hope and healing to those who need it most. WRAP has been a valuable partner and resource for the work of All Saints Immigration Services (ASIS). Our church has partnered with WRAP through financial support and volunteer efforts. One of our parishioners creates gift baskets for survivors of sexual assault—small tokens of comfort during an unimaginably difficult time.

Through our continued partnership with WRAP, we can offer hope to victims of violence. We invite you to join us in this work of walking with survivors, supporting them in their journey toward safety and renewal.

Ways you can get involved:

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). All Saints is sponsoring an event at the Jackson Farmer's Market and AMP to raise awareness about domestic violence. The event, hosted by WRAP, will offer a simulation for community members to learn how difficult it can be to escape abusive relationships. There will also be fun, games, and education about WRAP's services. Join us on October 19th for this educational and family-friendly event.
- Pray for WRAP's staff, leadership, and clients.
- Donate gently used clothing and home goods for victims rebuilding their lives. See Olivia Abernathy for more details.



Instructed Eucharist

Anglicanism is a rich tradition rooted in the worship practices of the ancient church. Join us on October 20 for an Instructed Eucharist service when, in place of the sermon, explanations of our liturgy are given at certain points. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend.

Monktoberfest

All the men of All Saints and their friends are invited to gather for food, fellowship, and the monkhood of all believers on Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 pm. Stay tuned for this years location to be announced soon. BYOB and \$10 to offset food costs.



ADOTS Youth Retreat

ADOTS (our diocese) is holding its annual youth retreat for middle and high school students October 25–27. We would love to have a number of our youth group members attend. The weekend will include worship times, speakers, breakout sessions, and fun activities. The cost to attend is \$110 per student. Email Fr. Kevin Vailes (kevin@allsaintsjackson.com) if your student is interested in attending or if you are a parent that would like to chaperone and/or drive for the weekend.



OCTOBER

at a glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Formation Hour <i>9:00am</i> Holy Eucharist <i>10:15am</i> Newcomer's Lunch <i>12:15pm</i> Birthdays Anniversaries	Morning Prayer <i>7:15 & 8:15am</i> College Conversations Night <i>6:30pm - 8:00pm</i>	Morning Prayer <i>8:15am - 8:45am</i> Healing Prayer <i>12:00pm - 2:00pm</i> Choir Rehearsal <i>7:00pm</i>
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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