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THE PARISHONER

Dear Friends:

In her book, Liturgy of the Ordinary, author Tish Warren talks about how much she hates to make her bed in the morning. She writes, "What's the point? You'd mess it up again that evening....Make the bed, unmake it, make it again, over and over. And for what?".

She asked people on Facebook, clearly a dependable authority, "Do you make your bed each day?" Some responded, yes, everyday. Some thought it was preposterous to even consider making it. Others thought not making the bed was like not brushing your teeth or paying your taxes. Still others make their bed erratically, maybe three out of seven days. Some even make their bed at night, just before they get in it.

The exercise with bed-making made her examine other daily routines in her life. We all have them. She thought about how her cell phone is in her bedroom and every morning after she gets up, she looks at it. One of the first things she does each day is pick it up, like "digital caffeine". Tish noticed she'd check email, Facebook, newsfeed, etc. If she couldn't get her cell phone, she'd check her computer, TV, something electronic. Then she read about how if humans rescue a baby animal in the wild, the animal is said to be "imprinted". It accepts the human as its mother. From that point on the baby animal will believe all good things come from people. It's no longer wild and can't live on its own. She realized she was "imprinted" by technology. Like a mountain lion cub attracted to her human, Tish was looking for all good things to come from glowing

screens. Technology began to fill every empty moment in the day. She writes: "Without realizing it, I had slowly built a habit: a steady resistance to and dread of boredom". She concluded, "that can't be good."

So she made a new routine for Lent. Slowly and in small steps, she started by moving her cell phone out of her bedroom for overnight charging. The she began to get up, make her bed and sit quietly on the freshly made bed in silence. The new routine didn't make her wildly successful but she began to notice that she was imprinted differently. Instead of cooperating with technology and inertia to define her day, she was collaborating with God. bed-making, in a small way, was bringing order out of chaos; small order, but order. God entered chaos and brought order and beauty. Somehow making that bed made a small rectangle in her otherwise messy, distracted mind.

As she sat on her bed, she read scripture or prayed. Small prayers, Lord's prayer, asking God into her life each day. She laid out her worries, hopes, questions before God. A new routine in Lent.

Sometimes in the Lenten season I set myself up to fail. I used to think that was the point. I'd fail at resisting chocolate or meditation and then I'd realize how powerless I am and how much I need God. That's not really the wrong outcome but Lent can offer us more. Maybe Lent is a chance to "imprint on God". We are shaped everyday by habit and routine. In church language we call that "liturgy and ritual". We're called to be a people who live "marked as Christ's own forey-

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Tish Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*



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er". We are taking God' love into every daily experience of our life, to make that love known in the world. We're formed by our worship, our routines and rituals each Sunday and whenever we gather to pray. Again and again we and believe. repent We thanks. Our spiritual struggles really repeat and circle around. The work of faith each Sunday is repetitive. Yet, these worship rituals bypass our heads and move into our cellular memory and our hearts. They give us energy and nourish us in imperceptible ways. We can draw on those reserves when we're challenged. When we don't feel close to God or loved.

We're formed by our daily routines too. Some of those routines seem meaningless and repetitive. But what if those daily, ordinary tasks are actually holy? What if they can be seen through the lens of a Lenten offering? I read there's a sign in a church parish hall that reads "Everyone wants a revolu-No one wants to do the dishes." Maybe the kind of repeated, quiet offerings of bringing small order to chaos in our lives each day, offered to God, is a revolution of the Spirit. For Lent, I invite you to offer something ordinary to God. Maybe it's going to the grocery store, making your bed, moving your cell phone? Each of us must decide.

I've moved my phone at least across the room and I've given up checking it for at least the first hour of the morning. I've failed a couple of times but it's early. Slowly and in small steps, instead of concluding I'm powerless. I'm concluding I'm powerless, but I can try again. I'm cultivating a habit of slowing down and entering the new day giving my anxiety, my need to fix things, to know things, to change things to Almighty God. I'm trusting each daily, ordinary ritual is sufficient, enough and holy in God's eyes. God is helping us bring order out of chaos and healing love into each moment. In the wilderness of ordinary days and habits, God is near.

I hope I see you at church,



Q: "Last Sunday I saw someone wearing a Vestry nametag helping a family find the nursery. What do vestry members do each Sunday?

A: Glad you asked! For over 10 years, All Saints has had a "VPoD" - Vestry Person of the Day - assigned to attend all four Sunday services each week. The 15 vestry members rotate through the calendar, each spending three or four Sundays a year as VPoD. They open the church at 7:00 am and close it by 7:00 pm, remaining on property during all services. (Yes, we get to go home in the afternoon!) The VPoD assists the clergy with any building or parishioner needs so they can stay focused on the services. Part traffic cop, fill-in usher, direction giver and greeter, your VPoD is present to help anyone who needs them.

Got another question? Email askthevestry@gmail.com!





Lenten Mite Box Fundraiser

You may remember back in the day of vinyl records and cassette tapes, we received mite boxes during Lent to fill with the coins that we saved when we refrained from buying our usual soda or a candy bar.

Once again, the All Saints Outreach

Committee is reviving the mite box this Lent to raise money for our 2017 Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) meal packing. In 2016, All Saints packed 12,096 meals that were sent by Stop Hunger Now to our brothers and sisters in need of nourishing food. This year our goal is to pack 20,000 meals.

Each meal is nutritiously sound, consisting of rice, soy meal, dehydrated vegetables and fortified with 23 essential vitamins and nutrients. If you were not able to join us at the 2016 meal packing, this link will give you more information about Rise Against Hunger: http://www.riseagainsthun.ger.org/

In order to reach the All Saints' goal of 20,000 meals we are asking you to help by filling your mite box this Lent. Boxes are available at the church in the cloister.

During Lent, as you decide to give up soda, candy -- or nowadays lattes and scones – please place the money you would have spent into the mite box; we have both adult and child size mite boxes. There is a direct correlation between your giving and feeding the hungry. One meal cost 29 cents, a package of six meals costs \$1.74 and a Rise Against Hunger box full of 36 packages (216 meals) costs \$62.64. It's that direct and it's that simple.

You can return your mite boxes – hopefully filled to the brim – to All Saints during Easter week. Please join us in reviving an old tradition – updated with a new style – so that All Saints can pack 20,000 Rise Against Hunger meals later this year.

We will also be sharing a small portion of the proceeds with Episcopal Relief and Development to assist in their mission of serving hungry and the poor. http://www.episcopalrelief.org/

-All Saints Outreach Committee



Lenten Preaching Series

March 15, March 22, and April 5

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

Evening Prayer in the Nave at 6:30 p.m.

We will offer children's atrium from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The nursery will be open from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our annual Lenten preaching series, as our guests inspire and guide our thoughts and reflections this Holy Lent.

March 15:

The Rev. Bill King

William "Bill" King has served as a



priest of the Diocese of Alabama for 30 years. He served for 3 1/2 years as Senior Associate at St. Mary's on the Highland before being called in 1990 as

Rector of All Saints, Homewood. In mid 1998, he was appointed as Deputy to Bishop Henry Parsley and served in that role until 2007. From 2007 to 2016, he served as Priest in Charge and Rector of Trinity, Clanton. Since mid 2016, he has served as the Bishop's Chaplain for Retired Clergy, Spouses and Widows in the Diocese of Alabama. At the same time, he is writing his third book, "Letters to the Bishop" to be published mid year 2017. Bill has been marred to

Pat King for almost 48 years. They have three daughters and nine grandchildren all living in the metro Birmingham area.

March 22:

The Rev. Danielle Thompson St. Mary's on the Highlands, Birmingham



Danielle joined the staff of St. Mary's in April 2015. She directs the parish's pastoral care and outreach ministries. Most recently Danielle served as Chaplain for Pasto-

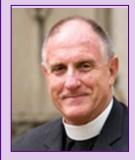
ral Care at General Seminary in New York City. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2006 and a Master of Sacred Theology Degree from Sewanee in 2011. Danielle was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Chicago, where she served as Associate Rector of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church. Danielle is married to Josh Davis, who grew up in Florence, AL. Danielle and Josh have two young sons, Joshua and Jem.

Lenten Lecture

April 5, 6:30 p.m., Nave

A Lecture by The Rev. Ed Bacon

"The House of Love and the House of Fear -- The Key to the Mind of Christ"



Rev. Ed Bacon is former rector of All Saints, Pasadena, and acclaimed author of 8 Habits of

Love: Overcome Fear and Transform Your Life. He is a frequent guest on Oprah's Soul Series, and also contributes to the Huffington Post and Truthdig. Archbishop Desmond Tutu said of 8 Habits of Love, "Ed Bacon's book has left me tingling with excitement. Living the habits of love he describes initially seems difficult, but then he offers real life examples of people doing just that, and what seemed far too idealistic begins to seem doable even by the likes of me." Rev. Bacon has received numerous accolades for his peace and interfaith work. He now calls Birmingham home with his wife, Hope, and we are thrilled to have him join us.

Help Feed the Hungry in Our Community This Lent

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat": During this Lenten season, we invite you and your family to consider a daily discipline of adding one non-perishable food item for each day of Lent to the food pantry collection to be distributed through the Grace Food Pantry. These gifts assist those in our community who are struggling with hunger and provide an opportunity for action during this time of reflection and preparation. Collection baskets are located in the Great Hall.



Fran will be at All Saints on Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2017 for a music workshop, and will hold a concert that evening.

Schedule for Saturday, March 18

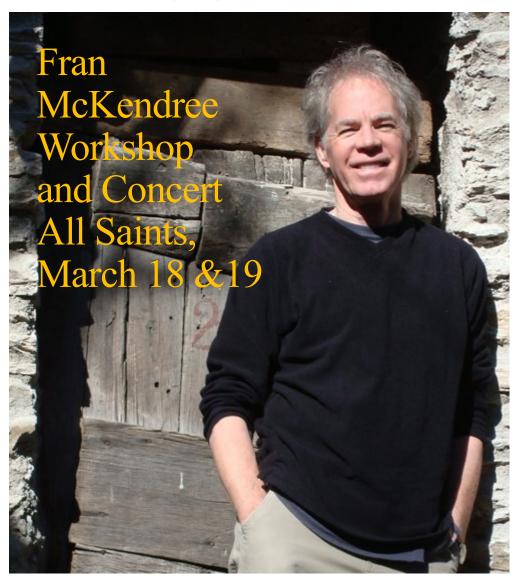
12:30-1:00 p.m.: Children and Youth (2nd grade and up) are invited to come during this time to practice something special with Fran for the Saturday evening concert and the Sunday, January 8th 8:45 service.

1:00-3:30 p.m.: Adult Music Session with Fran: Bring your instruments and your voices for a time of exploring new music with Fran. Older youth who are interested in working more with Fran are welcome to stay.

3:30-5:00 p.m.: Coffee Hour: Musicians who want to stay and continue to play, sing, and fellowship together may do so while Fran sets up for the concert. 5:00 p.m.: CONCERT (Nave). Dinner outing at Dave's Pizza following the concert. All are welcome!

Fran will also lead music at the 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. services on March 19.

For more information about Fran go to http://www.franmckendree.com/



Service Saturday, March 11:

Church Workday.....

Bring your family and come join us **Saturday, March 11th**, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.! We'll be cleaning and painting, pressure washing and trimming. Quick and easy projects with opportunities for all ages*. Breakfast and lunch will be provided! Tools will be provided but more are better, so bring some from home. Drop in at your convenience - we'll take you for as little or as long as you can stay! ***If you are a high school student in need of service hours this is a great way to earn them!** Bring applicable forms and we will sign them.* Sign up online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084b a8a729a3fe3-allsaints, or in the cloister. Questions? Contact Julie Jurotich, juliejurotich@gmail.com, or Floyd Alexander, Floyd.alex@me.com.

.....AND Episcopal Place Birthday Party

It's our turn to host the monthly birthday party for the residents of Episcopal Place on Mar. 11 at 2:00 p.m. Located in Highland Park, Episcopal Place is a home for senior and disabled adults with limited income. There are 14 residents with March birthdays. Kids from our Level III atriums will help serve and entertain the guests, and there will be birthday cake for everyone. If you can help with the preparations, contact Matt Ennis at <a href="matter:m

Coming Up

NEWCOMER COFFEE

New to All Saints' and interested in learning more about the church? You're invited to have coffee and pastries Sunday, March 12th in the Jackson-Thorpe Room at 10:00 a.m. Clergy and ministry leaders will be there to answer questions and talk about ways to get involved. We'll conclude with a tour of the church.

ALL SAINTS OUTREACH GRANTS DUE

Grant applications are now being received from ministries in our church and in our community that serve those in need. Pick up your application in the lobby or contact Charles Youngson at cyoungson@allsaintsbirmingham.org.

Applications are due March 15, after which our Outreach Committee will meet to allocate funds designated for outreach in our church budget.

ALL SAINTS BOOK GROUP

The All Saint's Book Group will meet at the home of Diana Brooks on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the book, *As Close to Us As Breathing*, by Elizabeth Poliner. All Are invited.

COUNTERS NEEDED

Looking for just the right volunteer position at All Saints? We are looking for Counters and Substitute Counters that can commit to 2 hours, one time a month to process weekly collections.

If you are interested or would like more info, please contact Teresa Mason, All Saints Financial Administrator, tmason@allsaintsbirmingham.org.

SAINTS ALIVE GATHERING - PLEASE JOIN US!

Come join Saints Alive for the Lenten luncheon series at Advent on Wednesday, March 15th at 12:05. The preacher will be Mike Hill, Bishop, Diocese of Bristol; Bristol, England. Lunch will be served after the service in the

parish hall. Reservations are not required. If you have any questions please contact Lydia Brooks at <u>lydiabrooks2017@ gmail.com</u> or call at (205) 902-4678.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Are you interested in providing the altar flowers one Sunday this year? You can sign up online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080444adaa2ea64-altar
Please contact Suzanne Graves at suzannegraves@bellsouth.net, or 541-

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Did you know that five Cursillo week-

ends are held each year at Camp McDowell? If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo and what many call the best weekend of their lives, contact Jessica Parris at jessparris@yahoo.com. Take a look at the dates below and see what weekend might fit into your calendar! The deadline to sign up for a weekend is approximately six weeks prior.

April 5-9; June 7-11; Sept 6-10; Oct 4-8

Thanks, Jess Parris, All Saints Parish Lay Rector

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Summer Registration began March 6th for the 6-week program. The dates are June 5-23 and July 10-28. Please

AWAKENINGS Spiritual Retreat for 7th & 8th graders March 17 -19

Awakenings is a spiritual retreat for all 7th and 8th graders at Camp McDowell. Awakenings is designed to explore the Life and Light of Christ within us. High school counselors lead junior high participants by sharing their stories and facilitating small groups, games, music, and worship.



High school youth counselors may apply to staff Awakenings. Campers may register on www.campmcdowell.com. Please contact Stratt Byars at stratt@campmcdowell.com or 205.387.1806 Ext 6 for more information.

Father/Son Retreat (March 31-April 2) and Mother/Daughter Retreat (April 21-23)

Come enjoy quality time at Camp McDowell in the beauty of spring! Both of these wonderful weekend retreats offer many opportunities for activity and play, as well as time for rest and renewal Have fun on a hike along the canyon or canoeing down Clear Creek! Be creative with arts & crafts or challenged on the ropes course! On Saturday evening, boys enjoy a cookout and night hike; girls have a PJ dance party and both retreats have social time for adults. If preferred, you can simply take it easy in a rocking chair on the front porch of Eppes Hall before ending the day with worship in the Chapel. This weekend is low-key and lovely.

All men (sons, brothers, fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, special friends who are like fathers, etc) and women (daughters, sisters, mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, aunts, cousins, godmothers, nieces, and special friends who are like mothers or daughters) - are welcome! Retreats are recommended for ages 1st grade and older.

Cost is \$125 per person for the first two in a family group, and \$100 for each additional person. Includes lodging, meals, snacks, and all activities.

Registration is open NOW at www.campmcdowell.com. Questions? Please contact Susanna Whitsett susanna@campmcdowell.com or 205.281.1903

contact the Preschool Office for more information: (205)879-1092 or preschool@allsaintsbirmingham. org. We have limited spots available for the Fall program. Contact the Preschool Office for details.

SAVE THE DATE FOR **SPRING FIESTA!!**

The annual Preschool fundraiser, Spring Fiesta, is Thursday, April 27th 6:30-8:30. Don't miss it! Live entertainment, Live/Silent auction, Dinner by Little Donkey and more! You may purchase tickets in the Preschool Office.

Thank you to all who supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper by organizing, donating, volunteering, or eating. It was a wonderful evening on which our parish family came together to enjoy great food and fellowship. \$667.00 was raised for youth programs at All Saints, which will be put to good use throughout the year for curricula, supplies, meals, youth retreats, and more. We are grateful for your generosity and support of our youth ministry!

Special thanks to:

Gini Sykes & Alli Phelps – event coordinators

Ginny May & Diana Brooks – red beans & rice cooks

Paul Sykes – beignet cook

Amy Neely – floral centerpieces

and all 37 youth who came out to volunteer and eat!

Save the date for next year's pancake supper, February 13, 2018!



Thank you to all the Atrium Level 3 children (4th, 5th, and 6th graders) and Trent Ponder who participated in the Family Promise dinner on Saturday, February 18. Thank you for supplying, preparing, serving, and cleaning-up the dinner!

NEEDED: FOOD TRAILER FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF

Two All Saints parishioners are beginning the process of trying to build a food truck that will be used to support first responders and others in need during a natural disaster.

In order to accomplish this they need a 20 foot enclosed trailer that they can convert into a portable kitchen. If you have a trailer you would like to discuss donating or know someone else who might, please contact either Bob Whelan, rwhelan@donan.com. 205.420.8060, Rex Lysinger, 205.410.3388.



Lay Ministry Schedule

Sunday, March 12

Vestry representative of the day:

Major Hollis

Torch Bearers & Crucifers:

8:45: Acolyte Master: Lindsey Kessler TB: Hamp Hollifield, Corbin Mehrer

C1: Dorothy Alexander

C2: Daniel Alexander

11:00: Acolyte Master:

Danean Davis

TB: Martha Ponder

C1: Elena Moreno

C2: Liza Jane Ponder

Ushers:

7:30: Kay Clements

8:45: Tripp Warren, Ted Holm

11:00: Jeremy Harper, Jamie Parris,

John Ellis, Andrew Benson

5:30: Tyson Pound Children's Liturgy:

Nikki Schoel

Sunday, March 19

Vestry representative of the day:

Eric Batson

Torch Bearers & Crucifers:

8:45: Acolyte Master: Amy Poole

Gospeller: Lily Sykes

TB: Clara Sykes, Kane Hollifield

C1: Cate Mehrer

C2: TBA

11:00: Acolyte Master:

Mona Ponder

Gospeller: George Benson

TB: Adele Benson, Emma Grace Pike

C1: John Ellis

C2: TBA

Ushers:

7:30: Lucy Hortberg

8:45: Erik Batson, Dottie Gauthier

11:00: Lorelle and Will Collins, Geoff Wright, Terry Thrash

5:30: Tom Richeson

Children's Liturgy:

Robin Griffis



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All Saints' Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

Holy Eucharist: 7:30, 8:45, and 11:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Nursery: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Breakfast: 8:00 - 10:00 Sunday School Classes:

Atria Session I, 8:30; Atria Session II, 10:00 Children's Liturgy of the Word, during the 11:00 service, for 3-6 year-old children, Sunshine Room

Youth: 10:00—10:45 a.m.

Adults:

Community of Young Adults: Red Door Room
Contemporary Studies: Library
Episcopal 101: Preschool Rm. 105
Faith and the Modern Family: Room 223
Newcomer Coffee: Jackson-Thorpe Room
Practicing Our Faith: Room 324
The Seekers: Room 224

Wednesday:

Women's Sunday School: Room 104

Wednesday Morning Prayer, 7:00 a.m., Library Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., Jackson-Thorpe Room Rector's Bible Study: 10:00 a.m., Room 224 Oasis, 5:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Thursday:

"One Flock" women's Bible study: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Rm. 224, nursery available