

November 2024

Rector's Corner

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV

If this bit of scripture is familiar, perhaps it is because it is one I often quote during our Sunday liturgy. It is a common introduction to the Offertory — the point in the service during which we bring our offerings forward. It's a reminder that all we give, has been given to us; that the bread, wine, and money we place on the altar are tangible signs of God's love and ours.

Love is the very foundation of our faith. Jesus came into a culture hemmed in on all sides by oppression and subjection, and caused a revolution of thought and heart, not by force of arms, but by walking in love with the marginalized, the poor, and the sick, and bringing them and us along with him on his journey. Over and over again, he shows that it is not clever politics or force that cause the change in society, but Love.

This is why "Walk in Love" has been the theme for our stewardship talks this summer and fall. Many people have reminded us that the transformation of generous hearts is a journey we make together, in a variety of ways. It isn't automatically part of human nature to give away what we have acquired, or to donate our precious time without compensation. It takes something as radical as Love to inspire us to share our time, talent, and treasure with others.

Perhaps the most miraculous thing of all is that God's love is there within each and every one of us, waiting to be nurtured and set free. When we Walk in Love together we learn this— to share, to give, to volunteer, to accompany others, to feed, to pray, to visit, to strive for change.

In a couple of weeks you'll receive packets inviting you to continue this journey— to commit once again to habits of prayer, giving, and service. I hope you will take the time to think, to pray, and to consider your faithful Walk in Love with All Saints'.

God's peace,
Jane+

Presiding Bishop Investiture

Everyone is invited to virtually attend the investiture of our new presiding bishop-elect Sean Rowe!

Please see the following announcement from The Episcopal Church office:

"In this historic and joyful season, we invite you to pray for guidance for our church and our new presiding bishop as he leads us in envisioning the reign of God in our midst. May our celebration unite us as a sacramental community, and may we be filled with new energy to bear witness to God's work of redemption."



- **What:** The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as its 28th presiding bishop with a smaller, simpler



investiture service aimed at reducing carbon footprint and increasing churchwide virtual participation.

- **When:** **Saturday, Nov. 2**, with a prelude featuring a “roll call” of dioceses starting at 6:30am PT. The service itself starts at 8am PT.
- **Where:** The service will be livestreamed here (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture/>) and on The Episcopal Church’s Facebook page. A recording will be posted and distributed after the service.

Visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture/> for more resources, including an invitation from our current Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, a worship booklet, and children’s coloring and activity pages.

Children and Youth Ministries— November 2024

Godly Play! It is never too late to join our Sunday School classes, and friends and visitors are always welcome! Godly Play meets at 9 AM Sunday mornings in the Godly Play classroom, and is for students in preschool and elementary school.

Our stories this month are:

Nov. 3—The Ten Best Ways

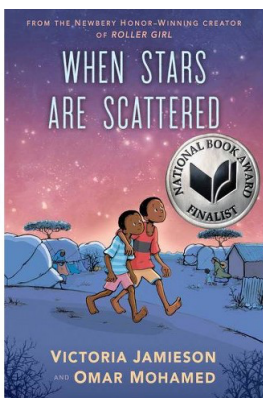
Nov. 10—The Ark and Tent

Nov. 17—The Ark and Temple

Nov. 24—Exile and Return

Youth Class. Youth in middle and high school meet on Sunday mornings in the loft from 9 to 10 AM. They begin this month by finishing up their study of

When Stars Are Scattered. They read a portion and discuss each week—you don’t have to have read it ahead of time! The second half of the month they will spend a couple of week on “How to Read the Bible.” Friends are always welcome!



Youth Group, Saturday, November 23, 10:00 AM set-up, 12:00 to 2:30 PM Tea. Our Youth Group gathering this month will be hosting the Youth-Senior Tea! Our young people in grades 6 through 12 will be joining elder members of our parish for an afternoon of conversation, crafts, and refreshments! This has become a beloved event enjoyed by all ages.

The youth will be setting up and preparing for the Tea beginning at 10:00 AM, with our guests arriving at noon. Invitations will be going out in early November, but if you would like to attend the Tea and do not receive an invite, please call the church office to be added.



Fall Book Sale: Nov. 8 & 9

The annual Used Book Sale is here! Come browse new-to-you books, puzzles, games, and more at bargain prices! The sale will run on Friday and **Saturday, Nov. 8 & 9**, from 9:00am - 3:30pm, with a last chance on Sunday, Nov. 10 during coffee hour. Cash is preferred, but this year we will also accept debit and credit cards (with a \$5 minimum purchase).

The proceeds of this year's sale will once again benefit both the Men's Group and Outreach Committee. Spread the word and plan to stock up on lots of great new reads to support the work of these two wonderful ministries.

You still have time to get in your donations! If you’ve got gently used books, puzzles, games, DVDs or CDs, we will gladly take them anytime between now and Thursday, Nov. 7. If you have any questions or need to arrange a pick-up for your donations, please contact Rachel Loer in the church office at admin@allsaintsrichland.org.

Outreach Focus for November: Warm Coats

During November, the Outreach Committee is collecting warm coats, along with other warm clothing, hats, and gloves to be given to a variety of local organizations. Adult coats and warm clothing will go to Noah's Ark, the homeless shelter in Wapato. Young children's coats, hats and gloves will go to the Early Learning Center, with larger coats going to Coats for Kids. Warm hats and gloves for adults will go into our upcoming Blessing Bags, to be packed in January.

Bring all your warm items, new or gently used, to the box in the narthex, and Outreach will get them to the people who need them most.



Wanted: Small Group Hosts

How would you like to host a 6-week Bible Study on the Book of Psalms? The study materials have been developed by Rev. Jane and will provide greater understanding and appreciation of the psalms.

We have four small group facilitators who are ready to offer this course and we welcome two or three more to come forward if possible. Facilitators will schedule workable dates, times, and locations for their respective group (meetings can be held at a home, at church, or online Zoom). Training will be held in advance to optimize group discussion and participation.

If you are interested in being a facilitator for this six week study starting the first week of December, please contact Layna Kinsman, Kim Kremer, Rachael Black, or Ava Barlow.

Small group sign up sheets will become available in the narthex in November.

Tumbleweed Tasks Posted!

Remember Tumbleweed Tasks? These are small, behind-the-scenes, often one-time chores that help keep things running around here. Most everything is easy to accomplish and some are just seasonal tasks. The list is now posted in the parish hall!



Check the current list on the bulletin board next to the kitchen 'window' where cups and plates are returned for washing. Each to-do item has the name of a person to contact about what needs to be done.

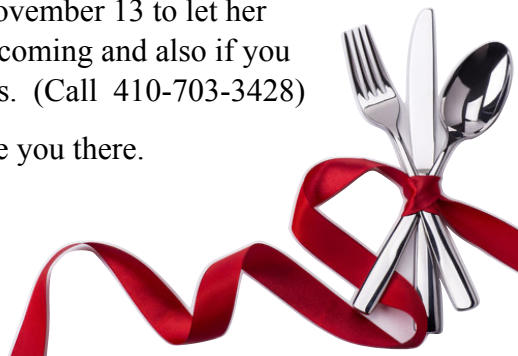
For any new items, please contact the Ministry committee to add to the Tumbleweed Tasks. Help getting things done around the church is much appreciated!

Saints and Sinners

Saints and Sinners is a Social Group open to all adults. If you've never tried it we would love to have you. If you have tried it we would love to have you back. We meet for a pot-luck supper and fellowship once each month or two. We will be meeting **Friday, November 15**, at the home of Marjie Mack, 2760 Ketch Road, In the Horn Rapids development in Richland. We will meet at 6:00 pm for wine and non-alcoholic beverages, with dinner at 7:00 pm.

Couples, please bring either a main dish or two of the following: starter, salad, side dish or dessert. Singles, bring one of these. Also, please bring your own table services and a \$5 donation if you would like wine. Please call or text Marjie by Wednesday November 13 to let her know you are coming and also if you need directions. (Call 410-703-3428)

We hope to see you there.



Note about the December meeting of Saints and Sinners: It will again be at Linda Munson's to take advantage of the Light Boat Parade on Friday, Dec 6 (The first Friday, not the second). We are going to make one change this year since we are almost always eating when the boats come by. We will gather at 5:00 for the social hour and eat at 6:00. The boats usually arrive about 7:00. You will be welcome whenever you can make it and we never run out of food!

Pledge Ingathering Nov. 24

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Our stewardship theme this year is *Walk in Love*. It calls us to remember that our greatest gift

in community is

how we align and come together in purpose and mission. When we walk in the same direction, we can do so many things.

During this month, we will continue to talk about sharing our time, talent, and treasure each Sunday. All of these gifts help us to do what Jesus calls us to do: heal, visit, feed, accompany, protect, advocate, and love our neighbor, and share the gospel message.

Each of us hears this call differently, just as each of us has been blessed by God differently. Our talents and training are gifts freely given to us in Creation so that we may share them with a world in need. How will you feel God's call to walk in love this year? How will you determine how you will share your gifts with God's people in the world?

In just a few days, you will receive the invitation to make your promise to the Church for 2025. Before you fill it out, whether online or on paper, please pray about it, discuss it with your family, and discern how God is calling you to share your time, talent, and treasure.

Our campaign will end with the ingathering of pledges on **November 24**. Please return your answer to us by then if possible so that we may count your pledge in our ingathering where your gift will be added to many others to be blessed and shared with our church and the world. If there is anything we can do to support you or questions we can answer, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Walking with you in Love, the Stewardship

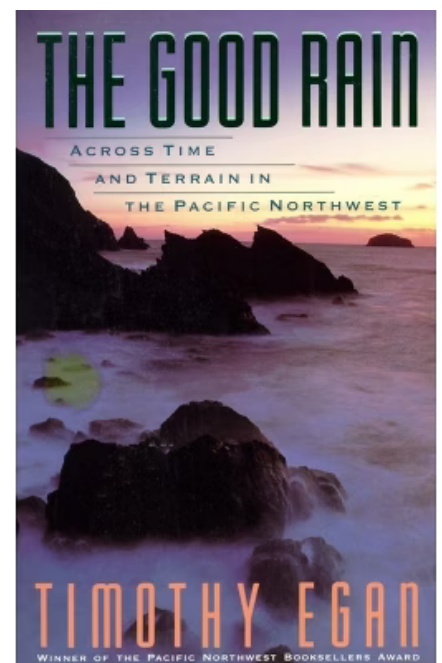
Committee: Julie Wiley, Liam Larsen, and Ed Temple

All Saints' Book Group

Our next book to read is *The Good Rain: Across Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest*, by Timothy Egan. Timothy is the Pacific Northwest correspondent for *The New York Times* and lives in Seattle. In this 1990 book, he describes his journeys around the PNW, through salmon fisheries, redwood forests, impoverished reservations, and manicured English gardens, weaving in history, anthropology and politics.

This is a look at our part of the American continent, both its promises and its problems, by a terrific storyteller. It's been called "an exemplary blend of geology, anthropology, and politics from across the Pacific Northwest." Several readers have commented that, "If you love the PNW, you gotta read this book!"

We will meet to discuss *The Good Rain* on **Thursday, November 14**, beginning at 6 PM with a potluck dinner in the parish hall. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Jr. Warden's Job Jar



Help our Junior Warden empty her Job Jar! Maintaining our building and grounds takes a lot of time and effort. Can you help with any of these items currently on the Jr. Warden's list?

•Emergency Evacuation Stairs: Mike O'Neill has a crew working on repairing and preserving the outside stairs from the loft.

- Replace Light Fixture: replace one exterior light fixture about 10 feet off the ground (new light has already been purchased).
- Estimates to Re-Key the Church: get two or three bids for the vestry to consider for re-keying specific interior/exterior doors and a large number of new keys.
- Signage Improvement: assist in hanging frames for exit instructions in classrooms and offices and some larger frames in a few strategic locations to assist folks who are unfamiliar with the building.

If you can help or want more details, please call or text Linda Munson, Jr. Warden, at 509-521-8981.

Advent-in-a-Bag

We are again offering Advent-in-a-Bag to anyone who would like some materials for observing Advent at Home this year. The bags will be ready **November 23**, and can be picked up at All Saints' that Sunday, or we can deliver to your door during the week. Call or email the office to request your Advent-in-a-Bag.

Advent Work Day is Coming!

The many volunteers who helped Altar Guild prepare the church for Palm Sunday and Easter played a vital behind-the-scenes role in worship last spring. You

have an opportunity to assist the Altar Guild again, as we prepare for Advent and the Christmas season.

Our Advent work day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 30, starting at 1 PM**. Duties may include bringing decorations down from the loft, setting up the creche, polishing brass and silver, etc. Drop-ins will be welcome, but you'll help us plan if you sign up in advance. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex on November 17 and November 24.

Thanksgiving Service

Before you gather around a table and slice the turkey, you are invited to a celebration of Holy Eucharist with your All Saints' family on Thanksgiving, **Thursday November 28**, at 10am. Let's give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives.



A reminder: the office will be closed on Thanksgiving. Send an email or leave a phone message and we'll get back to you the following Monday. Happy Thanksgiving, y'all!

Advent Wreath Making Dec. 1st

We will be making Advent Wreaths after both services on this first Sunday of Advent—open to all ages! Come make a wreath to take home (one per household). We will provide the forms and candles (bring in your form from a previous year if you have one, extra candles will be available).



Cuttings of FRESH greens are needed, so bring some to share if you have them. Donations of greens will be taken that Sunday (December 1); please cut them fresh so they will last through Advent. A nice variety of greens are good to use in making the wreaths. The materials will be out in the parish hall after both services for people to make their wreaths.



42ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHORAL FESTIVAL

*A CELEBRATION OF
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
SCRIPTURE, CAROLS, AND
ANTHEMS*

*SPONSORED BY:
THE COLUMBIA BASIN CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS*

*SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024 AT 4 PM
CENTRAL CHURCH
1124 STEVENS DR, RICHLAND, WA 99354*

*MONEY DONATIONS TO THE
LOCAL FOOD BANK WILL BE
COLLECTED.*



AGO Christmas Choral Concert

The first Sunday of Advent, join the All Saints' choir for the 42nd annual AGO Christmas Choral festival! This beloved event features local organists and choirs from all over the Tri-Cities.

Admission is free, but show up a bit early - last year was a full (overflowing!) house. A freewill offering will be collected to benefit the local food bank.

Hope we'll see you on December 1st at 4pm, just down the road at Central Church!

If you have any questions, see Assistant Musical Director and chairman of the festival Adam Muhlestein.

We Give Thanks...

- to the Youth Group for packing candy bags for Halloween, painting pumpkins for parishioners, and making sugar skulls for Day of the Dead.
- to the parishioners (we counted at least 20!) who donated food, auctions items, bingo gifts, and many hours of their time to make the Outreach Fundraiser a success. And to our generous donors, who have given \$6500 to help those in need.
- to our clergy and delegates who traveled to Spokane to represent All Saints' at Diocesan Convention.
- to St. James' Episcopal Church in Pullman for hosting and graciously showing us around the Icons in Transformation exhibit.
- to 3 Rivers Community Foundation for their generous \$5000 grant for security at our warming shelter this winter, and to Julie Wiley for preparing our application!
- to Steve and Diane Goheen for shepherding the sale of the late Elsie Bradley's home.
- to Mike O'Neill, Rich Conley, Al Wells, Steve Goheen, and all who are helping with the emergency evacuation stairs.

