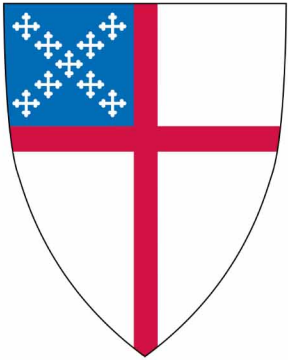


All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Riverside, CA

# *The Good News*

December 2022



## **VISION**

The vision of All Saints' Episcopal Church is to be a vibrant, loving, welcoming community of faith called to serve Christ and to nurture all persons to be fully alive in God.

## **MISSION**

With God's help we will live our vision as a community that serves all people through ministries of worship, education, fellowship, and aid to those in need.

*Please Join Us!*

## **Christmas Services**

### **Christmas Eve**

5 p.m. Early Christmas Eve Service led by children and youth (no incense)

9:30 p.m. Christmas Concert & 10 p.m. Christ Mass (incense); Sherry Reception following service

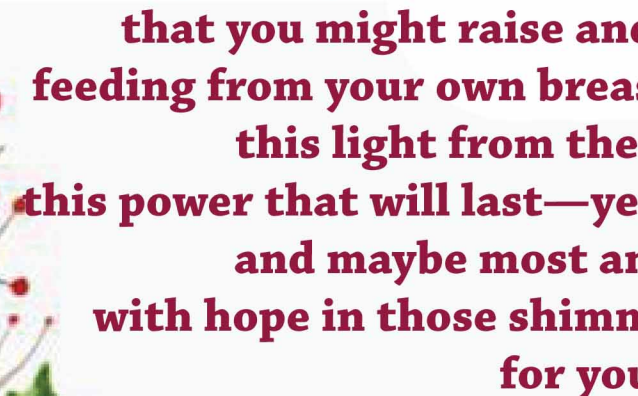
### **Christmas Day**

10 a.m. Eucharist (no 8 a.m.)



## Annunciation

**As stunning as Gabriel's having plunged through the mesosphere of pious rank and pierced your ceiling of doubt— as stunning as finding Gabriel in your kitchen (sudden inhalation, wooden spoon dropped, hand at your chest, glance at the door... Vivid silence... Bits of light drifting down through the startled air.)— as confounding as Gabriel looking you in the eyes, flaunting propriety and shame's vaunted exactitude, a gleam with flaming feathers of something vaguely foreign yet familiar, humble and overpowering— as inconceivable (yet you will conceive) as all that is this: that it is you, yes, who Gabriel addresses: that in you, you, something holy stirs, awaits your consent, by no one else's doing but your own: that you might bear into this world a miraculous love, that you might raise and nurture this divine gift, feeding from your own breast, carrying in your own arms this light from the first “Let there be,” this power that will last—yes, you, if only you will agree— and maybe most amazing, that Gabriel with hope in those shimmering eyes waits patiently for your word.**



*By Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes, UMC*

## Note From the Senior Warden

*Dear fellow All Saints' parishioners:*

Advent season has arrived. Mother Kelli Grace reminds us that Advent signals the start of a new liturgical year. For me, a new start includes a rear view mirror evaluation of the past year. How should one continue positive momentum? How should one redirect momentum from decisions and/or actions that panned out below expectations?

Most sermons remind us to align our lives with the teachings of Jesus. Similar to the rear view mirror, we sometimes get it right and sometimes get it wrong. I truly appreciate every Sunday in church with all of you. It feels like we are part of a team in it for the long haul.

*Sincerely,  
Francie Johnson*



## Junior Wardens' Notes

Many of us dislike the shortened days of winter, even here in California where the winters are so mild. For me it's more difficult to get up the motivation to start new projects, much less finish them. So the Building and Grounds work these past few weeks has been limited to the changing of a light bulb, or a problem with a sticky lock. The one bright exception is that in tribute to the life and memory of parishioner Peggy Rose Stewart, her family painted Smith Hall, hired a professional to make sure the fire place is safe to use, and installed a small stage so that speakers addressing groups in the venue can be more easily seen and heard. That is a wonderful gift to the church, and a classy tribute to a classy lady.

In trying not to be too dour, in spite of myself, I turned to the web, looking for winter's bright spot, and remembered that although we face ever shorter days over the next few weeks the trend will reverse with the solstice on December 21st. I stumbled upon this poem by Edward Hays that I found helpful, hopeful and poignant:

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*The dark shadow of space leans over us. . . .  
We are mindful that the darkness of greed, exploitation,  
and hatred  
also lengthens its shadow over our small planet Earth.  
As our ancestors feared death and evil and all the dark  
powers of winter,  
we fear that the darkness of war, discrimination, and  
selfishness  
may doom us and our planet to an eternal winter.  
May we find hope in the lights we have kindled on this  
sacred night,  
hope in one another and in all who form the web-work  
of peace and justice  
that spans the world.  
In the heart of every person on this Earth  
burns the spark of luminous goodness;  
in no heart is there total darkness.  
May we who have celebrated this winter solstice,  
by our lives and service, by our prayers and love,  
call forth from one another the light and the love  
that is hidden in every heart.*

And finally comes the poet.

Please bring building and grounds concerns to our attention at [juniorwarden@allsaintsriverside.org](mailto:juniorwarden@allsaintsriverside.org)

## Community Engagement ~ Upcoming Events And Opportunities



*Andrea Briggs, Minister for Community Engagement*

**Friday, December 2, 7pm, and Saturday, December 3, 4pm**, at La Sierra University Church, 4937 Sierra Vista Ave., Riverside, enjoy the live performance of the La Sierra music department's orchestra, choirs, symphonic band, and vocal and instrumental ensembles at the 75th annual Candlelight Concert. The concert is free; reserved seats in the front rows may be purchased for \$20 each.

**Sunday, December 4, 11am-3pm**, First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, the annual **Alternative Gift Fair** is again offering music, lunch, and a shopping opportunity unlike what you will find elsewhere. Included are some international vendors such as 10,000 Villages and Heifer International, and local craftspeople.

**Saturday, December 10, 10am-1pm**, at All Saints' Smith Hall, please join in the celebration of a year of collaboration among the many allies and activists who support Antiracist Riverside. New friends, food and festivities. All are welcome; registration by Dec.7 at <https://www.antiracistriverside.com/> is greatly appreciated. See more information about Antiracist Riverside on page 11.

**Sunday, December 11, 4pm**, First Congregational Church, at the corner of Mission Inn and Lemon in downtown Riverside. If you can't make the Blue Christmas service at All Saints' and still would like the solace of this contemplative worship, a Blue Christmas service is also offered at First Congregational. Remember to allow extra time to find parking during the Festival of Lights.

**Monday, December 12, 7-8pm**, First Congregational Church will host Taizé Meditative Worship, an ecumenical style of worship that uses silence, repetitive

chanting and thought-provoking readings to encourage a deep reflective experience of the presence of God. Several Riverside churches have joined together to provide this worship opportunity to the community on the second Monday of every month.

First Congregational Church is located at the corner of Lemon and Mission Inn, in downtown Riverside. Remember to allow extra time to find parking during the Festival of Lights.

**Monday December 19, 6-8pm**, outside the Court House, 4050 Main Street in downtown Riverside, join in the outdoor celebration of the 18th annual Chanukah Festival, hosted by Chabad Jewish Community Center of Riverside. The festival features the lighting of Riverside's Menorah, the largest in the region, live music, traditional foods, entertainment, and children's crafts and activities. The festival is for the Jewish community and the community at large, as a way to affirm the universal message of Chanukah: the triumph of good over evil and the infinite power of a single act of kindness and humanity.



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Chabad Jewish Community Center Invites You To Our

18<sup>th</sup> Annual

# CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

Free Admission! All Are Welcome!

RIVERSIDE COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE  
4050 Main St. Riverside, CA

**MON. DEC 19, 2022 • 6-8 PM**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Night of Chanukah)

Grand Menorah Lighting | Traditional Food  
Live Music | Fun Activities for the Whole Family!

ASL Interpreter

For more info: [www.ChanukahFestival.org](http://www.ChanukahFestival.org) or 951-222-2005

## From the Music Director

Dear saints,

The All Saints' Choir is offering a **Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4th at 6pm**. Father Ryan and I have put together a meaningful service of seasonal readings and music that will set the tone for Advent and Christmas. I recommend you experience this Anglican tradition.



## LESSONS & CAROLS

the promise of the Messiah - the birth of Jesus  
Scripture - carols - choral music - hymns

Christmas Eve this year will be full of music as always: at the 5pm service, brass and timpani will join all the saints, young and old, to ring in the birth of our Savior; at 9:30pm we will sing carols; and at 10:00pm the Eucharist will be led by our choir. The anthem at the late service is John Rutter's setting of Robert Herrick's poem, "What sweeter music:"

*What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?*

*Awake the voice, awake the string  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away  
And give the honour to this day  
That sees December turned to May  
That sees December turned to May  
Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn  
Thus, on the sudden come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and lustre, public mirth  
To Heaven and the under earth  
We see Him come, and know him ours  
Who with His sunshine and His showers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers  
The darling of the world is come  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome Him, to welcome Him  
The nobler part of all the house here is the heart  
Which we will give Him and bequeath  
This holly and this ivy wreath  
To do Him honour, who's our King  
And Lord of all this revelling  
What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
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Soli Dei Gloria,  
Abe

Mark your calendars for the **28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Walk-A-Thon, on January 16, 2023.**

The event honoring Dr. King as a hero for all Americans is again hosted by the Riverside African American History Society (RAAHS). This year's theme is 'A Legacy of Strength, A Future of Action'. The 5K walk will start at 10am at Stratton Center, 2008 MLK Blvd, and end at the Main Library Breezeway across from the Civil Rights Institute on Mission Inn Blvd, with a stop at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue on Main Street. After the walk there will be a short program at the Main Library Breezeway.

Online registration is available now, \$35 per person, which includes a t-shirt. More information and the registration form are at [raahsinc.org](http://raahsinc.org). All Saints' is proud to be among this year's Walk-A-Thon sponsors.

## *Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself*

*Contributed by David Glidden*

Loving your neighbor as yourself is yet another apparently impossible Christian burden, like living a life of ceaseless prayer. Compassionate love extends beyond the traditional Judaic mandates to care for widows and orphans, to feed the poor, share the wealth, comfort the afflicted and the imprisoned, to welcome strangers. As Jesus practiced it, love has no limits. Acts of compassion toward family, friends, next-door neighbors or perfect strangers grow love selflessly. And the grieving that so often accompanies actively caring for the suffering of others are sorrows we share with Jesus --love's growing pains. Jesus wept, and so do we.

Blair was on our parish prayer list, ever since her metastasized breast cancer was first detected in the autumn of 2020. She was my neighbor across the street. Blair and Howard moved into their home around the same time Susan and I moved into ours, 32 years ago. Blair joined Susan and an assortment of neighbors to form a women's group who met regularly for lunch or simply conversation. Early on, her teenage son taught me to swim, something I had long resisted since drowning as a toddler. When Susan and I adopted our two children from China, Blair and Howard were joyfully supportive. As a Cal art major Blair enthusiastically helped Susan design impossible creations: a fifteen-foot dragon for Chinese New Year, a useable chest-of-drawers costume for my daughter's role in RCT in "Beauty and the Beast." For many years, Blair and Susan together cooked up crops of tomatoes, garlic, onions, and herbs to prepare pasta sauces for the winter.

Blair lived in continual pain from failed back surgeries, incurred from her work in special ed. After her husband died, twenty years ago, she began to travel over the backroads of Europe with a neighbor or to take summer courses in art history at Oxford, where she discovered a mistake in the received tradition of Oxford architecture. An Oxford journal published her correction. Twice Blair saved my life while my family was traveling, when severe cardiac arrhythmia attacked me in the dead of night. Blair told me, when I called her, that she could get me to the ER faster than an ambulance could.

When the cancer was detected, Team Blair was formed from the women's group to help her through surgery, radiation, chemo treatments, all of which failed to stop the cancer's spread but made Blair very ill. My wife Susan and my daughter Anna were with her nearly every day over those two years as were several Team members, spending time with her, watching movies together, taking her to doctors or doing what she could no longer do anymore for herself at home, as her strength failed and her oxygen needs grew once her chest kept filling up with cancerous fluids in those final weeks. Those last two days, along with her devoted son, we kept watch over her in the hospital until she died.

This story is not unique. Grief that comes from witnessing suffering goes hand in hand with loving acts of compassion. This grief is well known at All Saints, made all the worse in recent years by the Covid pandemic and the deaths of so many of our beloved members. We are called to love others as ourselves, and we try to do so. It is then when we experience Jesus's longsuffering wisdom: love hurts, love grows. Millennia ago in a barn in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph discovered this truth, as every parent does, with a crying baby sorely in need of love without limit. Look around toward your family and friends, look toward your neighbor, look toward the stranger. It has always been our human fate to suffer. Only selfless love can overcome such suffering, making us better persons than we ever thought we could be.

*~ DG 11/25/22*





# Flowers

November 6 ~ The altar flowers were donated to the Glory of God

by sisters **Ruth, Sandy, and Grisel**

in loving memory of their brother **Manuel Roman**,  
by **Craig and Carl Riemer** in loving remembrance and  
thanksgiving for the life of **Judy** who would have been  
celebrating her 67th birthday

and by **Jane Carney** in thanksgiving for **Corbin  
Daniel Young** and in honor of the second anniversary  
of his baptism.

November 13 ~ The altar flowers were donated to the  
Glory of God

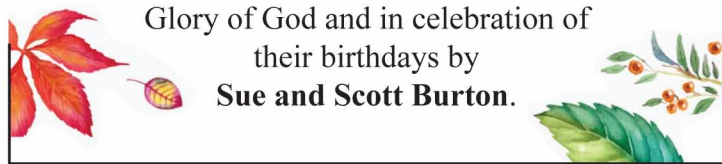
and in thanksgiving for the life and witness of our  
beloved mother **Peggy Eileen Rose Stewart**

by **Yvonne and Chuck Stowe and family**,

by **Bill Kennedy** in memory of **Rudy Slaverslack**,  
by **Christopher and Monique** in thanksgiving for the  
baptism of their daughter **Charlotte**  
and anonymously in hopes for a world at peace.

November 20 ~ The altar flowers were donated to the  
Glory of God and in celebration of  
their birthdays by

**Sue and Scott Burton.**



## Prayer List

**For those killed in gun violence and their families.**

**For healing, comfort and strength -- long-term list:**

The Nze family, Chuck & Yvonne Stowe, Enor & Roy Harris, Jan & Dwane Mickelson, Jennifer, Beverly, Beth, Micaela, Fritz & Ethel, Beverly N., Polly G., Rickye & Ralph Galliher, Richard, Cathy Porter, Crystal, JoEllen, Winnie & Julie Williamson, Sally, Aric, Sandra, Dean Bradley, Robin, Cheryl Bartel, Tim & Suzy Hanigan, Jose Hernandez, Michelle, Scott C., Annette Weight, Jim & family, Catherine P., Elaine, Bill,

Carolyn & Ed Bartel, Ralph Wilkins, Richard McWhirter, Kristin D.

**For healing, comfort and strength—short term list:**

Jeremy, Diane, Carol U., Con, Diana & her husband, Amanda, Logan C., Claudia M., Lexi, Mary Ellen, Cathy, Don, Margie, Claire, Richard K., Mike, Lizzy, Annabelle, Claudia, Tracy, Betsy, Radek, Pat, Barb, Ed, Richard, Dalia, Alex, David, Tony A, Peter, Steven, Bertha, Steve S., Justin, Lacey, Nancy, Saylor, Joan, Ken, Sandy, Nancy, Mel, David, Mark, and Janice K.

**For those preparing for the priesthood:** Ryan Macias

**For our unhoused neighbors, especially:** Anthony, Marc, Thomas, Gary

**For those working on being clean and sober:** Johnny, Frank, Gary

**For those expecting the birth of a child:** Suzy & Nick Gillett, Janie & Luke Hilland, Cydney & Richie Barclay

**In thanksgiving for the life and witness of:** Peggy Rose Stewart, Manuel Roman, Daniel, Renus Rich, Chuck Beck, Marlene Coverdale

**In thanksgiving for the life of:** Blair Gilbert and Christopher Campbell

**For the comfort for those who mourn:** Yvonne, Chuck, Tracy, Julie, Matthew, Ava, Dean and all of Peggy Rose's family; Ruth, Sandy, Grisel Roman and their parents; Marion Welch; the Rich family; Jonathon Hodgkin; Ellen Macala, Kim, Tanya, Jack and Emma; Marlene's son John, daughter Ann, and family.

**For our ministry partners:** Path of Life, Laundry Love Riverside, Inspire Life Skills, Saint Michael's, Research and Development Early Childhood Center, the Riverside Taize community, our Friends the Quakers, Believe Center, Family Promise, Rebirth Homes, PFLAG.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Jonathan O'Connell, Stephen Jenkins, Alex and James, Thomas Lopez, Justin Garcia, and Shelby Przyk

**For peace in:** Israel/Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Ukraine, our own communities

**For immigrants, refugees, the oppressed, and the homeless** throughout the world

**For those in need of comfort:** the people of Ukraine, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Russia, and their leaders, those recovering from Hurricane Ian

If you have an addition to the PRAYER LIST,  
please e-mail: [ASRprayers@gmail.com](mailto:ASRprayers@gmail.com)

		LAY MINISTERS AND USHERS					
		Lay Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Crucifer	Torch Bearers	Ushers
<b>4 December</b>	8A	Andrew Cooper	Marion Welch	Marion Welch			Sue Liddle Burton
	10A	Laura McMorris Mary Ellen Gruendyke	Mary Gabe	Paul Wolf	Andrew	Lucas, Carrie	Robert Miller, Jim Boyer Francie Johnson, Charlie Dailey G: Roy Harris
	6P		Sean Varner Debora Huffman	Jordan, Oliver	Jack	Shelby, Ryan	Francie Johnson, Sue Stevens
<b>11 December</b>	8A	David Glidden	Andrew Cooper	Andrew Cooper			Scott Burton
	10A	Craig Riemer Diane Askren	Piotr Gorecki	Marylee Lannan	Elliott	Shelby, Sam	Leslie Sunderland, AJ Jetti Jon Schlueter, Kristin Urbaniak G: Cathy Welborn, Roy Harris
<b>18 December</b>	8A	Corbin Young	Brian Draper	Brian Draper			Andrew Cooper
	10A	Stephanie McMorris Cathy Welborn	Nerni Miller	John Paul Wolf	Dean	Andrew, Conan	Robert Miller, Cathy Welborn Ian McCausland, Andrew Cooper G: Roy Harris
<b>24 December</b>	5P	Scott Burton, Mary Ellen Gruendyke			Michelle	Ryan, Carrie	Francie Johnson, Kristin Urbaniak Ian McCausland, Leslie Sunderland
	10P	Diane Askren Andrew Cooper	Christina Miller	Ian McCausland	Emily Thurifer: Nico	Elliott, Oliver Boat: Sam	Robert Miller, Sue Liddle Burton Scott Burton, Jim Boyer G: Roy Harris
<b>25 December</b>	10A	<b>Craig Riemer</b>	Andrew Cooper				Benjamin Kurtz, Luke Polling Nico Colaluca

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*Photographers for this newsletter include:  
Liz Atkinson for Laundry Love; Lindy Colaluca Polling for photos from the Diocesan Convention, Sunday School, Advent wreath making, All Saints' Sunday and the acolyte training;  
Patricia Korzec for photos from the Food Share ministry.*

**We are always happy to have photos in our newsletter. If you have photos of any of our events, please send them to me at: [kjkendrick1499@gmail.com](mailto:kjkendrick1499@gmail.com)**





Laundry Love Riverside was ready for a cold and windy night at our event on Wednesday November 16th. We set up inside the laundromat to protect ourselves from the elements outside.



We served 35 families to complete approximately 330 loads of laundry and spent a total of \$523.69.

There were 12 returning volunteers and 4 new volunteers. Welcome to Sandy Irvine and, from St. Mark's Upland, Fr. Keith Yamamoto, Rosalyn Foster and Greg Foster.

Laundry Love Pomona made a generous donation to LLR....THANK YOU!! We also received a \$20 donation from a client who was appreciative of our work.

We gave away 9 jackets and 10 small blankets. There were several children attending and we had plenty of things to keep them busy, including coloring books, candy, and books to read. We had several returning customers waiting for us to start. Nearly all of the washing machines were available to the start of the evening. By 6:30pm, all machines were running and stayed occupied until 8:00pm!

**A few stories from the event:** One of the single moms that we support through LLR has her baby in the childcare program at the All Saints' Riverside campus. She said her baby loves the program and she's been able to get a job because of the childcare program. Sherri Bradley held her baby for part of the evening while she did her laundry with her school-aged daughter. We also met two new clients (sisters) who came to get their laundry done. There was a third pile of laundry that they brought with them that had a touching backstory. One of the sisters checks in with a homeless person she knows. She drove by to check on him and his dog immediately jumped into her car. She found that her friend needed medical attention and called 911. While he's recovering in the hospital, she brought all his clothes and belongings to wash. She's currently taking care of his dog, too. As KKGK reminds us, Laundry Love Riverside events feel like you've "been to church". The November event was no exception. In the spirit of giving this holiday season, please discern how you can support the LLR ministry through donations, volunteering and by your continued

prayers.

Our next event will be held on Wednesday December 21, 2022. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact Liz Atkinson or Sherri Bradley.

Love never ends...neither does laundry!

~Liz



## Holiday Outreach Ministries

*Patricia Korzec*

The **Training and Research Foundation** is committed to transforming the lives of children, families, and the community. A Riverside center for infants through 5 years old is located on All Saints' lower level. You can help provide gifts and other needed items for the children, siblings, and families of this child care center during the holiday season. More information about The Training and Research Foundation can be found at their website <https://www.trfhs.org/>.

Here is how you can help:

1. Starting November 27th, take a tag from the Christmas tree in Smith Hall. On it, you will find information about a child, including gender, age, clothes/shoe sizes, and some suggested items that the child's parents think they might need or enjoy. Choose something to provide; you don't need to get everything on the list but feel free to provide one or more.

***Tape the tag you took from the tree to the unwrapped gift and bring it to the Christmas tree at Smith Hall any Sunday between December 4th and December 18th. You can also give donations to Jim Boyer or Paul Johnson. They will collect, collate and deliver the gifts to the child care facility prior to Christmas.***

2. The child care facility is always looking for gently used clothes for boys and girls, typically ranging in size from 2T to 6T. If you have clothes to donate, you can put them in a bag and give them to Jim or Paul.

3. Right now, the facility is looking for several car booster seats. If you have a new or gently used one and would like to donate it, you can contact Paul Johnson at [noyyguy2011@gmail.com](mailto:noyyguy2011@gmail.com).

***And here's a reminder that the Penny Bowl will be starting up again on Sunday, November 27th! Bring your pennies to earn positive points to support the ministry of your choice and all other change and paper money to earn negative points for the ministry that you'd like "help" get to last place. The winning ministry gets bragging rights and the donations will be used to help fund Christmas presents for the young adults in Project Inspire and to provide additional gifts for the children and families at the child care facility.***

**Thank you for your participation— and Merry Christmas!!**



Family Promise's new Executive Director Claire Jefferson-Glipa has announced the opening of the Family Promise Day Center January 2, 2023, "to provide Prevention & Diversion, Shelter, and Stabilization to families who are on the verge or are experiencing homelessness."

Our ministry partner Family Promise Riverside is completing its process for offering transitional housing to unsheltered families. One component is their Day Center, where parents can access social services or look for work or permanent housing, and where kids not in school can play. Family Promise is stocking its Day Center pantry with donated goods, and their leaders have invited the good people of All Saints' to participate.

Thank you for the infant and toddler items you donated in October and November; they have been gratefully received. For the month of December, please pick up any of the following items (new or gently used) for children ages pre-K through 6th grade, and bring them to the office. We will make sure they get delivered to Family Promise at the end of the month. Questions? -- ask Andrea Briggs.

Non-sugary cereal, Oatmeal, Healthy snacks and juices, Protein bars

School supplies, Underwear, Feminine hygiene and bras for girls, protective sports gear for boys, Shirts, Pants, Shorts, Pajamas, Sweatshirts, Hoodies, Jackets, Socks, Shoes, Bedding, Games or toys, Stuffed animals, Books

*~Andrea*



Antiracist Riverside was formed in 2020 for the purpose of empowering individuals, organizations and communities to eliminate racism. The Antiracist Riverside leadership has a vision of a Riverside free of past and present racist prejudices, institutions, and policies, so as to ensure that equity for all is the norm in our city.

To address its goals, Antiracist Riverside (ARR) offers bi-weekly virtual meetings on Wednesday evenings for discussion and planning. It hosts virtual “Candid Conversations” on Saturday mornings, centering on book discussions and informative guest speakers. These are open to any interested person. The website <https://www.antiracistriverside.com/> offers resources on many topics, including an extensive booklist and a history of race in Riverside.

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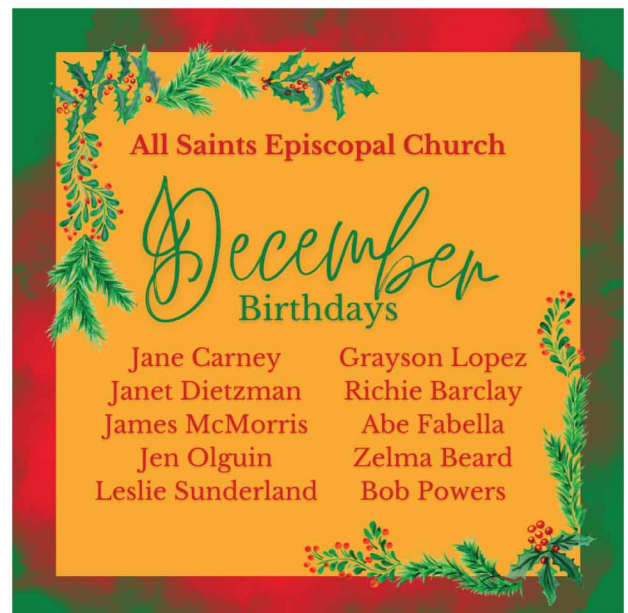
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In addition, ARR offers occasional virtual sessions of the Kellogg-funded program “Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation” (TRHT). TRHT is a community-based process designed to address the effects of historic and current racism, and to create sustainable change that dismantles racism.

# ANTIRACIST RIVERSIDE

I have had the privilege of joining in a number of ARR conversations and events, including two TRHT discussions, and of forming connections with leaders and other participants. In each instance, those participating were of various ages, races, and backgrounds; the conversations were respectful and welcoming; and multiple points of view were expressed. I’ve learned a lot! And I’m grateful to have these persons and events available to me for my continued education.

Finally, ARR is excited about gathering in-person for an end-of-the-year program and celebration on Saturday, December 10, on our campus. We all are welcome to join in, Smith Hall, 10am-1pm. This could be your opportunity to find out more about this organization, and how you might want to participate in the future. Registration is requested by December 7.





**Awesome Acolytes**

We are so blessed at All Saints' to have such a committed group of Acolytes! Acolytes are those people (adults and youth) who assist the Priest during the service: processing the cross and torches, participating in the Gospel procession, the offertory and preparing the Altar. These tasks give them the opportunity to learn about the service and why we do what we do. We are fortunate to have a cadre of youth who perform these roles during the service. I toot our horn

whenever appropriate as to this commitment by our young people. They are an integral part of our service.

Recently, on All Saints' Day, they participated in full force: incense, crosses, torches, banners and ribbons. What a procession! We took the opportunity to recognize them and Mother Kelli Grace presented each with his/her own cross, which she recently brought back from Jerusalem. The crosses are worn as a part of his/her vestments. Several acolytes were not able to participate that day.

We are always excited to have new acolytes, so if anyone is interested in becoming an Acolyte please see me or Mother Kelli Grace. Eight is the usual age to start.

It is rewarding and a pleasure to work with our acolytes and I hope you also recognize their contribution to the service. Next time you see a young person wearing vestments, please say thank you. They could choose to be elsewhere.

Mary Ellen Gruendyke  
Senior Minister of Worship

## In Memoriam

**Peggy Rose Stewart**  
**August 26, 1936 - October 1, 2022**

Peggy Rose, my dear mother, died on October 1, 2022. She was 86 years old. All Saints' was an essential part of her life. I am guessing she attended All Saints' for about 30 years. There was never a Sunday that she did not scan the congregation for new faces to greet—she would even get giddy to reach coffee hour to be the one woman



“Welcoming Committee.” She often commented that she felt loved at “her” church. Just this year, she asked me to assure her that I would tell all of you how she loved, enjoyed, and treasured each of you, from the youngest, Charlie’s granddaughter, to the eldest, Marlene Cloverdale. The sympathy cards I received had a common thread: recognizing the sunshine she brought into the room, her joyous being, and her classiness. All things I have known all my life, but it was beautiful that all of you knew her as I did. I know she will be missed by more than just our family, but also by all of you

~Yvonne Stowe



**Liz Tonge**  
**February 16, 1970 - May 29, 2022**

Liz was a long-term, faithful member of our 8 am service. She served as an usher as well as took it upon herself to make sure the church was open, the lights and heat or air conditioning on, and the bulletins laid out before the early service. She also took communion out to those who could not make it to the church building. She brought the foundation of the church to them, ensuring them that God could get to them no matter where they were. She prayed with them, brought them a bulletin, and told them about life here at church. She gave them comfort and hope. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

**Jacqueline Virginia Tavaligone**  
**November 12, 1924 - August 15, 2022**

Jacque was born in Riverside, California on November 22, 1924. Married to Joseph Tavgione for 78 years, mother to two sons, Jeff and Jay. Jacque enjoyed spending time traveling, playing cards, and being with her family, which included her loyal golden retriever. Jacque was a long-term parishioner of All Saints’.



**Manuel Alberto Roman**  
**January 26, 1974 - October 2, 2022**



Manuel was born in a small town in Sinoloa, Mexico, but was raised in Guadalajara. Manuel's family attended All Saints' years ago when we had a Spanish service between the early and later service. All three sisters and their families attended, as did his

parents.

Manny loved to cook and had a good sense of humor and was always making jokes. He loved music and gifting people CD's of their favourite music.

For Ruth, Sandy, and Grisel, the sudden death of their younger brother Manny was a very sad loss. He left behind an adorable little canine companion, Luna, now adopted by his niece Itzia.

# In Memoriam

**Marlene Coverdale**

February 12, 1931 - November 7, 2022



Marlene Coverdale started the Sisters In Spirit ministry over 25 years ago here at All Saints'. She was born Febraury 12, 1931, raised her two children John and Anne in Houston, Texas, and worked as a real estate agent for many years.

Marlene had a wealth of knowledge and was well read. She knew many of the Christian authors and would quote from their writings. The sessions of Sisters In Spirit were always interesting and educational. For many years Marlene shared her thoughts with a group of friends via emails. She was a trained and trusted spiritual director to many.

Marlene cared deeply for her children and grandchildren. As her son John states " she greatly cared about her grandchildren and helped them pursue their goals with love, encouragement and acceptance."

Marlene was a blessing to All Saints'.



**Nina Verdugo**

May 15, 1991 - December 24, 2021

Nina grew up in Jurupa Valley and Riverside. At age 17, Nina was involved in a devastating accident, from which she was given only a 1% chance of living through the night. After numerous surgeries and four years in a care center she was able to come home to live with her mom, Ana, sister Emily and stepdad, Don. Surrounded by the love and support of her family and nurses, Nina found joy in many shows and books. She had a good sense of humor and a strong sense of play.

In early December Nina was able to join her entire extended family in being present for the marriage of her sister, Emily to her husband, Dallin.



Nina's joy and sense of fun will be missed by all who knew her.



*Alternative Gift Fair*  
Dec. 4 11 am-3pm

Join us to buy gifts that support a better world, including vendors such as 10,000 Villages, Heifer International, Pencils and Dreams, Glocally Connected, Soroptimist International and many more. This is an interfaith and sustainable event that includes music, soup and community. Parking is free and easy at 4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside.



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*Dia de los Muertos*



# Sunday School and Making Advent Wreaths



# Diocesan Convention 2022



## Food Share Ministry

*Patricia Korzec*

The Food Share at St. Michael's continues to grow monthly. In the first two weeks of the month 110 families were served.

Unforeseen circumstances caused the third week to have no available fresh food to distribute. The staff of St. Michael's was informed late the night before that Feeding America would not be able to provide food. The resourceful staff of the church's Food Share raided the canned good shelves in their kitchens and brought out everything they had stocked. Everyone that came received some canned foods and bread the next day. No one left empty handed.

A rather poignant moment ended the day when a group of nine women approached Mother Mary Christ and asked why the communion service that has been regularly held at the Food Share didn't take place beforehand. They were quoted as saying "it wouldn't be right

not to praise God for the food he had just supplied." The altar was quickly rolled out and an impromptu service was held. They were grateful for even the meager amount of food that had been provided.

On Thanksgiving day the church held a large turkey dinner for 100 families on site. The food distribution did not take place that day but will resume on December 1st. On that day we will also have baby formula supplied by Riverside County's CAP program and a large quantity of gently used winter clothing for distribution.

We always need recycled paper and plastic bags as well as clothing and blanket donations. You can leave them in the church hall (please mark the bags) or give them to me directly at the 10 am Sunday service. If you would like to find out more about volunteering you can call me 951.543.7171 or email me at [pskorzec@me.com](mailto:pskorzec@me.com). Thank you for your support and continuing words of encouragement.



*When the fresh food doesn't arrive....canned foods and pasta from our collective pantries. Also, an impromptu communion service.*

**WANT TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS?**

FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE NAKED, FORGIVE THE GUILTY, WELCOME THE STRANGER, CARE FOR THE ILL, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

**ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MINUTES  
October 17, 2022**

**Present:** Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz, Kathy Woodbury, Leslie Sunderland, Patricia Korzec, Steve Slaten, Kristin Varner, Francie Johnson, Luke Polling **Treasurer:** Jane Carney **Clerk:** Laura McMorris **Staff:** Deacon Ryan Macias **Guest:** Jeannene Kelly, Endowment Committee

**1. Call to Order** Meeting called to order by Mother Kelli Grace, at 7:00 pm with prayer from the Book of Common Prayer.

**2. Approve Agenda** *M/S Slaten/Sunderland* that the agenda be approved as written. *Carried*

**3. Approve Minutes** *M/S Varner/Sunderland* that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as corrected. *Carried*

-Finance line 1, change *if ready* to *it is ready*

-Rector's report line 1, change *contacted* to *contracted*

-Rector's report line 3, change *an the* to *and the*

**4. Endowment Committee** - Jeannene Kelly

-Written report submitted by Kurt Marcks, Chair. There have been suggested changes to the Endowment and Investment Fund Policies and Guidelines, the main one being adding the church treasurer as an ex-officio member (non-voting) to the committee. The full document - Endowment and Investment Fund Policies and Guidelines is on file)

-The process of amending the document calls for a vote of at least two-thirds majority of the Vestry at two regularly scheduled meetings. The congregation must be informed within one week after the first meeting.

*M/S Johnson/Korzec* that we accept and approve amendments to the Endowment and Investment Fund Policies and Guidelines. *Carried* (unanimously)

-Jeannene reviewed each of the funds overseen by the Endowment Committee

**The Kairos Mission and Ministry Fund (invested at the Episcopal Church Foundation)**

This is the default fund to receive unrestricted bequests left to All Saints'. It is a quasi-endowment managed with the intent on preserving the principle, but can be accessed by the Vestry in cases of significant need.

**The All Saints' Foundation (invested at The Diocesan Investment Trust)**

This is a true Endowment, begun in 2016 with a \$10,000 gift from Fr. John Conrad and Shannon Murphy. Numerous small donations have since been made to the fund. The fund is designated for specific use and the principle cannot be touched.

**The Vestry Reserve Fund (invested in the Balanced Fund of the Episcopal Church Foundation)**

This fund opened with church reserves in 2021, with an anonymous gift of \$100,000 as seed money to hire a curate. This fund is followed by, but not overseen by the Endowment Committee.

-The committee recommends disbursement of \$1,200 for a dedication plaque for our labyrinth. *M/S*

*Woodbury/Varner* that we accept the Endowment Committee report and approve disbursement of \$1,200. *Carried*

**5. Families, Children and Youth** - Leslie Sunderland

-Sunday School is going really well. Some Sundays have had 25 in attendance. The average is ten or so. Smitha Jetti would like to take on more Sundays.

-Youth Group has been expanded. This last week the program was based on disabilities and privilege with you enacting everyday activities as if they had various disabilities. Good life lessons learned.

-Families with Small Children continues to meet online, but a potluck is being planned to meet and share ideas in person,

**6. Community Health** - Kathy Woodbury

-COVID cases are still down, but the reality may be that cases are not being reported. Symptoms are that of a bad cold or the flu. Mask and stay home if not well.

-There have been 198 cases of Monkeypox, 98% of those being male. There is a vaccine available.

*October, 2022 Meeting Minutes, continued***7. Hospitality** - Kathy Woodbury

-Oktoberfest was a great success. We had 60 people attending. Ian and youth made the pretzels, Many hands pitched in to decorate, set up, cook, and cleanup. Luke Polling saved the day by going home to get his propane tank. It was suggested that we purchase a second tank to have on hand. We had \$850 in donations, but still have to cover expenses.

-We have a full calendar for November and December: All Souls Candlelight Service, All Saint's Potluck, Peggy Rose Memorial, Consecration Sunday, Christmas Extravaganza, Advent Carols, Blue Christmas, and Christmas services, lots of opportunities to participate.

**8. Outreach** - Patricia Korzec

-Laundry Love continues. Our clients always show up and are appreciative. We can always use volunteers.

-The number of patrons is increasing, and will increase even more when the St. Michael's housing units open up. Funding for more food is needed and we are exploring ideas to meet that need.

-We had 60 people participate in Fr. Ryan's communion service this week.

-Patricia will check with Jim Boyer about Christmas outreach to Path of Life, Inspire, and Giving Tree. Mother Kelli Grace suggested we include Family Promise this year

**9. Finance** - Jane Carney

## a. Current Financial Report

-As in years past, congregational giving in September is lower, but Mother Kelli Grace says giving during October looks strong. While we are in the red \$3,000, year-to-date results are better than anticipated in the budget.

-The audit interview committee has found auditing is not a popular thing now. Many smaller CPA firms no longer do audit work. They have found two firms with non-profit experience, one who does the auditing for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Upland.

-The committee formed to look into the refinancing of our existing mortgage will begin talking to lenders in November.

-Owing to Darlene's diligence, All Saints' received \$13,000 from the Carnegie School bankruptcy, and we were able to retain the security deposit.

*M/S Johnson/Korzec* that we receive the September financial reports subject to audit. *Carried*

## b. Budget Committee for 2023

-Budget Committee will have a draft preliminary budget to present to the Vestry at the November meeting.

-Vestry Committee will consist of Jane Carney, Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz, Craig Riemer, and Kristin Varner.

**10. Stewardship** - Kristin Varner

-The Stewardship Committee has met several times in preparation for Stewardship 2023.

-We will be using the diocesan program, themed "More Than Enough"

-November 6th and 13th we will gather 30-45 second, videos from members to "At All Saints' I can see God....."

-Stewardship Campaign will end on November 20, Consecration Sunday, with a brunch provided by the Youth Group.

**11. Senior Warden Report** - Francie Johnson

-Looking forward to composing Stewardship letter to go out in November.

-Francie worked with Steve in building a wall and installing a door as a noise barrier in the north wing.

-We are looking for ways to recruit new Vestry members.

-Plans are underway for a spring musical fundraiser featuring Steve Slaten.

**12. Junior Warden Report** - Steve Slaten, Luke Polling

-The lease with Inspire Life Skills Training for the white house has been renegotiated, with an annual 2% increase. (copy of lease is on file) Inspire requested a gate between house and church parking lot. There were also concerns about the addition of a community garden on the site (a gate will be added behind the garage to access the garden). This will not affect their use of space. If a proposal for RCC low income housing comes about,

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If a proposal for RCC low income housing comes about, Inspire requests that we go to a month to month agreement *M/S Varner/Johnson* that the Vestry approve the First Amendment to Residential Lease All Saints' Episcopal Church, Riverside, Landlord Inspire Life Skills Training, Tenant. *Carried*

-Sheldon's Air Conditioning performed regular maintenance, but there is a problem with a leak in the kitchen. Repair to cost \$1,000. We may need to get a second opinion, look into new sources for repair and maintenance.

-PRECIS Solar has provided another option for solar on our campus. It would entail a shade structure over the labyrinth and part of the lawn with panels on structure. It would require no changes to the tile roofing as other estimates do.

-All Saints' hosted a Care of Creation forum on October 11th, with 40 or so attendees.

-Ongoing projects continue: installation of smart thermostats, continuation of water-wise landscaping, preparing two offices in the south wing for tenant use, painting of interior and exterior, replacement of hot water source in south wing.

**13. Rector's Report** - Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz

-Mother Kelli Grace had lunch with Roy and Enor Harris, Roy has resigned as head usher after 40 years. He has suggested Leslie Sunderland as his replacement. We graciously accept his resignation and express our gratitude.

-We have two baptisms on November 13th.

-Andy Cooper, Aspirant for curate, will be joining us on Advent One. He will be here on Wednesdays.

-Executive Director of Mercy House, manager of St. Michaels Apartment Complex and DeAnza Veterans Housing is developing an advocacy committee in each County. He has asked Mother Kelli Grace to Chair Riverside County. The committee may be interested in south wing office space.

-We have four Vestry members rotating off in December. The nominating committee will be made up of the Junior and Senior Wardens and two members of the parish. A recruitment notice will be posted in Sunday paper and the Good News.

Slate will be presented to Vestry at the December meeting for approval.

-Hold the date, late January near MLKing Day for the ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Ryan Macias.

**14. Other**

-Deacon Ryan is excited by all that is going on in the parish.

-He will present a Dia de los Muertos workshop on November 5th.

-We have many new people attending so he is looking into beginning an Enquirer's Class.

-The Exhibit Hall will return to the Diocesan Convention, and will be open to the public.

**15. No Executive Session****16. Prayer Requests**

**17. Next Meeting:** Monday, November 21, 2022 7:00 p.m.

**18. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 9:06 with the singing of the Doxology

*Faithfully submitted*

*Laura McMorris*