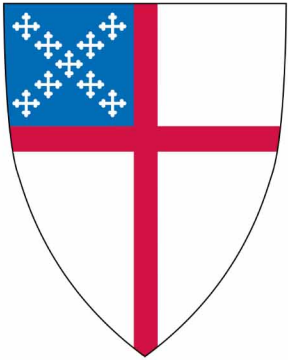


All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Riverside, CA

# *The Good News*

July 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.

## *Upcoming Events for July*

*July 3 - Practice the Tithing Sunday  
and  
Ice Cream Social following the 10  
am service*

*July 12, 14, 19, 21 - Adult Summer  
Learning Series*

*July 25 through 29 - Vacation  
Bible School*

*~~See inside for more details~~*



*At the ordination of Fr. Ryan to  
the diaconate*

## From the Curate

~the Reverend Deacon Ryan Macias

July will be a busy month for All Saints', and for the life of the Episcopal Church broadly. On the 8th, Mother Kelli Grace will head to the Episcopal Church's 80th General Convention and serve as an alternate delegate. At General Convention, clergy and lay delegates will vote on some of the most pressing business items that will impact the normal operations of our denomination. Later in the month, I will be traveling to Canterbury, to help steward the Lambeth Conference. For Episcopalians in the United States, the Lambeth Conference may be less familiar than General Convention, so, I thought I would use the occasion of my first newsletter entry to give some background on this exciting event that will begin July 26.

Many Episcopalians count *The Church's One Foundation* as one of the most beloved hymns in our tradition. It is cherished by Christians around the world for its bold and simple message- that amid trials and tribulations, strife and schism, the Church of God will long endure, provided we turn to Jesus as our guide and companion along the way. But origins of this hope-filled text can be traced to a tumultuous moment in the history of Anglicanism, and the events that led to the convening of the first Lambeth Conference in 1867. That 1867 gathering of bishops came during the height of British imperial activity. As the British Empire expanded outward, Anglican Christianity came with it, thanks to a prolific outpouring of English missionary activity. The delegates of the first Lambeth Conference were pressed to consider questions of ecclesial identity and authority in a rapidly changing world and church. *What did it mean that the "English" church now existed all over the world? Who would have jurisdiction over emerging provinces of this church, and what would the relationship between these provinces be?* (Sidenote: 155 years later, and in many ways we are still trying to find answers to these questions).

A scandal had unfolded around John Colenso (1814-1883) who was serving as missionary Bishop of Natal, in South Africa. Colenso

was viewed as a radical among his peers, in part because of his belief in emerging social-scientific methods of Biblical study and interpretation. But it was Colenso's pastoral response to an emerging issue within the mission field that made him go down in infamy. Polygamous familial structures had been an established feature of African societies for thousands of years to this point. As a burgeoning number of Christian missionaries headed into the field, they became aware of the pervasiveness of this practice. Most believed it to be incompatible with the teachings of Christianity- therefore a hindrance to true conversion, and so they devised ways of discouraging it. For Anglican missionaries, this often meant punitively withholding of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion from African converts in polygamous marriages. Bishop Colenso heroically opposed this practice, out of deep pastoral concern for the people that he ministered to. He knew that forcing men to divorce their wives would mean the undoing of the fabric of African society, and would result in countless women and children being left destitute. His progressive views on the matter led him to stand trial on charges of heresy, drafted by the Bishop of Cape Town. Colenso would very likely have been convicted on these charges, except that it was determined that the Bishop of Cape Town had no jurisdictional right to interfere with the See of Natal. The lines of ecclesiastical authority were still being drawn at this time, and it is in this uncertainty that the first Lambeth Conference arrived.

Lambeth has come a long way since the Colenso debacle, although in true Anglican fashion, there is still quite a bit of ambiguity around the purpose of the Conference. It is not a judicial body in the same way that the Roman Catholic church has a Curia. Nevertheless, our Bishop representatives, including Bishop Taylor, will vote on resolutions and approve statements on the important issues we face as a global church and society. In recent years, the Lambeth Conference has understood

itself as a space for our bishops and primates to come in prayer and dialogue, and to learn from one another about what it means to be Anglican- to be Christian- in varied contexts and across many cultures. Vast are the challenges our human race is facing today- and so unique

LAMBETH  
CONFERENCE  
God's Church for God's world



*From the Curate, continued*

from any other moment in history. We can expect that our Bishops will have much to discuss.

This summer may we be reminded that it is the people that most differ from us- people that live their lives in contexts completely unlike our own- from whom we have the most to learn. Encountering *radical difference* can be disarming, and at times we may even find ourselves frustrated when others simply can't see things "our way." In those times we would do well to look to Jesus Christ, the Church's one foundation, as an example of perfect humility and love- and as one who encountered all whom he met with a spirit of openness and hospitality. Please join me in prayer for our Bishops, and all those who will make the journey to Canterbury alongside them.

~ Fr. Ryan



## Junior Wardens' Notes

We have made great progress in re-arranging, and repurposing, the office spaces on our campus. Work in the south wing is nearly complete, with

fresh paint in four rooms and the work of painting the hallway and a fifth room underway. The carpet has been repaired and cleaned and our Quaker friends have moved their library into the space that had been previously used as the Rector's office. Father Ryan now uses the old Quaker library at the east end of the patio for his office, and the Quaker congregation moved their worship space from the north wing to the south wing directly across the hall from their new library. The small room at the southeast corner of the south wing has become a storage area for the exclusive use of the Quaker congregation, and our south wing childcare room has moved to the Quakers' old worship space. The vacated south wing childcare room has become a common use meeting space and when all is said and done, two other vacant south wing rooms will be available for use and/or lease. And by the way, who is on first base (sorry – couldn't resist!).

California's drought is a real consequence of climate change and experts state that about 60% of all residential water use in inland California is for landscaping.

All Saints' Riverside is committed to reducing the consumption of water by planting water-wise vegetation where we can. With that goal in mind, the Girl Scouts came out on a recent Saturday morning and planted succulents in the planters in front of Smith Hall. The irrigation feeds to those planters have been adjusted so that much less water is being used. The plants will grow to at least twice their current size and may be augmented by other succulents to fill out the space. Other areas under consideration for landscape updates include the planter between the lower parking lot and the sidewalk along Magnolia, lawns at the white house, and the planters in front of the sanctuary. Riverside Public Utilities, our municipal water and power provider, has adopted emergency drought regulations and is offering rebates to homeowners who make water conservation efforts. More information from RPU is available at the city's web site – [www.riversideca.gov](http://www.riversideca.gov)

Once again we ask that if you see building and grounds issues that need to be addressed please drop a note in the church office or send an email to: [juniorwarden@allsaintsriverside.org](mailto:juniorwarden@allsaintsriverside.org).

*Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Slaten*



All Saints Episcopal Church  
presents our Adult Summer Learning Series  
with Professor John Briggs, meetings at 7:00pm

Tuesday, July 12, Babette's Feast  
Thursday, July 14, Mostly Martha  
Tues, July 19, Eat, Drink, Man, Woman  
Thursday, July 21, Discussion of films

3847 Terracina Dr. Riverside, CA 92506 (951) 683-8466

**Participants will view the films at home through their own streaming services (for example, Netflix) before attending each meeting.**

**Community Engagement ~  
Upcoming  
Events  
And  
Opportunities**



*Andrea Briggs, Minister for Community Engagement*

**Monday, July 11, 7-8 pm**, Madison Street Church rejoins the community of churches hosting **Taizé Meditative Worship**. Taizé is an ecumenical style of worship that uses silence, candlelight, 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. As we continue to struggle with many personal, national and global challenges, Taizé is a place of peace and restoration. Madison Street Church, a Brethren in Christ faith community, is at 3991 Madison Street. Their building is hard to find. It's set back from Madison Street, near Arlington Avenue, with a small sign out front and a narrow driveway.



**LAST CHANCE -- Now through July 8**, at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties, downtown at 3855 Market Street, visit the exhibit **“Black Lives Matter: Voices of Protest, Activism, and Art.”** Center hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-3pm, plus the first Thursday of each month, 6-9pm, and the first Sunday of each month, 12-3pm. For more information, call (951) 222-8846 or go to <https://socialjustice.rccd.edu>.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>FR. RYAN MACIAS</b>
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>FR. PETE WRIGHT</b>
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>FR. RYAN MACIAS</b>
<b>JULY 24</b>	<b>KGK+</b>
<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>KGK+</b>

**From the Music Director**

Summer Singers in July:

I invite all parishioners to sing the Offertory Anthem in July! These are the selections I am planning:

- July 3 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. by Peter Wilhousky
- July 10 "We Are the Lord's" by Roland Martin
- July 17 "Sing Praise to God" by Rachel Aarons
- July 24 "Author of Life" by Richard Shephard
- July 31 "Consider" by Roland Martin

Each of these anthems (with exception of Battle Hymn of the Republic) are simple pieces that will only require one rehearsal. Please meet me to warm up and rehearse at 9:15am before the service.

If you would like to study the music beforehand, you may drop by the Church office and there will be copies of the music waiting for you. A good recording of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" to refer to may be found on YouTube. It was recorded by the Washington National Cathedral on the NAXOS label.

Happy Summer!  
Abe

**Arturo Alfaro**  
**Rob Lennox**  
**Luke Polling**  
**Nikki Kurtz**  
**Dean Stowe**  
**George Nze Sr**  
**Wayne Ratcliff**  
**Yvonne Stowe**  
**Ophelia Bradley**  
**Dwane Mickelson**  
**Martin Corona**  
**Joe Tavaglione**  
**Suzy Hannigan**  
**Francine Draper**  
**Roberta Verderico**  
**Madelyn Olsen**  
**Conrad Nordquist**  
**Matthew Kurtz**

At our June Laundry Love Riverside event we served 42 families, completed approximately 273 loads of laundry, and spent \$413. We had several returning clients. There were six returning volunteers and two new volunteers, including our new curate, Ryan Macias, and Yolanda Castillo. Yolanda was previously a client and contacted KGK about volunteering. Yolanda had such a wonderful time volunteering with LLR that she will be back to volunteer again in July.



We were a little overwhelmed at the start of the event since several of our volunteers were out of town and our clients arrived promptly at 6:00, but after a few adjustments things worked out fine. We now ask that our clients remain with their laundry outside of the building until we have a volunteer escort them in. This way we can be certain that our clients receive services in the order that they checked in.

We received donations at the Pentecost picnic totaling \$192. THANK YOU for your donations to Laundry Love Riverside. STAY TUNED for more opportunities to support LLR through back to school supplies, donations toward laundry cards and MORE in our summer outreach campaign!

Our next event will be held on Wednesday July 20.

Love never ends...neither does laundry!

Liz Atkinson  
lizatkinson@att.net



## The Food Share Ministry

*Patricia Korzec*

Last month's Food Share Ministry at St. Michael's served 190 clients with 19 All Saints' volunteers joining St. Michael's volunteers and donating 57 hours of personal time. We also had three new persons help with the sorting and serving. These three volunteers previously had been clients waiting in line to receive food. You can see the joy in their faces because we recognize their value and genuinely appreciate their help. Even one of our toughest clients has mellowed and now stands proudly with us distributing food.

We would welcome donations of plastic bags as we use 60+ weekly for our food distribution. Please consider recycling them with us. Just drop them off at Smith Hall any Sunday and I will pick them up for distribution.

### Tee Shirts

We have new All Saints' TEAM volunteer shirts for sale. They are dark purple with white lettering. Sizes S, M, L, and XL are \$13 each, and 2XL is \$15. Price includes tax. Sign ups on Sundays during coffee hours after both services. You can also email me at pskorzec@me.com with your order. Money will be collected when they are distributed.

Proud to be of service.  
Patricia Korzec

## A Book of Hours

Contributed by David Glidden

The Psalmist wrote: “At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments” (119:62). And again: “Seven times a day do I praise thee; because of thy righteous judgments” (119:164). These Judaic verses became the foundation for the eight canonical hours of the Benedictine religious life. Beginning with Matins (Vigils) after midnight, followed by Lauds at dawn, cloistered monks would gather together and pray through the day. Prime was celebrated after the first hour of daylight, Terce at the third hour, followed by Sext at noon, Nones in the afternoon, at the ninth hour of daylight, with Vespers at sunset, and Compline once the darkness settled in. Around these eight liturgical offices the community of monks labored at their daily tasks, enveloped by prayer.

Salaah, or Islamic daily prayer, is prescribed for the faithful five times a day: Fajr at dawn, Dhuhr in early afternoon, Asr in late afternoon, with Maghrib at sunset and Ish'a at night. In this way reiterated prayer extends to all the devout, embracing the labors of their daily lives with ritual prayers to God. Islamic worshippers memorize the set of daily prayers, while monks use written Breviaries, since their prayers vary from day to day, as they chant through the 150 psalms each week and also observe the changing liturgical calendar extending from Advent through Ordinary Time after Pentecost.

What would it be like for Christians, outside the religious orders, to live their secular lives this way, interrupting daily labors and domestic preoccupations, by praying five to eight times a day at more or less set times? Beginning in the Middle Ages, efforts were made to provide Books of Hours for secular Christians to use. These abbreviated monastic breviaries often took the form of beautifully illuminated manuscripts, collecting texts, psalms, and prayers together for designated portions of the day. But illuminated manuscripts were often so lavishly decorated and typically only written in Latin that they seemed more objects of religious art than designed for laypeople. Many illuminated manuscripts that have survived appear hardly used.

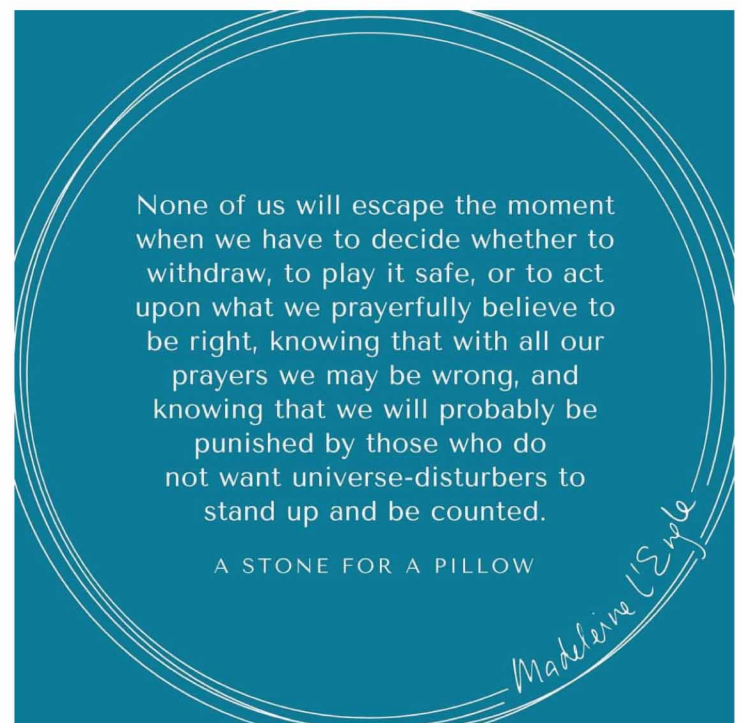
There are contemporary Books of Hours that are well used. Thomas Merton's A Book of Hours is deeply inspi-

rationed, such as this Psalm Prayer: “I beg you to keep me in this silence so that I may learn from it/ the word of your peace/ and the word of your mercy/ and the word of your gentleness to the world:/ and that through me perhaps your word of peace may make itself heard”.

Rilke's Book of Hours: Love Poems to God especially appeals to me: “I'm too alone in the world, yet not alone enough/ to make each hour holy. / I'm too small in the world, yet not small enough/ to be simply in your presence, like a thing/ --just as it is.” ((Barrow & Macy transl.)

One need not use memorized or written prayers to pray eight times a day. One need not use a Book of Hours. One need not have anything in particular to say. All one has to do is to stop what one is doing, so as to be silently in God's presence for a while. During these lazy, hazy days of summer, sometimes it seems possible to stop time for a while and dwell in the stillness of the present moment, to enter into the silent presence of God. It's a good time to pray.

~ DG, 24 June 2022





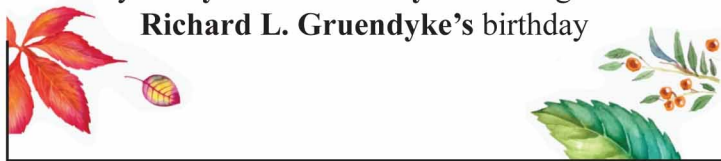
# Flowers

June 5 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God by **Betsy Hass** in loving memory of her husband **Gordon Hass** and in thanksgiving for 67 years of marriage, and by **Kathryn Morton** in loving memory of **Tom Morton**

June 12 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in celebration of grandson **Benjamin's** birthday by **Sue and Scott Burton** and by **Cathy Welborn** in celebration of her birthday

June 19 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary by **David and Ann Harlow** and by **Connie Zahn** for the occasion of her grandparents **E. W. and Mae Cleverdon** 100th Wedding Anniversary, married June 22, 1922.

June 26 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God by **Ben and Irene Orozco** in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary and by **Mary Ellen Gruendyke** in recognition of **Richard L. Gruendyke's** birthday



## Prayer List

**For those killed in gun violence:** We pray especially this week for the victims of the Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church shooting in Birmingham, Alabama

**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, Blair Gilbert, Sally, Aric, Sandra, Marlene Coverdale, 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, Peggy Rose Stewart

**For healing, comfort and strength—short term list:** Jeremy, Carrie, Diane, Carol U., Con, Diana & her husband, Amanda, Logan C., Claudia M., Lexi, Mary Ellen, Cathy, Don, Margie, Mary White, Claire, Richard K., Mike, Penny, Jackie, Janice

**For those who are affected by Covid:** Marisha, John, Alisha, Roberta, Eric, Baby Madison, brother Hayes

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

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

**For those unemployed or underemployed:** Allen

**For those recently married:** Mr. Bill Butler and Mrs. Elizabeth Kurtz

**For those preparing for Marriage:** Danielle Pietro and Danny Renneisen, Dominique Pietro and Matt Marsh

**For the birth of** Madison Jean Harrison, great-granddaughter of Janice Kenison

**For those preparing for a birth:** Emily Miramontes-Johnson and Dallin Johnson

**For those preparing for the General Convention**

**In thanksgiving for the life and witness of:** long time member Liz Tonge

**For the comfort of those who mourn:** Kate and Peggy, Mark, Tom, Patricia, and the Tonge family

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

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

**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

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>3 July</b>	8A	Scott Burton	Corbin Daniels	Corbin Daniels		Sue Liddle Burton
	10A	Laura McMorris Craig Riemer	Paul Wolf	Nerni Miller	Jack	Andrew Ryan
<b>10 July</b>	8A	Susan Tedesco	Brian Draper	Brian Draper		Sue Stevens
	10A	Cathy Welborn Mary Ellen Gruendyke	Kurt Marcks	Christina Miller	Jim Boyer	Oliver Carrie
<b>17 July</b>	8A	Corbin Daniels	David Glidden	David Glidden		Scott Burton
	10A	Craig Riemer Cathy Welborn	John Paul Wolf	John Briggs	Jack	Shelby Sam
<b>24 July</b>	8A	David Glidden	Scott Burton	Scott Burton		Sue Liddle Burton
	10A	Stephanie McMorris Mary Ellen Gruendyke	Christina Miller	Mary Gabe	Michelle	Andrew Jordan
31 July	8A	David Glidden	Susan Tedesco	Susan Tedesco		Scott Burton
	10A	Mary Ellen Gruendyke Laura McMorris	Piotr Gorecki	Ian McCausland	Dean Emily	Sam Shelby

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*Photographers for this newsletter include: Liz Atkinson for Laundry Love; numerous members of the congregation for pictures of Flat Jesus; and your editor for the photo of the passionflower. The photos of Camp Stevens and Fr. Ryan's ordination were contributed by KCK+. 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*

All Saints Episcopal Church presents

# FOOD TRUCK PARTY

COKEBURY'S VBS

**ON A ROLL WITH GOD!**

Vacation Bible School  
July 25-29, 5 - 8pm  
Dinner provided, PreK-8th





## CONVERSATION about race

A Recurring Feature  
Contributed by  
Andrea Briggs

### Juneteenth

Excerpted from "Freedom Day and The Unfinished Symphony," by S. E. Williams. Williams is executive editor of Black Voice News, a publication devoted since 1972 to "giving voice to the voiceless and shining a light on systemic inequities and disparities" in the Inland Empire. This editorial (adapted) was published on June 21, 2022, at

<https://blackvoicenews.com/2022/06/20/keeping-it-real-freedom-day-and-the-unfinished-symphony/>

I started a new Juneteenth tradition for myself this year. I thought about our history, lit a candle in honor of the ancestors, and listened to the Kirk Franklin choir sing "Lift Every Voice." I was reminded of a line from a poem I'd recently seen about the resilience of Black people and the "joy symphony" created and embraced by us despite the generations of hardships.

The idea of a "joy symphony" has resonance. I thought about the history of "Lift Every Voice" and how it has passed from generation to generation all over this nation.

My maternal grandmother was born in 1890, the same year James Weldon Johnson penned the poem "Lift Every Voice" that became the song eventually adopted as the Negro National Anthem. My grandmother taught it to my mother and her siblings as each became old enough to learn and sing it. Years later, my mother taught me and my siblings. Years later I would teach it to my own children, and they are teaching their children. I am sure most Black families have similar stories about how they learned this song.

Listening to "Lift Every Voice" and its solemn reflections, poetic phrases, hopeful flourishes and powerfully uplifting melodies, I was once again reminded of the role music has played in sustaining Black people, the soundtrack of the historic journey of Black America. Many would argue that our music across generations

does not fit the definition of "symphony." I disagree. I see our sojourn here as an unfinished symphony playing out in many movements -- the movement for emancipation, the movement to end Jim Crow, the movement to stop lynchings, the movement for civil rights, the movement for voting rights, the movements for jobs, housing, health care -- for Black people it is one long movement for freedom, justice and equity in many parts.

Our symphony began with the drumming rhythms of those who first arrived from the Mother Land, to the snippets of African lamentations handed down by the Gullah people of South Carolina, to soul stirring gospel stylings of Black church choirs, to Ma Rainey and her blues, to Coltrane and his jazz, to R&B, to hip hop, neo soul, and beyond -- Black music is one unfinished symphony in many parts.

It is the authenticity of Black music that inspires, sustains, compels and propels us forward as we navigate through times of challenge, and that fills us with joy during intermittent moments of respite.

As we celebrate Juneteenth this year and every year, we must continue to create and hear the messages in the music and lift every voice in the struggle, because the story of Black people in America is an unfinished symphony.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I'm keeping it real.  
-- S. E. Williams





Scenes from Camp Stevens. Above: Fr. Christopher Montella, Mthr. KC Robertson, KGK+, Fr. Ryan, and Camp Stevens executive director Kathy Wilder. Below: Camp Rocks!



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## Practice the Tithe ~ Sunday, July 3

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.*

Malachi 3.10,12

On Sunday, July 3, we the holy people of the All Saints' twig of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement will be gathering up a special offering to support God's work through our parish, a gathering that we call "Practice the Tithe."

Tithe, or a tenth, is the scriptural model for our giving to the building up of God's kingdom. "Practice the Tithe" can be for us a trial run at how it works, and especially how it feels. First figure out what you make in a week and divide by ten. Then look at that number for a moment and consider what it means to you, and what it might mean to the Small Saints or the music program or Laundry Love.



You can bring a check to church on Sunday, or mail it in or give online. And no one is checking your math! The details are between you and God.

"Practice the Tithe" is something we can all do together, another way we share our blessings and burdens with one another, and another communal act that brings us together and makes us one. If you already tithe, or if tithing won't work for you at this time, join in anyway with whatever special offering you would like to make to honor God and God's presence in your life, and to honor your place in the mission and ministry of All Saints'.

As Kristin Varner wrote in her letter to the congregation, may we all be moved to stretch further toward that I-don't-know-what found only in the heart of the Mystery, and which we experience in so many ways at All Saints'.

~~ Andrea Briggs



**THE ADVENTURES OF FLAT JESUS**

Flat Jesus was created based on a children's book called Flat Stanley, (written by Jeff Brown). The Flat Jesus project is a way to celebrate "taking Jesus wherever you go." Take Flat Jesus with you on your summer adventures! Take a picture of him doing lots of different things: eating dinner with the family, watching a movie, having fun at the beach or the mountains, hanging out with family! It is a great way to remember that Jesus is always with us, wherever we go, and with whatever we do. And it just might start up a conversation with someone about what you are doing...and why! There are Flat Jesuses colored, laminated, and ready to go. Please



see Lindy. There are also Flat Jesus sheets ready for you to color and cut out. They are in the narthex (church lobby).

Share your Flat Jesus photos by either 1. Email Lindy at [digital@allsaintsriverside.org](mailto:digital@allsaintsriverside.org) or 2. Post on the All Saints Riverside Facebook group, or both. It will be so exciting to see what our church family members are doing during this time. Don't forget the hashtags #flatjesus, #flatjesusasr, #allsaintsriverside. And remember, Jesus is with you ALWAYS!