

All Saints' Episcopal Church
Riverside, CA

The Good News

May 2022

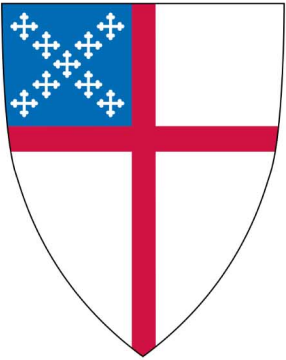


VISION

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.



A Joyous Easter Sunday



Preparing the church and celebrating Palm Sunday



KGK+ attended the Sahaba Iftar with Rabbi Suzanne Singer and Pastor Erin Thomas of Calvary Presbyterian

Elaine and Penny at the Prayer for Ukraine Service



Note From the Senior Warden

Dear All Saints' parishioners:

March was busy month for all as we prepared for Holy Week, conducted funerals, held staff/Vestry/Care of Creation meetings, continued to pursue information for going solar, and enjoyed Mother Kelli Grace's wonderful sermons. Laundry Love seems to get busier every month with returning regulars. There are always a few new faces that break into smiles when we explain our outreach purpose of paying for laundry - those moments confirm that it is great decision to give one evening a month to help make those persons lives a little lighter.

See you in church.

Sincerely,
Francie Johnson
2022 Senior Warden



Junior Wardens' Notes

The Climate Corner

This is the first in an occasional Good News posting related to our Care of Creation program. The goal is to provide information and resources that will be helpful in understanding what we as a parish, and members of the global community, are up against in dealing with Climate Change. The hope is to suggest answers to the question, "What can we do to mitigate the effects of global warming?"

So, here we go – Anthropocene (Anthro – Pe – Scene). Never heard of it? Neither had I until recently. It is a word used to describe a proposed new geologic period distinct from all previous ones. It is the period in which human activity changed the natural systems of the earth to such a great extent, that the age we thought of as current no longer exists. That age, the Holocene Epoch, began over 11,000 years ago and its immediate predecessor, the Pleistocene Epoch lasted 2.5 million years. Geologic time is measured in millions and billions of years and yet in the few hundred years – two or three

generations – we humans have altered our environment to the point that it will no longer support life on earth as we know it. To simplify a complex problem, our manipulations of nature, especially through the use of fossil fuels for energy production, have created unbalanced ecologic systems that are causing the temperature of our planet to rise. It is that rise in temperature that alters our climate to the point that it may not be able to sustain life. That is the defining characteristic of the Anthropogenic Age – the age of humankind.

Pretty grim stuff, but not all is lost. At least not yet. Many experts believe that we have missed our window for reversing the rise in global temperature, but some of those same experts agree that we are not beyond meaningful action that can significantly alter the climate change trajectory. A changed and changing climate is upon us and it cannot be turned back, only held at bay. As David Pogue points out in his book *How to Prepare for Climate Change*, three themes appear throughout climate change literature – Mitigation, Adaptation, and Suffering. We hope future Climate Corner postings will provide more information on each.

If you're want a more detailed account of the Anthropocene, navigate to this link:

<https://time.com/4471327/holocene-epoch-end-anthropocene/>.

Or, grab a copy of Anthropocene – A very Short Introduction by Erle C. Ellis.

As always, if you see building and grounds issues that need attention please let me know either via email at juniorwarden@allsaintsriverside.org, or by leaving a note in our business office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Slaten, Junior Warden

Meg's Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are happy to announce that Meg's Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin meeting again. We will be meeting in the church library one morning a month. Please watch for a date and time of our first gathering. Soon!
Penny Ellien and Elaine Crabtree

Community Engagement ~ Upcoming Events And Opportunities



Andrea Briggs, Minister for Community Engagement

Monday, May 9, 7-8pm, Taizé Meditative Worship 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 every month. As we continue to struggle with many personal, national, and global challenges, Taizé is a place of peace.

All Saints' is hosting this month. Come in person, or access the service via Facebook or Zoom.



June 7, 2022, California Primary Election for State and County offices. In this election we will be selecting which candidates will continue to the November election for Governor, US Senator, some US House representatives and state Senators and Assemblypersons, and many other offices. In Riverside County we will also be selecting a County Sheriff, District Attorney, and Superintendent of Schools. As with all primary elections, if any candidate receives more than 50% of the vote, that person is elected, without going through the November election.

All those registered to vote will receive a ballot in the mail around May 9. These may be returned by mail or in person.

All of us are impacted by who our local elected officials are and how they lead. With every election we have the opportunity to put our values and priorities to work. Please learn more about the upcoming election and the candidates, and find a way to vote for justice, mercy and humbleness (Micah 6.8).

The current series "Riverside Civil Rights Stories," sponsored by the Museum of Riverside, continues with these two and many other events:

Friday, May 6, 2022, 6:30-8pm at Back to the Grind Coffeehouse, 3575 University Avenue, Riverside, Dr. Edward Chang, UCRiverside, will describe how **Korean patriot Dosan Ahn Chang Ho** founded Riverside's Pachappa Camp in 1905, known as the first Koreatown in America.

Now through July 8, visit the exhibit at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties, "**Black Lives Matter: Voices of Protest, Activism, and Art**" downtown at 3855 Market Street. 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>.

Saturday, May 21, 5-8pm, The Spirit of Art: Celebrating Community Artists, Riverside Center for Spiritual Living, 3891 Ridge Road, Riverside. Help our neighbor CSL celebrate 80 years in Riverside, enjoy an evening out with friends, and see local art for purchase. Admission is \$20; tickets are at <https://bit.ly/SpiritofArt>. More information at riversidecsl.org or at 951-683-2343.

Does your heart break for Ukraine? Are you looking for a way to help? Every day, Episcopal Relief and Development offers humanitarian aid all over the world.

Donate to their Ukraine Crisis Response Fund, online at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>. The news feed at the top of the page will take you to the donation page for Ukraine.

For a deeper dive, explore the numerous resources of the Metta Center for Non-Violence at <https://www.mettacenter.org>.



Redemption Songs

Contributed by David Glidden

On the last track of Bob Marley's final album, he sings in his beautiful Jamaican accent: "But my hand was made strong/ By the hand of the Almighty/ We forward in this generation triumphantly." Then comes his refrain: "Won't you help to sing/ These songs of freedom?/ 'Cause all I ever have/ Redemption songs." This too is the message of the Resurrection: freedom.

Empowered by baptism and prayer, freed from the fear of death, we Christians are free to be revolutionaries: warriors against the forces of evil, warriors of compassion for the ministry Jesus demonstrated to us when he lived among us. We are to serve the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the outcasts of society. We are to show mercy to prisoners, the mentally ill, the disreputable. Indeed, we are to love them as God love us.

The Resurrection freed us from the burdens of nationalism, social conformity, material dreams, careerism, by inviting us to do what Jesus did at Gethsemane: to empty ourselves entirely of self-seeking. To fill our hearts with love and to act on that selfless love: the love of strangers, not only our neighbors, those we know.

In their first years after the Resurrection the disciples faced terrible persecution, torture, and death. In doing so, they showed that the path of freedom to serve our Risen Lord is not an easy one. It requires personal sacrifice, even unto death. Every single day it gives us the choice: who do you love? And during these terrible years of the Great Lent, God has given us renewed opportunity, to face social injustice at home and abroad, poverty and disease, the disintegration of families and communities amidst hateful insurrection and global tyrannies making refugees or prisoners of millions.

Yes, it can seem too daunting, too upsetting, too futile. But the thing to remember is that through the Resurrection we have already won: "The strife is over, the battle done, the victory of life is won, the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia."

Let me close with a prayer written for Good Friday by Walter Brueggeman: "God of the poor and powerless, you have taught us how to speak in the face of inhumanity –you call us to tell the truth and expose the false orderings of power that oppress and kill. Make us bold to follow the example of Jesus and to speak your word, trusting in your justice and deliverance. Amen."

~DG, 21 April 2022

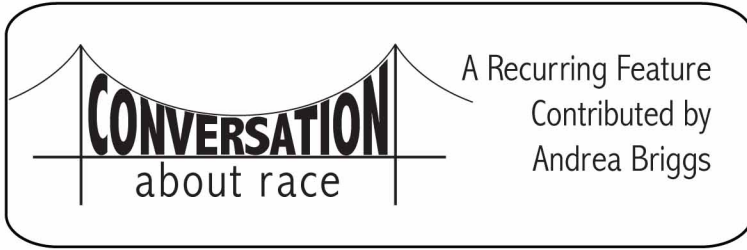
May Birthdays

at All Saints Episcopal Church

Marci S.	Tony E.
Janice M.	Allison L.
Cydney M.	Kevin L.
Mark K.	Shari W.
Antonio M.	Paul J.
Peggy D.	Gavin M.
Carol U.	Betsy H.

Holy Week in Review

A huge thank you to all the women, men and children who made our Holy Week so very special this year, our first since 2019. Having returned to inside the sanctuary, it was a meaningful endeavor to experience the week: beginning with a triumphant Palm Sunday, then moving to the Last Supper, and into the darkness that ended Maundy Thursday. Good Friday, then Holy Saturday continued with the darkness and the loss of our Lord. Then we experienced His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. It truly was a spiritual and faithful week for all of us. Again, thank you to all who made palm crosses, climbed ladders to place palms, helped to strip the altar and decorate the church for a magnificent Easter Service.



Have you wondered what is in the big building on Market Street next to White Park, behind the fantastic 1920s Spanish Baroque façade?

It is RCC's Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties. The Center is the result of the imagination and generosity of Miné Okubo (1912-2001), a Japanese American artist and Riverside City College alumna. Okubo grew up on Riverside, and was a successful artist and curator until the time of the internment of Japanese Americans, beginning in 1942. While incarcerated at Tanforan Relocation Center and Topaz Internment Camp, Okubo continued drawing and painting, teaching art, and writing. She produced over 2000 charcoal and ink drawings and watercolors depicting daily life in the camps. Many are reproduced in her memoir, *Citizen 13660*, the first memoir written by a Japanese American incarcerated during World War II.

The Okubo collection, located on the second floor of the Center, includes more than 8,000 pieces of Okubo's art work, professional and personal papers, and memorabilia. The first floor is available for temporary exhibitions. Currently it houses the exhibit "Black Lives Matter: Voices of Protest, Activism, and Art". There is more information about this exhibit elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties of the Riverside Community College District is located at 3855 Market Street, in downtown Riverside. More information is available at (951) 222-8846 or socialjustice@rccd.edu.

Information for this article is taken from the Center website and from a biography of Miné Okubo posted on the website of the National Women's History Museum at <https://www.womenshistory.org/>.

The Food Share Ministry

Patricia Korzec

During the last four weeks St. Michael's served over 160 individuals and families in the Thursday morning food share.

All Saints' provided 22 volunteers during that time who picked up and delivered food to the church, sorted and stacked fruits, vegetables and bread and helped clean up after the farmer's market style food share.

In addition, our parishioners donated 10 bags of clothing, two quilts, and three sleeping bags for distribution. We were also able to get a donation of 14 boxes of hand sanitizer for their use. If you have any items to donate you can catch me after the 10 am service and we can load directly into my van.

The last several weeks saw an increase in numbers due to the rising gas prices. Most families need to have gas to go to work to make a living so they are short on funds for food.

Members of St. Michael's were honored and delighted to be invited to the Maundy Thursday potluck before the evening service. Singing Bird was honored to be asked to do the blessing and everyone left with full hearts and stomachs. Several persons told me at the Food Share the following week they felt they were welcomed as part of a bigger family!

If you would like to participate in any way please email me at pskorzec@me.com. We start on Thursdays at 8 am and are usually finished around 10 am. There is no heavy lifting involved and you are rewarded by the smiles, gratitude and personal interactions with those we serve.

Are you celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event? Share your news with our community- send information to me, address: kjkendrick1499@gmail.com



Flowers

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC FUNDS

To the Glory of God

*Joan DiVincenzo David Glidden Lisa Lennox-Feimer
James Frazer*

In Memory of

Eric & Judy Bergelin Our parents Donald, Mary,
Pat, and Pauline
Margo Chabot Marc Chabot
Mary Ellen Gruendyke Richard I. Gruendyke,
Thomas E. and Helen Burton
Betsy Hass With love to Gordon and our family
Robert & Christina Miller Blanche F. Miller and
David R. Smyth
Carol Urbaniak Beloved husband Joe, Jane Wein,
Beloved Friend Pam
Joan Wagner Fr Dick Wagner, who served the L.A.
Diocese 2000-2014
Kathy Woodbury Amber, Bill, Millie, Dorothy, Cathy,
Judy, Pam
Mark & Kelli Grace Kurtz Martin Hickle, Sam &
Dora Kurtz, Bryan Hickle, Norma Tyner, Ted Bruns

In Thanksgiving for

Sue & Scott Burton All Saints'
Penny Ellien & Elaine Crabtree Family and friends
David & Ann Harlow The life of Pam Haag and our
family
Janice Kenison Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz
Carol Leon The Leon Family
Mary White God's love, Family and Friends
Mark & Kelli Grace Kurtz Matthew, Nikki, Benja-
min, Elizabeth, Bill, Rebecca, Jacob, Riley, James,
Luke, Leia Belle and the
All Saints' community



Prayer List

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers

For Healing, Comfort and Strength: 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, Mary Gabe, Cathy Porter, Jon Schleuter's brother Erik, Crystal, JoEllen, Winnie & Julie Williamson, Blair Gilbert, Sally, Aric, Sandra, Chuck & Ginnie Beck, Liz Tonge, Marlene Coverdale, Anne, Dean Bradley, Del, Robin, Cheryl Bartel, Tim and Suzy Hanigan, Jose Hernandez, Michelle, Ryan Gleason, Scott C., Annette Weight, Jim & family, Lindy Pardee & family, Maria, Catherine P, Anne Wells, Michael McNew & family

For Healing, Comfort and Strength; short-term list: Jeremy, Carrie, Diane, Carol U., Con, Penny, Diana & her husband, Amanda, Logan C. (Janis Kenison's son), Claudia M. (sister of Mary Gabe - breast cancer)

For those who are affected by COVID-19: Allison, David, Diane and Sherry, Jose and Chuck, Miles, Michelle, Michael, Joe

For those preparing for Marriage: Danielle Pietro and Danny Renneisen, Dominique Pietro and Matt Marsh, Bill Butler and Elizabeth Kurtz

For those preparing for the Birth of a Child: Alisha & Spencer Page (daughter and son-in-law of Pam & Tony Elmo), Ashley Carrol & Kevin Hendrix (daughter of Gayle & Marty Wendt), Emily Miramontes-Johnson & Dallin Johnson

In thanksgiving for the lives and witnesses of: Karen Colaluca-mother of Lindy Colaluca-Polling and Lynn Kurtz-cousin of Mark Kurtz

For the comfort of those who mourn: Lindy, Luke, & family; Kate & Peggy, Mark & Holly

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

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Cameron Wolf, Jonathan O'Connell, Stephen Jenkins, Alia McMorris, Alex and James, Thomas Lopez, Justin Garcia, Andrew Tyner, Shelby Przyk, Michael Daschbach

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

LAY MINISTERS AND USHERS



		Lay Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Crucifer	Torch Bearers	Ushers
1 May	8A	Corbin Young	Brian Draper	Brian Draper			Sue Liddle Burton
	10A	Diane Askren Craig Riemer	Nermi Miller	John Briggs	Emily	Sam Carrie	Phil Bruckler, Jim Boyer, Robert Miller, Diana Testa, Leslie Sunderland, G
8 May	8A	Scott Burton	David Glidden	David Glidden			Sue Stevens
	10A	Stephanie McMorris Laura McMorris	Mary Gabe	Paul Wolf	Elliott	Andrew Jordan	Robert Miller, Leslie Sunderland Ian McCausland, Roy Harris AJ Jetti, G
15 May	8A	Susan Tedesco	David Glidden	David Glidden			Scott Burton
	10A	Craig Riemer Laura McMorris	Kurt Mareks	Piotr Gorecki	Jack	Shelby Oliver	Charles Dailey, AJ Jetti, Robert Miller Diana Testa, Kristen Urbaniak, G
22 May	8A	Susan Tedesco	Corbin Young	Corbin Young			Sue Liddle Burton
	10A	Laura McMorris Diane Askren	Peggy Darlington	John Paul Wolf	Michelle	Dean Jordan	Francie Johnson, Ian McCausland, Cathy Welborn, Kristen Urbaniak Diana Testa, G
29 May	8A	David Glidden	Scott Burton	Scott Burton			Sue Stevens
	10A	Cathy Welborn Craig Riemer	Ian McCausland	Christina Miller	Emily	Lucas Carrie	Robert Miller, Roy Harris, Rebecca Kurtz Garcia, Jacob Garcia Leslie Sunderland, G

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*Photographers for this newsletter include:
Liz Atkinson for Laundry Love; Kathryn Morton for the photos of installing the palms and of Palm Sunday; Penny Ellien for photos of the making the palm crosses; Mother Kelli Grace for photos of Maundy Thursday, the All Saints' Carden reunion prom photos, and the memorial stone for Meg Hoffman and Rob Hoyt; and Lindy Colaluca-Polling for the photos of the commital of Rob Hoyt, the Palm Sunday altar, Easter Sunday and the Easter Egg Hunt.
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*

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS



See page 11

Our Laundry Love Riverside event was held on Wednesday April 20th at the Sparklean Laundromat at the corner of University and Chicago Boulevard. We had 10 volunteers. We were able to assist 28 clients for 272 loads of laundry. Our total expenditures for the evening were \$383.25. We have been without the assistance of our social worker intern for the past four months and have missed having the support and service that resource provides to the clients. It has become apparent that the clients really need the services of social workers and crisis counselors (Unity Hope) and we look forward to having those services at future events.



Inside the laundromat, the top loading machines that were all inoperative in March have been removed. Hopefully, the laundromat will be able to put in three front loader machines to replace the top loaders soon. We had clients waiting for us at set-up and we were utilizing all the washing machines by 6:15 p.m. LLR had a steady stream of clients and kept business going throughout the entire evening. We had to have a few clients wait for machines but they were gracious and willing to wait. Only one client was unhappy with LLR when she walked in after 8:00 p.m. expecting us to assist with her laundry. We are familiar with her and we encouraged her to return next month on Wednesday May 18th at 6:00 p.m. when we begin so we can provide assistance.



As you continue your Easter journey, please consider Laundry Love Riverside for a donation. You can donate in Text-to-Give, Pay Pal (designate LLR in your donation), check to ASR with LLR in the memo line, or donate your time as a volunteer at LLR events.

STAY TUNED for more opportunities to support LLR through back to school supplies, donations toward laundry cards and MORE in our summer outreach campaign!

Love never ends... neither does laundry!



*Faithfully submitted,
Liz Atkinson*

The Spirit of Art

Celebrating Community Artists

Art Auction & Live Performances

May 21, 2022

5pm - 8pm

**RIVERSIDE
CENTER FOR
SPIRITUAL
LIVING**

3891 Ridge Rd. 92501
(Downtown Riverside)
riversidecsl.org

To purchase tickets go to:
<https://bit.ly/SpiritofArt>

For Artist and/or Donation submissions go to:
<https://bit.ly/SpiritofArtCall>

Art By Raymond Fernandez

news from the pews

In this section we will mark the collective milestones of our community - important accomplishments and celebrations. Please send any content to kjkendrick1499@gmail.com.

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross is a national association of Episcopal women devoted to prayer, social justice, and simplicity of life. Andrea Briggs has been a Companion for several years, and, on April 24, was installed to lead the California Southern Chapter.

When asked about Companions, Andrea had this to say: "We are an eclectic bunch of the most compassionate women I know. Companions love each other and their families and friends extravagantly. They are people who are comfortable in their own skins, and being with them, talking, laughing, crying with them, teaches me how to do that better myself."

If you are curious about Companions, visit <https://schcccompanions.org/> or ask Andrea about her experience.



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Calling all graduates!

If you are graduating from high school or college, or have a child or grandchild who is graduating or being promoted, please share that with our congregation so we can celebrate the milestone. Please send a photo and brief description to kjkendrick1499@gmail.com by May 25th. Please include a bit about yourself, including any future plans if graduating from high school or college, and favorite subjects or activities if being promoted.

How hard it is to sit here
 in this quiet world
 while just over the horizon death
 is falling from the sky.
 How helpless I feel
 to change that reality.
 I cannot bring my safety to those in danger.
 I cannot end their struggle
 as much as I wish I could.
 But I believe the love of the Spirit
 is in both places at once.
 It is here in my life
 and there in their heartbreak.
 With all the faith I have
 I seek to connect
 those two end points of hope:
 let whatever love was meant for me
 go to them.
 Let it help in any small way it can.
 Let it ransom as many as it can.
 Let my love do what my life cannot
 and span the distance
 between my peace and their pain.

Bishop Steven Charleston, April 20, 2022



As posted on Facebook Easter evening:

Dear person who ransacked the church offices and stole cash from my desk during High Easter Mass today: I wish you would have stepped inside the church building instead. You would have had your spirit lifted, your soul soothed and your sense of God's presence heightened. You would have been fed -both at the communion rail and after, at the reception on the front lawn. The music would have filled your heart with joy and gladness. The children would have made you smile. The hugs at the Peace would have restored your faith in your neighbors. And, humbly I suggest, my sermon may have made you cry because you would have heard how you are part of the miracle of Easter. Oh, and, had you sought out me or a vestry person after Mass, you may have gotten a bit of the cash you stole instead. I am sorry you choose the other route. It's really bad mojo to steal from a priest's office on Easter Sunday while she presides at worship. I'm praying for you. But, I also made a police report.

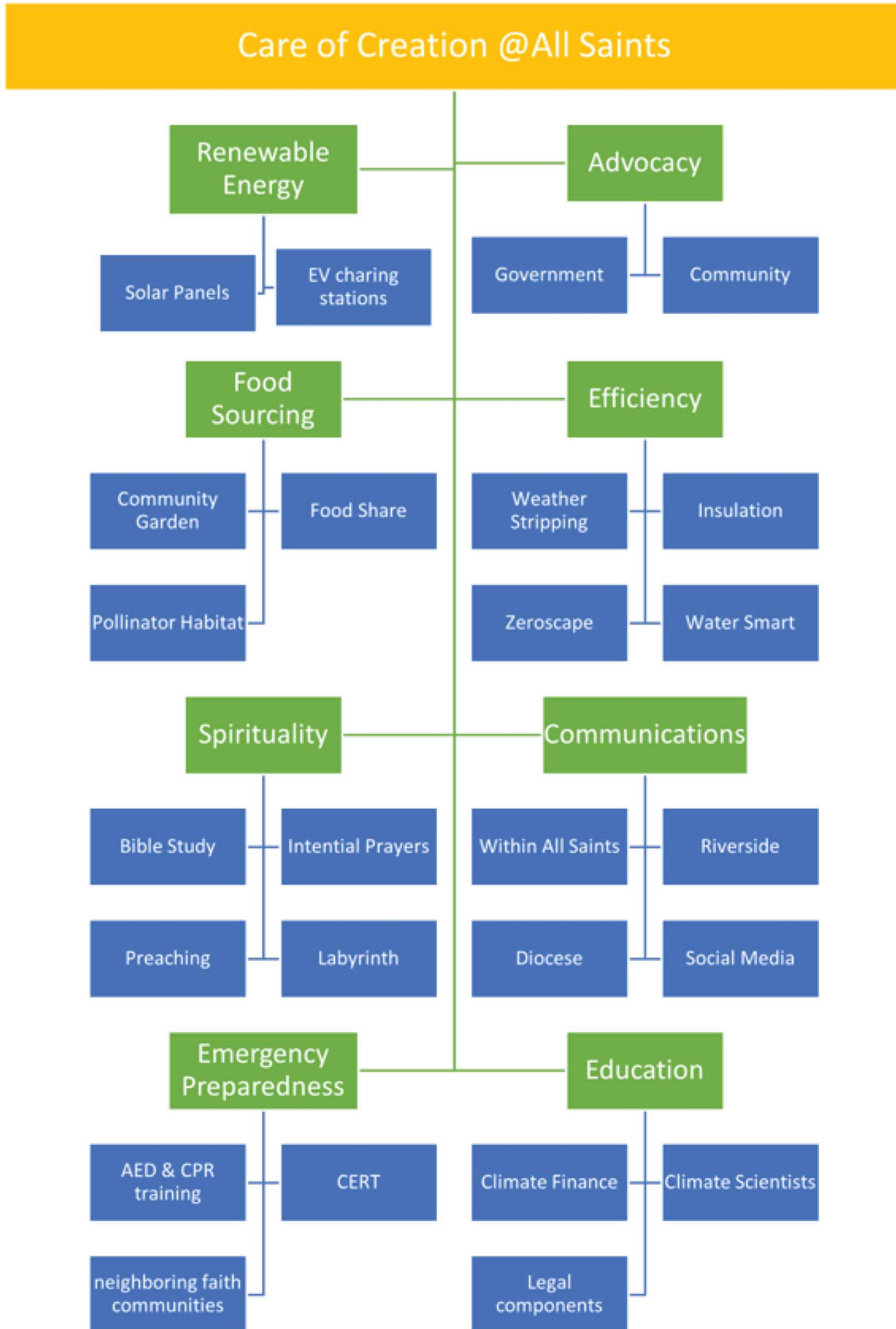
Your sister in Christ,

KGK+

P.S. Easter is Fifty Days long! Please know the doors are open for you to join us in prayer, reconciliation and hope for the building up of God's community where there is no need or want to steal what is not yours to take.

Please find below a flow chart of Care of Creation at All Saints. It's a work-in-progress, but should give the reader a sense of the scope and breadth of our tasks. Members of the Care of Creation steering committee are:

Steve Slaten, Francie Johnson, Sally Ness, Andrea Briggs, Jim Boyer, Patricia Korzec and KGK+





The Altar prepared for the Maundy Thursday Service; Singing Bird leads us in the blessing.



Memorial stone for Meg Hoffman and Rob Hoyt; Committal of Rob Hoyt. The Altar Guild prepares for Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday Service

Gathering and training of acolytes



*A Reunion:
Former students of All
Saints' Carden Academy
gather for prom photos on
the campus.*



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MINUTES
March 21, 2021

Present: Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz, Francie Johnson, Luke Polling, Steve Slayten, Kristen Varner, Patricia Krozec, John Briggs, Leslie Sunderland, Kathy Woodbury; **Via Zoom:** Craig Riemer, Brian Draper, Cheryl Bartel, Janie Hill-and; **Treasurer:** Jane Carney; **Clerk:** Laura McMorris

1. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 7:05 with prayer by Mother Kelli Grace.

2. Approve Agenda *M/S Johnson/Korzec* that the Agenda be approved as corrected. *Carried*

3. Approve Minutes *M/S Riemer/Woodbury* that minutes of the February meeting be approved as written. *Carried* (Cheryl abstained)

4. Families, Children and Youth - Leslie Sunderland

-Leslie is researching a program for Vacation Bible School.

-Easter Egg Hunt is being planned. There will be a request on the bulletin asking for candy donations. We will invite the Quakers to join us for Coffee Hour

-Small Saints are going strong, there have been as many as fifteen the last three weeks.

5. Community Health - Cheryl Bartel & Kathy Woodbury

-Case rate is spectacular at 4.2 cases per 100,000. It may be higher because of great numbers of home tests that are not being counted.

-Positivity Rate is 2.5%

-A fourth booster vaccine will be available soon. Its use is limited right now.

-Of 100 tested there is less than a 25% chance that someone would test positive.

-Cases are on the rise in Europe, we generally follow.

6. Hospitality - Kathy Woodbury

-Planning for Easter Coffee Hour, Kathy requested that Vestry bring fruit, coffee cake, cupcakes, etc. Coffee and Lemonade will be served. Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are slow. We still need sign ups to fill out the month of April.

7. Outreach - Patricia Korzec

-The last Laundry Love had ten volunteers, we served 27 clients. Unity Hope was not there, but tax information was made available.

-During the last four weeks, the St. Michaels food share has had 22 volunteers, logging 66 hours as drivers, sorting and assisting in passing out food to families.

-All Saints' was able to provide ten bags of clothing, shoes, quilts and hand sanitizer to St. Michaels

-The numbers of those in need are increasing each week so they are considering increasing their dinner nights.

-Two nights of Path of Life dinners still going on.

-There is a clean-up night scheduled for the Inspire House, volunteers requested. Dinner will be supplied.

8. Financial Report - Jane Carney

-Due to the instability in public equity markets, the Vestry has agreed that we will not transfer any further money to any of the funds we have invested in with the Episcopal Church Foundation until things stabilize. Extra reserve funds and legacy gifts will be held in the Money Market Account for the time being.

-Mother Kelli Grace reports February income is typically lower than many other months. While February income was unusually low Jane is not alarmed.

-Our copy machine plays a vital part in the parish. Our old machine proved to be expensive and inefficient. We have contracted for a five year lease on a new machine, that includes the buy out of the old contract and machine. The new machine is appropriate for our uses. There will be no more sending out of print orders.

-At the time of Fr. John's retirement, All Saints' bought out Fr. John and Shannon's equity in the Rectory. The loan is at a fixed interest rate at 5.05% for the first five years, then the interest rate will become adjustable.

-A subcommittee of Kurt Marcks, Steve Slaten, Marci Slaten, Jane Carney, as well as Mother Kelli Grace, and Sr.

March, 2022 Meeting Minutes, continued

-A subcommittee of Kurt Marcks, Steve Slaten, Marci Slaten, Jane Carney, as well as Mother Kelli Grace, and Sr. Warden will be meeting to discuss refinancing the loan to a fixed interest loan.

9. Senior Warden Report - Francie Johnson

- Research continues on solar panels, electric charging stations etc., eliminating some and finding new alternatives.
- Researching with the City of Riverside for All Saints' becoming a resource in the event of a disaster.
- In the event of a disaster, we should work through the Red Cross.
- Researching CPR and CERT Training for parishioners.
- School safety plan is in place. We are researching disaster plans with other churches.
- There will be a Steering Committee for the Care of Creation meeting on March 28, at 6:30 in the library.
- Francie is working with the Endowment Committee. There will be a report at the June meeting.

10. Junior Warden Report - Steve Slaten & Luke Polling

- Exterior doors, handrails of Smith Hall and church office exterior doors have been painted.
- Bushes in front of Smith Hall have been removed as a water conservation effort, and will be replaced with water-wise plantings.
- Work has begun on the dry rotted fascia board at the rectory.
- Steve attended Riverside Public Utilities board meeting to monitor presentation and reaction to an RPU report on California's drought response and possible water conservation mandate.
- Pending Projects: Continued painting, door replacements and repairs, providing hot water to the south wing and church office, continuing repair of dry rot at rectory, continuing Care of Creation research and projects.

11. Rectors Report - Mother Kelli Grace Kurtz

- Sally Ness is serving on the Diocesan Care of Creation Committee, Steve Slaten has been appointed to the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change. Both attended the first meeting of the EDLA Care of Creation meeting.
- We have received a letter from the Diocesan Liturgy Committee with guidelines for distributing wine on Palm Sunday. It will be served by intinction only, by chalice bearers. Mother Kelli Grace expressed that it has been a sacred task, while a burden to consume the wine for all during this period. The last time serving wine was restricted it lasted 700 years.
- It was the consensus of the Vestry that we have a Mediterranean Potluck prior to Maundy Thursday Service. Holy Watch will take place after the service, from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am and 9:00am to 12:00 pm on Good Friday.
- A Prayer Service for Peace in the Ukraine is planned, date not yet set.
- A Care of Creation Bible Study Challenge to the parish is planned for after Easter.
- Mother Kelli Grace has a full schedule the next few months: daughter's wedding in June, Camp Stevens Chaplain in July, followed by General Convention, and in September the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

12. No Executive Session**13. Prayer Requests**

14. Next Meeting Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Faithfully submitted

Laura McMorris