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Leigh spent so much time in December wrapping Christmas gifts for our two children, our four grandchildren, and for me too. Though we take turns unwrapping gifts at our house, it was all so quickly undone; the gifts revealed and for the most part, appreciated.

Unlike the Christmas gifts we give one another, the greatest Christmas gift, Jesus, the only begotten son of God, takes a lifetime to unwrap and appreciate. It's not a "one and done" event. The Epiphany season includes readings that reveal the Christ – Jesus teaching in the synagogue; Jesus healing and casting out demons, and Jesus transfigured on the mountain top before Peter, James, and John. Lent is the walk with Jesus as he and the disciples approach Calvary hill. Each year as we embrace the readings through our experience in yet another year of faith, our understanding deepens and our awe of the gift God gave on that first Christmas grows.

In the New Year, 2018, though the snow will fly, and the temperature will drop, may we all continue to journey with Jesus and learn from God's indwelling spirit. As we do, the gift will continue to more fully reveal the Way, the Truth, and the Life for us and for all creation.

The mission of All Saints Episcopal Church is to enrich and transform through worship, education, service, generosity and caring conversation.

Going to Church

By: Theodore Roosevelt (26th President)

Theodore Roosevelt offered his reasons for going to church in "Ladies' Home Journal" in 1917.

1. In this actual work a churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade. It is perfectly true that occasional individuals or families may have nothing to do with church or with religious practices and observances and yet maintain the highest standard of spirituality and or ethical obligation. But this does not affect the case in the world as it now is, anymore than that exceptional men and woman under exceptional conditions have disregarded the marriage tie without moral harm to themselves interferes with the larger fact that such disregard if at all common means the complete moral disintegration of the body politic.
2. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others and the sense of braced moral strength, which prevents a relaxation of one's own moral fiber.
3. There are enough holidays for most of us which can quite properly be devoted to pure holiday making...Sundays differ from other holidays – among other ways – in the fact that there are fifty-two of them every year...On Sunday, go to church.
4. Yes, I know all the excuses. I know that one can worship the Creator and dedicate oneself to good living in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in one's own house, just as well as in church. But I also know as a matter of cold fact the average man does not thus worship or thus dedicate himself. If he stays away from church, he does not spend his time in good works or lofty meditation. He looks over the colored supplement of the newspaper.
5. He may not hear a good sermon at church. But unless he is very unfortunate, he will hear a sermon by a good [person] who...is engaged all the week long in a series of wearing and humdrum and important tasks for making hard lives a little easier.
6. He will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passages from the Bible. And if he is not familiar with the Bible, he has suffered a loss...
7. He will probably take part in singing some good hymns.
- 8 He will meet and nod to, or speak to, good, quiet neighbors...He will come away feeling a little more charitably toward all the world, even toward those excessively foolish young men who regard church-going as rather a soft performance.

Going to Church cont...

9. I advocate a man joining in church works for the sake of showing his faith by his works.

10. The man who does not in some way, active or not, connect himself with some active, working church misses many opportunities for helping his neighbors, and therefore, incidentally, for helping himself.



Food Brings “Valley Together”

On Saturday, November 11, 2017 All Saints parish hall was the setting for a United Way program showing Saudi Arabian culture and cuisine. The program was organized under the direction of Chris Markle, a member of the Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way’s Diversity and Inclusive Impact Council, and two Saudi Arabian Susquehanna University sophomores. The sophomores, whose first names were Arayan and Abdullah, both wore full length white garments and Arayan wore the traditional Sheikh checkered head scarf held in place with a large black ring.

The Arabian cuisine included several varieties of chicken and beef plus desserts, coffee and tea, and the food was served to the patrons by current and former Susquehanna University students from Saudi Arabia. There were over 50 patrons, including Jewish and Muslim clergy from Sunbury in attendance.

Barton Ryan

Ash
Wednesday +

On February 14th, 2018, the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will take place at 12:00pm & 7:00pm.



Shrove Tuesday *Pancake Supper*

On February 13, 2018 at a time TBA the "Boys" will present the annual Parish Pancake Supper featuring our world famous apple cinnamon pancakes as well as Amish pancakes, which are just regular delicious pancakes. There will also be sausages. Come out and enjoy this long-standing tradition of All Saints.



Saint Andrew’s Men’s Guild

The next breakfast is January 13th at Perkins Restaurant. The time is 9AM.

This semester feels like it flew by! It's hard to believe it's been over four months since I was heading to Norwalk Hospital in the mornings for Clinical Pastoral Education and even harder to believe that only one more semester awaits me (and that the GOEs are so close)!

Academically, many of my courses this semester focused on Anglicanism, including my prayer book class, my Anglican theology class, and my senior colloquium class on liturgical practice with my fellow Berkeley seniors. I felt most nourished by the number of interesting conversations that happened with fellow seminarians outside the classrooms, about our varied conceptions of Episcopal identity and our thoughts on the future of the church.

The final paper I found most exciting to write was for my Anglican theology class and was a look at two of the first women bishops, Barbara Harris and Penny Jamieson, and their views on the episcopate, the church, and authority. Both women showcased, in my opinion, a thoughtful balance between love and loyalty towards the church and its institutions and a realism about institutional shortcomings – modeling how, as an ordained person, I might faithfully serve a church that, like all communities, still has its own struggles in fully embodying justice.

My favorite course of the semester, by far, was my class on College & University Chaplaincy with Yale's Chaplain Sharon Kugler. It confirmed for me the passion that I have about helping people in the volatile and exciting life stage that is college navigate faith. Learning more about chaplaincy, I also saw how something like Episcopal campus ministry would be a great fit for how I see my vocation at the moment. Many chaplaincies that are integrated into universities are moving in such a direction (for understandable and worthwhile reasons!) that focuses on interfaith work and work that doesn't explicitly engage religion or faith. The chaplain of Connecticut College, who we visited and talked with as part of the class, shared how she misses leading worship and regularly preaching – an opportunity not available to her in her context. I'm very much interested in working with this population, but could better imagine doing it from a church context, rather than a university position, that would allow me to focus more on helping students in their connection to Christ. If I were to work for a university, I would hope that it would be in a position that allowed me to serve a Christian worshipping community, like the one I've been working for this year, University Church in Yale. While my role is mostly to supervise volunteers in set-up and clean-up of our liturgical space, I've also gotten to learn, through observation, about how the rhythms of student life impact a worshipping community and how to speak to students' particular circumstances and needs through the liturgy and preaching.

At the same time, I very much miss the work that I did last year at my internship at St. James Episcopal Church in New Haven and would also be happy to be working in a parish again. Relatedly, on a personal level, I am continuing to think about what life after graduation will look like! I feel a deep connection to New Haven, but at the same time, I am looking forward to being able to concentrate my energies more fully on ministry work than academics.

In the hectic times at divinity school, it can sometimes be easy to lose sight of these deeper purposes. I was recently reminded of why I'm in divinity school in the first place by an interaction I had with one of the pastors at UCY. After sharing that I was dealing with some personal struggles, she invited me to come meet with her. We had tea, and she gave me the space to share some of the rougher aspects of my semester. Even though I don't remember us talking about God, even though we didn't pray together, I experienced this as such a moment of divine care – where my spirit was refreshed and I was able to connect, in small ways, with the gratitude and hope from which I felt alienated. As someone who's been studying and learning about pastoral care, it is powerful to receive pastoral care that is healing and be able to recognize, first-hand, how useful it can be. It especially reminded me how a pastor can sometimes open up a conversation in ways that others, such as friends and loved ones, can't because of the different role they take in your life. This incident reinvigorated my excitement at being able to be that sort of presence for others.

With wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas,

Megan



**Annual Meeting
Sunday, 28 January 2017**

Immediately following worship

On January 28, 2018 we will be holding the Annual Meeting of the church which includes the election of new Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Those placed on the ballot at the November meeting of the Vestry are:

Vestry:

Laura Keister
Roberta Garlock

Diocesan Convention:

Susan Wentzel
Dena Gentner

Susquehanna Convocation Council:

Ruth & Bart Ryan
Laura & Roger Keister

Candidates may be nominated from the floor at the meeting, however all nominees must have agreed to be nominated and must also be qualified as candidates in accordance with the by-laws.

Following the annual meeting, we will have a luncheon. The main course will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet for side dishes and desserts.

Reports will be available on

Sunday, 21 January 2016



Lenten Studies Program

Lenten Studies Program will start on Thursday, February 22, 2018 and continuing every Thursday evening for the following four weeks.

As we have in the past there will be a light dinner with a choice of two soups, two salads and two types of bread starting at 6:00PM. At 6:30 we will begin the presentation and discussion period and at 7:30 we will all assemble in the Nave for Compline, finishing no later than 8:00PM.

The presentation/discussion portion of the program will be based on the five Baptismal Covenants (pages 304 and 305 of The Prayer Book) as supported with information from the Catechism (pages 845 to 862) as well as the 39 Articles (pages 867 to 876).

The presenters and their subjects will be:

- Fr. Paul: "Will you continue in the Apostle's Creed?" (Paul will include information from the Chicago Lambeth Quadrilateral)
- Jim Rogers: "Will you persevere in resisting evil?"
- Barton and Ruth Ryan: "Will you proclaim by word and example?"
- Bruce Johnson: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons"?
- Laura Keister: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people"?

We hope that each of us will be able to attend some or all of the presentations.

Bible Study Cont...



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Epiphany 2018

“Lessons in Living from the Book of Ruth”

Most of the important people in the Hebrew Scriptures are men. An interesting exception to this is David’s grandmother, Ruth. She is portrayed as a courageous and resourceful woman who perseveres in overcoming personal tragedy. In many ways Ruth offers us a model of how to live a faithful life. From a literary perspective, the story of Ruth is one of the best written narratives in all of scripture.

During the Epiphany season, we will be reading and reflecting on this amazing story. Please join us for an hour of lively discussion and fellowship. All Saint’s Bible Study group meets in the library on Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

Session 1 January 17

Genesis 19

The legend of the origin of the Moabite and Ammonite tribes

Session 2 January 24

Ruth 1

Where you go I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people; and your God my God.

Session 3 January 31

Ruth 2

Ruth said to Boaz, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?”

Session 4 February 7

Ruth 3

Boaz said to Ruth, “May you be blessed by the Lord my daughter.”

Session 5 February 14

Ruth 4

Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi . . . Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon to be my wife.”



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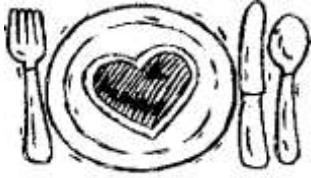
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As many of you may know, All Saints is on Facebook! What you may not know is that you can help us expand our reach by liking and sharing the different posts from the page.

By sharing any of our posts and events with your friends, you will enable more people to see that we are here, what we do, and who we are . It will allow people to find us and expand our reach in the area!

Help All Saints Episcopal Church reach as many people as we can.





Souper Bowl Sunday

As you know, people in our area are still in need of food so we're going to do Souper Bowl Sunday again in 2018 and thought we should put something in the Halo by way of an announcement to the parish. We will start the collection of canned, non-perishable food for the Selinsgrove area food bank hosted by St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Selinsgrove on January 7th and finish on Super Bowl Sunday which is February 4th. As we have done in the past, there will be a basket or tub near the "Lady Altar" with a Souper Bowl sign in it, and the food will be delivered the week following the game.

Jim Rogers



Many thanks to St. Mary's Guild for their generous gift to the Rachel Klingensmith Music Fund in my honor. This gift will sponsor the 2nd Sunday at Six presentation in January by the Jubilate Ringers & the Heavenly Ringers of Wesley United Methodist Church of Selinsgrove.

Paul C. Donecker



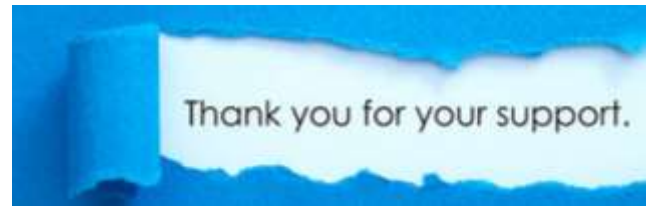
ECW NEWS

Saint Mary's Guild will be hosting the Bishops tea on Sunday, January 7th. We will have mini sweets and tea sandwiches.

Since January is a busy month our next meeting will be February 11th during coffee hour

Episcopal Church Women's Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that you will bless our work and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen



2017 Clergy Discretionary Offerings

Your support enabled the Clergy Discretionary Fund to reach out into the greater Selinsgrove community in the following ways:

S.A.C.C. Easter dinners	\$300.00
Gideon's International	\$150.00
Megan McDermott's diocesan required testing	\$400.00
School Supplies for Selinsgrove area students (August)	\$200.00
Mostly Mutts (October)	\$200.00
Episcopal Relief & Development for hurricane disaster relief	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$1,750.00

In addition to numerous Weis gift cards for individual expenses in times of need.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Paul C. Donecker

11/16/17

A Glimpse Back in Time:



To Serve as Chaplain

Vicar of All Saints' Episcopal Church Enters Service with 190th Field Artillery

The Rev. William H. Weitzel, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church here, will leave this church within the next two weeks to serve as chaplain with the Federalized 190th Field Artillery.

The Rev. Mr. Weitzel, serving as a first lieutenant, has been promoted to a captaincy. He has been vicar of All Saints' Church the past five years, faithful and devoted in his service to the congregation.

Captain Weitzel will train with the 190th at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

At a congregation meeting in All Saints' Sunday morning following services, it was decided that Robert F. W. Meader, licensed lay reader and instructor in Latin and art at Susquehanna University, will conduct morning prayer. A visiting clergyman will conduct services once or twice a month. Regular Sunday school services will continue.



February 2nd, 2018

Dear Paul,

The reviews are in, and it looks like our Saudi Dinner was a success.

HUGE THANKS to you and your team and parish for the space and all of the support. Happy Thanksgiving to you and the entire All Saints family!

Thank you!
Chris Markle



MARTHA'S TABLE

Our mission is "to provide a wholesome, well prepared meal, at no cost, a safe social outlet and venue for companionship to all people who come."

We look forward to continuing this outreach for 2018. April will mark our tenth year. We are now part of the Central Pa Food Bank. This gives us a source for a variety of foods. We will be working with the Vo-tech Culinary School for cooking some of the meals. They are only able to come during school hours and would need someone to supervise them.

Thank you to St. Pius for all the help you have become; it is a joy working with you and all the other community volunteers that help with Martha's Table

Remember we always can use your help if even for only a short time. We are in need of someone to pick up from Weaver's in Port Treverton. January February and March. The pickup is Saturdays about four o'clock in the afternoon

Ruth Ryan

Arnold J. Gentner Sr.,

August 2, 1931 – December 2, 2017

Arnold entered into rest on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

He was born Aug. 2, 1931, in Philadelphia, a son of the late Frederick and Rose (Luke) Gentner. He was the husband of Denajean (Sebastian) Praul-Gentner.

Arnold was a 1950 graduate of Upper Darby High School and served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He was an architect and building space designer and retired from Brass Lock and Key.

Arnold was a member of the Selinsgrove Zoning Board and All Saints Episcopal Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Steven Gentner and wife Rose, Arnold James Gentner Jr., Nanci Jean Gentner, and Robert Gentner and wife Karen; two stepchildren, Jennifer (Praul) Winterscheidt and husband Joseph, and Christopher Praul; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Jesse Marie and William Kuch. Arnold was preceded by his first wife of 50 years, Jean (Miller) Gentner, the mother of his children; and one brother, Ted Gentner.

A memorial service and burial will be held in August at All Saints Episcopal Church the date and time will be announced at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, 129 N. Market St., Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

The George P. Garman Funeral Homes Inc., 9366 Route 35, Mount Pleasant Mills is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Prayer List

Bartoe, Carol- Martha's Table volunteer
Casey, Sharen- friend of Dena Gentner
Cervantes, Ayden- Packard family
Curry, Beverly- Member
DeVeraux, Dolores- friend of Ruth Lundberg
Do, Prisca- friend of the Johnsons
Ellis, Eunice- friend of the Johnsons
Ehrsam, Aiden- great-grandson of Dena Gentner
Felix, Carol & Jack- friends of Susan Wentzel
Gentner, Dena- member
Hoover, John- retired priest
Hulsizer, Barry & Lois- friends of the Wentzels
Irei family- friends of the Johnsons
Irwin, David- friend of Paul Donecker
Johnston, Jennifer- friend of Paul Donecker
Knapp, Russell- brother of Charles Knapp
Lundberg, Ruth- member
McKinney, Jim- friend of Susan Wentzel
Mertz, Joan & Lisa, Friends of Susan Wentzel
Minier, Kay- friend of Susan Wentzel
Mock, Dan- nephew of Susan Wentzel

Nace, David, John Nace's uncle
Nace, John- member
Norwood, Mina- former member
Packard, Chris- former member
Peasant, Loris- friend of Susan Wentzel
Pedeau, Drew- nephew of Susan Wentzel
Ranck, Debbie & John- member
Reedie, Arthur- friend of Dena Gentner
Ryan, David & Deirdre- Ryan's family
Shupe, Lillian- daughter of the Ryan's
Smith, Sonja & Carson- friends of Susan Wentzel
Snook, Finley & family- Pat & John Nace
Tressler, Chuck- husband of Susan Tressler
Walton, Beth, neighbor
Wentzel, Susan & Gary- members
Willard, Norma & Dick- friends of Susan Wentzel
Williams, Irene- aunt of Dena Gentner
Wilson, Chris- friend of Roberta & Tom Garlock
Wochley, Ken- retired teacher
Zimmerman, Alan & Peg, Randy & Joe- Susan
Wentzel's family
Zimmerman, Doris- niece of Betty Wertz



Second Sunday at Six

**14 January: The Bell Choirs of Wesley
United Methodist Church**



The bells choirs are in their 7th year. The Jubilate Ringers consist of many of the original ringers. They are continually improving and learning new techniques. They have taken on many challenging numbers in the past years and are continually expanding their knowledge of techniques as well as having a wonderful time ringing and working together.

The Heavenly ringers have totally changed ringers from the very first year or two. They are an intergenerational group and have been improving their skills and have been challenged to learn and expand their techniques as well. This is the 3rd year for our intergenerational choir.

Music for Meditation is made possible by your generosity & the Rachel Klingensmith Music Fund. If you would like to sponsor a guest musician, please let us know. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.



The flowers and greens throughout the church were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

Arnold Gentner by Emily & Bruce Johnson

Arnold Gentner by Laura & Roger Keister

Members of the Ryan & Rainier family by Ruth & Barton Ryan

Reid R. Knapp & Janice Pursel by Charles T. Knapp

The flowers and greens throughout the church were given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

All the blessings God has given us, by Susan & Gary Wentzel

Friends & family by Betty Wertz

All Saints by Roberta Garlock

The Rogers Family by Jim Rogers

Noah, Ainsley, Haidyn, & Adelaine, our grandchildren, by Leigh & Paul Donecker

All Saints by A Friend

The window candles were given:

In loving memory of Dr. George R. & Mary T. Wentzel & Arthur & Ruth Zimmerman by Susan & Gary Wentzel

Our deep appreciation & enormous thanks for the time & talents of Charles Knapp for planning & directing decorating of the Church & many thanks to all who helped to “green” the church & to polish the brass.

Thank you to Gary and Susan Wentzel for the window candles.



January Anniversaries!

None

February Anniversaries!

None



January Birthdays!

- 1st Ruth Lundberg
- 24th John Ranck
- 28th Maryanne Pinard
- 29th Betty Wertz

February Birthdays!

- 16th Paul Williams
- 23rd Roberta Garlock
- 24th Laura Keister



Coffee Hour Schedule

January

- 07 Bishop's Tea, St. Mary's Guild
- 14 Laura & Roger Keister
- 21 Charles Knapp
- 26 Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Guild

February

- 04 Monique & Jesse Mattern
- 11 Parish Birthday, St. Mary's Guild
- 18 Pat & John Nace
- 25 Jim Rogers



Don't forget the St. Nicholas Endowment Fund!

"With the heart of St. Nicholas, we are growing to be his hands, his feet, and his voice in the Selinsgrove & Snyder County for children, for the disadvantaged, the needy, and neglected."

**Membership
Financial
Responsibility
Update**

Offering Income needed weekly for 2017	\$675.00
Offering received last week	\$756.00
Offering income needed for 2017	\$35,100.00
Offering received to date (52nd week)	\$33,894.25

Remember this is a parish newsletter. Please give any news or happenings you would like to be considered to Ruth Ryan by email (bartonandruth@yahoo.com) or to the parish office (allsaints@ptd.net). Articles must be received by February 15th to be included in the March/April edition.

All Saints Episcopal Church

2nd Sunday at 6

14 January 2018	Jubilate & Heavenly Ringers, Wesley United Methodist Church
11 February 2018	TBA
11 March 2018	TBA
8 April 2018	Liesl Doeblner, flute
13 May 2018	Christopher Meng, violin

All are welcome. Accessible & air conditioned

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