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November 2013

All Saints' Memorial Service—October 26th



Dinner on the Grounds – Sunday, October 27th





✠ Billie's Corner

Dear Saint Alban's Community,

I grew up in a family that didn't talk about money. The impression I got from the silence and caution I observed, when it came to spending money, was that money was scarce. I grew up in the days when we walked to the neighborhood grocery store and purchased our groceries daily. We had to carry the bags back to the house so the bags couldn't be too heavy. We charged our groceries and a bill arrived at the end of the month. I knew from overhearing the careful scrutiny given to the bill, that we didn't purchase frivolous items. I grew up with a sense of scarcity when it came to money.

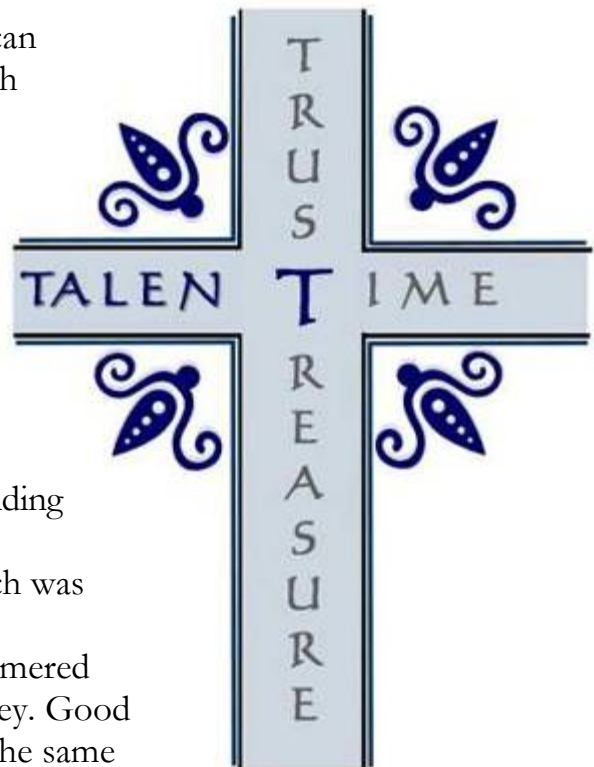
Despite the fact that money was tight, I can remember my grandmother preparing for church each week; it was a Saturday evening ritual. She selected the clothes she was going to wear, she polished her fingernails with clear polish and she wrote a check to place in the church offering. It wasn't discussed, it just happened.

I grew up watching my grandmother take the envelop out of her pocketbook and place it in the offertory basket. The habit of giving to the church was part of the habit of attending church—it wasn't discussed, we just did it.

Attending church and giving to the church was instilled in me.

Another thing that my grandmother hammered into me was that it was impolite to discuss money. Good Manners and the Ten Commandments carried the same weight with my grandmother.

Now, as the rector of Saint Alban's Church, I am in a position that calls for me to discuss money. It is pledge time once again. Somehow through my years in the Episcopal Church, my attitude toward money has changed as my understanding of God has changed. The God that has emerged from within my being is a God of abundance—abundant love, mercy, forgiveness, redemption, transformation and possibilities. I live my day-to-day life in a spirit of abundance and not scarcity.



We, at Saint Alban's Church, are a reflection of God's abundance. It is evident by the spirit of genuine love and concern we have for each other and others outside our community. It is evident in the monetary offerings that are a part of our spiritual practices. Treasure Stewardship is nothing new to Saint Alban's Church—it is a part of our history that continues into the present.

I hope that you will think about your pledge and reflect on God's abundance and our call to share God's abundance through the many and varied ministries that weave our lives together. Give consideration to increasing your pledge—or to pledge if you have not done so in the past. Pray into God's abundance—then listen, discern and act.

*To those who are called,
who are beloved in God the Father
and kept safe for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.*

Jude 1:1b-2

In peace
Billie+

Billie's Thanksgiving Retreat



Dear Saint Alban's Community,

My Thanksgiving plans have shifted from Bovina, Mississippi, to Manhattan, New York. In years past, I have celebrated Thanksgiving with my church family in our Parish House. This year, I am going celebrate Thanksgiving with my daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Scott and their new addition to the family. They have just gotten a Saint Bernard puppy, eight weeks old. They named him Ernest Hemingway, but they are calling him Ernie. As you can see from the photo, he is a precious puppy. He is training Amy and Scott, not the other way around.

I will fly to New York on Monday, November 25. I am lodging at the convent of the Sisters of Saint Margaret as I have done in the past. Amy and Scott's apartment is too small for a guest and a new puppy. Ernie may be a puppy, but his stuff takes up a lot of space.

On Friday, November 29, I will travel by train from New York to Boston. I will make an about-face when I arrive at Saint John the Evangelist Monastery—from the glitz and glamour of New York that Amy will show me to the silence of the Monastery. I am looking forward to it all!

In peace,
Billie+



Josie's Journal

Hopes, Needs, Concerns

The theme of my work for the past six months has been hopes, needs and concerns.

The Lasagna Garden. The Lasagna Garden is ready for harvest. Next week cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower will be served for lunch or dinner to the students in the Warren County Detention Center. The children were excited to see the garden grow from plant to produce to food on the table. For some of them this was their first experience to plant something, tend it and watch it grow. The Warren County Master Gardener's website featured the Lasagna Garden in their news this month.

School Lunch Assistance Program. We are in the process of assisting needy parents with lunch money. I received a list of those in need and will deliver the check to the Food Service Department next week. It is because of your generosity that this project could be attempted.



The Haven House Family Shelter.

Haven House Family Shelter promotes violence-free living and self-sufficiency through community-wide educational programs and, through support services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The women and children who reside there often leave their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. This is a segment of our population that we do not like to talk about, but abuse happens and is happening in Vicksburg and Warren County.

The Haven House Family Shelter for battered women and children has a funding shortage. I ask that you prayerfully consider Haven House as our "Angel Tree" child for Christmas and donate to the shelter this season.

There is a list of needs posted in the Parish House. As we enter the Thanksgiving season I thought we might look at the list and assist in as many ways as possible.

In peace

Josie+

Fifty Years Later: The State of Racism in America

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Friday November 15, 2013, at 1 pm
LIVE-STREAMED FORUM

Saturday November 16, 2013, 9 am – 3 pm
WORKSHOPS, CURRICULUM AND TOOLS

St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
305 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi

As we remember the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and other important milestones in the civil rights movement this year, The Episcopal Church and The Diocese of Mississippi will host a forum and workshops on this important topic.

Friday Forum

Keynote:

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jeerts Schori

Moderator:

Ray Suarez, PBS chief national correspondent

Panelists:

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Myrlie Evers-Williams, The Hon. William F. Winter, The Hon. Byron Rushing, Dr. Randy Testa, Dr. Erma J. Vizenor, Tim Wise.

Saturday Workshops

Welcoming table for youth and those working with youth

Racial Profiling: Who is entitled to the American dream?

Tools for organizational response to racism

Racism through another lens: "yellow peril," "enemy aliens," "model minority"

Racism in America today

Watch Friday's forum online, www.episcopalchurch.org/StateOfRacism, or register to attend in person: www.episcopalchurch.org/StateOfRacism/registration

November Schedule

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:30 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel, 11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 11:00 AM

Wednesday

Twelve Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

Friday, November 1

Habitat Workday

Saturday, November 2

Bridges out of Poverty Seminar, Habitat Workday

Sunday, November 3

Celebration of the *Feast of All Saints*, 8:30 & 11:00 Eucharist

Monday, November 4—Saturday, November 9

Habitat Workdays

Sunday, November 10

Kick-Off Sunday—Treasure Stewardship

Sunday, November 10

Second Sunday at Saint Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM

Evening Prayer, *Mississippi Boychoir* & Reception

Friday, November 15—Saturday, November 16

The State of Racism in America Forum & Workshops, Saint Andrew's Cathedral

Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori, Keynote Speaker

Sunday, November 17

In-gathering of Treasure Stewardship Pledge Cards

Stewardship Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, November 16

ECW Meeting, Parish House, 9:00 AM

Thursday, November 21 - Sunday, November 24

Cursillo, Gray Center

Sunday, November 24

Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service, Saint Mary's Bolton, 6:00 PM

Monday, November 25—Friday, November 29

Rev. Billie's visit with daughter & son-in-law in Manhattan, New York.

Friday, November 29—Friday, December 6

Rev. Billie's retreat at Saint John the Evangelist Monastery, Cambridge

Wednesday, November 27

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

The Rev. Denny Allman, supply priest

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day

Morning Prayer, 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon following in the Parish House

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 1

The Rev Canon David Johnson, 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist

Wednesday, December 4

Annual Christmas Concert, Hinds Community College, Utica Branch, featuring the HCC Choir and Jubilee Singers under direction of Dr. Bobby Cooper

Saturday, December 7

Annual Saint Mary's Christmas Bazaar & Chicken Spaghetti Luncheon, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Sunday, December 8

Second Sundays at Saint Mary's, Bolton,

Galloway Methodist Concordia Ensemble, Seasons & Holy Days

Saturday, December 14

ECW Christmas luncheon/ornament exchange, Main Street Café, 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 22

Christmas Eucharist, Saint Mary's Church, Bolton, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Concert & Eucharist, Saint Alban's Church, 5:30 & 10:30 PM

November Birthdays

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| 3 | Bertha Kolb
Kevin McDaniel | 17 | Letty Biedenharn
Josie Huntley
Kay McWilliams |
| 8 | Whitney Nieto | 19 | Margo Massey |
| 9 | Mignon McDaniel
Margie Scott | 24 | Barbara Ramsay |
| 10 | Koury Collins | 27 | Margharita Davis |
| 12 | Jonah Artman
David Pruett | 29 | Eva Panelo |

November Anniversaries

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| 12 | David & Bonnie Pruett | 17 | Greg & Jamie Tierce |
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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| Anna | Carol Ann Greer | Richard Massey |
| Sherry Barton | Jay | Becky Drake |
| Jackson Monti | Lucas Guynes | David Pruett |
| Sherry Horan | Patsy Shappley | Carol Langford |
| Terry & Charlie Brantley | Denise Gellespie | Joshua Hampton |
| Damien Hansford | Amanda Warren | Junette Tomlin |
| Margaret Lowry | Ester Bonar | Scott Phipps |
| Kevin Hicks | Kim Stribling | Ethan Claburn |
| Edel Mangum | Camille Doiron | Georgia Turnage |

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in November

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
	<i>All Saints'</i>	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i>
First Reading	Daniel 7:1-3,15-18	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Isaiah 65:17-25	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 149	Psalm 145:1-5, 18-21	Canticle 9	Canticle 4
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:11-23	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel	Luke 6:20-31	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43
			Ingathering of Treasure Stewardship	
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Richard Price	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Richard Price	Ann Tompkins	Betsy Selby	Harvey Smith
Master of Ceremonies	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Betsy Selby	Beth Guynes
Acolytes				
Crucifer	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie Children	Genevieve Walker Children	Deacon Josie Children	Genevieve Walker Children
Lector	Penny Freund	Marci Turner	Ed Shelnut	Bertha Kolb
Prayers of the People	Beth Guynes	Deacon Josie	Penny Freund	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Linda Gerache Jeni Sciro	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Beth Guynes, Jennifer Normand, Ann Tompkins	Janice Herrington Betty Rushing
Ushers & Greeters	Jay Sciro Jeff Artman	David Norman Ann Jones	Charlie Brantley Allan Leese	Dan Carleton Betsy Selby
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Judy Morrissey Ann Tompkins	Susan Price Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price Margie Scott
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Price		Ed Shelnut	Theo Williams
Children's Chapel	Deacon Josie Linda Walker	Deacon Josie Marci Turner	Deacon Josie Jennifer Normand	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins
Coffee Host	Margie Scott Beth Guynes	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Stewardship Potluck	Betsy Selby Ann Jones
Wednesday Healing	November 6 Harvey Smith	November 13 Tommy Skinner	November 20 Ann Tompkins	November 27 Harvey Smith