

The Sentinel

November 2016

Priest's Ponderings

As I pen this article on October 25th, I am shocked that in two months we will be celebrating Christmas Eve. Where did 2016 go?

We begin the month of November observing All Saints' Day. This year will have an added dimension as Bishop Bauerschmidt joins us the Sunday after All Saints' to dedicate our new organ at an Evensong service at 4:00 pm on November 6th. Such is a fitting time as we remember all of the saints of the past whose love and devotion have given us the church of today. We are humbled, too, that in our new instrument, we will be giving future generations a means to join our voices in song and praise to God. Jane Emery has composed a special anthem for the celebration, which will add to our music library of other hymns that she has given to God.....and to us. Debbie Denning will be leading the women in providing a fine reception after the dedication ceremony.

From All Saints' we venture into our stewardship program which Tony McFarland will be leading. Such gives us an opportunity to reflect on all of our gifts and responsibilities as contemporary saints who bear the burdens.....and privileges.....of the message of the Gospel. It is a good preparation for our Annual Thanksgiving Feast which we shall observe at a Potluck luncheon on Sunday, November 20th and with our friends and families on Thursday, November 24th.

The Fourth Sunday of November brings us to the First Sunday of Advent. For those of you who observe the church calendar - Happy New Year! Advent I begins the new calendar of feasts and fasts that will take us through 2017.

So November brings a variety of emotions.....events....and the saints keep marching in and proving faithful in our parish. God continues to look after us and guide us in each day. It is a month of thanksgiving, providence, remembrance, and anticipation. Better yet - the Presidential Election will be over, and hopefully our nation can heal and move forward, too. There is always hope!

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Membership Quiz

Who recently moved to Tennessee from West Virginia? Bob and Carolyn Wiesen - our musical friends!

Who are our resident equestrians? Mark and Terrie Croxall

Who is our Senior Warden? David Gaines

Who are our new helpers in the kitchen? Michael Mauk & Therese Plante

Where is Alan McLeod's new residence? The Windlands Apartments on Webster Street



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Special Events Calendar

Saturday, November 5th:
Youth Group at 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 6th:
Evensong & Organ Dedication at 4 pm with Reception following

Tuesday, November 15th:
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 20th:
Annual Parish Thanksgiving Potluck

Wednesday, November 23rd:
December Sentinel Article Deadline

Happy Birthday!

Andrew Jones	11/7
Sandra Womack	11/8
Richard Odom	11/11
Emery Anne Lane	11/11
Lisa Reese	11/11
Jerry Reese	11/11
Sarah Mace	11/12
Alex Magnis	11/17
Denise Kem	11/17
Daniel Pace	11/17
Mary M. Webb	11/18
Luke Emery	11/19
Frances Arnold	11/20
Joel Sinha	11/22
Rob Courtney	11/22
Madeline Guthrie	11/27
Cindi Spain	11/28

Let us know if we missed one! We do not know unless you tell us 😊

Lay Assignments**November 6th**

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & Jim Cate

Lector: Harry Spain

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese

Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells

Coffee Hour: The Emerys

November 13th

Eucharistic: Denise Kem & Cindy Reese

Lector: Denise Kem

Crucifer: Alex Magnis

Ushers: Don Jones & Mike Deweese

Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom

Coffee Hour: The Lyons & Lane Families

November 20th

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & David Gaines

Lector: Tony McFarland

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: Rick Webb & George Brummett

Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese

Coffee Hour: Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

November 27th

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: David Gaines

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Ushers: Don Jones & Mike Deweese

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Coffee Hour: November Birthday Bash

The Saint of the Month**John Marbeck, Merbeck or Merbecke
(c. 1510 – c. 1585)**

An English theological writer and musician who produced a standard setting of the Anglican liturgy. He is also known today for his setting of the Mass, *Missa per arma iustitie*. His Saint's Day is November 21st.

Probably a native of Beverley in Yorkshire, Merbecke appears to have been a boy chorister at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and was employed as an organist there from about 1541. Two years later he was convicted with three others of heresy and sentenced to stake, but received a pardon owing to the intervention of Stephen Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester. An English Concordance of the Bible which Marbeck had been preparing was however confiscated and destroyed. A later version of this work, the first of its kind in English, was published in 1550 with a dedication to Edward VI.

In the same year Marbeck published his [Booke of Common Praier Noted](#), intended to provide for musical uniformity in the use of the [First Prayer Book](#) of Edward VI. This set the liturgy to semi-rhythmical melodies partly adapted from Gregorian chant; it was rendered obsolete when the Prayer Book was revised in 1552. It was however rediscovered in the 19th century, and adaptations for the 1662 liturgy are still in use. Marbeck wrote several devotional and controversial works of a strongly Calvinistic character, and a number of his musical compositions are preserved in manuscript in the British Library, and at Oxford and Cambridge. He died, probably while still organist at Windsor, about 1585.

Quote of the Month

"The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord."—J. L. Kraft (head of Kraft Cheese Corporation)

Recipe of the Month: OOO LA CAKE

1 box German Chocolate Cake Mix

1 8 ounce Whipped topping

1 jar Carmel Ice Cream Topping

6 Heath Bars (candy bars) or you can buy them in the aisle where Chocolate Chips are found.

Bake cake according to directions

When cake comes out of the oven, use the handle of a wooden spoon and poke holes in top of cake while hot. Pour Carmel topping on top of cake.

When cake is at room temperature spread whipped topping on top of cake

Then if you have Heath crumbles or beat 6 candy bars and sprinkle on top of cake.

This is a delicious cake. Bruce Dobbs

Stewardship!

Yep, it is that time of the year again -- Time to think of our blessings and how we respond to them. Also, we consider the financial needs of our parish. This year's campaign:

November 6th: Kickoff with Tony McFarland Presentation. Mailings sent week prior.

November 13th: Sermon from Father Courtney

November 20th: Celebration of Campaign Closeout with Annual Parish Luncheon

Info on Our New Organ & Dedication Service

Our organ is a two manual (keyboard), seven rank, Möller Double Artiste housed in two separate boxes. Its official designation is Opus 9890, as it was the 9890th organ produced by Möller Organ Company. It was built in 1963 and was originally installed in the Saunders Fine Arts building at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). Milnar Organ Company removed the organ from MTSU in 1999, added an exposed 4'-2' Octave rank (the exposed pipes), and upgraded the console, which included a Peterson Single Level Combination Action. The organ was reinstalled at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, AL, from 2000 to 2016.

An Evensong service will be held on Sunday, November 6th, at 4:00 pm and will include a dedication of the new organ. The Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee, will preach, and Father Courtney will officiate. Robert Wiesen, Music Director and Organist will be guiding the music liturgy. Josh Coble, who served as the church's organ consultant will play the Postlude. A wine and cheese reception will follow the service and be hosted by our Ladies Group. Join us for the excitement and fun!

Vestry News

In October the Vestry discussed:

- Our finances after the purchase of the new organ and refit of the choir loft - No debt and in the black!
- The need for security cameras which will be investigated further by Harry Spain.
- Repair of the outside walls of the church building, where gaps have developed in the lumber.

Other items included:

- Animal Blessing: October 8th
- George Mickle Reception: October 9th
- Picnic at Webbs: October 29th
- Holy Trinity Outreach Lunch: October 30th
- Dedication of Organ: November 6th at 4:00 pm
- Christmas Project of Angel Trees with the Salvation Army
- Incoming Vestry Members in 2017

For more information see Father Courtney or a member of the Vestry.

Parish Financial Highlights

Year to Date Income through 9/30:	\$100,704.00
Year to Date Expenses through 9/30:	\$100,348.00
Balance:	\$356.00

For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.

Vestry Slate

We are pleased that Christy Lyons, Louise Jones, Ken Saefkow, and Rick Webb have consented to terms of two years on our Vestry commencing in February 2017 after our Annual Meeting in January. Welcome aboard!

Outreach News

Our November collection for Room in the Inn is men's white socks & hooded sweatshirts (L to 4XL). Drop off is in the Outreach Box by the piano in the nave. Our thanks to all for their continued generosity!

Youth Ministry

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and Middle Schoolers will join Father Courtney, Lacey Lyons, and Joel Sinha for dinner and discussion on Saturday, November 5th, at 6:30 pm at the church. We will discuss voting, stewardship, personal spirituality, and public policy!

November's Sunday School Agenda
Being Anointed by God

(Samuel Anoints David)

Praising God

(Solomon Builds the Temple)

Living Faithfully

(Hezekiah Rules Judah)

God's Vision

(Micah's Prophecy)

Taekwondo News

As we study Taekwondo, we are striving to develop not only our physical skills but also our character. Indomitable spirit is one of the traits which we want to encourage. Everyone will face what seems like overwhelming odds. Those with character will face those odds with everything they have, while others will quit and blame their failure on outside influences. In order to develop character, we must first admit our flaws and face them. General Choi (Taekwondo's Founder) states in his definition of Indomitable Spirit that "a serious student of Taekwondo will at all times be modest and honest." You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face ...

"You must do the thing you cannot do"
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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Weekly Schedule*Saturday*

Priest in Office - 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM
 Communion - 3:00 PM

Sunday

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School – 9:30 AM
 Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM
 Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Choir Practice – 7:00 PM (none the 23rd)

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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News from the Diocese of Tennessee

Since 2005, [All Saints' Church](#) in Smyrna, Tennessee, has ministered to Karen refugees, a people of eastern and southern Myanmar (formerly Burma). The Karen are predominantly Christian and many seek to be resettled in Australia and the United States because of political and religious persecution in Myanmar. Since 2005, the Karen have lived in refugee camps administered by the United Nations. The church in Smyrna has been a place of worship, as well as farmland for the newcomers. Today 12 families farm 1.5 acres and feed more than 100 people.

Recently a team from Affirm Films has been working on locations with All Saints' and its current Vicar, the Rev. Robert Rhea, to bring this story to the screen. The film, All Saints, will explore the Karen people acclimating to their new life while still farming.

Principal photography on All Saints, which has a \$4 million budget, will continue through October in Nashville and Smyrna. The movie stars John Corbett (My Big Fat Greek Wedding and Northern Exposure), Cara Buono (Stranger Things and Mad Men), comedian Chonda Pierce (Laughing in the Dark and This Ain't Prettyville), and Nelson Lee (Law & Order and Oz). Steve Armour (Losing Gracie) wrote the screenplay.


