

What a joy to begin my new ministry at All Saints' on the celebration of All Saints' Day! It has been a whirlwind of a month, but very exciting. I have enjoyed meeting everyone!

Diocesan Convention was a positive experience, especially dedicating Friday afternoon to helping the community. I ended up changing light bulbs in a low-income senior housing complex in Slavic Village. We replaced older light bulbs with CFL bulbs that use less electricity and last longer. I discovered that it takes three Episcopalians to change a light bulb: One to educate the seniors about CFL light bulbs, one to record paperwork on how many were changed and the wattage of them, and one to actually change the light bulbs.

There are so many wonderful ministries at All Saints' that I want to learn more about, but this first month I have focused on the most pressing in order to be ready for Advent and Christmas. A worship committee was formed to make our services as meaningful as we can. I invite anyone who would like to join this creative group to let me know-all voices are welcome! A music committee also has been formed and has been interviewing candidates to be our new organist.

Some new things I would like to work on in the New Year are a group of Sermonators-people who would be interested in preaching 2-3 times a year and possibly a 20's and 30's group if there is interest. I also look forward to learning more about the other groups at All Saints'.

This time of the year can be very difficult for many people. Please let me know if you would like me to talk, pray, or just be with you during this season. We could meet in my office, the sanctuary, or your home.

I am looking forward to sharing with you this wonderful Advent/ Christmas season!

God bless!

Pastor Heather

### **Junior Warden's Report:**

After a hiatus of more than a month, I'm back on the job. The good news is that after months of trials, the parking lot paving is complete. Recently all the exterior doors were refinished, including repainting the large main entrance door on the Ames Road side. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure you look at it the next time you drive by. They are painted in a bright red color as are many in other Episcopal churches. There is a reason for the red color, however at this time, I cannot tell you why. I will research the reason soon and let you know what I find out.

Weather permitting, this Saturday we will have a fall clean -up and hopefully be able to install the two signs that have been sitting in the south room for more than a year. Gil Fritzsche

is building the framework at this moment. A special thanks to Jim Cochran and Frank Kynerd for cleaning the gutters and replacing some of our exterior lights.

As a side comment, just in case you didn't see the great article in the Sun News Middleburg Heights edition, our Treasurer Ray Heitland, a retired CPA has accomplished a great feat. Ray has used running as a form of exercise and has kept track of the distance. He has run the distance equal to the circumference of the Earth (25,000+ miles) and is now walking the distance of the circumference of the Moon (6000 miles). Fantastic Ray, keep it up!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and took the time to remember those less fortunate.

Very soon it will be Christmas, A time for Joy and celebration. During this hectic time of shopping, baking, wrapping and mailing, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas.

Until we meet again.

Ed Sarian, Junior Warden

### **Treasurer's Report**

October results were very disappointing, Pledge Offerings were \$1,800 less than budget which resulted in disbursements exceeding receipts by \$2,000 for the month. Year-to-Date Pledge offerings are \$10,400 less than budget. However, as mentioned in previous reports, receipts exceeded disbursements for the ten months ended October 31, 2009 by \$15,200 (supply clergy costs were much less than the budgeted costs for our interim clergy person).

The following summarizes the results through October 31, 2009:

	<b>10 Months ended 10-31-09</b>	
	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Pledge Offerings	74,400	84,800
All Other Receipts	<u>23,400</u>	<u>24,800</u>
Total Receipts	<b><u>97,800</u></b>	<b><u>109,600</u></b>
Clergy Costs	4,800	25,100
All Other Disbursements	<u>77,800</u>	<u>79,100</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>82,600</u></b>	<b><u>104,200</u></b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$15,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,400</u></b>

I hope that it will be possible to bring pledges up to date as we finish 2009. God bless you.  
Ray Heitland, Treasurer

### **Greening of the Church:**

Sunday, Dec. 20th, right after the 10:30 AM service, we will be "greening" the church. Light refreshments will be served. Join us as we decorate the church for the Christmas season.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Parma Christmas Parade will circle the mall. The parade kicks off at 10am and many All Saints members will be marching, walking and riding floats.

Hanna Elementary will be performing their Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at Valley Forge at 7:00pm. Daniel Catalano will conduct an original piece titled "*Winter Forest*" at the Valley Forge Christmas Concert to be held on Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

## **Outreach Report**

There will be a Christmas Luncheon for the entire parish on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. You MUST sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway. There is an optional \$1 gift exchange. Come join the fun!

Look for our tree in the Parish Hall to put new hats, scarves and gloves on. These will be given to needy children. Help to make our tree beautiful and children a little warmer this winter.

## **"Gifts at Christmas"**

The Childrens Christmas Gift program and it's Gingerbread Boys & Girls have been posted in the parish hall. This year we have close to 30 children from 2 local schools that are in need of our help. You will find 2 gingerbread people for each child (one list apparel and one list toys) with all the information needed to provide gifts, along with a sign-up sheet regarding a bit of information from you the gift giver. If you able to assist with gifts, the discretion is yours as to how many you can help and also the amount you are able to spend. Any questions please contact Lisa Czerny (440) 887-7780.

The staff and families of these area schools have an abundance of appreciation and gratitude for our efforts, thank you so very much for your participation in this mission  
Sincerely, All Saints Outreach

## **The 193rd Annual Diocesan Convention**

Pastor Heather, Debbie Talbott-Miller, Amy Harrivel and I, Sandy Kyrnerd, attended the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio's 193rd Annual Diocesan Convention. We all traveled to Trinity Cathedral together on Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th which gave us all a wonderful chance to get to know each other better. We had so much to talk about that I missed the exit on the way down on Friday morning. We were all excited to start in on Friday's day of mission work as we were invited to "Be the Hands of Christ" by reaching out to the greater Cleveland community to do the work of the church through service to and in communion with others. We all gathered for a Commissioning Prayer Service and then directions to our mission sites. Pastor Heather's group went to Slavic Village to rake leaves (it was a beautiful day to be outdoors by the way) and then went to a senior citizens building to change the residents light bulbs to the new energy savings CFL's. Debbie, Amy and myself along with 47 others were able to stay at Trinity and put together 50 no-sew blankets that will be donated to the Homeless Stand Down event. I will expand on this HSD event next. At 5:00 pm, we all met up for a delicious Salad and Soup & Bread Dinner. This was not your ordinary salad and soup and bread. Everyone agreed that it was delicious and very filling. The fun part of this evenings dinner was that we were all assigned seating. We all sat at different tables with people we never met before. We discussed our parishes and our mission work and had a great time getting to know other Episcopalians throughout the diocese. On Saturday we all gathered in the Nave for an opening devotion and then started right in on the Order of Business. I know for myself it was very enlightening and energizing to be a part of the Episcopal democratic Order of Business. At noon we celebrated a beautiful Worship service together in the Cathedral. The three of us were very excited to see that Pastor Heather was chosen to be one the priests to minister Eucharist. It was a very moving worship service. It is humbling to be in such a beautiful cathedral among a few hundred

Episcopalians that included Bishops, Priests and parishioners together praying and singing God's praises. Bishop Hollingsworth, during his homily, had us turn to the person next to us and we all prayed out loud together each taking turns learning how to thank and ask God for His blessing and help on particular and specific things. After the service we continued with the Order of Business, broke for 45 minute lunch, continued with the Order of Business and then Closing Devotions were held. We all walked away from Conventions saying that we learned so much and made friends with so many great and interesting people. We agreed that we would definitely attend convention again and hoped that others would take advantage of this opportunity also.

Peace, Sandy Kynerd

**Christmas Flowers:** Sign-up chart for Christmas flowers will be posted the second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Please write your Christmas Flower memorials on this chart only.

### **Pledge Recorder**

Thank you to all who have already turned in your pledge cards for the 2010 year. If you have not had a chance to return your pledge cards, please do so in the collection plates. If you lost yours and need another one, please take one from the Narthex.

The 2010 envelopes will be available soon. **Keep using the 2009 ones until Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> for your 2009 contributions** and then start the new 2010 box on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, all contributions toward your 2009 pledge should be received by December 27, 2009.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and if you have any questions feel free to call at 216-524-3030.

Gail Jordan, Pledge Recorder

### **Celebrating Life at Christmas**

If you ask any of our children what season it is they will tell you the season of "Preparation" and the color of the season is "blue". And if you ask them what the Angel of the Lord says they will all tell you "Do not Be afraid!!!"

To help our children celebrate the feasts of Christmas our aim has been above all to lead them to Scripture. The Gospel passages which narrate the events surrounding the birth and infancy of Jesus are found in the first chapters of the Gospels of St Matthew and St Luke. Our guide to reading and telling these Gospels to the children is a threefold theme that we find in them all:

"Do not be afraid"

"the Lord is near"

"Rejoice!"

Why? Because they announce the wonderful message of the Incarnation. The Incarnation is the moment in history when heaven and earth touch and merge together in the person of the Child Jesus. These Scriptures tell of the events before and after Christ's birth. Using the language of the

Bible opens the door to wonder in their heart. This great event is not simply something that happened in the distant past as part of ancient history. We are helped to enter into this event here and now. Together we ask ourselves, "Who can this Child be?" Stressing the greatness of the Incarnation makes it easier for our children and all of us alike to know Jesus' eternal presence in our own lives.

Again this year the children will be processing into church at the Peace to the song "Light One Candle" after which they will light a new candle each Sunday on their Banner.

Remember we start celebrating our Life with Jesus every Sunday starting at 9:45.

We wish you "Hope", "Peace", "Joy", and "Love"

Sandy Kynerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny, Debbie Talbott-Miller

## Homeless Stand Down

I would like to take this time to introduce to you the HSD event. We were introduced to this yearly event by Sister Donna Wilhelm at the Diocesan Convention. It is the Homeless Stand Down and is more than a service event; it is a movement of hundreds of religiously diverse individual and over 110 InterAct members, congregations, organization, school groups, and clubs stepping beyond hurdles that separate us while working together towards the common goal of meeting the immediate, basic needs of our neighbors in the Greater Cleveland Area. Last year the collaborative efforts have cared for over 2,100 guests in Three days of respect, respite, renewal and reconnections in 2009. HSD served 475 guests in 2003, and are preparing to serve 2,200 guests in 2010. Here volunteers, community leaders, and social service agencies create a dignity affirming atmosphere where our guests visit a doctor, enjoy a warm meal, and are cared for mind, body, and spirit. InterAct Cleveland believes that in a sustainable world peace is synonymous with caring for others. This will be held Sunday, February 7th 2010, Sunday, February 28th and Friday, March 5th at the Cleveland Convention Center. The HSD needs volunteers for shifts at the HSD, Contributions not only of money but also clothing, personal care products, and services to name a few. I have placed a bulletin and brochure regarding the HSD on the communications board in the parish hall and hope to get the All Saints parishioners, Outreach group, Sally and the Youth Group, and the Catechist and the Good Shepherd Children of All Saints involved in this ministry in some way. There are many ways to volunteer or support either individually or as a group. Together we can make a difference. Let's get together and discuss this. Let us "Be the Hands of Christ".

Thank you  
Sandy Kynerd

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries for December**

7 Frank Graber	14 Andy Ferko	24 Dylan Quaint
7 Richard Kingham	15 Al Cantwell	25 Judy Butler
7 Joe Dmitruk	19 Sally Morris	26 Amelia Russell
8 Julia Habeeb	19 Marilyn Wisner	27 John Jordan
9 Elmer Roote	19 Jeff Fowler	28 Amy Harrivel
10 Don Wanyerka	22 Roger Kullins	29 Sally Catalano
12 Audrey Dmitruk	23 William Elderson	

28<sup>th</sup> Jeannine & John Reese

## **December Highlights**

Dec. 1 Outreach Committee Mtg. 7pm	Dec. 20 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am
Dec. 6 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am Healing Oil	Dec. 20 Greening of the Church
Dec. 13 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am Christmas Luncheon	Dec. 21 Blue Christmas Service 7pm
Dec. 15 Vestry 7pm	Dec. 24 Holy Eucharist 6:30 & 10:30 pm
	Dec. 25 Christmas Day Eucharist 10"30am
	Dec. 27 Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am