

What's Happening at All Saints

Today, December 1st – Advent Wreath Making: On this first Sunday in Advent, we will have our annual Advent Wreath making for families and others who want to join. Please bring garden shears to cut greens, if you have them. 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

Today, December 1 at Noon - Christmas Door Swag Making Workshop: Certified floral designer, Cara Prescott, AIFD, CFD, will be leading a fun and creative holiday workshop on how to make Christmas door swags. Everyone will get the chance to make and take home their own swag. \$20 suggested donation for materials.

Friday, December 6 from 12:00pm to 5pm – Red Cross Blood Drive: This drive will again be in our Parish Hall. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org Sponsor Code: AllSaints97202 to schedule an appointment.

Wednesday Noon Eucharist During Advent: Advent book selection is: *The Living Nativity--Preparing for Christmas with St Francis, A Daybook of Saints, Sages, Psalms and Prayer Practices*. Those who wish to come to the Wednesday noon eucharist services, with brown bag discussions to follow, are invited to read the book, written by Larry Peacock, former Director of the Franciscan Spiritual Center, and retired Methodist minister. The discussion group will be open to all, whether you have read the book or not. The book costs \$14.99 and has to be ordered as the book is printed upon request. Rev. Constance has ordered 4 extra copies if anyone would like a copy from her, otherwise a library or a local bookstore should be able to order one for you.

Wednesday Evenings via Zoom – Faith Conversations: It's not too late to join us! If you are interested in being baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church or reaffirm your faith during Bishop Akiyama's visit on December 15, or just want to learn more about the Episcopal/Christian tradition, we invite you to join us in the weeks leading up to it. Deacon Maureen Hagen, Alan Murray and Rev. Andria Skornik are leading the sessions, and they are being recorded for anyone who can't make that time. To sign up, please reply to priest@allsaintspdx.org.

Sunday, December 8 - St. Nicholas Sunday: St. Nicholas will be visiting our children with a special gift during Godly Play/Nursery and at Coffee Hour. It has been a tradition at All Saints that if the children leave their shoes outside the nursery or classroom, they just might come back to find that St Nicholas has left a bag of goodies for them! Who knows, he might visit the grown-ups as well!

Sunday, December 15 - Bishop Akiyama's Visit / Rose Sunday

Sunday, December 22 - Advent/Christmas Pop-up Pageant at 10:15am Service:

A highlight of Advent when the children of All Saints bring the Christmas story to life! If your child has a preference on which character they want to play, email your 1st and 2nd choices to janetpcotton@gmail.com, or text 503-913-8178. No Godly Play this Sunday. Come at 9:50 to get your costume. Adults can participate, too!

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm - Family Friendly Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with a Live Animal Pageant:

All children and youth are invited to participate in the pageant and creche building -- costumes are provided, no rehearsal required. The service includes traditional Christmas readings, carols, Communion and ends with the candle lighting. Children will receive a small gift to take home. Family friendly but meaningful for all ages.

Tuesday, December 24 at 8:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with

Choir & Brass: Traditional service at 8:00pm (Carols begin at 8:00pm; the service begins at 8:30pm). The service includes traditional Christmas readings & homily, carols, Communion and ends with the candle lighting.

Holiday Office Closure: The Office will be closed December 25 through January 1.

Outreach

Outreach November 22 & 23: The Pantry served groceries to 217 households, up by 12. This represents 434 individuals, an increase of 143. We handed out more than 30 bags of ready-to-eat food. Hot Meals served 79 meals inside, 9 fewer than last week, and sent out 65 sandwiches to-go, the same as last week.

Clothing Closet Needs: Our clothing closet doesn't have enough of what our community needs; can you help? We are in serious need of the items noted below! For the time being, please concentrate your generous gifts on these:

- Clean jeans in good repair --sizes 30 waist and larger!
- Hoodies and fleeces, again, large sizes; black are preferred.
- Lots of warm socks (preferably new for longer wear)
- Sturdy raincoats
- Warm gloves and plenty of them!