



**ALL SAINTS' WOMEN** BY CLARICE BROOKS

The All Saints' Women met on November 8th.

We still have cookbooks for sale and some of the recipes have been tried out on family and friends at the coffee hours on Sunday. So far, everything has been a hit!

People signed up to bake certain items for the November book and bake sale. Finger foods for the coffee hours are requested after those services so that people can be more involved in examining and buying the books and baked goods. (Since the November sale has passed, it should be reported that it was quite successful).

Turkey certificates from Smith's will be given in baskets for the Canyon Head Start along with all the "fixings" for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. (this, too, was a success!)

Those who have been called have responded favorably about perhaps having meetings in the evening, although some still prefer the current meeting times. ASW will continue the calls to get a better idea as to how to proceed. It was suggested we also call to remind people of meeting times.

Lonnie Cunningham gave an update on the material we are discussing for a Lectern veil, Chalice cover and Burse so that they match the many colored Altar frontal. This will be discussed again in January.

The December meeting has been moved to December 6th so that there will be ample time to prepare for the December book and bake sale and for the other things that must be done for the celebration of our Lord's birth.

**YOUTH CALENDAR**

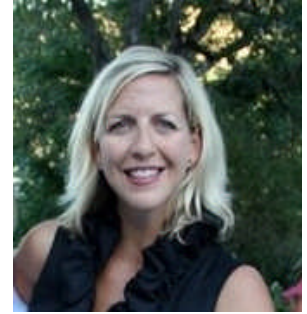
- Sunday, Nov. 27th Journey to Adulthood following 11 AM service
- Sunday, Dec. 4th Journey to Adulthood following 11 AM service
- Saturday, Dec. 10th Toys for Tots Christmas Party including making Christmas cards for the residents of Whitefish Care and Rehabilitation at 1 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 11th Journey to Adulthood following 11AM service
- Wednesday Dec. 14th Deliver Christmas Cards to Whitefish Care at 4 PM
- Saturday, Dec. 17th Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at 1 PM
- Sunday, Dec. 18 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal following 11 AM service
- Thursday, Dec. 22 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at 1 PM
- Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Pageant at 4 PM

**2011 PLEDGE DRIVE**

Our pledge drive for 2012 is going very well, but we are down to the wire for receiving the pledges that are still to be turned in. Our budget for 2012 needs to be done by the end of the year, so please have your pledges into the church no later than December 18th. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

## MEET ALISON POMERANTZ BY VERA SMITH

Allison, your inspiring Stewardship letter gave us some good insight about you and your lovely family. So while you were in the divulging mood, I've got a few questions! Thanks for agreeing to be interviewed during the children's nap time!



VS: Where were you born and where did you go to college?

AP: I was born in Boon, Iowa, graduated from the University of Kansas; MBA from University of Denver; Masters in Education from Simmons College in Massachusetts.

VS: Have you always been an Episcopalian?

AP: No, my mother was a member of the Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church. It wasn't until I was in my early 20's when I started going to the Episcopal church with a friend. I liked a lot about the church, especially including women so much as leaders and Rectors.

VS: You are currently on the Board of the Whitefish Community Library. What stands out for you with your previous volunteering?

AP: I was a Mentor for the Boy's and Girl's Club in Arlington, MA. Just this past summer we flew my Mentee out here for a week as she had only been as far as New Hampshire in her young life! Needless to say, this 16 year old had quite an experience, starting with her flight which was delayed overnight in D.C. Since that couldn't possibly happen, we redirected her on the next flight to Spokane and I drove to get her! She had a great time once here!

VS: In which sport(s) do you like to participate?

AP: I LOVE sports! Tennis, swimming, running. I've run a couple of marathons. There's so much to do here including hiking and cross-country skiing! My favorite season here is summer!

VS: What's the best part of your day?

AP: I like to rise early when no one else is up. Some times go to the gym and work out....nothing gets derailed at that time of the day!

VS: What's a family ritual you can't live without?

AP: Well, I guess that's what we are now establishing with our family. I would say dinner time is a favorite....not always a quiet and smooth experience but we're working on it!

VS: Do you and Ben do a date night and what would that look like?

AP: We do like to go out for dinner, enjoy good wine and food. Maybe go skiing; Ben's a really good skier! We need to do more date nights!

VS: What is your guilty pleasure?

AP: I really enjoy reading and when I can steal away for a little bit to read, I'm happy. As I said, I enjoy good wine. Oh, and certainly an occasional pedicure...I love the whole experience! And I can do that at The Wave while Morgan is enjoying the sitting services there!

VS: What are you reading to Morgan right now and do you have a favorite author for her?

AP: We have finally moved beyond the repetitive stage...same books over and over! Right now we are both enjoying Pulitzer Prize Winning British author, Lauren Child's book, "Charlie and Lola"! I see more of them in our future!

VS: And what are you reading currently?

AP: Well, I just finished, "A Visit from the Goon Squad"! It surrounds the concept briefly and basically of how did we get here! That's one of the things I like about Book Clubs; it forces you to read books you probably wouldn't! Just started a new book which my Book Club is reading...I like audio books and as I listened to no more than 5 pages, realized I had previously read it!!!!

VS: What are three words that describe you as a mom?

AP: Well, wish I could say "patient" for one of those words, but just cannot...not yet...working on it! I'd have to say *energetic, fun and caring!*

VS: How do you take a time-out for yourself?

AP: An hour at the Summit just swimming!

VS: What one thing don't we know about you that you'd like to share?

AP: Well...let me think...Oh, I did sky dive once when I was in my early 20's!

Thank you so much, Allison, for taking time out for this interview! See you all at Church!



# DECEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 ASW meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 7 PM Fr. Bradley's Christmas Offeratory story	16	17
18 Vestry ASW book/bake sale Greening of the Church	19	20	21	22	23	24 4 PM Children's Pageant 6 PM Springs Service 8 and 11 pm Christmas Services
25 10 AM Christmas Day service	26 Church office closed for a week	27 Contributions/pledges to apply to 2011 due by today	28	29	30	31



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A NOTE FROM OUR RECTOR

Four inches of snow on the ground at my house makes writing an Advent-Christmas letter seem more real. It feels like only yesterday when I was alerting the "Green Thumbs" to assemble for the spring clean-up day. Again another year has come and gone and the Church's New Year's Day, which is the Season of Advent, is upon us.

As is always true at this time of year, we have much going on. But it is not just activity which marks late November and the month of December, it is an abundance of occasions in which we celebrate the wonder of the incarnation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ that makes Christmas what the Church intends it to be. Through "God is with us", in flesh and in time, it is no wonder that the opportunities to be with him through a variety of sacramental means are plentiful.

When I was in seminary, a sermon was given in which we were asked to imagine, while riding the Boston subway, to look at the most unlikely people, huddled together for warmth in the various underground stations, as being the Holy Family searching for an inn with room to house them that night. They were trying to get us to be aware of the fact that Christ permeates all and that a full celebration of Christmas includes searching for and finding Jesus in everyone from members of our most immediate family to the stranger we wonder about walking down the street. There is good and joyful news in this discipline.

Each time we connect with another whom Christ loves, we get ever closer to completing a vivid picture of the complexion of our Incarnate Lord. Seeing him more clearly, to borrow words from St. Richard, the 13th Century Bishop of Chichester, allows us to follow him more nearly and love him more dearly, day by day.

ADVENT WREATH KITS/ANGEL TREE

Advent wreath kits, including candles and a devotional booklet for you to use at home, are available in Memorial Hall.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree is ready for you to take a tag and buy a gift for a boy or a girl in the Valley. Gifts are to be returned **unwrapped** with the **tag taped** on them by Sunday, December 11th. The tags reflect wish lists only. If you find an issue with the gift request, you may buy something else age appropriate for the child.

