

# ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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## A LETTER FROM YOUR VESTRY

There has been a flurry of activity at All Saints' this past month and much more on the horizon. Some of the activity has been obvious and some of it "behind the scenes" that you might not have been aware of.

### Search Application Period Moving Forward

We are delighted to announce that the search committee has completed the Parish Profile and the application period for our next rector is now open. In addition to the new Rector Search page, there are many other new pages on the All Saints' website. Check out the samples in this e-letter as well as online at [www.allsaintsmt.org](http://www.allsaintsmt.org).

### Vestry Hosts BBQ September 8th.

The Vestry invites everyone to the 1st Annual Ministry Fair and Back to School BBQ on September 8th after the 11 o'clock service. The Ministry Fair, focusing on ways to "Get Involved", will coincide with the launch of several other new webpages under the "About Us" tab. One of the things the Vestry learned from the search committee survey is that 39% of respondents would like to increase their level of involvement at All Saints' over the next year and, therefore, we are highlighting the many opportunities available to "get involved" at All Saints'.

### Fall Events

The changing of the seasons means that the season of Stewardship is fast approaching. Be on the lookout next month for letters in your mailboxes regarding our annual pledge drive. The arrival of autumn also means the annual St. Francis Day Pet Blessing is just around the corner. It will take place on Saturday, October 5th at 11 am. Look for the Rector Emeritus to make his first appearance back at All Saints' to lead the service.

As you can see, there is a lot going on at All Saints'. We are a thriving parish and we will not sit back and rest on our laurels. We continue to move forward, acting as the light of Christ in the world, as we eagerly anticipate welcoming our next Rector!

Faithfully, your Vestry

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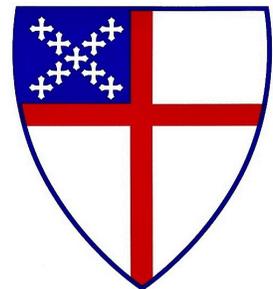
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## NOTES FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

By Shawn Sloan

Remember we have priests available if you have a pastoral emergency. Just let me know if you are in need of a priest and I will contact someone for you. We also have several Eucharistic Visitors licensed by the Diocese, to do home communion. They will be doing home visits on Sundays, usually after the 9 am Eucharist. If you are unable to attend church on a Sunday and would like someone to bring communion to you, please let me know. There are also people available for hospital visits.

We will continue to have 2 Sunday services at 9 am and 11 am just like we always have. We are very blessed to have 5 retired Episcopal priests in our area available for Sunday services. I now have priests scheduled for every Sunday through December.

You'll also notice something new in the Sunday bulletin. At the bottom of the regular bulletin you'll see a prayer for a new rector (it's in the large print bulletins as well). We will say this prayer together right after the Prayers of the People and before the Celebrant says the concluding Collect prior to the Confession.

I have been working on many new website pages. Some are already "live" and others are set to go live very soon. You'll find some new tabs on the website including Rector Search and Building Project. The "About Us" tab has been reorganized in anticipation of the "Get Involved" material from the Ministry Fair. You'll also find new things under the "Annual Events" tab. I am continuing to tape some of the Sunday sermons and for those of you who enjoy watching them online, you'll continue to find them on our YouTube channel, Facebook page and the website. There are samples of these new pages later in the E-Letter.

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

By Carl Thomas

As September has now arrived, the building committee has continued to work with Shane and CTA Architects and Engineers.

CTA has completed their architectural and structural documents and submitted them to the state along with an application for a building permit. These documents are currently in review and we should be hearing from them soon regarding any comments.

In the meantime, the building committee has selected a general contractor, Dave Bailey, and continues to work with him to assemble pricing based on CTA documents while also working with his sub-contractors to finish the electrical and mechanical design work and pricing.

On a parallel path, the building committee and Shane are working with Carver Engineering to complete the civil engineering and site design, including alterations to the septic field. Ultimately that work will be permitted through the county and bid by Dave's site contractor.

Rest assured that we are working in a concerted effort to have the following items in hand: a complete and coordinated design from all parties, a complete guaranteed maximum price from Dave Bailey and his subs for the complete construction package, and a building permit.

The schedule is starting to become more clear and when it does, we'll be ready to make a recommendation for the Vestry to break ground and start construction on our building additions.



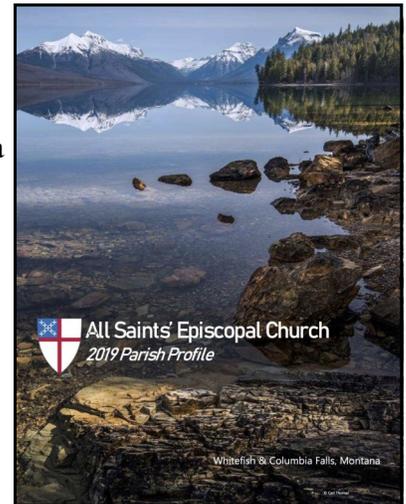
**RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

By Sam Baldrige

The Rector search process is proceeding well and our opening is posted in several places. The “OTM Portfolio”, which is the official job opening, is available to clergy through the Office of Transition Ministries. We also have an ad in preferred placement on the Episcopal News Service website and will have a listing on “The Living Church” website as well. Each has a link to our All Saints’ website where interested parties can view our Parish Profile and Supplement. If you have not seen the Rector Search page, please check it out on our website.

Now that the posting is open, we are ready to receive names and applications over the next several weeks. The search committee will screen the applications and arrange for further interaction and interviews as warranted. The process should start in early October.

We will have information at the BBQ and Ministry Fair on September 8th so please attend and see what we have been up to. We’re very proud to be presenting information to potential candidates about our parish and all of the people who make it so vibrant and active. We are, as well, honored to serve the parish in the search for our next Rector.



**YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

By Cynthia Benkelman

Come to the BBQ on September 8th and find out what’s happening with Youth and Children’s Ministry this fall. We’ll have information about our different programs for kids, ways that adults can help with our ministries to young people, and much more. We will even have prizes, so don’t miss it!

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, has a wonderful message for young people and their families using the theme of the backpacks that carry so much of what we all need. Check out the video, and please come to the Ministry Fair and Back to School BBQ.



<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/evangelism-resources/back-to-school?wvideo=bu73zcx57w>

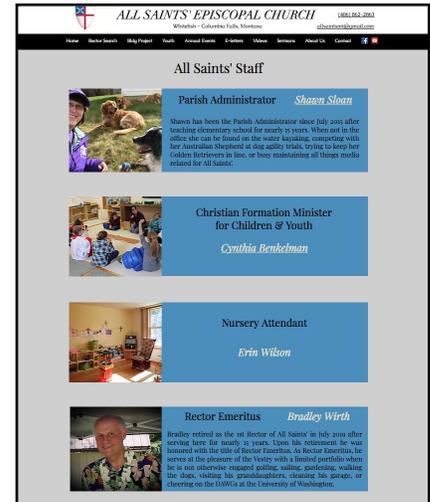
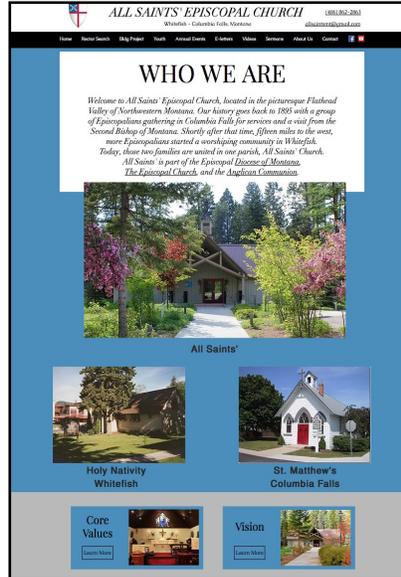


**Back to School**



**NEW WEBSITE PAGES**

When you visit our website, you'll find quite a change! Below are some of the pages in the new design. Thanks to Shawn for all the work she does to keep the website current and for the new design! Check the website often because word has it that she's not done yet!



**WHAT ALL THE TALK IS ABOUT!**

**Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual All Saints' MINISTRY FAIR and BACK to SCHOOL BBQ on Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11 o'clock service.**

You're Invited to a



Lunch will be provided by the Vestry and will include hamburgers, hotdogs, vegan options, potato salad, green salad, chips, and dessert.

Come see displays and gather information about all the wonderful ministries happening at All Saints'.

There will be information about the following ministries as well as opportunities to get involved:

- Parish Life**
- Outreach**
- Worship**
- Altar Guild**
- Flower Guild**
- Children & Youth**

In addition, there will be updates from the Building and Search Committees.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with our church family, share stories of our summer vacations, and explore ways to get involved at All Saints'.

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**SEE YOU AT  
THE MINISTRY  
FAIR!**

When: September 8, 2019  
Where: 12:30 p.m.  
Location: Memorial Hall



**HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE IN PRINT?**

By Jan Rayford, Editor

New Rector! New Building! New look to the website! How about some new E-Letter things, too? If anyone would like to contribute new 'bling' to our E-Letter, please let me know. This can be in the form of a commentary, a poem, a monthly column, anything that might be relevant in some way to our church. Beth Stamm has already taken the plunge and you will find what she submitted on page 7. Everything needs a revamp every now and then and this 9-year-old E-Letter is no different. I'll be playing with different looks and it would be nice to be able to add some brand new content as well. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing. You can reach me at [khatlover@msn.com](mailto:khatlover@msn.com) or [origkhatlover@gmail.com](mailto:origkhatlover@gmail.com).

**HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP (SOONER THAN WE THINK!)**

**All are welcome to a Blessing of the Pets  
in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi,  
the patron saint of animals.**

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
11 a.m.**

**at All Saints' Episcopal Church**

*Pets will receive a St. Francis medal,  
a magnet commemorating their blessing, and a treat.*

*The Blessing of the Animals is an annual service welcoming pets and people of all denominations. Prayers with special intention will be offered for each pet present. As well, those wishing to honor their companion animals who have died are welcome to bring the ashes of the pet, a toy, a picture, or another article which reminds them of the pet for that portion of the service.*



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*All animals must be on a leash,  
in crates or kennels, or otherwise restrained  
for their and other's safety.*

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Services at 9 and 11 am	2 	3	4 10 am service at The Springs	5 Noon service at AS	6	7
8 Services at 9 and 11 am <b>Ministry Fair and Back to School BBQ</b> 12:30	9	10	11 10 am service at The Springs	12 Noon service at AS	13	14
15 Services at 9 and 11 am <b>Vestry meeting</b> 12:15	16	17	18 10 am service at The Springs	19 Noon service at AS	20	21
22 Services at 9 and 11 am	23	24	25 10 am service at The Springs	26 Noon service at AS	27	28
29 Services at 9 and 11 am	30					

**THE WISDOM OF SAINTS, SEERS AND SAGES**

By Beth Stamm

Prayer attributed to St. Columba:

**Be thou a bright flame before me,  
 Be thou a guiding star above me,  
 Be thou a smooth path below me,  
 Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,  
 Today, tonight and forever.**

Saint Columba (521-597) is credited with spreading Christianity in the British Isles. He was a highly regarded scholar, missionary and politician respected by his peers, the Gaels of Dal Riata and the Picts. Today he is remembered as a Christian saint, the Patron Saint of Derry, and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.

During the first half of his life, he worked at Clonard Abby where he was a student, monk and priest. In 563, after departing Ireland in a dispute over making an unauthorized copy of a psalter, Columba founded the Abby at Iona which was an important religious, educational and political institution for centuries. Not known for being a retiring personality, Columba was an avid missionary. He founded several churches and as many as 100 missions as well as a school for missionaries. Columba died on Iona and was buried there in AD 597.

None of Columba's original abbey remains, but a Benedictine Abby was built on the site in 1200. That building was in disrepair for centuries but in 1938 the Iona Community was established and undertook its repair.

Photos courtesy of Hank Stamm.

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*Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus forever.*

**Find us here:**

**Just click on the link!**

**Facebook link:** <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsmt>

**YouTube link:** [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ\\_oAI6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ_oAI6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA)

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