

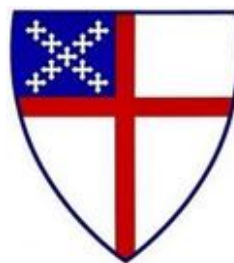
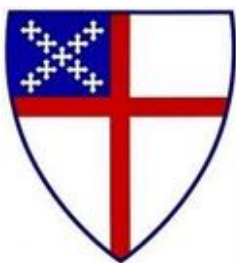
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' E-LETTER

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THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!



The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins, 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Montana, is scheduled to make her second visit to All Saints' on Sunday, October 4th. We will be offering the sacramental rite of Confirmation and receiving people into The Episcopal Church at the 11am service as well as commissioning new acolytes.

Before her call to the priesthood, Bishop Marty was an epidemiologist and professor of veterinary medicine. Our bishop loves animals! So while she is with us on the Feast of St. Francis, she'll also be blessing any animal companions (or their photos) that you'd like to bring to church for the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am services.

All animals must be on a leash, in crates or kennels, or otherwise restrained for their and other's safety. You are welcome to bring a photo of any animals if they are too skittish to appear in public. You may also bring ashes, a picture, a favorite toy, or any other remembrance of animals who have passed away to remember them as well.



ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Join us on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at the 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services where the Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins, X Bishop of Montana, will bless all pets and also preside and preach. Bishop Marty has a PhD in veterinary bacteriology as well as a MPH in epidemiology.

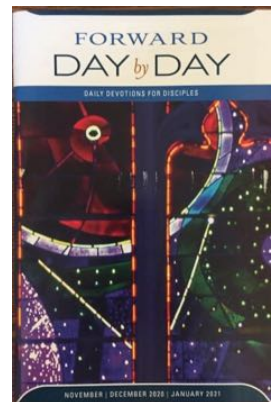
DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 117th Convention of the Diocese of Montana will be held virtually this year from October 9th - 11th via Zoom. In preparation for convention, since they will not be meeting in person, the delegates had many opportunities in September to join various zoom sessions. Topics for these sessions included deacons, disaster preparedness, online worship, ecumenical work in the Diocese, and ERD's 1000 days of love campaign. Annual business at convention includes diocesan reports, budget presentation, elections, and voting on legislation and resolutions. This year there are two pieces of legislation the delegates will be discussing and voting on. One is an amendment to a canon which deals with health insurance for clergy and another is an amendment to a canon that deals with how delegates to convention are allocated. There is one resolution to adopt a covenant to root out racism. As well, there will be elections for diocesan secretary and treasurer, diocesan council, standing committee, and foundation board. Our very own Rector is a nominee for the Foundation Board. We are extremely grateful to the 2020 All Saints' lay delegates: Cynthia, Barry, Michael, and Beth. Please hold them and Charlie, as well as Bishop Marty, in prayer as they go about the "business of the church".



FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The Nov - Jan issues of Forward Day by Day have arrived and will be available for pickup starting on Sunday, October 4th. We have both large and small print versions. For anyone unable to make it to church at this time please let Shawn know if you would like a copy mailed to you and she will gladly drop one in the mail. Just make sure to let her know if you'd like a small or large print version. Her contact information is on the last page.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Julie and Sam Baldrige have been awarded the Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award by the University of Montana Foundation.

The award recognizes the couple's support of UM since they are both graduates of the college.

The award, named for former UM President Bucklew, recognizes individuals for their extraordinary effort to deepen Montana's understanding of UM's needs and strengths. It has been given annually by the UM Foundation since 1988.



The All Saints' family, couldn't be more proud of our fellow congregants!



THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN'- HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER

September building project highlights



Aug 31 - board & batten finished north side



Aug 31 - siding finished on addition



Sep 1 - board & batten finished on addition



Sep 3 - new platform started



Sep 3 - look, you can see MH thru new windows



Sep 3 - board & batten all around



Sep 3 - from the outside looking in



Sep 12 - setting up for inside work

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September building project highlights



Sep 15 - old lighting removed from nave



Sep 15 - out with the old in with the new



Sep 15 - MH is really getting full of old stuff



Sep 16 - all old track lighting & speakers gone



Sep 17 - new collar tie for camera & lights



Sep 18 - pews begin to get refurbished



Sep 19 - overhangs to protect HVAC units



Sep 20 - Memorial Hall has newly painted doors



THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN'- HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER

September building project highlights



Sep 21 - painting begins



Sep 21 - platform completed & electrical for lectern



Sep 23 - painting done



Sep 23 - insulation starts to get blown in



Sep 23 - insulation in the new walls



Sep 23 - this will be one of the new aumbrys



Sep 24 - more insulation



Sep 24 - front repainted

THERE'S A CHANGE A COMIN'- HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER



September building project highlights



Sep 24 - window trim all painted



Sep 25 - insulation in the narthex



Sep 25 - insulation inspector



Sep 29 - drywall has arrived



Sep 30 - drywalling



Sep 30 - drywall



Sep 30 - now it's looking like a real addition

THE AMAZING VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It's never too soon to start planning the Christmas Pageant, this year is definitely no exception. Advent is just around the corner, and we are going to be rolling out our socially distant pageant that will still bring everyone "virtually" together in the joy of Christmas! Don't worry, there will be plenty of shepherds and angels (and even some surprises) to go around. We'll be video-taping parts separately and then editing them together so this year we'll need time for production. All children and youth – along with their families – will be invited to join us in creating the virtually best Christmas Pageant ever! Stay tuned.



ERD DISASTER RESPONSE



RESPONDING TO STORMS IN THE GULF COAST

Below is a recent press release from ERD regarding Hurricane Laura. If you would like to make a donation to ERD you can write a check to All Saints' with "ERD - Storms" on the memo line and we gather any donations and send them to ERD. You can also donate directly by going to their website:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>

Episcopal Relief & Development Responds to Hurricane Laura September 14, 2020

Episcopal Relief & Development is responding to Hurricane Laura by supporting local Church partners in Louisiana and Texas as they provide emergency assistance to vulnerable groups impacted by the storm. Dioceses are distributing food and building and clothing supplies, as well as arranging services such as temporary housing, laundry and building and vehicle repairs.

On August 27, Hurricane Laura made landfall on the Gulf Coast as a Category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 150 mph – only 7 mph short of Category 5 classification – causing downed trees in roads and on power lines and damage to homes and structures throughout eastern Texas and western Louisiana.

Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program team was in close contact with dioceses along the Gulf Coast in the days leading up to the storm making landfall as the partners mobilized disaster preparation and response plans. Staff continues to provide expertise and guidance as partners determine the most urgent unmet needs in their communities.

Hurricane Laura made direct impact on the Lake Charles, Alexandria, Shreveport, Ruston and Monroe areas of western Louisiana, causing catastrophic damage to buildings and infrastructure, including a fire and chemical leak in a chemical plant and significant damage to the public water system. With Episcopal Relief & Development's support, the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana is distributing emergency assistance such as gas, food, personal care and cleaning supplies to marginalized communities who evacuated or whose homes were damaged or destroyed. The diocese is also arranging other aid such as car repairs to allow individuals to go to work, access laundry services and replace medications that were lost in the storm.

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is leveraging local connections and their extensive experience in disaster response to provide building materials such as tarps, nails and contractor trash bags to a regional distribution center. The diocese is also supplying gift cards for food and other supplies to impacted families. Additionally, diocesan leaders are arranging temporary housing in local motels and hotels for people in need of shelter.

As many as 10,000 evacuees from southwest Louisiana sought shelter in New Orleans. COVID-19 restrictions and safety protocols have complicated traditional sheltering efforts. Many of the evacuees are in hotels throughout the area, provided by the City of New Orleans. The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana is supporting these individuals and families with basic needs such as food, clothing and gas, as well as to assist in purchasing supplies for their homes when they are able to safely return.

"Because of the Gulf Coast dioceses' experiences responding to disasters and community connections, they have been able to begin responding to unmet needs created by Hurricane Laura, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Lara Steele, Program Officer, US Disaster Program.

Please pray for the individuals and families affected by the storm. Donations to the Hurricane Relief Fund will help Episcopal Relief & Development and Church partners continue to respond to the needs of the vulnerable communities impacted by Hurricane Laura and other tropical storms and hurricanes. Learn more about Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program and download resources to help you prepare for a disaster [here](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief).



WILDFIRES IN WESTERN STATES



Below is a recent press release from ERD regarding the wildfires in our neighboring west coast states. If you would like to make a donation to ERD you can write a check to All Saints' with "ERD - Wildfires" on the memo line and we gather any donations and send them to ERD. You can also donate directly by going to their website:

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Supporting Dioceses on the West Coast in Response to the Wildfires

September 10, 2020

Episcopal Relief & Development continues to support Episcopal dioceses in western states as they assess needs created by the record-breaking wildfires. These fires have destroyed millions of acres of land, homes and property, causing evacuations in many areas and creating instability at quality throughout several states.

Since mid-August the organization's US Disaster Program team has been in close contact with the Episcopal dioceses of El Centro-River, California, Los Angeles, Northern California, San Diego and San Joaquin, holding regular communication calls to assist partners in assessing needs and in developing their disaster response plans. The team also reached out to dioceses beyond California as wildfires spread to other western states. Diocesan leaders have adapted existing disaster response plans to incorporate additional safety precautions to reduce the potential spread of the novel coronavirus. The economic and physical effects of the pandemic have already disproportionately affected marginalized communities, making the wildfires even more challenging.

"Our partners are continuing to monitor the fires and the air quality in their areas, and are reaching out to vulnerable groups to determine needs," said Tamara Plummer, Program Officer, Episcopal Relief & Development. "Right now, we need to let the first responders make it safe before dioceses can begin to provide relief."

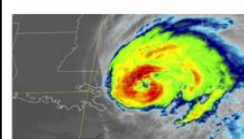
There are three phases to a disaster – rescue, relief and recovery. Learn more about Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program and how the team responds to disasters, such as the wildfires, [here](https://www.episcopalrelief.org). Contributions to the US Disaster Response Fund will help provide support to disasters such as these wildfires.

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Supporting Partners as Hurricane Sally Makes Landfall

Web Statement

September 16, 2020

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting Episcopal Dioceses in the Gulf Coast in response to Hurricane Sally. The organization's US Disaster team is holding daily coordination calls with the dioceses of Central Gulf Coast, Louisiana, Western Louisiana and Mississippi as they prepared for the hurricane and are now monitoring its impact.

Hurricane Sally made landfall early Wednesday morning in Alabama as a Category 2 hurricane, prompting water rescues, dropping trees and threatening catastrophic flooding. The storm is moving at only 3 mph, dropping more than 24 inches of rain in some areas.

"In the midst of a hurricane, it is important to remember to take steps to ensure your own safety," said Tamara Plummer, Program Officer, Episcopal Relief & Development. "Once Hurricane Sally has passed, our partners will begin assessing the most urgent needs in their communities."

Flood water can move quickly and is potentially dangerous so it is imperative not to walk, drive or swim in flooded areas. Generators should be used outdoors and away from windows due to potential carbon monoxide buildup. For more tips on staying safe during a hurricane, visit ready.gov/hurricanes.

Please continue to pray for individuals and families in the Gulf Coast. Learn more about how to prepare for disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires [here](https://www.episcopalrelief.org). Donations to the Hurricane Relief Fund will support Episcopal Relief & Development's response to Hurricane Sally and other storms.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
see page 10 for service hours * all events listed here are ZOOM except for dog park				1 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	2 Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	3 
4 Bishop Marty's Visit Coffee Hour 12:00-1:00 pm	5 Office Hours 11:00-12:00pm 2:00-3:00 pm	6 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park 10-11am (LIVE!)	7 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon	8 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	9 Diocese Convention Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	10 Diocese Convention
11 Diocese Convention Coffee Hour 12:00am-1:00 pm	12 Office Closed For Columbus Day	13 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park 10-11am (LIVE!)	14 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon	15 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	16 Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	17
18 Coffee Hour 12:00-1:00 pm Vestry Meeting 12:30 	19 Office Hours 11:00-12:00pm 2:00-3:00 pm	20 Office Hour 5:00pm-6:00pm Dog Park 10-11am (LIVE!)	21 Bible Study 10:30-12 noon	22 Office Hour 11:00-12:00 pm Book Club 6:00pm-7:00pm	23 Happy Hour 5:00-6:00 pm	24
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COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES AND PRECAUTIONS

CHANGES TO OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Welcome Back!

For the love of your neighbor, please:

- WEAR A MASK WHILE INDOORS.
- REMAIN 6'-10' APART.
- SING GENTLY.
- AVOID TOUCHING SURFACES.
- WASH YOUR HANDS!

Thank You!

- WE ARE NOW HOLDING WORSHIP SERVICES OUTSIDE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS FROM THE BISHOP
- 7:30 AM AND 7 PM SERVICES:
 - NO MUSIC
 - MASKS NOT REQUIRED
 - MAINTAIN A 6 FT DISTANCE BETWEEN FAMILIES
- 9 & 11 AM SERVICES:
 - MUSIC AND SINGING
 - MASKS REQUIRED
 - MAINTAIN A 10 FT DISTANCE BETWEEN FAMILIES

- WE WILL HAVE SOME FOLDING CHAIRS SET UP OUTSIDE, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN
- COMMUNION (IN BOTH KINDS) WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOU RATHER THAN YOU COMING UP TO THE ALTAR
- 9 AM SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND RECORDED TO POST ON OUR WEBSITE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION FROM 10 - 11 AM IN THE PARKING LOT





SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

7:30 am - service only, no music

9:00 am - service with hymns

9:00 am service is also streamed live on Facebook

10:00-11:00 am - Drive through communion

11:00 am - service with hymns

7:00 pm – service only, no music

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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. and ever.*

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