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BISHOP BROOKHART'S VISIT

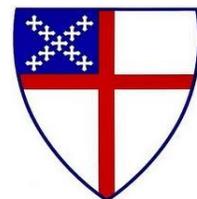
Mark your calendars for the Bishop's Visitation on **Sunday, October 14th**. There will be **one service at 11:00** with a reception following to honor those being confirmed and Bishop Brookhart. This is +Frank's last visitation to our church, so please help us celebrate his ministry among us as he anticipates retirement on All Saints' Day, November 1st.

A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

I am writing this on the first full day of fall which reminds me that we have hit that time in the year in which we start putting stuff away, like lawn hoses and clearing out the garden of all the tomatoes, and in our case, taking the green ones up to Jennifer's old room to let them ripen in single layers in boxes. (God bless Costco and the box bin. Last year we had fresh red tomatoes well into December.) And, while accepting the inevitable that summer is over, maybe I can get the golf clubs out one more time; have another sail on Flathead Lake; and, if I feel really brave about it, go water skiing one more time on October 1st prior to taking the boat out of Lindbergh Lake. (Last week the temperature of the water was 54 degrees so it might be a bit brisk.) On October 1st, many in our extended family, spanning three generations, are gathering at the old cabin my parents made possible for us to celebrate what would have been my dad's 100th birthday.

From one perspective, with days becoming cooler and shorter, things are winding down. And yet, from another, we are just getting started. We began the capital campaign last week with our kick-off barbecue. There will be Wednesday gatherings to help us answer any unasked questions. Our stewardship of financial resources program is underway. We have a confirmation class beginning. (Look for an article on that from Cynthia elsewhere in this E-Letter.) We have some fascinating ideas for adult education over the next months. And, believe it or not, we are beginning to plan for the next Chili Open...golfing in the snow. So while we might be rolling up garden hoses, this month we are rolling out lots of wonderful activity at All Saints'.

Having said all that, I want to highlight one thing in particular, and that is our last chance to enjoy a visitation from our Bishop, the Right Reverend C. Franklin Brookhart. On Saturday afternoon, October 13th, +Frank will join the vestry for a meeting, and then, on Sunday, October 14th, he will be with us at the single service at 11:00 for confirmations. A fabulous reception will follow, and we will give him some gifts in appreciation for his ministry. I hope everyone will mark their calendars for the date to make sure they come.



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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR (cont'd)

When I was the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Utah, which is just a fancy title for, at that time, the primary assistant to the bishop, I saw up close, the nature of a bishop's job. Lots of it was fun and exciting but some of it was gut wrenchingly difficult. The bishop would see things, especially in the lives of clergy, that were taxing to the soul. And even though everyone under the sun knows who the bishop is, there can be occasions when decisions have to be rendered which can make this person the loneliest cleric on earth. Needless to say, +Frank has left a lot of who he is on the field and for that, we are grateful.

Finally let me say this about him. Along with Sue, he entrusted us with the ashes of their beloved late dog, Lizzie, "Best Dog Ever." I don't know about you, but I think that says a lot about the way our bishop has felt and feels about All Saints'. I am sure that at some point during his visitation, he will walk over to Memorial Garden one last time to see where those ashes rest. He will know that, indeed, God holds this wonderful springer spaniel in loving arms. He will also know we will watch over her reposing on our church grounds, while simultaneously in heaven, with deep care, as we do all of those we love but see no longer who are buried there.

So, on October 14th, let us return the favor of his faithfulness to us. Come celebrate his ministry and help him enter retirement with a smile, remembering All Saints' with joy and a bit of humorous wonderment.

Faithfully yours,

Bradley



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

On Sunday, September 23rd, we had our Capital Campaign Kick-off with a barbeque. Wonderfully, the rain held off until we finished. Besides enjoying good food, some time was given over to questions and answers. Among the items raised were:

Is there a way to do the construction in stages? While we often think of construction projects in terms of cost per square foot, much of the actual total cost involves set-up and production costs as well. This includes permits and the like. It is far more economical to pay those production costs once and have them serve both construction projects.

How will the construction process impact us? There will be occasions on which we may be inconvenienced by it all, but that seems to be far outweighed by the excitement of watching something take shape. We will probably have church in Memorial Hall a few Sundays, but the actual disruption should be minimal.

We are conducting the capital campaign drive during our regular program of Stewardship of the Financial Resources. How does one impact the other? It is really essential for those who pledge to maintain the ministry of All Saints' Church to keep their pledges at their 2018 level. The Capital Campaign is over and above regular pledging. Early in October, the Ministry Narrative will be sent to all. In order for us to be able to engage in the wonderful and varied ministries of the church, the pledges are essential. And in order to expand the vitality of the church, so are pledges to the Capital Campaign.

Is this doable? Experts in Capital Campaigns tell us that churches can raise anywhere from two to three times the annual budget for a building fund without great difficulty. Given our annual budget of over \$200,000, we should be able to raise over \$400,000 in the campaign over and above our regular giving.

CAPITAL CAMPAING UPDATE (cont'd)

What is our process from here on out? Parishioners will be sent letters in the mail concerning our ministry of stewardship as is our usual practice. However, mid-October, one of the mailings will focus on the Capital Campaign. In that mailing will be a letter from a parishioner and a pledge card for the building fund. We will be invited to make our pledge to the Capital Campaign, which can span over three years in payments, if one desires to do so. As well, the various means to pay one's pledge will also be explained. We hope to have all pledges in for the Capital Campaign by or on our Ingathering Sunday, November 11th. **After pledges are in, the Vestry will consider the result of the campaign and make the determination as to if and how we may proceed.** That decision will be made quickly enabling those who wish to make a contribution this year to be able to do so.

We also want to emphasize that there are opportunities for people to still ask questions about the process and the project. As was mailed out with the brochure, we are meeting on Wednesdays to discuss the project. The three remaining occasions are Wednesday, October 3rd, 7 pm at Memorial Hall; Wednesday, October 10th at noon in Memorial Hall; and Wednesday, October 17th, at the home of Don and Vera Smith (115 Stryker Peak Trail) in Kalispell at 7 pm.

BIKE AND BUILD - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

By Vera Smith

When the call came out, you answered it! This comes as no surprise since All Saints' members reflect what it means to be a community in Christ in all ways.

Providing housing for those desperately wanting to be contributing neighbors is vital to maintaining a strong community and to keeping families safely together.



Your kind response allowed us to feed the 30 cyclists a hearty, varied and healthy lunch with funds left over to feed Habitat for Humanity volunteers again this year. Additionally, funds have been set aside for the 2019 Bike and Build volunteers.

We are so grateful to all of you for support with your prayers and monetary donations.

ALL SAINTS' YOUTH

By Cynthia Benkelman

On **October 7th**, Bradley and Cynthia will have an **afternoon retreat** for 7th-12th grade youth hosted by the Carloss family at their Stillwater house. This is for all youth who would like to engage in exploring their ministries and their spiritual gifts and discover how they apply to their lives and the lives of those around them.

Any who wish will have the opportunity to be confirmed by Bishop Brookhart the following Sunday. This is not a "join the church" ceremony, but rather a sacramental way to affirm their baptismal vows.

Please contact Cynthia at 406-261-9636 for the actual time and directions to the Carloss family home.



PET BLESSING PHOTOS



OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Cap. Campaign 7 pm Memorial Hall	4	5 Diocese Con- vention	6 Diocese Con- vention
7 Diocese Con- vention Services at 9 and 11 am	8	9	10 Bible Study 9:15 am at The Springs 10 am service at The Springs Cap. Campaign Noon Memorial Hall	11 Noon service at AS	12	13 Vestry meeting with Bishop Brookhart
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IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKINS!!

By Cynthia Benkelman

The pumpkins are coming! As we do each year, we will be decorating small pumpkins which the youth will give out to assisted living centers in the north valley for room decorations. Please help decorate a pumpkin or two (or more!) on Sunday, October 21. We will be working on them at coffee hour at both services, as well as during Children's Chapel. The youth and children will be visiting Genesis and the Beehive with their gifts the following week.



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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.

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