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"The word of the LORD came to Jonah...saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh" (Jonah 3:1) "Immediately Jesus called them...and they followed him." (Mark 1:20)

Jonah's first call to be a prophet of the Lord to the people of Nineveh didn't work. He wound up in the belly of the fish. His second call was extremely successful. Jonah went to the people of Nineveh, preached repentance and they repented. It was so successful that Jonah had a temper tantrum because the LORD preserved the people of Nineveh. Jesus' call to Andrew, Peter and James and John of Zebedee was so enthusiastically embraced that they just dropped their nets of fish for someone else to take care of.

Calls come in all shapes and sizes. Some are clear such as Jonah's:" Get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim my message." Other calls are a bit more obtuse: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." (Can't you just imagine the hooks and nets necessary?") Individually we all have calls. The general call is spelled out in our Baptismal Covenant. That is to:

- Continue in the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, prayers and in the breaking of the bread;
- Persevere in resisting evil and to repent and return to the Lord;
- Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ by word and example;
- Seek and serve Christ in all persons and love one's neighbors;
- Strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.

Then depending on each individual's gifts and talents, our calls are specific to each of us.

We also have a call as the Body of Christ, the community of faith named All Saints' in Johnson City, NY. Obviously a faith community has corporately the same call as defined by our Baptismal Covenant as we do as individual members of the Body of Christ. Yet each faith community has specific calls and ministries. Like Jonah and Jesus' disciples, All Saints' must also listen for God's call(s) and act on the call(s).

In addition to our Baptismal Covenant, All Saints' also has a mission statement which further defines our corporate call:

"We are members of the family of God who gather for prayer, worship, and service, together we commit ourselves:

- To love and care for one another; (Caring & Sharing Taskforce)
- To learn and grow in faith throughout our lives; (Children & Adult Formation)
- To share our resources in the furthering of God's work; and (Soup & Sandwiches)
- To serve our community and the world as God calls us. (CHOW, ERD...)

We, the people of All Saints', carry out our mission through the ministries of all our members."

All Saints' Mission Statement states quite clearly that All Saints' call is to "serve our community and the world as God call us." Moreover the mission statement also details other ways we are called (prayer, worship, service, etc.). All Saints' call is demonstrated by everything that we do as a faith community—for example, our worship, Christian Ed programs, CHOW Pantry and Soup & Sandwiches...). Yet as a faith community within Johnson City we have and still are undergoing many changes.

Birth Year	AGES in 2012	Percentage in JC	2012# at All Saints	Percentage at All Saints' in 2012
Before 1925	Above 88	5.10%	22	11.52%
1942 - 1925	70-87	10.70%	40	20.94%
1943 - 1960	52-69	21.40%	50	26.18%
1961 - 1981	31-51	28.70%	25	13.09%
1982 -2001	11 thru 30	27.40%	30	15.71%
2002-2012	10 yrs below	6.70%	24	12.57%
Total		100.00%	191	100.00%

What stands out at once is that we now have as many children under the age of 10 as we do seniors over the age of 88. We are a graying parish: 59% are age 52 and older. Nearly a third of our parish is age 70 and older. This means many things need to be geared for this age group—think elevator, daytime programs, events and driving. But we also have twice as many young children than the general population in Johnson City. Due to our twenty plus toddlers, All Saints' average age has dropped by 20 some years. Due to the same toddlers our average household size is now closer to 2+ than to 1! This cohort of toddlers will mean that shortly we will have to have more than one classroom of church school. It also means that those in their 20's, 30's and 40's, the smallest of the cohorts, will be doing the heavy lifting while caring for both toddlers and those of us with gray hairs. Meanwhile Johnson City has survived a devastating flood from which it will take years to rebuild and recover.

Here are the more ecclesiastical statistics:

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average Sat/Sunday Attendance	80.65	85.71	87.81	86.58
Easter	125	151	154	200*
Sunday Number of Holy Eucharists	113	103	98	115
Weekday Eucharists	67	64	70	65
Private Eucharists	41	44	59	40
Marriages	3	0	2	0
Burials	5	8	8	5+
Baptisms	4	9	7	13
Confirmation	5	2	0	3

^{*}included District Easter Vigil (121 attendance at 8 AM and 10 AM Easter Services)

As you can see, our ecclesiastical statistics are holding steady—thanks probably to the baptisms. All of the above changes in All Saints 'demographics and steady parochial statistics suggest that All Saints' should periodically review and revised our goals and dreams. To get the process started, the Vestry brainstormed and came up with a list of two dreams and four goals for 2012-2014 at the January meeting. (Trust me, we started with a much longer list and narrowed them down to two dreams and four goals!) The Vestry goals and dreams are as follows:

Dreams:

- Church self-sufficient, No worrying about budget; Excess Revenue
- Restart a Youth Group

⁺plus two burials which took place elsewhere

Goals:

- Get Rebuilding All Saints' (RAS) on track and finish accessible bathroom and elevator
- Maintain and grow parish members
- Balance the budget
- An active visitor program for Shut-ins, More Eucharistic Visitors and Friendly Visitors.

Now we are at the Annual Meeting and it's time for everyone's voice to be hear and counted. These goals and dreams need to be All Saints' goals and dreams: not the just the rector's or not just the vestry's goals and dreams. These dreams and goals need to be reviewed and revised by all present today Finally, the revised goals and dreams will be reviewed and revised at the February Vestry Meeting—with the New Vestry!—in order to be implemented.

So here's the process. While I'm posting the dreams and goals from the Vestry, please turn towards your closest neighbor and brainstorm at least one goal and one dream that you can agree on. Then as each group announces their goal and dream, these new goals and dreams will also be posted. When everyone has contributed, we'll vote. You each received eight colored dots along with your bulletin. Please vote with your dots. You can use all your dots (votes) on one dream or goal or use one dot for each of the eight dreams or goals for which you wish to vote. It's your choice.

When everyone has voted, the dots will be counted...

Here are the results (votes noted):iii

DREAMS (only two garnered sizable votes)

- Restart a Youth Group, perhaps with other churches!(24)
- Church self-sufficient, No worrying about budget; Excess Revenue (19)

GOALS (more than four with some ties)

- Get Rebuilding All Saints' (RAS) on track and finish accessible/bigger bathroom and elevator (32)
- Maintain and grow parish members—evangelize! (32)
- Programs, events, Christian Ed to keep children and young adults coming (28)
- Balance Budget (27) note: 2012 budget is balanced
- New Dishwasher (27)
- To have more publicity (27)

These dreams and goals will be presented at the February Vestry Meeting for review, revision and implementation. Looks like an exciting year to be at All Saints!

DREAMS

- To have the balcony full! (7)
- Spanish language worship service (3)

GOALS

- An active visitor program for Shut-ins, More Eucharistic Visitors and FriendlyVisitors; services at nursing home –already done. (23)
- District cooperation in purchasing, outreach and service (21)
- Activate members with fellowship, activities, event, men's group? Telephone tree. (17)

The Rev. Christine J. Day, Rector

Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Pg. 304ff (paraphrase)

ii All Saints' Mission Statement

iii Here are the Goals and Dreams which did not make the cut but which were put forward:

Vestry: The More Things Change, the More Things Stay the Same

Elected by acclamation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of All Saints' in the Class of 2012 were:

Lee Grabowski, Warden (two year term) Johanna Kiley, Vestry (three year term) Bob Steber, Vestry (three year term) Bobbi Zurn, Vestry (three year term)

On the Vestry they will join:

Sandy Johnson, Warden Class of 2011 Paul Donnelly, Vestry Class of 2011 Rick Hrebin, Vestry Class of 2011 Joyanne Kasmarcik, Vestry Class of 2011

Linda Barkman, Vestry Class of 2010 Barbara Freed, Vestry Class of 2010 Roberta Szwalla, Vestry Class of 2010

Much thanks goes to exiting Warden, Judy Horton and Vestry Members Lee Grabowski (no good deed goes unpunished) Nancy Elwood and Lauren Kiley.

Stewardship Thought for February - Rick Hrebin

When I think of stewardship I think not only of treasure but also of time and talent. I think of stewardship like a three legged stool. Each leg of the stool represents time, talent and treasure. Each leg is as important as the others. If one leg is missing the stool will not stand.

Some parishioners may have a talent such as singing, being handy with tools, culinary talents or maybe the ability to organize or lead. Others have time and are able to work on CHOW or the Saturday lunch program or visit our shut-ins. All are important to the well being of our All Saints' family. Treasure goes with out saying.

I am going to address the stewardship issue from a vestry point of view. The other night at our Vestry meeting we were discussing the new slate of Vestry members that will be voted on in this upcoming Annual Meeting. When I got home I was telling my wife Bonnie about how some of the outgoing Vestry members said that their time on vestry had opened their eyes as to what it really takes to operate All Saints'. As Bonnie has just come off of vestry this past year she agreed with what they had said.

I am not going to tell you that serving on the vestry is easy or that it only takes an hour or two of your time once a month. There is more to it than that. I will tell you though that serving on the vestry is truly an eye opener and that you will have a better appreciation for what goes on behind the scenes at All Saints'. You have a chance to help make a difference and I believe that it makes you a stronger member. I know that it has me.

I hope that next year when a new slate of vestry members are being sought that people will be lining up to volunteer to join the vestry; however, I would really be glad that if you are approached that you will say yes and join the group. It made a difference to me and I know that it would make a difference in you.

Thank you for your time and consideration. *Rick Hrebin*

What's Green, Gold, Purple and Lot's of Fun? Mardi Gras Sunday on February19th at 10 AM!

Get out your beads, feather boas and masks it's time to celebrate the Last Sunday of Epiphany, February 19th at the 10 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist. Laura Nancy Kennedy and All Saints' Choir will provide the musical accompaniment enabling All Saints' to go marchin' in a jazzy style. Come and join in singing "Do Lord," "Precious Lord, Take my Hand," "Sweet Spirit" and be ready to tap your foot! Count on the Church School to have a surprise planned in addition to collecting the "Alleluias" for Lent.

February 22nd Ash Wednesday

Sometimes Easter is in March and other times it is in April. This year Easter is Sunday, April 8^{th} and Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 22^{nd} . On Ash Wednesday, there will be three celebrations of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes:

Ash X Wednesday

6:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM

In the words of that day's liturgy, you are invited "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, and fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (*BCP* page 265).

"Call Him Savior" Lenten Study Begins Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012



All Saints' Lenten Program, "Call Him Savior" begins Ash Wednesday at 5:30 PM with a soup and bread supper and discussion, prior to the 7 PM Ash Wednesday Service. In the following weeks we will gather each Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 PM in the Chapel for a Taizé Eucharist, then go the Library for a light Soup & Bread supper and the program. Each session will be led by Mother Day or District Deacon, the Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce. Come, bring a copy of your Bible and discover why we call Jesus our Savior.

"Call Him Savior" examines the Revised Common Lectionary Bible readings for Lent. A key part of living and passing on the faith is to hear and remember the stories of the Lenten season. It is tempting to bypass the somber notes of Lent and rush straight from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning. "Alleluias" sing easier than "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Yet the impact of an empty tomb is most fully experienced when witnessed against the passion of Jesus. In this study, you are offered the opportunity to reflect on Jesus as Savior. You will remember the power and the sacrifice of God's love through the Incarnation of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross. Celebrate the gift of salvation and new life in the resurrection and remember these stories, while reclaiming what it means to call Jesus your Savior.

Life Goes On Meeting in February

The February meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, February 15th at The Turkish Restaurant on Main Street in Johnson City. If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 to aid in planning the group's reservation.

New Duty Rosters for February, March, April, and May

New Duty Rosters are now available for pick up at the rack by our main entrance. Please remember that if you are not able to serve when scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the office of the change.

Scheduling Coordinators

Acolytes & Ushers: Bob Steber Phone: 765-6476 Email: bsteber@aol.com
Assistants & Lectors: Gary Zurn Phone: 754-4528 Email: GaryZ2353@aol.com
Counters: Don Thorpe Phone: 748-8577 Email: dthorpe@stny.rr.com

\$\$\$ and Sense-2011 and 2012

In 2011 a monthly income of \$ 13,919.44 was needed to balance the expenses. Projections for expenses in 2011 were just about on the money. Thankfully All Saints' is a generous parish. Thanks to a modest and generous bequest from the late Josef Walter, and other gifts All Saints' finished 2011 with a <u>surplus</u> of \$7,055.29! Complete Year End financial statements can be found in the 2011 Annual Reports.

Income	Actual December 31, 2011	Annual Budget 2011
Offering & Pledges	\$ 158,121	\$ 145,052
Fundraising	\$ 7,646	\$ 9,000
Other Income	\$ 8,311	\$ 7,545
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ 2,059
Total Income	\$ 174,088	\$ 163,657
Total Expenses	\$ 167,033	\$ 163,656
Profit (Loss)	\$ 7,055	\$ 0

Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, emeriti treasurers Don Thorpe or Marilyn Doersam, or a Warden or a Vestry member.

On to All Saints' 2012 budget—it's a more than balanced budget—thanks to generous pledges. Which should remind all of us that with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

Income	Annual Budget 2012
Offering & Pledges	\$ 155,389
Fundraising	\$ 7,200
Other Income	\$ 8,342
Faith Income	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 170,931
Total Expenses	\$ 168,059
Profit (Loss)	\$ 2,872

Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, emeriti treasurers Don Thorpe or Marilyn Doersam, or a Warden or a Vestry member.

Thoughts from our Outgoing Warden

I want to thank everyone who brought a dish to pass to the lunch after the annual meeting. As usual there was a very good variety and everything was delicious. a special thank you to Bobbi and Gary Zurn, Ruth Furman, Lee and Lucy Grabowski who stayed and helped with the clean up. I also want to thank everyone who has supported me the last four years as Warden and ask that you give that support to the vestry and wardens. We cannot grow as a church without EVERYONE'S contributions. When asked to help in someway, please say yes. I have learned so much about myself and have taken part in things that I never thought I could do. Please offer your ideas and remember the old adage "Many hands make light work" *Judy Horton*

Your Help is Needed!

Judy Horton

We need ideas for fun activities so our members of our church family can get to know each other better. Also we need ideas for fundraising. If you have an idea but are not sure how to proceed, give the church a call and someone will contact you to follow up. It is important for everyone to be able to participate and please know that all ideas are welcome. Thank you!

Thanks to All Who Helped Make All Saints' Annual Stewardship Drive a Success

Thanks to all for returning All Saints' 2012 pledge cards or requesting envelopes. As a result of your generous 67 pledges \$135, 439 was committed for All Saints' mission and ministry in 2012.

Thank you...

Linda Barkman, Barbara Barton, Don & Sandy Brewster, Doris Brink, Clarke & Darlene Byarley, Jane Chomyszak, Cindy & Dennis Cole, Robert Cole, Sally Cole, Ceil Cwikla, Christian & Ann Day, Chris Day+, Marilyn Doersam, Paul & Patti Donnelly, Art & Nancy Elwood, Dick & Cheryl Escott, Don & Charlotte Fargo, Christy & Rob Finta, Arlene Foley, Barbara Freed, Ruth Furman, Dave Ganter, Eleanor Genthner, Shirley Goetz, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Nancy Grabowski, Carl & Mary Green, Rhae Ann Hawkes, Erik & Rebekah Heden, Ralph & Pat Holloway, Dave & Judy Horton, Rick & Bonnie Hrebin, Arlene Huyck, Charlene Jacques, Tom & Sandy Johnson, Joyanne Kasmarcik, Larry & Nancy Kiley, Lauren Kiley, Dick & Lois Kimble, Matt & Colleen Labosky, Paul & Caroline Labosky, Herb & Debbie Lake, Bill & Jean Lawson, Shirley Lipman, Cyndy Macarak, Sue & Steve Mahon, Bob & Betty McCurry, Alan Motsko, Don Nauerz, Eileen Patch, Dayle Perry, Dave & Lonna Pierce, Corrine & Phil Rea. Ardis Rogers, Jay Shoemaker, Alan Sholtes, Sarah-Jo Sites, Don & Jane Sturdevant, Roberta Szwalla, Larry & Ida Taft, Don & Debbie Thorpe, Marcia Tinder, Tom Tinder, Bill & Kim Trowbridge, Bill & Margaret Vollrath, Gayle Whittier, and Bobbi & Gary Zurn....THANK YOU!

Here is the breakdown of pledges

	2010	2011	2012
Amount Pledged	\$133, 435	\$126, 952	\$135,439
# of Pledges	75	70	67
Average Pledge	\$1,779	\$1,814	\$2,021

Safe Church Training Offered

All Church School Teachers and Vestry need to attend Safe Church Training. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 117 Main Street, Owego, NY, will hold a "Safe Church" training session on Sunday, February 19th, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. This training, which covers preventing sexual abuse of children, is required every 5 years for anyone within the Episcopal Church that has any contact with children, but all are encouraged to attend. Bill & Patti O'Connell will lead the session. Participants are asked to pre-register by calling either the parish office at (607) 687-2830 or the O'Connell's at (607) 687-2493 by Feb. 16th. Participants may bring a "bag lunch". Beverages will be provided.

Immediately following the required training, the movie "Trust" will be shown, which depicts the dangers to children from on-line predators. This is an optional part of the training. Parents, especially of teens and "tweens", are encouraged to attend this showing. "Trust" is rated "R".

Book Club to Meet Thursday, February 23rd at 5:30 PM

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 23rd at 5:30 PM at the rectory. Having finished the discussion of the Rev. Dcn. Christine Wibles' book, *The Shepherd's Way's*, the next book is yet to be decided!

Thousands visit, offer prayers, watch videos on the new Episcopal Church website

Since its December 28 redesign launch, more than 55,000 have visited the Episcopal Church website 84,000 times, viewing 294,000 pages! "In less than a month, the Episcopal Church website has experienced a lot of traffic and participation," noted Anne Rudig, Episcopal Church Director of Communication. "The response has been overwhelming and we are gratified that we are engaging newcomers and members alike. People are lingering, clicking, and viewing videos."

The top 10 pages visited were: Find A Church; Bulletin Inserts; live/on demand worship; sermons; the Bible; Baptismal Covenant; I am Episcopalian; calendar; history; and the Book of Common Prayer. And, already hitting the 10,000 mark is the number of plays of the many videos offered on the site. On a daily basis, dozens of readers have submitted prayer requests, knowing that a community is praying for and with them in the section Prayers of the people. In addition, more than 300 local congregations have updated their own information in the Find a church section, which provides rapid access to Episcopal churches in the United States and the 15 other countries of the Episcopal Church. "Keeping church information updated on the website is an important evangelism tool," Rudig continued. "Dozens of churches have taken advantage of this key element and we invite all churches to check their listing." Key to the new website is the many opportunities for dioceses, congregations, provinces and Episcopalians to post videos and photos of local mission in action.

On December 28, the Episcopal Church unveiled the new welcoming, eye-appealing, easy-to-navigate, experiential website. The new website features a motif of stained glass windows, each of which holds a small piece of our contemporary church and provides many avenues to experience the Episcopal Church, its beliefs and its many ministries. And, the website is available in Spanish and English. Among the key features on the home page: What we believe; What we do; Who we are; Ministries; Multimedia; Calendar. New features include: Prayer for the day; Worship; Prayers of the people; Find a church; and Social media.

So, we urge you to investigate!

The Episcopal Church: www.episcopalchurch.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/episcopalian

Twitter: twitter.com/iamepiscopalian YouTube: www.youtube.com/TECtube

Prayer List beginning February

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.



Short Term: Arlene Huyck; The Bodie Family [death of Arlene Bodie]; Christy Finta; Gayle Whittier; Larry Taft; Caroline Labosky; Lucy Grabowski; Eleanor Genthner; Barbara Freed

Long Term: Kathy Piza; Sylvia & her child; Lief; Elios; Jeannette Cook; Barbara Wort; David Pierce; Ardis Rogers; Wilma Nauerz; Rev. Steward Purdy; Kaitlyn Graham; Tom Johnson; Larry Nickerson; Dorothy Pipisius; David Horton; Lee Grabowski, Nan Grabowski; Carl Green; Sue Thomas; Ray Lerche; Eileen Pepper; John Tasber; Jack Root; Ryan and Shaun Small, Debbie Peters; Jessie Snyder; Clare Meyer; Ann Sholtes; Werner Lipman; Kristen Stroup;

Marnie Ward; Brittany Polhamus & Megan; Amanda, Kayley & Nate McGinnis; Steve Mahon; Norma & Daniel Samson; Lisa Estelle; Ken Barkman; Robert Gillmer; Steven & Sarah Johnson; Michael & Sarah Johnson; Phil, Corrine, Thomas & Ryan Rea; Dana Nauerz

Celebrations in February

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

19 Pam and Bob Steber26 Kim and Bill Trowbridge

Sanctuary Candle

February 5 – The candle is given by Ralph and Pat Holloway in memory of Pat's parents, Mildred and Harry D. Hancock, Jr. And in memory of her brother, David Hancock.

February 12 - open

February 19 – The candle is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her husband Arthur's aunt, Nora Howard; and is given by Mildred L. Wood in memory of her husband, Elwyn D. Wood.

February 26 – The Candle is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her grandfather, James G. Hahn.

Altar Flowers

February 5 – Flowers are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanks-giving for the birthday of her daughter, Lynn Alexander; and by Rebekah and Erik Heden in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter, Kayleigh Heden.

February 12 - donations needed

February 19 – Flowers are given by Colleen, Matt and Megan Labosky in memory of Emily Ann Labosky; and by Mildred L. Wood, in memory of her husband, Elwyn D. Wood.

February 26 – open

From the Parish Records

Deaths/Burial/Memorial Services

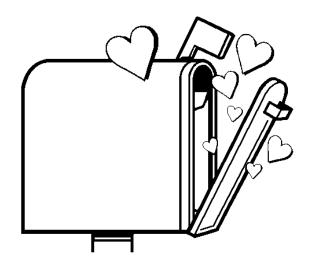
The Rev. H. Arthur Doersam

died Friday, December 2, 2011; service was held at Trinity Memorial on Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Arlene M. Bodie

died Tuesday, January 17, 2012; service was held at All Saints' on Friday, January 20, 2012

The Deadline for the March Issue of *Crossways* is February 16th!



Staff Wardens

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Service and Education Schedule for February 2012

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: February 12

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Ash Wednesday Feb. 22

6:30a.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist 10:00a.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

Lent Program 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent — Feb. 22, 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, and 28

