THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT & THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 19, 2010
FROM THE OFFICE
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PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE

# of Pledging Units – 194
# of Pledges Turned In - 79
# of Pledges Outstanding - 115

OPERATING BUDGET

PLEDGES

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<td>35,000</td>
<td>41,123</td>
<td>6,123</td>
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<td>YTD</td>
<td>386,165</td>
<td>344,831</td>
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EXPENSES

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<td>42,267</td>
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<td>417,756</td>
<td>389,436</td>
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Pre-Paid Pledges Used = 35,300.
Pre-Paid Pledges Remaining = 15,742.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

(INCLUDES GIFTS RECEIVED AS HONORARIUMS/MEMORIALS)

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<td>Pledges/Donations received – Hope</td>
<td>6,909</td>
<td>447,514</td>
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<td>Interest Income</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>22,575</td>
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<td>Net Proceeds from financing</td>
<td>(6,513)</td>
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<td>Total Income</td>
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“And they shall name him Emmanuel”

Amid all the shopping, parties, end-of-semester papers and tests, school programs, and decorating we hear these words:

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

What is recorded here—indeed, what God announces—is the soon-to-be-experienced birth of a human being who will somehow show us a different way to be. God is about to do something new. Caught off guard, Joseph and Mary are beckoned to begin a journey into the unknown.

Just as Mary and Joseph were beckoned to trust and follow, during this season of Advent we too are called to trust in and follow this soon-to-be-born child. This journey into the unknown will take us to unexpected places where we will experience misgivings and doubt. There will be highs and lows, joys and sorrows. But no matter where the journey takes us “God is with us.”

This season of Advent is a time to prepare for the unexpected. Use it wisely. Prepare for God to break through the routine and the commonplace and make something new! Prepare to trust and follow.

Shalom, Paul+

FROM LYNN PHILLIPS-GAINES

Dear All Saints’ Episcopal Church,

Words do not do justice in thanking you for my "clergy in training" field placement with you. It has been an experience of a lifetime. I will always carry a part of you with me, no matter where I am placed in service. My heartfelt thanks to you All Saints’!

Special thanks to the Vergers, Vestry, Servant Ministry, Altar Guild, and Choir for keeping me straight and on task in my various duties. To Paul, Gene, Tommie, Nancy and Jessica, it was a pleasure to work side by side with you. And thanks to the Yard Guild, for the comic relief.

I love the Book of Common Prayer/Hymnal inscribed from you and will treasure it always. Your gift will keep me from fumbling with books while I am trying to serve. :)

You will be in my prayers.

Christ’s Peace, Lynn
115 volunteers served in November
(An average of 5 volunteers per day)

We are in need of the following items: tub or stick margarine, sugar, coffee, Sunny D orange juice, 5-oz. plastic cups, refill size containers of salt and pepper, sugar free maple syrup, gallon size 2 percent or skim milk, and 409 Cleaner (1 gallon size 409 is available at Lowe's). Your help with any of these items or monetary donations is greatly appreciated.

In addition, the kitchen is in need of gently used dish towels. If you have any to donate, that are in good condition, please drop them off in the kitchen.

DISTRIBUTION DAY for DECEMBER ORDERS
Saturday, December 18 ~ 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

We will be taking orders for January on Saturday, January 8 & 15 ~ 10:00 - Noon or online at: www.angelfoodministries.com
The Flower Guild works very diligently and frugally to provide beautiful altar arrangements each Sunday at the lowest possible cost to the donor.

With the cost of flowers and greenery continuing to rise, the Flower Guild has found it necessary to ask for an increase in the minimum donation asked of parishioners who give the altar flowers on Sundays. The Vestry has approved an increase in the minimum donation to $75 (for two altar arrangements) effective January 1, 2011.

A 12 Step Workshop
Hosted by the *We Are Not Saints* Group of A. A.

**Saturday, December 11 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
**All Saints’ Episcopal Church Parish Hall**
No charge (please bring a sack lunch)

The workshop will be conducted by Carver Brown, Alumni Coordinator for Pine Grove Behavioral Health, in Hattiesburg. This workshop demystifies the 12 step process and gently shows how the steps link together. It has proven to be a powerful tool for newcomers and experienced steppers alike and provides an opportunity to actually make commitment decisions which reenergize an existing 12 step recovery program or forms the basis for beginning a journey of recovery.

From the Flower Guild

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Hey Kids! Want a Christmas book to read? Check out YOUR Library!

Missing from the Adult Library. . .

The following books have “walked” away from the adult Library. If you have borrowed any of these books, please return them to the basket in the Library:

- 282/Boo What Makes Us Episcopalians?
- 283/Edw What Anglicans (Episcopalians) Believe
- 306.8/Bra The Family: A Revolutionary Way of Self-Discovery
- 616.99/Blo Fighting Cancer: Step by Step Guide
- 811/Gwi Wishing for Snow: A Memoir

ADVENT calendars and daily devotion materials are available in the church. Please feel free to take one of each per family.

LIVING

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

—John F. Kennedy

GIVING

Fantastic job on the Christmas projects! The EYC raised over $600 to sponsor Christmas for two children and to help supply warm weather gear for Saints’ Brew guests. You all are truly making a difference in the lives of others with your service.

If you volunteered to serve at the Saints’ Brew Christmas dinner, remember that is scheduled for Thursday, December 23. You will need to arrive at 5:00 p.m. to help set up.

Remember also that our next EYC trip is planned for February 18-20. Mark your calendar now!

Also, a lot of Diocesan events are coming up soon: Winter Solstice at Camp Bratton-Green will be December 27-January 1; Annual Council Youth Lock-In in Jackson is January 28-30; Junior High DOY is February 25-27; Happening #73 is March 4-6; and Senior High DOY is March 25-27.

Peace, Stacy

EYC is collecting new and gently used coats (adult and children’s sizes) for Saints’ Brew. Collection boxes are located in the Parish Hall lobby and the Church Narthex.
The deadline for submitting information for the next newsletter (3 week) is Thursday, December 16, at 12:00 p.m.

**GIFTS RECEIVED FOR SAINTS’ BREW:**

A donation of tooth brushes and toothpaste has been received from Dr. Sam Ritter.

**GIFTS RECEIVED:**

In Honor of:
Cathy Sparks, Jeanne Lagrone, Tommie Moore
From: Mary Howard King
(Rector’s Discretionary Fund)

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .**

Ann & Corky Springfield on the November 27th birth of a new grandson, Yusef, (son of Shannon Springfield & Machyar Kumbang.)

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Dear Parishioners of All Saints’, Thanks so much for all the food you sent to us during my mom’s hospitalization. We all feel loved & cared for because of your generous outpouring of love. Mom will be in the hospital for several weeks to come, but keep the prayers coming.....they are much appreciated! May the peace of the Lord be with you all!

Kathy Lockett Massey
(sister of Tammy Wooldridge)

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Thank you for your gift to the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Mississippi Cover A Child Holiday Project. Your support of our programs means so much to all of us. There’s no better gift than a gift that helps a child. We appreciate your interest in providing a safe place for our youth to learn and grow during after-school and summer hours.

Sincerely, Rob Hudson, President

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Due to your generosity, the Regional Rehabilitation Center will be able to continue offering quality rehabilitation services to North Mississippians at no cost to the client or his insurance company.

Sincerely, Kay Mathews, Executive Director

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ALL SAINTS' MISSION STATEMENT:
To equip ourselves for Christ’s service by gathering for worship, fellowship, prayer, and study;
To minister to and support each other, and to welcome all who walk through our doors;
To act as responsible stewards of God’s gifts to us; And to do God’s work in the world by seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:30 P.M.
Holy Eucharist
Nursery Provided

10:45 P.M.
"Midnight Mass" with the All Saints' Choir