

All Saints Episcopal



Parish Profile
2018

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This is All Saints

Who we are now...

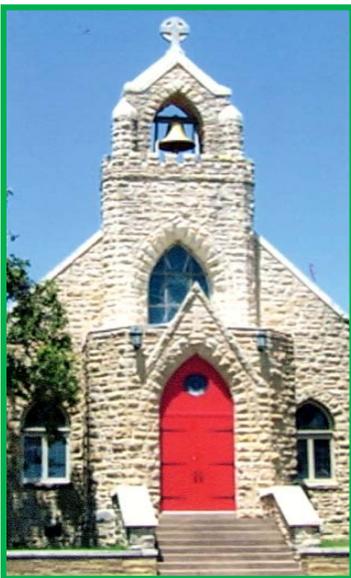
Members of All Saints Episcopal Church come together – as we have for over 100 years – to show that we can accomplish great things with great love. Through small acts or large efforts, we rise to the occasion. We worship and serve God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We love each other. We support each other. And we give to the community through our involvement, our personal ministries, and the generosity of our members.

Both as a congregation and as individuals, we give in many, many ways – not just to help those who are hurting in our community, but to build them up. For example, on monthly food distribution days, we welcome our guests with cookies, and coffee, friendly conversation, and “door prizes”, and engage them in our prayer ministry. During the week, volunteers managing the office respond to individual needs for food, utilities, lodging, and resource referral with loving hearts and willing ears for those who come to our Red Doors for help.

“I have seen very long term beauty in this part of the Body of Christ expressed in love, faith and hope, supporting one another in all conditions and reaching out to our community and beyond with viable outreach ministries.”

When there is a unique need, such as providing space for a transient family to accommodate the remains of their deceased infant, we respond as needed. All Saints members respond with Love, whatever the need.

All Saints Episcopal Church is a small congregation in rural Southeastern Oklahoma. We are a close-knit family of souls that seeks to strengthen our current ministries as we increase our presence in our community. Yet, we realize we are spread thin in maintaining our ministries with our current membership and we want to grow in size as we expand what we have to offer for both the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors.



All Saints Episcopal Church’s beginnings in McAlester were based in service over 100 years ago, when the Diocese of Arkansas established a hospital here in Indian Territory to minister to the needs of injured coal miners who had no medical resources. From our earliest times, this parish has been dedicated to serving the needs of those in the community, through the Love and Grace of God.

Our church family currently includes 114 baptized souls, some relatively new and some whose families have been members of All Saints for generations. Approximately half of our members have been Episcopalians for less than 15 years, many coming from other faith traditions.

Our liturgy, sacraments and music provide each of us with space for personal connection with God. A recent church survey reflects that more than half of our members attend weekly services, and four out of

five attend services at least monthly. Over two thirds are involved in regular church ministries and activities in addition to worship.

Our worship is not complete until we have fellowship with each other during coffee hour in the parish hall each Sunday, and many continue their conversations by going out with the “Lunch Bunch” afterwards. These informal gatherings provide opportunities to make new friends, as we share time with other members of our church family.

The future we seek...

Although we are a small church, we continuously seek to help those in our community that are in need, and have built a positive reputation in the McAlester area for our response to the needy. In helping those in need, we welcome them into our small family. All are welcome at All Saints Episcopal Church!

The All Saints family has been prayerfully reflecting and utilizing tools such as surveys, an all-member meeting, and small group discussions to help us discover and discern where we are, what we need, and where we want to be in coming years. With this better understanding of where we are today, we are creating the roadmap for where we want to be in the future.

Growing our membership

Even in the climate of declining membership and attendance in the churches of organized religions, we know that people are searching for meaning and connection. All Saints Episcopal Church strives to provide a grace-filled option for seekers as well as maintain the traditions of our heritage and liturgy. As with many Episcopal congregations, our evangelism tends to be prayerful and quiet, remaining hopeful that by our example, others will be attracted to our doors. We have not promoted ourselves as other churches might, and tend to bring more new people in to our events and ministries than to our worship services. While we have a stable and committed membership, we recognize the need to continue our growth as we plan for the future of our church.

Roughly a fourth of our membership is new, having come to All Saints Episcopal Church within the last five years. It is interesting to note that approximately the same percentage of our members have been with us for over 30 years. With a membership comprised of 75% who have been with us more than five years, it is obvious that those who become a part of All Saints Church Family tend to remain.



Strengthening our youth programs

Our membership is virtually unanimous in identifying this as a critical issue for All Saints Episcopal Church. Over the past 13 years, we went from having very few youth in the church to having a vibrant youth program. Then through relocation and the inevitable “growing-up and going off” of the children, we again find ourselves with only a small group of faithful families with children. We also recognize that a few families have transferred to some of the larger local churches with “exciting” children’s programs or larger youth groups. Yet we are encouraged by some of those youth who return to tell us they miss the liturgy, the spirituality of the service, the tradition. And we have had new young families joining us within the past year, looking for a Christ-centered church in which to raise their children.



During this relatively quiet time in our children’s programs, a group of young adults has taken it upon themselves to refurbish the nursery and the classrooms in the education wing order to be ready for more children. Most of our parishioners have already been trained in the Episcopal youth protection program, *Safeguarding God’s Children*, and we have an on-site certified trainer when additional training is needed. We will be ready when children come!

Continued improvement and better utilization of our facilities

Over the past several years, a significant number of physical plant issues have been addressed: Tuck pointing of the sanctuary’s exterior and new roofs not only eliminated problems, but also provided protection for this beautiful and historic building. Handicap accessibility has been greatly improved, and cosmetic enhancements have improved the appearance of several areas. Replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning units have greatly increased comfort. A number of plans are in process for continued improvement and we want to ensure that we do not lose momentum. (A description of work accomplished and that still in planning is contained in the Facilities description on pages (15-16).

Maintaining financial stability

Every stewardship campaign begins with the challenge of raising sufficient funds to maintain our ministries and activities. History shows that All Saints Episcopal Church members rally when there is a need. For the current year, we not only had more people pledging, but many who regularly pledge increased their commitment. Last year (2017) ended with our church in good financial condition. The most current financial report is on page 17 in this profile.

Maintaining stable and relevant personal ministries

We have a caring and passionate membership, who are drawn to helping those within our parish family and those in the community. Our ministries within the church are the heart of all that we do. The choir, altar guild, acolytes, readers, greeters, lay leaders and servers facilitate our worship for every service. Without the commitment of the compassion committee, prayer warriors, and “office angels”, we could not minister to each other.

Community Outreach

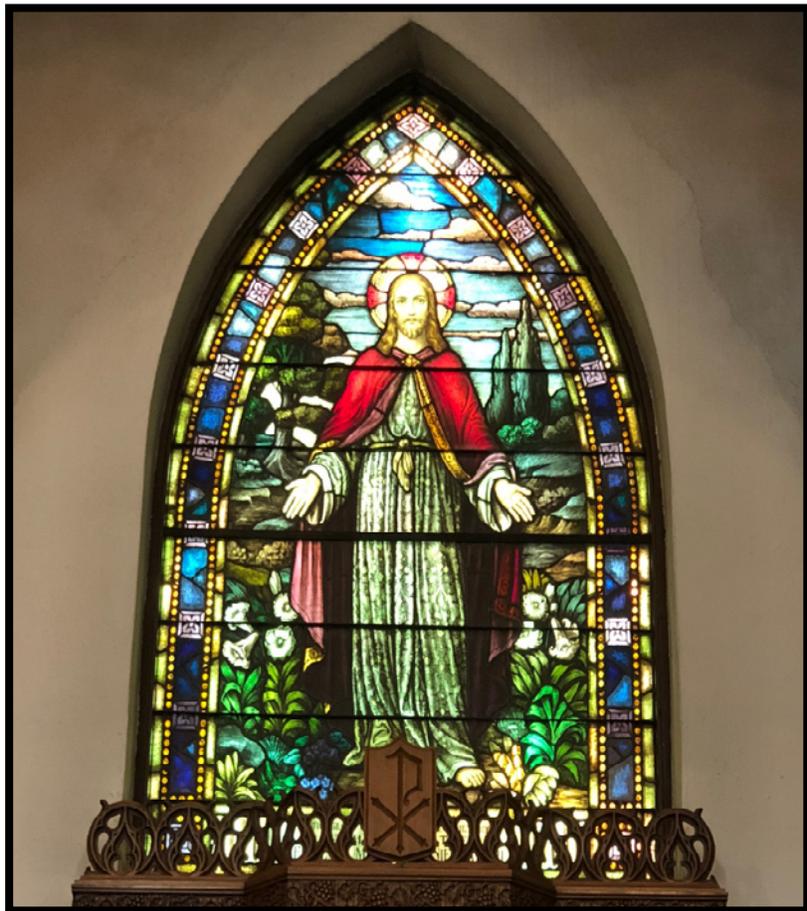
Our ministries in the community serve the homeless, the hungry, and those whose thirst is of the spirit. And many of our members also volunteer with local non-profit agencies serving various populations of need in our community. Because of our enthusiastic desire to help, we can sometimes over-extend ourselves, taking on more than we can maintain for the long haul. As we move into our future, we are mindful of the need to not only evaluate the ongoing value of our efforts, but also to make plans to replenish the energy and spirit of each ministry in order to continue the breadth and depth of our personal ministries.



The priest we seek....

We seek a priest to represent Christ and His Church, particularly as pastor to the people of this parish; to share in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God. All Saints Episcopal Church in McAlester needs a priest who is both pastoral and energetic, capable of leading us into all that our future holds, and helping us draw more people into the church.

Our Vicar must have a compassionate pastor's heart, a kind and deep spirituality, and a sense of inclusiveness to help us continue to grow in size and diversity. We pray our new Vicar will help us to reach out to all in our community, leading us in worship and by example, to live out our baptismal covenant. We are confident that God is leading to us someone who can serve as celebrant, spiritual guide and teacher, pastor, administrator, and advocate for growth.



Our Voices



Feeling welcome and wanted... "two women from the church made it a point to ask me to come to church every single time they saw me!"

"All Saints is like a second family to us. Both our children were baptized and confirmed into All Saints. We have been active in its many ministries and find it a very warm and caring parish. We are a varied group of people who respect each other's differences. This is not to say there have never been upsets or hurts. However, I can truly say that either the parties work it out or others in the parish find ways to smooth things over. We are a little group but we are mighty and determined to keep All Saints doors open to all. That old saying of "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" definitely applies to this group of wonderful individuals."



"All Saints Church is the one place where I don't have to check either my brain or my heart at the door. I can bring my whole self and be accepted."

"I love my All Saints Family. Even when we don't agree, we tend to err on the side of compassion."



"I like our church because of our commitment to help the destitute and the disadvantaged."

"Two couples invited us to All Saints. I was awed by the beauty of the sanctuary, with the emphasis on the altar. I sensed God's presence in the reverence. Although I had not experienced liturgy, it spoke to me strongly. It was and is a Holy place! The people were so friendly and welcoming. I have for many years come to love the Seasons of the church and the life and beauty of the prayer book. Thanks be to God for those couples inviting us so long ago."

What We Do at All Saints

In Our Worship

All Saints currently has one weekly Eucharistic celebration with music on Sunday, and we have hopes of adding more services through the week. Our current Christian Education program includes adult Sunday School, and Education for Ministry. We are ready to resume our Wednesdays of Wonder (WOW), which focuses on children's Christian formation and provides a mid-week family dinner. Adult enrichment activities are held simultaneous to the children's WOW activities. We also have a mid-week healing service, traditionally with Holy Eucharist when we have a Vicar, at 5:00 PM on Thursday, and an early morning meditation group on Wednesday.



Our current Schedule is:

Sunday	9:00 AM - Sunday School
	10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist (average attendance 44) "Lunch Bunch" after Coffee Hour
	11:45 AM - Episcopal Church Women (3rd Sunday)
	2:00 PM - Prison Ministry at Hodgen's (last 2 Sundays) Correctional Center
	6:00 PM - Education for Ministry
Wednesday	8:00 AM - Meditation Group in the Chapel
	5:30 PM - Brotherhood of St. Andrew (2nd & 4th Wed.)
	7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	4:30 PM - Monthly Food Distribution (3rd Thursdays)
	5:00 PM - Healing Service
	7:00 PM - Bishop's Committee Meeting (3rd Thursday)
Fridays	6:30 AM - Ecumenical Bible Study

In Our Church

All Saints has these traditional ministries, found in most Episcopal churches:

*Acolytes ~ Lay Leaders ~ Lectors ~ Greeters ~ Servers ~ Altar Guild
Christian Education ~ Episcopal Church Women (ECW) ~ Vestry ~ Choir
Healing Ministry ~ Prayer Chain ~ Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV)
Compassion Committee (provides meals in cases of illness, deaths, births, etc.)*

As a result of recent Natural Church Development surveys, small group formation or expansion has been encouraged. Response included the addition of the weekly

"I love All Saints because I feel at home here. The members are like family. They love me warts and all."

meditation group, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, as well as expansion of our already existing Cursillo reunion group and Education for Ministry. These ministries

necessitate additional explanation:

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew ministers to men in the church and in the community, and provides support for the local men's shelter and is committed to prison ministry.

Our *Cursillo* community includes most of those in church leadership, as well as many others within our parish. Cursillo is a movement of the Episcopal Church and other churches, designed to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Many of our members have remained active following their initial experience by serving on teams to help others learn to live out their baptismal covenant to serve Christ, and Cursillo 4th Day groups remain active.



Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year, internationally acclaimed program of Christian study and development for lay adults, offered by the School of Theology at the University of the South. The goal of EfM is to give adult lay people a solid grounding for leading an active Christian life. We are blessed to have a trained and certified mentor on premises, who marked his 30th anniversary as a certified mentor in 2017.

In Our Community

Our ministries to the greater community focus on outreach to those in desperate need through food, help with utilities, rent, lodging, resource information and referral, and other donations of time and talent:

Ministering to Those in Need

Through the use of dedicated and discretionary funds, assistance is given to those who come asking for help with utilities, rent, and lodging. Resource information and referral is provided to link needy individuals with other services in the community.

Regular support is also given to local homeless shelters, through donations, visitation, and invitation to church events and activities.

The recent addition of a Blessings Box in our parking area enables volunteers to provide food, toiletries, and seasonal comfort items for those who may be homeless or transient or simply uncomfortable asking for help. The box is available 24/7.

Food Ministries

Folks who drop by for help, whether during the week or for our monthly food distribution, are people going through difficult and stressful times. They are often hurting and discouraged, and they are looking for help, not platitudes. We give them a listening ear without judgment and offer them prayer. We also provide refreshments, socialization and a place to talk with friends, in addition to giving them food. They are guests and are

made to feel at home.

During 2017 we served approximately 90 households per month. They were given a bag full of food along with produce and pastries. At Thanksgiving, 83 hams were given out along with serving 198 households (more than double the monthly average). Our food programs include:

John 6:13 Food Pantry - From our Food Bank storeroom, we serve individuals and families who live in McAlester and meet certain requirements set forth by the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The food for this program is purchased directly from the Food Bank with contributions from All Saints Episcopal Church members, supplemented by donations from the Presbyterian Church.

Food for Others - Our second Food ministry, which we call the 'All Saints Pantry', consists of food donated by church members, food drives, and various other resources. Food from this pantry is given to indigent individuals and transients who do not qualify for food from the Food Bank, mainly because they do not meet the residency requirements.



Meals on Wheels - this community program provides meals prepared by McAlester Regional Health Center to those who are homebound. The All Saints Episcopal Church team delivers every four weeks. In addition to the food, the program provides recipients with opportunities for friendly interaction with people who are neither family members or providers. Both those who deliver and those who receive are blessed.

Prison Ministry - Three of our men have completed Department of Corrections training and been badged for prison ministry. Twice a month they meet with inmates at Hamilton Correctional Center in Hodgen, Oklahoma to provide spiritual guidance. Additionally, one of them also ministers to death row inmates at the maximum-security facility in McAlester. Although this is currently a ministry of the laity, it is hoped that it might grow to include the provision of sacraments in the future.

Other outreach includes monthly radio sermons and newspaper messages (as part of the local Ministerial Alliance), social media postings, and outreach to all newcomers. Church fundraising activities also encourage community involvement, including our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March, and our annual Wine & Cheese Soiree. Other ministries provide opportunities to invite the community into our midst, e.g. African Team Ministries in September, and the Pet Blessing in October.

All Saints Episcopal Church has a history of answering whatever call the commu-

Blessing Box



- All Saints Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- Camp New Hope
- Hope House for women
- Men's Shelter
- Camp Scholarships
- E-Angels
- Blessing Box
- UTO



Outreach...

John 6:13

Food
Pantry



nity may have. Throughout our many decades in McAlester, this has involved relationships with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and many other groups. Ecumenical involvement with other churches during Holy Week, Thanksgiving, and other community events reflect cooperation and collaboration of services for folks in need. Joint endeavors have included Bible studies, Cursillo reunion groups, food drives and distribution, Education for Ministry, and community-wide ecumenical services. All Saints members maintain a willingness to involve ourselves in the lives of this community.

Our Community

Our Church

All Saints' Episcopal Church is believed to be the oldest Christian worshipping community in McAlester, Oklahoma. It was founded eleven years before Oklahoma became a state and was involved first and foremost in the ministry of healing.



Before there was a church, there were coalmines. In 1892 a mine explosion in Krebs, killed one hundred miners and injured one hundred more. Hearing of the disaster, the Episcopal Bishops in the Eastern United States sent *Missionary Bishop Francis Key Brooks* into Oklahoma Indian Territory to determine needs in the area. With no hospitals in the

vicinity and so many mining injuries, Bishop Brooks petitioned his Board of Missions in Philadelphia to fund a hospital. In 1895 All Saints Hospital was founded.

At that time fifteen Episcopalians were meeting for worship in their homes. Three years after the hospital was built, in 1898, the little white-framed All Saints' Episcopal Church was completed on historic "Church Row" just north of the city center, where it remains to this day. From that beginning, a growing community of worshipers emerged, and the ministry of healing through All Saint's Hospital continued until 1925, the year that the mines were closed. Then the hospital was sold, and in 1926 the little frame church was replaced with the stately house of worship that we enjoy today.

By the beginning of World War II, an influx of people from diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds came to the area and began to broaden the membership base of our church. Cultural change began in a meaningful way in the late 1950's and early 1960's in our community, which coincided with changes beginning in the larger Episcopal Church.

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: "We feel like a family truly caring about each other." :
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These events in a true sense brought our parish to the realization that our call as Christians had to expand beyond our comfort zone. Many of us have come to the Episcopal Church from other Christian traditions. Although we bring different theological perspectives, one of the things we have come to value about All Saints and the Episcopal church is an openness to all sorts of people and their questions, as well as the ability

to find Jesus through our relationships with each other and the surrounding community.

Historically, All Saints Episcopal Church members have provided leadership in government, medicine, legal, educational and commercial enterprises in the McAlester community and continue to do so. In recent years, two former mayors, a city manager, and former chairman of the McAlester Hospital Board, president of the State Library Association, president of the State-wide Friends of the Library, and co-chair of the Pittsburg County Local Service Coalition have made All Saints' their church home. Many members serve on other municipal and nonprofit boards in McAlester.

At All Saints, we are still building the church, building up living stones, for the church is not the building, but the people. We grow living stones through worship, study, work and play. And as we are transformed we transform the community around us.

All Saints Episcopal Church theme for this year is “Embracing the Covenant of Love”. We believe that by sharing the time, talents, and treasures with which we have been blessed, in the ministry of reconciliation, that we share the Love of God with all in our community. It is God’s own bounty that we return to God. We are caretakers, not owners of these gifts. This is our calling as a Christian community.



Our Diocese

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma includes all Episcopal congregations in the state of Oklahoma, encompassing nearly 70,000 square miles of varied landscapes. Our diocese includes approximately 25,000 Episcopalians, 70 congregations and 150 resident clergy.

Our diocese has maintained consistent growth over the past several years, reporting an annual growth rate of over 4%. We support five schools, and two residential communities for mature adults. We are also blessed with a thriving camp and conference center located at St. Crispin’s, in the center of the state, a mere hour’s drive from McAlester.

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma is located in The Episcopal Church’s Province VII, which consists of 12 other dioceses in nearby states. The Diocese of Oklahoma is nationally recognized as a leader in the renewal of the diaconate and for our emphasis on the shared baptismal ministry of all Christians.

Our diocese is one of the most financially sound in the country. Through prudent stewardship, it has been able to invest significantly in special ministries, including those on campus.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward J. Konieczny was elected the fifth Bishop of this diocese on May 5, 2007 and consecrated on September 15, 2007. Bishop Ed, as he is known, was

ordained as a priest in 1994 after nearly 20 years in law enforcement. He is married with two grown children. The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2012. Our Diocesan offices are located in downtown Oklahoma City, and our Cathedral, St. Paul's is located just one block away.



Our Town

The hometown-friendly city of McAlester is the gateway city to beautiful and scenic southeast Oklahoma. Located 90 miles south of Tulsa and 120 miles southeast of Oklahoma City, it is a major trade center for Southeast Oklahoma and is one of the state's oldest communities. With a population just a little over 18,000, it is the county seat of Pittsburg County, and currently the largest city in the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

McAlester has a rich history that includes cowboys and Indians, outlaws and lawmen, oil and cattle barons, and immigrants from many nations who came to mine coal. The town began as a tent store owned by J.J. McAlester at the crossroads of the old California Trail and the Texas Road. Many historic buildings and other points of interest remain.

McAlester is also known as the home base of several noted American politicians - U.S. Speaker of the House Carl Albert, former Oklahoma Governor George Nigh and Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice Steven W. Taylor. It is also the home of many of the employees of the nearby McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, and the Defense Ammunition Center.

Six miles north is Lake Eufaula, a huge reservoir on the Canadian River with more than 600 miles of shoreline. Boating, swimming, fishing, water skiing, camping, hiking and horseback riding make the lake a popular destination.

All Saints' Resources

Staff

Full-time Vicar - vacant

Choir Director and Organist - part time

Parish Office - staffed with a team of dedicated volunteers
(four days a week)

Bishop's Committee - consists of Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and six members representing various areas of ministry.

Seminary Support

All Saints Episcopal Church has a history of seminary support. Aspirants to ordained ministry in the Diocese of Oklahoma are required to go through a discernment process before being considered for postulancy by the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. One aspirant from All Saints is currently in this process, and one postulant who is seeking the priesthood.

Facilities

The All Saints' building is considered one of the most beautiful church buildings in McAlester, full of symbolism which points to our Lord and Christ's Church. When entering the sanctuary, one is immediately struck by the beauty of our ancient and sacred traditions. The architecture, the stained glass and dark wood create a sense of serenity and intimacy to surround the worshipper.

The main church building includes the nave and sacristy, two offices and two baths, and a parish hall with full kitchen facilities. St. Mary's Chapel provides quiet space for prayer and small services. Our columbarium is located there, along with a small sacristy. The main church is handicap accessible. The education wing houses 6 rooms and 3 baths on the main floor, as well as two rooms and one bath on a lower floor.

All Saints now has property to the north, and also to the east of the church's parking lots. The area to the north serves as a playground, the usage of the space to the east has not yet been determined, but intended use is as green space for the church.

The following improvements and repairs have recently been completed:

- Roofs have been replaced in several parts of the building
- 5 of 8 HVAC units have been replaced within the past 7 years
- Tuck pointing on sanctuary has been completed
- The nursery in the education wing has been completely renovated
- Wainscoting has been added in the nave
- New flooring and shelving was added in the library
- New doors were installed at the main entrance
- Significant efforts have been made for handicap access including elevator, additional handicap parking spaces, and a new primary entrance with ramp.
- Acquired four lots adjacent to church building with opportunities to use to support different ministries like a playground or public garden.

Plans in Process

Implementing the "Invite, Welcome, Connect", Evangelism program, continuing renovations to infrastructure, seeking to serve Christ in all persons and most especially proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ.

Financials

All Saints Episcopal Church has an endowment, the Leibrand Trust, given to them by a church member during the 1950's. Income from the Trust is used to help with upkeep for the church. Its balance at the end of this past year was \$640,642.00. We currently have no debt.

2017 Financial Report ~ Year End Summary

Ordinary Income

Plate Offerings/Undesignated	10,338.10	
Seasonal Offerings	894.00	
Pledge Payments	102,334.73	
Gen. Operating Interest	25.27	
Morgan Stanley - interest	1,862.94	
Chevron Royalty	251.90	
Legacy Royalty	680.60	
Suncoco Royalty	82.24	
Assistance from Diocese	10,000.08	
Other Operating Income	1,442.00	
Fundraisers	1,303.85	
Income - Leibrand Trust	14,696.40	143,912.11

Total Income \$143,912.11

Expense

<u>Worship:</u>		
Music & Choir Supplies	125.00	
Congregational Life	205.94	
Altar Supplies	714.95	
Acolyte Fund	0.00	1,045.89
<u>Outreach:</u>		
Mutual Ministry Support	23,106.55	
Outreach	94.00	
Rector's Discretionary Fund	900.00	
Advertising	0.00	24,100.55
<u>Building & Grounds:</u>		
Gas	2,833.54	
Electricity	7,367.00	
Water	1,841.10	
Repairs & Minor Improvements	2,800.80	
Janitorial Supplies	82.75	
Janitoriaial Contrace	2,050.00	
Snow Removal	574.00	
	0.00	17,549.19
<u>Pastorial Ministries:</u>		
Convention Expense	333.73	333.73
<u>Admin/Office & Payroll</u>		
Clergy Stipend	28,697.50	Stipend reflects partial year without clergy
Organist	6,600.00	
Nursery	100.00	
Supply Priest	2,890.00	
Payroll Taxes	494.91	
Payroll Taxes-Clergy	2,194.53	
Health Insurance	11,983.80	
Pension Fund	6,303.15	
Continuing Education	0.00	
Profesional Expense Reimbursement	3,616.89	
Workers Compensation	566.00	
Insurance	13,051.00	76,497.78
<u>Administration</u>		
Office Supplies	476.46	
Copier Contract	3,480.54	
Postage	294.52	
Other Office Expense	251.02	
Telephone & Internet	1,564.87	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
Training Expense	239.00	6,506.41

Total Expense \$126,033.55

Net Income \$17,878.56

The Reason I Love You

Through the years, the faces and names have changed, as we grew, then split, then grew again. I have known your stories, and have found a way to love each of you, even when that was hard. You have also loved me, which was often harder. I feel better when I am with you, and I miss you when we are separated.

We have laughed together at our inability to silence cell phones or children, and at the weekly race to be the first to finish the Lord's Prayer. I have forgiven you as poorly as you have forgiven me, and we have still cared for each other deeply.

You have been generous with your advice and patience, and I have tried both. You have shared weddings, births, and baptisms, but you also stood with my family through the pain of cancer and death. We have shared the gifts of God.

When I was young, I thought the Church was a place where people came together to worship. Because of you, I understand that the Church is the people who come together in worship. The Church is born and re-born again and again by those who show up on any given day.

After over a century of service together, I still feel that we are something new. I have that because of you. I am that because of you.

~ A Fourth Generation All Saints Member

Invitation to Potential Candidates

Dear Friend in Christ:

The Family of All Saints Episcopal Church welcomes you with hearts that embrace the love of Christ!

This profile has been crafted with prayerful hope, and faith that it will touch the heart of the one God is leading to serve as our spiritual leader. We invite you to review our story to learn about us, who we are, what we do, where we want to go, and what we have to offer you.

We are searching for a full-time Priest who will shepherd this flock of souls, and help us to grow in our faith, our ministries, and our membership. We are an older community, yet representative of many ages, backgrounds, and points of view. We are in various stages of spiritual and personal growth, all with a deep and abiding love for God.

We express our faith as an active parish family, serving our community in a variety of meaningful ways. We strive to represent Christ to every person we encounter, carrying His love into our local community through our ministries to those in need.

Our prayer is that the descriptions of our lives together and our hopes for our future, presented through this profile, will help you to discern if God is leading you to All Saints Episcopal Church. We readily await a shepherd to guide us to realizing a vibrant future for our church, our membership, and our community.

Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

The All Saints Search Committee

Karen Askew, Joe Ervin, Josh Jeffreys, Tarrant King, and Christie Shuller

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St Pat's
Dinner



Pet Blessing
1 Oct 2017
Chadick Park

More action...



Women's
Holy Week
Luncheon
13 April 2017



Maundy Thursday Agape Supper
13 April 2017



Cinco de Mayo
Potluck



EfM
Graduate