

# THE monthly newsletter from All Saints Episcopal Church MESSENGER



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## Rector's Message

By Pastor Kit Carlson

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### 3... 2... 1... LIFTOFF!

Our intentional practice of radical welcome ... "All are to be welcomed as Christ," as St. Benedict said ... is becoming reality in a variety of ways this fall.

**September 11** marks the launch of another year of programs, education, music, spiritual growth and service to our community in the name of Jesus Christ. We will host our annual **Ministries Fair** in the Undercroft that day following the 10 a.m. service. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to gather, greet one another after a summer of travels and adventures, and to learn about all this parish has to offer to our members, as well as to the world outside our doors.

Big changes are in store. We welcome the Rev. Andrew Shirota ("Father Andrew" if you want to use a title) as our assistant rector/ curate, working with our youth and outreach programs. We're launching the program we've told you about for more than a year—an **after-school drop-in program** for East Lansing teens. Read details in Andrew's article and contact him ([andrew.shirota@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.shirota@gmail.com)) if you're excited about this program and want to help. Andrew will also be working with our own youth and their leaders, continuing the **Rite 13/Journey to Adulthood classes and EYC1&3 youth group**. We hope that, as our youth program grows in

size and scope, our young people and their leaders will also grow in their walk with Christ and be equipped to live as His followers in a complex and complicated world.

Our other exciting new outreach effort is the **Personal Needs Bank** for clients of Christian Services. In partnership with People's Church, we are hosting a twice-monthly distribution of the things that a Bridge Card cannot cover. We also are seeking folks eager to serve in this ministry. See Melissa DeRosia's article for more details.

These programs respond to the voices we heard during the Outreach Cafes and the recent listening process--voices that said they really wanted to do hands-on outreach, based here in our church, that enabled us to really meet Christ in other people. We listened and here is your opportunity!

Voices in our **children's choir** may include youngsters from throughout the East Lansing community, whether they are All Saints members or not. They'll be rehearsing on Wednesday afternoons. See "Making Music" for details.

On Wednesday evenings, our nursery workers and Sheila Wiitala will be on-site for **"Parents' Time Out."** You can drop your children off during those hours and run errands, have dinner with a friend, or attend the Wednesday evening adult education programs. See "Sheila's Corner" for information about this special opportunity to claim some time for yourselves!

Also read Tom Jackson's article about exciting new **Adult Education programs about food.** Weekly Wednesday dinners and the healing Eucharist are taking a hiatus while we assess their meaning and contribution to our common life.

**Worship** is the heart of all we do. We will be restoring the sanctuary and chapel to their previous arrangements while we reflect on how the summer experiment went. The choir and all our usual patterns of worship return on September 11. New this year is a monthly **service for families with young children.** See the article about this special worship opportunity and "Sheila's Corner" for details about the "One-Room Sunday School House" that follows.

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**REMEMBERING 9/11:  
A Mosaic of Faith Expressions  
Sunday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.  
Hannah Community Center Auditorium**

East Lansing Interfaith Clergy, which hosts the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, will observe the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with an hour-long period of reflections and responses from several faith traditions.

We will use art, music, dramatic readings, personal reflections and prayers to unite the community around our conviction that the attackers on 9/11--although they purported to speak for God--did not. In all the major religions, the message is one of peace and love.

Representatives of the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Bah'ai, Quaker, and other traditions will participate in this observance. MSU students from the Muslim Student Association and other student groups are working on presentations and artistic responses for this event.

The public is welcome to share in our observance of religious and community unity. This event is part of a coordinated community response to the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. A calendar of other events is posted at <http://ien.inclusion.msu.edu/>

Finally, September 11 marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, DC. Much has changed since then, and much of it not for the better. But one thing that has grown is a shared understanding among faith groups here in East Lansing that God intends peace and fellowship among the people of the world. The faith communities of East Lansing are hosting a service that afternoon to honor that conviction. See the "**Remembering**" article for details. I hope you will take time to attend.

In God's exciting love,

Pastor Kit +

**Remembering the Families of 9/11**

By Mary Hope Griffin - Formerly of All Saints, now of Grace Church, Oak Park, Illinois

In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, All Saints' Worship Center (Sunday School) leaders helped the children to express their prayers, love, and concern for the victims by making quilts. Two of the quilts were sent to families I know in New York City. Each time I see these dear friends, they thank me again for the quilts. Perhaps you'd like to know more about them.

Patrick Murtagh, a New York City Firefighter, spent weeks combing the wreckage of the World Trade Centers, looking for human remains, and attending the funerals of almost all the fire fighters who died that day. The Murtaghs wrapped their baby girl Molly in their quilt when she was born soon afterward. Molly is now a vivacious 10 year old, who joyfully taught my five year old son Bennett how to boogie board this summer on Long Island. Patrick has gone back to school and now works as a registered nurse.

The quilt we sent to the Lynch family was also wrapped around a new baby. Lori was seven months pregnant when she lost her husband--"the love of my life" as she describes him--on 9/11. Sean, Jr. will be 10 in November; Lori has remarried--a man who was also a widower--and is now a mother of 8!

The quilts helped the children (and adults) of All Saints to work through our feelings of after these scary, sad days. The quilts helped the families whose lives were forever altered in their grief. You reminded them that they were not alone and helped to wrap them in God's love. I know that the Lynchs and the Murtaghs would appreciate your ongoing prayers for peace.

## **New Beginning: Orientation to All Saints; Reorientation with Christ**

By Father Andrew

I am finally here! It feels surreal to be writing you in my office in East Lansing after waiting so long across the river. Thank you so much for providing me with such a beautiful office! I have been organizing my workspace, and I have also started daily prayers at the church to develop a pattern and stability at All Saints. Starting a new thing is very exciting, but also can be disorienting. It takes a while to go beyond the honeymoon period enthusiasm and get down to the real business.

A major goal for the next two years is to discover ways of deepening our faith through developing a ministry for the youth, parents, youth ministers, and the entire All Saints congregation. A ministry that offers all of us time to be with Christ. We will seek opportunities to share our stories of God's Love with one another and encounter the Holy. Our aim is to build a spiritual home for the young people where they will be able to live into their baptismal covenant and claim a personal relationship with Jesus. Nurturing them at All Saints should remind them of God's Love as they grow older and look back on their faith journey years from now.

What does it take to build such a ministry—a fancy church program, exciting staff members and volunteer ministers, or good food? Yes, we need them all, and most definitely we need your full participation and commitment!

We have exciting ministry opportunities starting this month. We are working with the East Lansing Public Library (ELPL) to offer a safe place for local youth to hang out. **Beginning September 19**, we will open our **Undercroft on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m.**, and the ELPL will take its turn on Wednesdays and Thursdays at their facilities.

We will begin our Sunday night youth programs September 18 and are having a **“Lock-In”** from

8 p.m. September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 10 a.m. 24<sup>th</sup>. Do you want to volunteer? We need to talk!

I look forward to working with you and getting to know you. My office is now tidied-up, and I'm ready to welcome you. Please drop by and share your enthusiasm with me when you are at church!

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## **Sheila's Corner**

By Sheila Wittila

A new school year is always a good time for new things. This year we have many new, different things to offer our families and children.

We have a new **Sunday School** curriculum-- *Weaving God's Promise*. It uses scripture as well as teaching the children Episcopal traditions. It is all online and is nicely laid out for the teachers. If you would like to look at the curriculum, just let me know.

The **Sunday School** classrooms are going to be a little different this year. They are set up as follows: the preschool and kindergarten will be upstairs in the classroom near the choir room. Girls in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades will be in the yellow classroom. Boys in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades will be in the blue classroom. Children in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades will meet in the Lounge.

**One Room Sunday School House:** From 9:45-10:30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month (immediately following the monthly worship for families with young children), we will have an intergenerational Sunday School class in the Undercroft. It will be for **everyone** in the church family, young and old. We will explore scriptures in many ways. Please plan to join us!

**Parents' Time Out:** This year we are offering parents the opportunity to have some time to themselves on Wednesdays from 5:15-8:00 p.m. Each month, you can have your children participate in a fun evening at church while you run errands, have dinner with someone special, or attend the Wednesday evening adult education

programs at 7 p.m. Up to twelve (12) children may participate each week, with their parents providing a sack dinner. Register by contacting me through e-mail or the church office (517 351-7160) by the preceding Monday.

**Mom's Group:** Women who are either pregnant or have children not yet in school will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month from 6-7 p.m. in the Library. These great moms are sharing their experiences to help each other on their journeys as mothers. Meetings include open discussions and occasional guest speakers.

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of these programs, please contact me at [allsaintssheila@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaintssheila@hotmail.com).

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**Come and Worship with the Youngest Saints!**  
By Pastor Kit

Once a month, beginning Sunday, September 25, we will hold a short communion service for families with young children in the Chapel. On the last Sunday of each month (except December), at 9 a.m., parents and children can gather for songs, a Bible story and Holy Eucharist. This gives families and distractable young ones a chance to celebrate the Eucharist at a child's pace, with an attitude of joy and play.

It will be followed by the monthly "One Room Sunday School House", encouraging parents and children to learn together. It will be inter-generational, so parents can take their pre-schoolers and toddlers to Sunday School along with the big kids and work on crafts and stories related to the day's lessons.

If you've enjoyed the Easter worship service for families with little children, you will enjoy this monthly opportunity. Bring your friends and neighbors, too!

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**Bring your backpack to Church on Sunday, September 4, for a blessing!**

**Help Fight Hunger with CROP Walk!**

By Joe McKee

When you walk in a **CROP WALK**, you walk with the world. **Pledge to support All Saints' CROP Walk Team!** They'll be walking 10K on Sunday, October 9, to raise money to fight hunger locally, nationally and internationally. Help them raise more than last year's total of \$1,900. **Better yet; join the team and walk the walk yourself!** Sign up at Coffee Hour this month or contact Joe McKee at 242-7848 or by e-mail at [jmckee@sassafras-hill.us](mailto:jmckee@sassafras-hill.us).

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**Prayers URGENTLY Needed**

Priests in the Diocese of Harare, Zimbabwe, were recently evicted from diocesan-owned rectories, according to messages from their Bishop Chad Gandiya, who once served at All Saints and who visited us in April.

“Our parishes are busy finding alternative accommodation for them. We don't know who he (former bishop Kunonga) is going to put in these houses. This is not going to be easy at all; it will disrupt their family life and ministry. I have been busy getting in touch with my priests who are affected and encouraging them.

“They went to Bishop Gaul College, served the same papers to our principal Friar Joshua, and padlocked the library before they left. I am very concerned about the college because our ordinands are coming back for their first semester, and we had a full college this year. The college is not a Diocese of Harare institution, but belongs to all five dioceses and indeed to the province. ...I am concerned about our library, too. If we lose the books we have, that will take us back many years. God help us.”

+Chad  
Web: [www.hreanglicanpca.org.zw](http://www.hreanglicanpca.org.zw)

Mukristu Usanete: Namata Urinde!  
Christian seek not yet repose: Watch and Pray!

## Food for Thought ... and Prayer

By Tom Jackson

“Come and be Fed” is part of All Saints’ mission statement. The question is: how can we humans protect Earth and the creatures who inhabit it by the choices we make to nourish ourselves? Adult Education Programs this Fall will explore the human responsibility to God and earth!

We will seek insight into the questions of spirit and body nourishment partly by looking to three creation-centered spiritual traditions: Hebrew/Jewish, Celtic, and Eastern Orthodox.

**Sunday Forums** will emphasize the mystical, imaginative and artistic sides of these traditions--food for the soul. **Wednesday Classes** will also focus on the creative and sacred, with a special emphasis on fairness, ethics, and accountability in nourishment. **Each month** we will provide a **special adult communal meal**, using the talents of parish gourmet cooks and representatives of the tradition we are studying. Save the following Wednesdays **at 6:30 p.m.** for these dinners!  
**September 21** - Jewish-influenced  
**October 19** - Celtic  
**November 30** - Greek

**SUNDAY FORUMS -11:30 a.m. in the Library**

**Wisdom Literature  
September 18**

Canterbury MSU Chaplain Sarah Midzalkowski will lead a panel, including David Wisner, Mary Sharp, and Father Andrew, which will introduce us to the Wisdom Literature (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs).

**September 25**

Actress Jean Lepard will be featured in a play about the Book of Job adapted by author-turned-playwright Vic Rauch. Also in the cast are Sue Kamens, Gina Lee, Janet Chegwiddden and Melissa DeRosia.

**WEDNESDAY CLASSES –  
7 p.m. in the Lounge**

**September 14** - Pastor Kit returns us to the Garden of Eden, where she says “our story of

relationship with God, one another, the world and our sustenance begins.”

**September 21 – A Jewish Feast (at 6:30 p.m.)**

**September 28** - A panel will discuss hunger in our community. What do those with less eat, and where do they find nourishment? Are there new solutions to the age old hunger problem?

Details of the other Forums and Classes are on the All Saints website: [www.allsaints-el.org](http://www.allsaints-el.org)

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**What Now? Listening for God  
in Times of Transition**

By Pastor Kit

Are you unemployed? laid off? bought out? burned out? newly graduated and trying to get started? ready to retire? looking for work? wishing you could change focus or career? wondering what God has in mind for you in this complicated, economically challenging time?

For six weeks this Fall, a group will gather to explore deeply how to listen for God’s call in the midst of vocational struggles. What does work mean in our lives? What is the difference between vocation and employment? How can each of us use our gifts and talents in ways that bring us joy, glorify God...and maybe also provide a paycheck? How do we face daily discouragement and discover hope for the future?

Our discussions and discernment will be grounded in scripture, prayer, study and dialogue. It will be a safe place to explore the question *What Now?*

We begin with a retreat day at church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, September 17. It will continue with weekly Monday sessions--September 19 to October 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please contact me [pastorkitcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkitcarlson@gmail.com) to register.

This program is open to the community ... if you have friends or colleagues struggling with these questions, please let them know about this opportunity.

## Parish Life

By Marguerite Halversen

The Parish Life Committee will meet in October. Watch the bulletin for details and join us.

**Welcome Back Pig Roast:** This event, which we co-host with Canterbury MSU, will be held on **Sunday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Parking Lot. Pork, a vegetarian alternative, corn, baked beans, and rolls will be provided. Parish Life and Canterbury are seeking Saints to make cole slaw/potato salad/pasta salad and sheet cake/desserts. Please sign up on the Parish Life bulletin board. If you play a guitar, please bring it and help us celebrate the beginning of Fall Semester. Cost is \$5/adults, \$15/families or FREE with your student I.D. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

**All Saints' Annual Golf Outing** will be at Indian Hills Golf Course in Okemos at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25. Following the 9-hole friendly scramble, Kathy and Louie Burgess will host a potluck supper for all players and their families and a post-round award ceremony. Everyone is welcome at this fun, low-key event. Please see the sign-up board at coffee hour. Steve Findley 517-402-2582, [steve.findley@gmail.com](mailto:steve.findley@gmail.com)

**Second Sunday Breakfast** returns **September 11, 8:45-9:45 a.m.** in the Undercroft. Bring your family for a hot egg, sausage, pastry, coffee, and OJ meal with your All Saints friends. Folks from the 8:00 a.m. service are encouraged to stay and 10o'clockers to come early.

**Coffee Hour** is returning to the Undercroft on September 4. Parish Life continues to organize this and needs volunteers to cover set-up and clean-up. Details on "how to set up and clean up for coffee hour" are posted visibly in church kitchen. Please sign up and take **your** turn.

**All Saints' Coffeehouse!! Friday, September 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Undercroft.** We welcome the academic year with a humor theme ;-)  
This is an opportunity to relax, sing, listen to

music and poetry (or other readings), or offer a performance of your own. You can sign up in advance with Steve Findley, or just grab a seat when you arrive. Food and beverages are available; you can even bring something to share if you like. We hope to see you there!

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## CANTERBURY MSU

By Chaplain Sarah Midzalkowski

Canterbury MSU is welcoming returning and new students to the space we share! We will worship at 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary, and meet for food, fellowship and faith-oriented discussion at 5 p.m. Sundays in the Undercroft.

We also invite you to some fun events where you can meet students, other Episcopal Spartans and support Canterbury MSU.

Canterbury and All Saints are co-hosting the third annual **Welcome Back Pig Roast on September 18**. See the Parish Life article for details.

The next evening from 6-9 p.m. at the Michigan Brewing Company in downtown Lansing, \$20 buys 5 tickets to taste MBC's award-winning brews and offers great snacks, too. Their root beer is also outstanding, so bring the family or come after work. Good food; good drinks for a good cause!

The 2011 **Canterbury Fall Feast**—at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 14—will be a bit different and lots of fun. The gifted David Baker and Co. will provide our dinner, which will be delicious! Instead of a silent auction, we will raffle a great selection of valuable items. \$30 dinner tickets will be on sale soon. Save the date!

Finally, we invite you to check out our new website at [www.emmsu.com](http://www.emmsu.com), and our new Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you this year.

**Go Green!**

**Go White!**

**MSU Spartans are all right!**

## Transitioning to Independent Living: September SILS Collection

By Rob Maffeo

We are once again coordinating with our Partner (Episcopal) Churches and Child & Family Services–Capital Area to provide household and personal items to an 18-year old young adult “aging out” of the Michigan Foster Care System.

Twice a year, we have been helping a young adult in this foster care transition to self-sufficiency. This September we are collecting items for a young woman who will be moving out on her own. You can sign up to donate a **NEW** item at Coffee Hour during September or you can sign up on-line (on-line link; [“https://sites.google.com/site/asecsils/”](https://sites.google.com/site/asecsils/)).

All donations must be dropped off at church by **Sunday, September 25**. Please leave your items in the marked bin or on the floor under the Outreach Bulletin Board across from the Undercroft. Please label them as “SILS Collection” so that we may differentiate them from items being collected for other causes.

“The Supervised Independent Living Services (or SILS) Program works with youth who are aging out of foster care with the goal of helping them become economically independent, self-sufficient, and productive members of the community” (Child & Family Services – Capital Area website).

Unfortunately, the State of Michigan has cut funding to this extremely important and successful program, and its future is unknown, but the need still exists (and is greater than ever). That is why it is so important for us to stay active with this ministry.

Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions, please contact me at [maffeo.robert@gmail.com](mailto:maffeo.robert@gmail.com) or (517) 339-3691.

## All Saints to Help Meet Personal Needs

By Melissa DeRosia

ASEC is partnering with People’s Church and Christian Services of Greater Lansing to provide “personal needs” supplies to families in the East Lansing area. The need in the community is great and the existing resources few. In fact, Christian Services says, there are *no* diaper banks!

These items cannot be purchased on a Bridge Card or with food stamps. Even families who don’t qualify for any government assistance have difficulty making ends meet. Unexpected expenses can mean no money available for “luxuries” such as toothpaste and clean diapers.

We will provide a month’s supply of personal needs items to families referred by Christian Services. Volunteers will distribute these supplies at All Saints on two Saturday mornings each month.

**You** can assist with this outreach effort in **many ways**: be a shopper, packer or Saturday morning volunteer. You can donate items on the list below or provide financial support. Checks can be made payable to All Saints, with “Personal Needs Bank” on the memo line. For more information or to volunteer, contact Melissa DeRosia at [derosim@lcc.edu](mailto:derosim@lcc.edu) .

### **Items needed**

Diapers, all sizes (even from opened packs)  
Toilet paper –  
Facial tissue, such as Kleenex  
Shampoo  
Lotion  
Tampons  
Laundry soap  
Toothbrushes (adult and child size) –  
Toothpaste

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## **Rummage Sale is coming SOON; How will YOU help?**

*By Rebecca McKee- ECW rummage sale queen*

The 2011 All Saints ECW rummage sale will be Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1. “So what?” you may ask. So-o-o-o, we need your help to make the sale a success. We need your donations of items to sell. Your time to help sort, sell and clean up. Your connections to talk up the sale. Your willingness to pray for everyone there.

Rather than list the items we’d like you to donate, I’ll say, “We’d love to sell everything you’d have at your own garage sale, with a few exceptions.” **The exceptions:** Household chemicals such as paint, stains, varnishes and pesticides; opened and partially used cosmetics; exercise equipment such as treadmills, weight machines and stationary bikes; plastic cups and used plastic water bottles and travel cups; anything that makes you crinkle your nose and think “ewwww, yuck!” If you have large furniture to donate, please give me a call before you bring it to the church.

We’ll start accepting donations in the cloakroom across from the undercroft after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 25. We’ll start sorting Thursday afternoon, September 29, and continue on Friday. The sale itself will run 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, October 1. Cleanup starts at 1 p.m. and usually takes a couple of hours.

The sale is sponsored by All Saints Episcopal Church Women (ECW), but we need volunteers who are female, male, young, old and in between. ECW uses the proceeds to support a variety of church and community causes.

If you’d like to volunteer or find out more about the sale, look for the sign-up table in the Undercroft after the 10 a.m. Sunday services (except Labor Day weekend) this month. Or contact me by phone at [517-699-2869](tel:517-699-2869) or by email at [AllSaintsECW@sassafras-hill.us](mailto:AllSaintsECW@sassafras-hill.us).

## **You’re Part of the Family; Be in the Photo Album/Directory, too!**

By Carol Swinehart for the Directory Team  
(Jody Mays, Chair, and Jenifer Banks)

“I recognize that person’s face, but can’t remember her name.” “I keep seeing that person’s name in the Sunday bulletin and *Messenger*. What does he look like?” All Saints has changed and grown over the years, and it’s been a challenge to keep up with new names and faces.

One tool for keeping up with the parish and its members is a pictorial directory, and All Saints has contracted with Lifetouch Portraits to produce a new one.

Everyone can participate and receive an 8”x10” color portrait **absolutely free**. If you bring a non-perishable food contribution to Haven House, you will receive a \$5 credit toward any additional portraits that you purchase.

Photographers will be taking portraits in the All Saints Undercroft as follows:

<b>Wednesday, October 5</b>	<b>2:30 to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, October 6</b>	<b>2:30 to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, October 7</b>	<b>2:30 to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, October 8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</b>

You’re also welcome to bring your pet or special personal object to include in the portrait. You can schedule your portrait session at Coffee Hour on Sunday (beginning September 11) or on the All Saints website [www.allsaints-el.org](http://www.allsaints-el.org) Please book your appointment today!

This publication will also feature descriptions and photos of our congregation’s ministries, as well as a directory of members. The more people who participate, the more useful the directory will be.

We hope you’ll be part of the picture!

## On a Mission Trip to New York City

By Clara Lepard

From June 21-26, Bria Kelley, Helen Murphy, Catherine and Megan Johnston and I traveled with Pastor Kit and Eric Hegg and University Lutheran's youth group and leaders to New York City on a mission trip: to aid the poor and others who need help.

30 teens were walking the streets of New York--an adventure in itself! We stayed at Seafarers and International House—an establishment providing shelter for sailors, both retired and between jobs at sea. It also houses newly arrived immigrants who need a safe place to stay, as well as the occasional tourist, for a low fee. From there we went to organizations that could use a few hands, traveling in smaller groups to the different assigned locations.

Most places where we worked were forms of soup kitchens or food banks. One was dedicated to aiding the elderly and invalids, while another was a type of grocery store for the poor. We also worked at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, cleaning the hundreds-of-years-old sanctuary and graveyard behind it. We typically spent the first half of the day in service, and got to tour the more glamorous aspects of the city in the evening. At the end of the day, we were all ready for a good night's sleep!

I can't speak for the entire group, but I think we'd agree that the most fascinating parts of this journey were the people we met. Most of the stories we share revolve around the various personalities we encountered: Hot Pan guy, Wireless Mike (and Fred)! Everyone who went will have a story to tell you.

Most can also tell you what surprised them most. I think the lingering shock is from the stark contrast between the city's residents. On the subway, you can sit next to two young business students dressed smartly and discussing funds, while a homeless woman sits across from you holding a sign showing her need for food and any spare change. One food bank I went to was on a street lined with designer clothing stores, expensive apartments, and wealthy tourists doing their splurge-shopping. No one seemed to pay any mind to the many impoverished people coming there to receive essentials from the small haven hidden in the shadows of a church.

The thing that lingers most for me is what I learned from spending all that time speaking with and

working among those who have so much less than I. You can take nothing for granted. Appreciate how much you've been blessed with, and don't assume the worst of someone struggling to obtain mere necessities. The world is complicated, and the people in it even more so. Behind every cardboard sign, there's a voice exhausted from asking for help. Behind the grime of the street, there's a human being waiting to be given a hand. And behind every pair of tired eyes is a life full of stories, memories, and secrets held close to the heart, serving as vital fuel when food and shelter are absent. Everyone needs help. And the beautiful thing is that anyone can provide it.



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## Home -- A Dream Come True

By Rob Maffeo

Anna Malavisi and her three daughters are living their dream. On Wednesday August 3, the home at 1325 Mary Avenue in Lansing was dedicated, and they finally own a home of their own.

The home was a Habitat for Humanity-build, and had found its way back into the "system" after sustaining smoke and fire damage and being empty for some time.

I remember that first Saturday when we began the demolition and cleanup work in the interior of the home--what a mess! I wish you all could have seen the home in the "before" and "after" stages of reconstruction -- what an amazing transformation! It's now a lovely home for Anna and her daughters.

I want to thank **all** who participated in this re-Build; whether offering their time and skills during the Saturday workdays, or volunteering their time and/or contributing monetarily at either of the two fund raising events, the "Bowling for Habitat Dollars" and the "Silent Auction". I would also like to thank Deb and Mike Lashbrook for all their hard work organizing both those events. Without their expertise and dedication to our project, neither would have been as successful as they were. Job well done!!

**Visit All Saints' photo gallery at [www.allsaints-el.org](http://www.allsaints-el.org) to see pictures of this project.**



## Making Music at All Saints

All Saints choirs lead our worship, and **you** can participate in the fun, fellowship and musical offerings!

The **Cherub Choir** (pre-schoolers) will rehearse Sunday mornings at 11:30 in the Choir Room, beginning September 11. Our youngest saints learn to make joyful melodies and share them with the congregation from time to time.

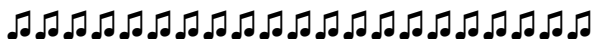
The **Children’s Choir** begins practicing Wednesday, September 14, from 5:15–6:15 p.m. in the Choir Room. The choir is now open to all children from the community, and they will not need to audition. Their families do not need to be church members in order to participate. The choir will be singing in Sunday morning worship about once a month.

The **Adult Choir** starts its weekly rehearsals Thursday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are most welcome to join. No audition required.



**Three Altos & a Soprano**

The **Bell Choir** will practice Sundays, beginning September 25, at 11:45 a.m. in the Choir Room. This choir welcomes new members (you don’t have to sing or audition) who are able to read music in the treble or bass clef.



## Behind the Scenes: Making Music with Michael Crouch



### Michael and Organist Meredith Hines

Michael Crouch has been making music in church since he was a teenager. He came by it naturally as his grandparents were organists. They also saw to it that he had lessons with some very prominent, fine musicians.

He first experienced the Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, when he was a senior in high school, and was strongly taken with the liturgy, as well as the organ and choral music there.

He studied music at Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University and at the College Conservatory in Cincinnati, and has since taken many master classes with outstanding performers.

Michael taught music at public elementary, middle and high schools in Campbell County, Kentucky, for more than 30 years. Still, church music has been the strongest thread, and he’s been involved in this ministry every Sunday for 54 years. He came to All Saints in 2004 as Minister of Music.

Michael has been pleased to see the choirs here exercise real leadership and contribute vitality to worship services. He is especially thankful for the way choir members take care of each other, as well as others in the congregation.

When not practicing organ, conducting rehearsals, or leading the choirs in worship services, he enjoys collecting fine art, designing jewelry, attending the opera, travel, cooking and stitching needlepoint.

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 7:30 p.m. ACOA 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	<b>2</b> 3:00 p.m. String Group	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Advent House
<b>4 Pentecost 12</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 5:00 p.m. CMSU Sunday Dinner	<b>5 Labor Day Office Closed</b> 7:30 p.m. AA	<b>6</b> 12:00 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. ANS Orientation 7:00 p.m. LAEP 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	<b>7</b> 1:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed 7:30 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 9:00 p.m. CMSU HE	<b>8</b> 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 6:00 p.m. Outreach 7:30 p.m. ACOA 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	<b>9</b> 3:00 p.m. String Group	<b>10 Messenger Deadline</b>
<b>11 Pentecost 13 ASEC Ministry Fair Birthday Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 5:00 p.m. CMSU Sunday Dinner	<b>12</b> 8:00 a.m. Ingham County Health 1:30 p.m. Staff 4:00 p.m. String Group 7:00 p.m. Steiner Chorale 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study group 7:30 p.m. AA	<b>13</b> 8:00 a.m. Ingham County Health 12:00 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. B & G Meeting 7:00 Cancer Support 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	<b>14</b> 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir 5:15 p.m. Parents Time Out 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed 7:30 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 9:00 p.m. CMSU HE	<b>15</b> 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 6:00 p.m. Ministry Support Group 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	<b>19</b> 3:00 p.m. String Group 7:30 Coffee House	<b>20</b> 9:00 a.m. What Now? 9:30 a.m. Prayer Needlers
<b>18 Pentecost 14</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 11:30 a.m. Little Ones Choir 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 5:00 p.m. Welcome Back Pig Roast 7:00 p.m. EYC1&3	<b>19</b> 1:30 p.m. EL Women's 1:30 p.m. Staff 3:00 p.m. String Group 3:00 p.m. TASK 6:00 p.m. Mom's Group 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 7:00 p.m. Steiner Chorale 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:00 What Now? 7:30 p.m. AA	<b>20</b> 8:00 a.m. 3rd Tuesday Breakfast 12:00 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 3:00 p.m. TASK 5:30 p.m. Finance 7:00 p.m. Rector's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	<b>21</b> 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir 5:15 p.m. Parents Time Out 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed 7:30 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 9:00 p.m. CMSU HE	<b>22</b> 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	<b>23</b> 3:00 p.m. String Group 5:30 p.m. ECW Dinner 8:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in starts	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Youth Lock in ends
<b>25 Pentecost 15 Rummage Sale Drop-off starts</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum 11:30 a.m. Little Ones Choir 12:00 p.m. Bell Choir 1:00 p.m. Golf Outing 2:00 p.m. EL Writers Forum 5:00 p.m. CMSU Dinner	<b>26</b> 8:00 a.m. Ingham County Health 1:30 p.m. EL Women's 1:30 p.m. Staff 3:00 p.m. String Group 3:00 p.m. TASK 6:00 p.m. Tai Chi / Qigong 7:00 p.m. Steiner Chorale 7:00 p.m. Prayer/Study 7:00 p.m. What now? 7:30 p.m. AA	<b>27</b> 8:00 a.m. Ingham County Health 12:00 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 12:15 p.m. Bible Study 3:00 p.m. TASK 6:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Vestry 7:00 p.m. OSL 7:30 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Ad Hominem	<b>28</b> 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir 5:15 p.m. Parents Time Out 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed 7:30 p.m. Debtors Anonymous 9:00 p.m. CMSU HE	<b>29</b> 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & breakfast 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir 8:00 p.m. AIAnon	<b>30</b> 3:00 p.m. String Group 5:30 Rummage Sale Begins	

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ANS = Abbott Nursery School

AIAnon = Family and Friends of Alcoholics  
Debtors A = Debtors Anonymous

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