

A word from the Vicar

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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. (All Saints' Day, BCP p. 245)

Sitting down to write on All Hallow's Eve, I cannot help but take note of the powerful witness of the saints who have gone before us. When we contemplate its most visible sign of that witness, our church building, we may sometimes underestimate its power as it becomes part of the fabric of our daily lives. We say things like, "There were always churches in Titusville . . . People had more money then . . . The oil industry was booming . . . Things are different now . . ."

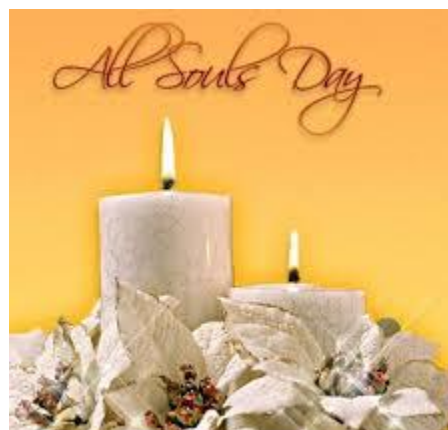
Regardless of the veracity of those statements, the fact remains that over a hundred

and fifty years ago, Titusville was in the midst of tumultuous and world changing times. However, at the same time, a small group of folks had the desire and found the means to provide a place to gather and worship the Lord and to seek the Lord's direction for their lives.

Today we find ourselves with no less uncertainty, no more clarity about what the future holds. But at the same time, we carry forward the same desire and seek the means to worship God with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The church

building is with us still. Our ministry is ever changing. May we be inspired by those who have gone before us, as we give shape and voice to a powerful witness in *this* day and *this* time.

Blessings,

Blessing of the Animals



The Senior Warden

It is once again that time of the year to do fall chores inside and outside my home to prepare for the winter months. I have completed most of the outside stuff on my list that I can do alone. Now I will wait patiently (or try to have patience) for the folks hired to complete the rest of the outside task before too much snow accumulates. As far as the inside tasks on my list, I have completed decorating for the fall season. Even though my decorations are in boxes labeled for specific holidays, it is always a surprise to me to see all of these treasures while unwrapping all of these goods. One of the treasures I discovered was in a small box marked "Mom's stuff". How it ended up with the seasonal boxes is a mystery to me! You are probably saying to yourself now what does all of this have to do with me? Keep reading and you will find the answer. In the box marked "Mom's stuff" one of the treasures discovered was a pamphlet entitled, "A Brief History of St. James Memorial Episcopal Church 1863-1963". The articles in the pamphlet pertained to the first 100 years of our church. This "find" enabled me with the tools to compare cost when the church

was first erected to the current projects that have been completed or nearing completion. For instance the cost of the building amounted to \$11,000 and the parishioners of the church covered these cost to avoid church debt. The exterior of the church was of native stone blocks hewn from local rock with interior woodwork of hand hewn chestnut. The slate roof, and church windows were originally paid for through gifts and memorials. After 154 years of providing a place of worship for our parishioners, it was time to make the necessary repairs to the physical plant so we can continue to worship in this oldest place of worship in Titusville. The stone work restoration of our church will be completed soon at a cost of \$63,614.00. Recently we have replaced damaged slate and plexiglass, etc. at a cost of \$18,595.00. St. James applied for and received a grant for \$10,000 from the Diocese to help defray the cost of the slate roof project. The stained glass windows were also in need of repairs i.e. venting. This project should be completed soon at the cost of \$9,800.00. As you know, we had a congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 22 to review and keep parishioners

updated on recently completed projects and on-going projects pertaining to St. James. If you would like a copy of the hand-out used at the congregational meeting, one can be provided to you.

In closing, may I say that St. James Episcopal Church has been blessed in the past, as well as the present, by faithful, giving members of our Parish so that we can not only have a structurally safe place to worship but to continue the growth of this church so that our presence in the community can reach out to others who are seeking spiritual growth and becoming a part of our church family.

Love,

Noni



NEWS to share



Thanksgiving is a special time for the Soup kitchen and Food Cupboard. God has abundantly blessed this ministry of feeding people by providing volunteers, funds to purchase food and a loving and giving spirit of hope and community. There is much to be thankful for as we enter our busiest time of year, with special meals, greater attendance and food drives. All who have been part of this ministry are grateful for the outpouring of support which occurs at this time of year. We give thanks to God for the St. James church family, for our brothers and sisters in Christ from other church fellowships and for the people and service organizations of Titusville. All have donated time, talent, or financial support to ensure this ministry continues to serve the needs of

our community.

The Soup Kitchen's Thanksgiving meal will be held on Tuesday, November 14 from 11:30 - 1:00 and all are invited to attend. Preparations begin on the Monday morning before the meal. Please consider volunteering to help with this meal as it is a major undertaking. Volunteers are also needed for the Second Harvest Food Drive which will be held Wednesday, November 15, the day after Soup Kitchen's Thanksgiving. Volunteers can take a one hour shift at the parking lot across from the Food Bank on Central Avenue and help collect donations of money or food brought in by the public. Whatever is received will be divided between the Soup Kitchen and the Food Bank. Contact coordinators Noni Stanford or Eda Scales if you can

help with these important events in November.

Soup Kitchen stats and dates:
August meals served - 683
August food bags given out - 123
September meals served - 525
September food bags given out - 189
Next food bag distribution will be November 7 and 28. (NOTE CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAY) Soup Kitchen will be CLOSED November 21

Submitted by
Eda Scales



From "A New Dictionary for Episcopalians" The Rev. John N. Wall, Jr.

All Saints' Day: November 1; follows All Hallows' Even, or Halloween. Day on which the church remembers the communion of saints, known and unknown, the cloud of witnesses to the faith with which God has surrounded us. This day may also be observed on the Saturday following November 1 and is frequently a major parish celebration.

All Souls' Day: November 2, the day after All Saints', on which all the faithful departed are commemorated.

Baptism: The sacramental rite of full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into membership in the Christian church. Baptism has received special emphasis in recent years, a development reflected in its prominent place in the Prayer Book. Baptisms appropriately take place at the main service of the parish at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, All Saints' Day and the

First Sunday after Epiphany. At a Baptism, the congregation renews its own baptismal vows and welcomes the newly baptized into the community. If the person baptized is too young to make the baptismal promises, they are made in the name of the child by parents and godparents. Baptism may be by immersion or by pouring water over the head of the baptized. The Prayer Book strongly urges that Baptisms be done by the bishop when possible, and there is no more powerful action of the church than the Easter Vigil when the bishop baptizes and confirms. But Baptisms may also be done by priests and deacons. Perhaps the second most powerful image of the church in action is the Sunday morning Baptism in the context of the weekly Eucharist with the children of the parish gathered around to watch, the congregation renewing its own vows, and the child and its

parents and god parents standing proudly as the priest baptizes the child. Occasionally, Baptism includes an action in which the newly baptized receives a baptismal candle lit from the Paschal candle or the Gospel candle.

Godparents: Witnesses to a Christian Baptism who make the baptismal promises in the name of the child and who assume responsibility for insuring that the child is brought up in the faith of the church. For older children and adults, they are called sponsors.



Liturgical Participants' Schedule

	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	COFFEE
Nov 5	Dona Clendenin	Andrew Scott Seth Propheter Ava Hartshorne	Carol Courtwright	Dona Clendenin	Clyde and Carol Courtwright	Peggy Gay
Nov 12	Dona Clendenin	AJ Scott Kylee Propheter Adeline Hartshorne	Barb Davidson	Eda Scales	Barry and Lisa Kellogg	Courtwright
Nov 19	Patty Butler	Noni Stanford Virginia Ives Briana Ives	Barb Ives	Randy Galmish	Mark Conrad Nancy Brown	Erickson
Nov 26	Patty Butler	Aaron Scott Kylee Propheter Seth Propheter	Terry Kerr	AJ Scott	Richard Orner Dave Gagnon	

COUNTERS

Nov 5: Dave Gagnon- Kenny Beatty
Nov 12: Lynn Gagnon- Terry Kerr
Nov 19: Lori Powell- Noni Stanford
Nov 26: Kenny Beatty- Richard Orner

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00pm Choir Practice	2 5:30pm Christian Formation for Adults	3	4 Turn your clocks back
5 10:30am H.E. 22 nd Sunday of Pentecost 10:30 Christian Formation for Younger Children	6	7 Election Day Noon – Soup Kitchen 3:30pm Christian Formation for Youth 7:00pm- AA	8 7:00pm Choir Practice	9 No- Christian Formation for Adults	10 Veteran’s Day Office Closed Diocese Convention	11 Diocese Convention
12 10:30am H.E. 23 rd Sunday of Pentecost 10:30 Christian Formation for Younger Children	13	14 Noon – Soup Kitchen 3:30pm Christian Formation for Youth 7:00pm – AA	15 Second Harvest Food Drive 7:00pm Choir Practice	16 5:30pm Christian Formation for Adults	17	18
19 10:30am H.E. 24 th Sunday of Pentecost 10:30 Christian Formation for Younger Children	20	21 Noon – Soup Kitchen 3:30pm Christian Formation for Youth 7:00pm – AA	22 No Choir Practice	23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	24	25
26 10:30am H.E. Last Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Christian Formation for Younger Children	27	28 Noon – Soup Kitchen 3:30pm Christian Formation for Youth 7:00pm – AA	29 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 5:30pm Christian Formation for Adults		

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