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Imagine

FROM JIM LODUHA, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND GIVING

Imagine for a moment your life transformed by prayer and worship, study and fellowship. Perhaps you have already experienced radical transformation in your life through the ministries and programs at All Saints Church. Imagine, then, how your friends' lives can be changed, and how the Pasadena community might be changed by the magnitude of our service and giving. Imagine what God is calling us into in the year ahead and how, in us and through us, God in all her creativity will draw upon all that we have accomplished together so we can dream of even greater things to come.

With the future in mind, I am thrilled to announce a number of exciting changes from the Giving Office coming in the coming weeks and months.

Campaign for 2017

For many years the annual pledge campaign was held during four consecutive weeks in October. This year the Campaign for 2017 will unfold in a new way. Launching on Sunday, Oct. 9, the campaign will be woven throughout the fall. Some Sundays will have a strong presence in church, as parishioners share during the services and Zelda Kennedy, the Wardens and I offer campaign updates. Other Sundays will be quiet or only have updates, testimonials and news printed in the liturgies and posted in social media.

The most notable calendar change will be Presentation Sunday, when all pledges to date are printed on scrolls tied with ribbons and carried to the altar for a special blessing. Instead of Presentation Sunday being the last Sunday of October, it will be on January 8. Not only does this mirror the reality that pledges for 2017 will come in throughout the fall, it offers a wonderful way to launch our new fiscal year - which runs January through December. My one word of encouragement is to not wait until Presentation Sunday to pledge, so that we can include as many pledges as possible on the scrolls for this wonderful tradition.

I am also delighted that this fall we are launching three new ways you can support All Saints Church.

Employer Matching

Your 2017 pledges will make a huge difference in the impact we have in our church and in the surrounding communities. Your company's matching gift can help make that impact even greater! Companies of all sizes match employee contributions to a wide range of non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations and organizations with major community

outreach and social justice programs, such as All Saints.

Each company that matches contributions will have its own policy. Many companies match 1:1, meaning that if your pledge contribution to All Saints is \$100 your company will also donate \$100, for a total of \$200! While the matching gift is a separate contribution directly from your company and can't be applied toward your pledge, your employer's match could double the impact of your pledge. Imagine the possibilities of what we can accomplish if just some of our pledges can be matched!

Vehicle Donations

An easy way to give a special contribution is by donating your used car, truck, motorcycle, boat, RV or just about any other kind of vehicle. We are partnering with CARS so that it is as easy as possible for you to donate your unwanted vehicle. All you'll need to do is contact the Giving Office or visit our website to complete a brief form so your vehicle can be picked up. There is no cost to you and you'll even be able to deduct the gross sales price on your taxes. The best part is you will be able to give a contribution to support the mission of All Saints Church.

Text-to-Give

Many people want to give a contribution during church on Sundays, but do not carry cash or checks with them. I am very excited that we will be debuting text-to-give, a very easy and safe way to give. You will be able to text a certain number, complete a simple form, and be ready to give from the pew on Sunday mornings by a text message that takes less than 5 seconds.

If you already give contributions toward your pledge by cash, check, stock, or with automatic payments from your bank account or credit card please continue to do that! Text-to-give will simply provide an additional way to give during the offering - and we'll even have a small card in the pews to drop in the offering basket so you can participate in that sacred moment.

The coming year will be a thrilling chapter in our journey together. Your generous pledges for 2017 will provide the foundation for us to imagine what we can do together in church and in the community. Stay tuned for more information about employer matching, text-to-give and vehicle donations this fall. Full details will be shared online, in Sunday liturgies, and on social media. You can also reach me at 626.583.2736 or JLoduha@allsaints-pas.org with any questions.

October

New Member Class – Fall 2016

Be part of our newly redesigned New Member Class! This is a great opportunity to learn more about yourself, your spiritual journey, and All Saints Church. Whether you grew up in the Episcopal Church, another faith tradition, or have no faith background, this class will help you explore your journey of faith at All Saints Church. Learn about:

- The Episcopal Church
- The history & mission of All Saints Church
- The balance of faith and doubt
- How generosity makes All Saints thrive
- Worship and liturgy at All Saints

Classes meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Small groups will meet at various times – more info to come! Register online at www.allsaints-pas.org/sign-up or at the Sign-Up Center through October 2. For more information contact Amanda Perez at 626.583.2765 or aperez@allsaints-pas.org.

First Jazz Vespers of the Season: Dwight Trible

Join us Sunday, Oct. 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel, for our first Jazz Vespers of the season, featuring vocalist Dwight Trible, a singer who combines the best of vocal virtuosity with musicianship and improvisational skills to the delight of audiences and musicians alike. He uses his music to bring people together, to bridge the gap between the races, and to heal the human heart. He also has received numerous awards for his humanitarian efforts. Childcare provided. If you would like to use the chancel elevator for accessibility, please arrive five minutes early. Information = mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.

Lunch of Compassion: Deacons—The Best Kept Secret (in the Church!)

On Sunday, Oct. 23, 12:15 p.m. in Sweetland Hall, join the Women's Community for a simple lunch of rice and beans as the Venerable Dr. Joanne Leslie clears up the mystery of what a deacon is in the Episcopal Church, and answers all of your questions. Joanne will share her vision of the critical role that deacons play in the contemporary Episcopal Church. Open to All; \$15 donation at the door. Register online or at the Sign-Up Center on Sunday. Info = [Gerry Puhara at GerryPuhara@gmail.com](mailto:GerryPuhara@gmail.com).

Money Matters!

Your Digital Wallet

Chances are you've seen the small Apple Pay logo on the payment terminal in your local grocery store or another retail venue. Using the digital wallet in your smart phone, you can easily, quickly and securely pay for purchases. It can be as simple as clicking a button or touching your phone's fingerprint sensor while letting your phone pass by the payment terminal. Here are a few things to know about this new technology, known as your "digital wallet":

- **It is more secure than you think.** Using your phone's digital wallet is extremely safe. Retailers can't access to your debit or credit card number, as in normal transactions, because each transaction generates a random transaction number. Further, your card number is not stored anywhere on your phone, and account information accessed via your phone's mobile pay app is encrypted and only accessed using passwords (just like your bank account) or even your fingerprint. If you lose your credit or debit card, your bank can reissue new card information immediately to your mobile pay app, without waiting for a new card to arrive in the mail. And finally, if you lose your phone not only is it password or fingerprint protected, you can also lock your digital wallet remotely.
- **Use different credit or debit cards.** They help clients do this all the time so ask for their help. Take detailed notes so you know how to complete the paperwork properly.
- **It is fast!** Many new smart phones have fingerprint sensors, allowing you to simply hold your finger on it and place your phone near the payment terminal. Your phone will vibrate or beep so you know the payment was successful. Not only do you not have to open the mobile pay app, you don't even have to open your purse or actual wallet!

Money Matters is a monthly feature in Saints Alive with financial hints, tips and other useful ideas. Contact Jim Loduha, Senior Director of Development and Giving, with questions about giving or pledging at JLoduha@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2736.

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New Soprano Soloist!

It is with great joy that we announce the appointment of Kelci Hahn as soprano section leader/soloist of Coventry Choir.

A brilliant musician with an amazing solo voice, Kelci will also be joining the LA Master Chorale this coming season, has performed with numerous outstanding choral groups and has been a frequent soloist for many performances in the Los Angeles area. She has spent the last 4 years as a choral music educator, three of those at the Academy of Music at Hamilton High school, directing award winning ensembles.

Kelci began her musical career singing in operas and musicals from childhood, and graduated from UCLA in Vocal Performance and Music Education in 2012. For the past seven years, she has also been soprano section leader/soloist at Lutheran Church of the Master in Santa Monica. Welcome, Kelci!



Kelci Hahn

Matthew Fox: Stations of the Cosmic Christ

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Church, experience a contemplative practice grounded in universal, cosmic consciousness. Theologian Matthew Fox and artist Ullrich Javier Lemus will lead us through a new experience of the stations of the cross, a mini walking pilgrimage that will move us to a deeper understanding of our relationship to the world and to one another. Cost for the workshop is \$10. Register online or in the Sign-Up Center on Sunday. For more information contact Christina Ortega at 626.583.2733 or cortega@allsaints-pas.org.

While Our Elevator Is Out

While the Regas House elevator is in the process of being replaced, a number of changes will be necessary to provide maximum accessibility for ongoing events and programs. For the duration of construction, Rector's Forums will be held in the church, Children's Chapel on Sundays will be held in the Guild Room, and Wednesday Night Youth Group will move to Sweetland Hall and the Guild Room. We will announce other changes as necessary. Thank you for your patience and understanding of any inconvenience that may arise! For more information call 626.796.1172.

We Are All Saints: Spotlight on Bob Shull

An ongoing series spotlighting the amazing individuals who make up the "we" in We Are All Saints.

Parishioners at All Saints love to read. They love words and enjoy savoring them in search of a little extra meaning and contemplative kick. Bob Shull loves to be the purveyor of words to many in the church. If you've been around All Saints for a while you know him by sight. You've passed by his table in front of Regas House on the quad, resplendent with printed transcripts of sermons and Rector's Forums – both recent and from the distant past – all of which were transcribed by Bob.



Bob Shull

Bob came to All Saints in the early 1980's – searching, like most of us, for a welcoming and forward-thinking place to worship. He was instantly impressed with the high level of inclusiveness and quickly adapted to the church's liturgical ceremony despite his Adventist background. Because of some shakeups in his family life, Bob took a hiatus from All Saints for a few years in the mid 80's, but he returned shortly after Ed Bacon began his tenure as Rector in 1995.

Bob's son Steven, at the tender age of 6, expressed a strong desire to be involved in the kids program at ASC and what father can say no to a child who WANTS to go to church! While Steven did participate with the youth at All Saints, Bob fondly remembers his son actually skipping Sunday School to sit with his dad and listen to the sermons and forum talks.

Bob first began serving the church after years of attending when the call went out for help with the Sermon Tape Ministry. For years ASC had provided audio cassette tapes of every Sunday sermon for folks who either needed to get caught up or wanted to review something that had struck them from the pulpit. And so, Bob took on running the Tape Table, as most folks still call it today.

It wasn't until Ed Bacon's sermon directly following the tragedy on September 11, 2001, that there was a call for a sermon to be transcribed so people could read it, and sit with it, and take some time to reap comfort from it. Bob turned that sermon into text, made it available the next Sunday, and the response was overwhelming. So began the era of Bob transcribing all the Sunday sermons, and later, the Rector's Forums. He also delved back into the archives and did the same for classic sermons and talks, recorded years before, that had altered, in ways big and small, the course of All Saints' mission and ministry. He has given us, in this way, many "chapters" in the written history of our church.

Week after week, writing out the sermons and Forum discussions is a labor of love, and Bob is incredibly fond of the task and revels in the opportunity to review each sermon and talk -- and, with each listening, find new meaning and understanding that he hadn't gleaned the time before.

He has one more passion as well. It is also his generous heart that has been supplying hard boiled eggs on the lawn on Sunday mornings for longer than most people can remember. Every week Bob – now with the help of a few friends – boils, peels and provides as many as 90 eggs to provide some early morning protein for our less-fortunate friends!

I asked Bob how he came to serve ASC in these ways. He replied that he just listened and when opportunity presented itself, he stepped forward. His weekly work at the Tape Table led him to see the need for more nutritious items at the snack table, for both our impoverished morning guests and ASC members alike – thus the boiled eggs. For those looking for ways to get involved at All Saints, Bob recommends just talking to people, listening, and being patient – the opportunity will arise. And if you see a need, perhaps it's up to you to fill it. Thanks Bob – for the eggs, the sermons – and the dedication that comes from your generous heart!

~by Matt Mueller-Curson

October Adult Education Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

October 2

Women in Islam

with Edina Lekovic CHURCH

In the Spirit of St. Francis: Cherishing Our Pets and Wildlife

with Joen Mitchell, Volunteer from the Humane Society SWEETLAND HALL

New Member's Class. GUILD ROOM

Parent Culture (Birth-5th grade) (a group for parents of children, birth to 5th grade.

Join us for discussions on current issues and community building as we juggle parenthood together!) SCOTT HALL 2

October 9

Art as a Path to Faith

with Peter Sellars CHURCH

New Member's Class. GUILD ROOM

Parent Culture (Birth-5th grade). SCOTT HALL 2

October 16

Stations of the Cosmic Christ

with Matthew Fox CHURCH

Local Transformational Journeys Revealed

with Members of Transformational Journeys SWEETLAND HALL

New Member's Class. GUILD ROOM

Parent Culture (Birth-5th grade). SCOTT HALL 2

October 23

Ending the Death Penalty in California

with Franky Carrillo CHURCH

"We are ASC Campaign" A Practical Guide to Deeper Connection at All Saints Church

with the We Are All Saints Team SWEETLAND HALL

New Member's Class. GUILD ROOM

Parent Culture (Birth-5th grade). SCOTT HALL 2

October 30

Faith in Action

with Gene Robinson CHURCH

Transformation through Community

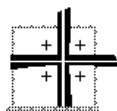
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New Member's Class. GUILD ROOM

Parent Culture (Birth-5th grade). SCOTT HALL 2

Political Activity in an Election Season

As the election cycle enters its final weeks a reminder of the policies in place for staff and volunteers to ensure that All Saints Church remains a partisan free zone: 1) No buttons for or against any candidate are to be worn; 2) No clothing advocating for or against a candidate is to be worn; 3) No advocacy for or against a candidate can be expressed at a table on the lawn—this applies to volunteers working ministry tables, to lay Eucharistic ministers, ushers, acolytes, choir members and staff in worship, and to employees while on campus or representing the parish at off-campus events; 4) Advocacy and the wearing of buttons or clothing expressing an opinion on non-partisan propositions is permissible. For more information visit our website or call 626.583.2741.



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Events and Opportunities

• An All New Saints Alive Debuts in November! •

After months of planning, the November Saints Alive will become a narrative-and-image-driven 8-page color magazine providing more in-depth stories, reflections and photo essays. Primarily an on-line publication, printed copies will be available on the lawn on Sundays and arrangements can be made to mail copies to any parishioners who would not otherwise have access. We are excited about this new chapter for Saints Alive – and for all the stories we will bring alive through this new-and-improved version of our monthly newsletter! For more information contact Debbie at 626.583.2750.

• **Taizé Eucharist around the Cross** • Sunday, Oct. 2, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Beautiful meditative prayers, song, scripture, silence and community; walk the labyrinth during or after the service. Info = Debbie Daniels, allsaintstaize@gmail.com.

• Middle East Ministry

• Sunday, Oct. 2, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Guild Room. "Current Realities of Occupied East Jerusalem" with Dr. Nadera Shalhoub Kevorkian, professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Bring your questions! Refreshments served. Co-sponsored by Friends of Sabeel LA/OC.

• The Interfaith Study Group: "Immigration Today" •

Sunday, Oct. 9, 5:00 p.m. at All Saints Church. Angelica Salas,

Exec. Director, Coalition of Humane Immigration Rights of Los Angeles and Valerie Curtis-Diop. J.D., Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law will share their knowledge of current trends in American Immigration. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share in our potluck. Info = Ada Ramirez, 626.583.2734, aramirez@allsaints-pas.org.

• Free Legal Aid Clinic •

Saturday Oct. 8, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103. *Assisting With: Housing; Public Benefits; Family Law; Expungements; Bankruptcy/Consumer Debt & Other Issues.* Open to all community members who need legal assistance, but lack the resources to hire an at-

torney. Please bring any and all papers related to your case. Info = Ada Ramirez, 626.583.2734 or aramirez@allsaints-pas.org.

• Change the Story, Change the World •

Thursday, Oct. 13, 7:00 p.m. at Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. The enlightening and heartening 2016 film *A New Story for Humanity*, is this month's Conscientious Projector presentation. A discussion follows the film. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. Information = Marty Coleman at 818.517.8878.

• All Saints Theatre Ministry • Bars and Meas-

ures - Friday, Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m. at Theatre @ Boston Court. There will

be a post-show beverage and cheese reception. Tickets are \$25 and available online at <http://qrs.ly/jg58fiw>, or at the Sign-Up Center on the lawn. Info = Debbie Daniels, 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.

• St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals •

Sunday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. Bring pets, photos of pets, even stuffed animals. All pets are invited to process in the Church then adjourn to the outdoor worship service on the lawn, including a blessing of the animals! Don't miss it! Info = Melissa Hayes, 626.583.2725 or mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172.

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