

# God Is Serious About Sabbath

From Mike Kinman

"Then YHWH said to Moses: 'Tell the Israelites, 'No matter what, you must keep my Sabbaths. They will stand as a sign between you and me through all the generations to come, so you will know that I, YHWH, make you holy. Keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it must be put to death. Anyone who works on that day must be cut off from the community. You have six days for work; on the seventh day, you have a Sabbath of rest, sacred to YHWH. Anyone who works on the Sabbath must be put to death." – Exodus 31: 12-15

You've probably heard the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8). But have you ever read this passage a few chapters later? Did you know that the penalty for breaking the fourth commandment is ... DEATH?

God is serious about Sabbath. God is so serious about Sabbath that scripture tells us not once but twice in the space of one paragraph that working on the Sabbath is a capital offense!

Why? Why is Sabbath so important?

For the answer, you have to go back to the first commandment. God says: "I am YHWH who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Do not worship any gods but me."

We need to remember what it was like in Egypt. The people were in slavery. Slaves are seen as valuable only for what they can produce. And so every last ounce of labor is squeezed out of them. Rest is a necessary evil, a concession to human frailty ... that our bodies would eventually collapse if we run them 24/7/365.

God delivered the people from that life because God adores us. God knows we are much, much, much more than just means of production. We are created in God's image. We are beautiful and good. We are made not just for production of goods and services but to sing and dance and create and learn and hang out in the bleachers at Dodger Stadium. To stay up talking until dawn and make love on the beach. To SLEEP!

To deny Sabbath, to profane the Sabbath is the deepest insult to God. It is taking God's gift of liberation and throwing it back in her face.

But it's even worse than that.

Scripture tells us the punishment for breaking Sabbath is death not because God will send a lightning bolt and smite us for being bad ... but because the



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actual consequence of denying Sabbath IS DEATH. We die as human beings and become slaves and machines of production. We exist but we cease truly to live. The consequence of Sabbath being death is not the punishment of God it is a natural consequence ... to our and God's deep, tragic sorrow.

This means at least two things for us as people of faith. First, it means as we enter this summer ... but also throughout the year ... that taking Sabbath time is not a luxury but an absolute necessity. It is strength, not weakness. It is the very definition of holiness not just for God but for us as well. Take time this summer ... and then keep taking it.

Second, it means recognizing that we live in a world

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and an economy that much more resembles Pharaoh and Egypt than the Promised Land. Slavery is all around us. Something that is literally a matter of life and death - Sabbath - has become a luxury for many and an absolute impossibility for far too many. Our economy was built on the backs of black bodies kidnapped from Africa and the labor tortured out of them and continues to be sustained on the backs of the prison industrial

complex at the most extreme but also the millions of low-wage workers who have to work multiple jobs without Sabbath and still cannot afford a one-bedroom apartment.

As we proceed through these summer months, may we remember that Sabbath is not optional. It is a matter of life and death. May we claim that life for ourselves ... and continue to dismantle the structures of slavery that deny it to any.

On the night of May 25, 1976, Euclid Avenue flashed brightly with the swirling lights of fire engines and echoed with sirens as an arson fire destroyed what was then called the Parish Hall – and 18 years later became Regas House. All that remained as the sun came up was the empty shell of Bouquet Canyon stone that had been erected in 1930. The sanctuary and office building were unscathed, but the classroom, meeting, forum space and generations of history – lost was devastating to the growing congregation. The considerable libraries of both music director David Farr and Rector George Regas were also destroyed. On February 3 of the next year, Scott Hall was fire-bombed by an arsonist and, as George Regas later said, "All Saints Church resembled a war zone."

These traumatic experiences transformed into a show of strength and created new opportunities as the parish raised the \$4.5 million needed for reconstruction, and continued to grow during the three years it took to design

By Keith Holeman

and complete construction of the buildings as we know

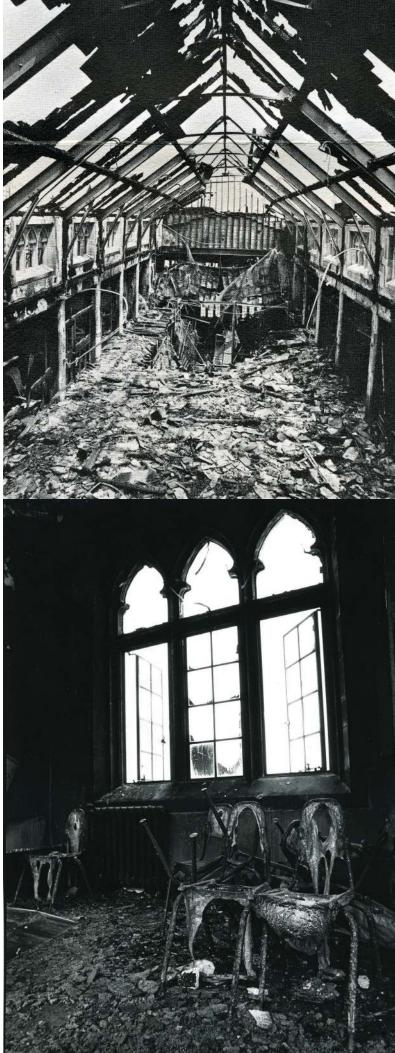


them today. Though it would have been less expensive to tear down the Parish Hall's aothic shell and completely rebuild, parishioners decided they wanted to preserve the original walls. It was brought up to then-current building code in earthquake reinforcement, and greatly improved the usable multipurpose space for program and mission, as well as created space that was

also put to extensive use by the community-at-large.

In the end, the total construction cost on the Parish Hall and Scott Hall was \$3,980,000 with \$608,000 of interest on construction debt.

The Parish Hall was re-christened "Regas House" on April 21, 1996, as a tribute to the leadership of rector emeritus George Regas.



## **Interim Choir Director Update**

We are excited to announce that Jenny Wong will be joining the All Saints staff as our Interim Choirmaster. Jenny will be with us from August 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 while we engage in a thorough search for our permanent Director



of Music and will conduct both Canterbury and Coventry choirs. A native of Hong Kong, Jenny began conducting in 2009 and has led choirs across the U.S., Germany, Austria, South Korea, and China. A DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) candidate in the USC Thornton Choral & Sacred Music program and assistant conductor of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, Jenny has previously served as a conducting fellow for the Oregon Bach Festival, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, the Distinguished Concerts International New York, and Hong Kong Singfest, and has also served as Visiting Director of Choral Activities with the University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music in Stockton.

At USC, she has conducted the Apollo Men's Choir and was the recipient of the USC Chamber Singers Award. In Hong Kong, she founded and now directs a female youth chorus, Flow Women's Voices. Also an acclaimed vocal soloist, Jenny earned her undergraduate degree in voice performance at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. It is clear that under her leadership, this will not be a year of just marking time but of continuing to grow musically

as a congregation in new and exciting ways. "Jenny Wong is an exceptionally gifted artist," said Grant Gershon, LAMC Artistic Director and Thornton alumnus. We are thrilled to be welcoming Jenny to All Saints and look forward to the work we will do together in the year ahead!

## **Welcome Zach DeJohnette**

All Saints' new comptroller, Zach DeJohnette was born and bred in Pasadena. He graduated from Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead, a Catholic all-male high school, in 1995.

"I fell into accounting – worked at Vons in the deli for a while, and when they cut my hours I went to work for a bank as a teller." Zach then worked in several banks and credit unions, including six years at First Entertainment in Hollywood. With the recession in 2008 he found himself looking for a job.

Zach entered Cal State L.A. in 2009 and received his B.A. in Economics in 2011.

In 2012 he met his wife, Retha, at his church, First AME in Pasadena, where she sang in the choir with Zach's mother – and they were married the following year. "I knew I was going to marry her from the first moment I saw her," he said. They are the proud parents of two adopted sons, Dominic and Timothy. Dom was born in January 2015, and Tim in May 2016.

Zach loves to barbeque and is an avid sports fan, particularly of the USC Trojans and the Dallas Cowboys. He has practiced Tae Kwon Do since he was a kid, and earned his 3rd degree black belt a few weeks ago.

What excites him about his job? "It's a challenge," with



a lot of new experiences. Working at a church is a completely different vibe than other places I've worked," Zach said. "There's always some anxiety that comes with a new job, but it's been my experience that when you're surrounded by good people who want you to succeed, you succeed. The good Lord put me where I'm supposed to be."

## Jamie Hebert Returns to ASC



While the clergy search committee works to find our next Senior Associate for Congregational Development, Jamie Hebert, Assistant to Giving and Congregational Development, will temporarily assume greater responsibilities in that area. These responsibilities will include working with our Parish Life Groups (20/30's, LGBTQ Ministry, Women's Community, Men's Community, Fiction Fun, Senior Saints, and Parish Celebrations), managing the New Member Class and the Welcome Ministry. This transition will allow Jim Loduha to focus on his role as Senior Director of Development and Giving. Jamie can be contacted at jhebert@allsaints-pas. org or 626.583.2765.

## The Rector's Summer List of Lists

### from Mike Kinman

Looking for some great reads this summer? Here are some recommendations from books I have read in the past year or so – by category.

### Spirituality, Theology & Scripture

- Money and Possessions Walter Brueggemann
  Members of the Giving Committee and Finance
  Committee will be reading and discussing this book over
  the next several months. It is a phenomenal journey
  through a scriptural theology of wealth that offers not
  only a powerful critique of the injustices our modern
  economic system but how a prophetic imagination
  might be applied to how we approach wealth as
  individuals and as a church.
- Genesis: The Book of Beginnings Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
- Exodus: The Book of Redemption Rabbi Jonathan Sacks
- Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism – Allan Aubrey Boesak and Curtiss DeYoung
- Jesus and the Disinherited Howard Thurman

### Race & Class in America

- The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism Edward Baptist This book will forever change the way you look at our nation. Not only the most brutally honest account of slavery that I have ever read but a powerful treatise on how our nation's economy was not only built on the labor tortured out of kidnapped black bodies but continues to be fueled by the latest incarnations of slavery.
- Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community – Leah Gunning Francis
- Blood Done Sign My Name Timothy Tyson
- Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning
   On the American Right Arlie Russell
- They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore and a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement – Welsey Lowery
- White Trash: The 400-Year Untold Story of Class in America – Nancy Isenberg

### **Novels**

• Imagine Me Gone – Adam Haslett

A beautiful character study of a family that struggles with mental illness and death over the course of lifetimes. Alternately deeply moving and hysterical. Winner of the LA Times Book Award for fiction.

- The Whale: A Love Story Mark Beauregard
- The Last Days of Night Graham Moore
- 11/22/63 Stephen King

- Dodgers Bill Beverly
- Underground Railroad Colson Whitehead

### Other

• The Only Rule Is It Has To Work: Our Wild Experiment in Building a New Kind of Baseball Team – Ben Lindbergh & Sam Miller

I love baseball books and this is a different sort of one. The true account of how two baseball statheads take over a real-life independent league team so they can put all their theories to the test. A whole lot of fun ... and also a great reminder that no matter how great your management and organizational theory is, most of success comes down to relationships with people.

• The Daily Show: An Oral History – Chris Smith

### On My List

Here's some of what is on my Kindle and bedside table this summer.

- The Black Christ Kelly Brown Douglas
- The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be
   Made Right Lisa Sharon Harper
- Disunity in Christ: Uncovering the Hidden Forces That Keep Us Apart – Christena Cleveland
- Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to Women of the Torah and the Throne – Wilda Gafney
- Indecent Theology: Theological Perversions in Sex,
   Gender and Politics Marcella Althaus-Reid
- Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views
   Racism Drew Hart
- Silence and Beauty Makoto Fujimura
- Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City Matthew Desmond

## And if binge-watching is more your style, I recommend...

Three series that wrestle with deep questions of what it means to be human and how we deal with deep loss and trauma:

- The Leftovers (HBO) Our own Amy Brenneman is brilliant in this series that just wrapped up a three-season run. What would happen if 5% of the world's population suddenly and inexplicably disappeared?
- Westworld (HBO) Watch Season 1 and get ready for Season 2. Raises fantastic questions of ethics in a world where actions have no consequences ... and what consciousness truly is.
- Battlestar Galactica (Netflix) NOT the original but the reboot. It's four seasons so more of a commitment ... and possibly the best television treatment ever of questions of what it really means to be human.



What an end to the program year it's been!

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# Celebrating Children's Spiritual Growth through the Holy Communion Ceremony

by Antonio Gallardo

On June 4th, 2017, Pentecost Day and Youth Day at All Saints Church Pasadena, six children participated in the "Holy Communion" ritual at the 1:00 p.m. service. After renewing their baptismal vows, along with the rest of the congregation, Mariana, Mauricio, Zareth, Aliza, Andrew and Alison, went to the communion railing to "reaffirm their love in Christ and to express their desire to continue united with him through the Sacrament of Holy Communion."

They expressed to the community what they were seeking, and what they were desiring: "We come to this table as members of this community of faith. Together we seek to grow in faith through Christ Jesus," "We desire



in the gifts of Christ's body and blood." After saying these statements. they received a blessing, the light of Christ that they received in baptism so that they continue being the light of the world, and they also received a book of bible stories so that the Word of God may continue being the foundation of their wisdom.

to continue sharing with

this community

and the guide in their spiritual journey.

Some may say, that sounds very much like a "First Communion Ceremony," and to certain extent it does, with the main difference being that this can't be called First Communion because these children have been receiving Holy Communion for a while. A question that follows is at what age can children receive communion in the Episcopal Church?

The General Convention of 1970 resolved that "children might be admitted to communion before confirmation." In 1971, the House of Bishops stated, "Confirmation should not be regarded as a procedure of admission to the Holy Communion." Our Book of Common Prayer (p. 858) indicates that, at the time of Baptism, we receive the inward and spiritual grace of union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into God's family (the Church), forgiveness

of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit. Once a child is born into God's family through Baptism, that child is welcome to participate in Communion. This represents a change for many adults in the Episcopal Church since they may have had to wait until Confirmation or other instructional opportunities before taking their first Communion.

Some Episcopal Churches do not offer "First Communion" classes because they believe that it is not the church's decision to determine when a child is ready to receive communion. This should be a family decision, they say. In the Episcopal Church children learn about the Eucharist at their Christian Formation class each Sunday (Sunday School). These classes help children understand the Eucharist and its meaning. Children grasp this meaning at different ages, and for this reason, the church does not dictate when a child takes his/her first communion.

Why having a ceremony of Holy Communion then? Last fall, a single mother of two children approached me at the end of the 1:00 p.m. service and asked me if we offered "First Communion" classes. Although I knew that All Saints had offered those classes in the past, I wasn't sure that I could say yes until having a conversation about its need and significance, both for the church community and for the parents.

For the parents and families, First Communion ceremonies maybe part of the family tradition, especially if you come from the Latin Roman Catholic Church, or some parts of the Lutheran Church and the Anglican Communion. In churches that celebrate First Communion, it typically occurs between the ages of seven and thirteen, often acting as a rite of passage.

For us at All Saints, it was an opportunity to start offering Sunday School classes for the children of the 1:00 p.m. service, while honoring a tradition that is important to the families. Along with All Saints' Children Minister, a group of volunteers and I decided on a curriculum that would enrich the children's understanding of the Eucharist, and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

For 19 weeks, these children attended the Holy Communion preparation classes, and as a team we designed a ritual to celebrate the spiritual growth that these children experienced. The idea was not to "create" an entire new worship, but to design an activity within an existing worship that was freeing, life giving, and redemptive. We surrounded ourselves with prayer for the presence and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and on Pentecost Day / Youth Day, we celebrated as a community the spiritual growth of Mariana, Mauricio, Zareth, Aliza, Andrew and Alison. The expression on their faces was a priceless experience where the presence of the Spirit of God was palpable in the congregation.

As a community, we at All Saints, have created a reaffirming experience for our children that honors the tradition of some families, celebrates our children's spiritual growth, and that is now available to all children in our community.

Spotlight by Susan Johnson

Samantha Ham

Samantha Lee Harris is a third generation All Saints'er. Not many of us can claim that distinction. She recognizes that All Saints is unique and she is very happy to be a part of all that it has to offer. She likes the way the worship service is conducted. She sees All Saints as a community of people with whom she can talk. The youth of the church are people who share her interests. The adults ar

generous mentors

Samantha is a member of the Trouveres and has been a part of the children and youth music programs since kindergarten. Music began to have true meaning when she was able to create harmonies that were both challenging and stirring.

She has participated in Youth events such as SEEKERS (in 9th grade), the 30-Hour Fast, and the annual Youth Transformational Journey. She has been an acolyte since 6th grade. Her favorite place in the church is the Guild Room. It is quiet and a great place to wait (while Mom



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Canterbury soprano soloist Elizabeth Tatum finishes rehearsal.)

Samantha enjoys helping out. She has worked with Keith Holeman. learning the art of videography. Some of her work was included in the video annual report for 2017. She has also had formal photography training from ASC photographer Cam Sanders while assisting him in photo

shoots. She has photographed events for All Saints and her photos have been used in church publications.

Her volunteering extends beyond All Saints: she was a violin mentor with Harmony Project Longfellow for



Samantha shares her home with her mom and grandmother Sarah Tatum, and feline Star, who belongs to her and her mom; feline Pepper, who belongs to grandmother; and canine Bean, claimed by everyone.

Her favorites:

Color: dark purple Food: chocolate Holiday: Christmas

Season: fall - her birthday is in September Alone time activities: sleeping, drawing, reading Reads: mysteries, crime novels - she likes to figure

things out

Samantha, an AP student and National Honor Society member, is a rising junior at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School. Her favorite classes are science – she likes learning about new things – and computers – these lead her to what she truly loves to create . . .

. . . animation. She draws constantly. She has notebooks filled with her drawings. Her style is Japanese anime (an abbreviated version of the word animation). Her attraction to these hand-drawn characters was intensified by a 3-D art class she took in school this year. She also attended a technology camp – ID Tech – at Loyola Marymount. She will be taking a graphic design class in the coming year. In her future Samantha would like to work for Pixar!

This creativity has extended to an interest in Japan and Japanese culture. She would like to travel there and learn more about the country and its people.

Samantha is a serious young woman and a real asset to our All Saints' community!

## **Mid-Year Giving Update**

### 2017 Giving Report (as of 5/31/17)

Budgeted Annual Income \$4,360,412

Year-To-Date Contributions

Pledge Contributions \$1,705,062 Special Gifts \$21,860 Open Plate Offerings \$73,956

Year-To-Date Total \$1,800,878

Thank you to everyone in our All Saints community, both near and far, who has supported our mission with generous pledges and contributions. To date, we have received 41% of our budgeted annual income. Please ensure that your support continues throughout the summer months by calling the Giving Office to help you set up automatic contributions.

You can give or pledge now by visiting www.allsaints-pas.org/ support/donate.

For more info, please contact Jim Loduha, Senior Director of Development and Giving at 626.583.2736 or JLoduha@allsaintspas.org.

## **Diocesan Dodger Night**

The Dodgers take on the Rockies for our annual Diocese of Los Angeles Night at Dodger Stadium. Join long time Dodger fan Mike Kinman for his first Diocesan Dodger Night and help put our new Bishop John Taylor on the mound to throw out the first pitch! It promises to be a great night of fun for everyone as we join our wider Diocesan family for a night at the ballpark.

7:10 p.m. game time ... pre-game festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale July 19-August 6, online and at the Sign-up Center on Sundays: \$26 each.

Can't go to the game yourself? Support Diocesan Dodger Night by sending Foster Care Kids to the ballgame through our

scholarship program. For more info contact Jamie Hebert at jhebert@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2765

P.S. ... Did we mention "Friday Night Fireworks?"



## **Summer Preachers**

Here, briefly, are the preachers through July and August. All will preach at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services.

Sunday, July 2 Mike Kinman returns to the pulpit for our annual Independence Day celebration.



Sunday, July 9 Former staffer Norma Guerra preaches!





Sunday, July 23 Sally Howard preaches on the Feast of Mary Magdalene.



Sunday, July 30 Susan Russell is in the pulpit for the final Sunday in July.

Sunday, August 6 Mike Kinman will preach on the Feast of the Transfiguration.



Sunday, August 13 Former All Saints staff member and part of our adjunct clergy cohort, Maggie Cunningham will preach.





Sunday, August 20 ASC seminarian and Pastor for Latino Ministries Antonio Gallardo will preach.

Sunday, August 27 Mike Kinman preaches.



## Summer Adventure, July 17-21

Join us at Summer Adventure from July 17-21 – for children and youth entering grades Kindergarten - 8th grade.

There will also be opportunities for High School aged youth to be camp counselors. This year's theme is Arts Camp! Arts Camp will focus on creativity through visual arts, music, dance, and games. Students will create their own masterpieces through sculpture, storytelling, water colors, and music, all in community and fellowship with each other. They will also get the opportunity to engage in daily prayer, yoga, and meditation.

Arts Camp will focus on making unique art and inspiring creativity in students through faith, fun and fellowship. They will learn to ribbon dance, make their own beads, and practice fun

techniques in painting with water colors. Summer Adventure is not like a "typical" summer church camp where all activities and projects look the same and where students are taught from a "boxed curriculum" made to fit any church in the country. Summer Adventure is curated for the



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children and youth of All Saints Church with a curriculum that reflects our values – making God's inclusive, transforming love tangible for all of our campers. Students will work together to create a beautiful gallery opening and walk on our final day of camp. The Camp will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. all five days, with before and after care available at extra cost. The cost for the camp will be

\$100 per camper with sibling discounts and some scholarship available. For more information contact Kelly Phelan at kphelan@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2764.

## Paws on the Lawn

Praised be You, my Lord with all Your creatures ~ St. Francis of Assisi

We are pleased to announce an expansion of our Pastoral Care/Healing & Health ministry to include a therapy dog on the lawn – accompanied by a member of our healing ministry: Sharon Weiser.

Sharon's ministry with therapy dogs began with Robbie – who served for eight years and was a beloved member of the All Saints community. Robbie was followed by Nicholas – and both dogs were certified by Delta Pet Partners, an international organization that tests and certifies animals for therapy service.

Since 2006, the option to have a therapy dog as part of pastoral care brought comfort and peace to many. Going into surgery, one parishioner had a photo taken of the dog saying, "He is the last thing I want to see before surgery and the first thing to see when I awaken."

Beginning this summer, Sharon and Nicolas will be stationed on the lawn between services, in the alcove immediately to the right of the north transept door. All are invited to "paws" on the lawn to touch this canine portal of peace, and to be with Sharon for prayers, encouragement, and warm healing presence.



Nicholas and Sharon

## **Pastoral Care Update**

While the Search Committee works to call All Saints' next Senior Associate for Pastoral Care/Healing and Health,

that ministry will be in the very capable hands of Sally Howard and Ana Camacho. Sally will be shifting her schedule to serve <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> time in July and August, and Ana has years of experience and knowledge as the long-time administrative assistant for the Pastoral Care Office. During July, Susan Russell will be the full-time priest on campus and Mike Kinman will be here during August. Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lay Counselors and the members of the

Sally Howard Health & Healing team will continue to exercise their ministries as together we work to make Christ's healing love present in our congregation and community. Any questions can be directed to the pastoral care office: 626.583.2737.



Ana Camacho

Calendar of events for the month. Please check our website at www.allsaints-pas.org and the weekly This Week At All Saints for details and contact information.

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**July 2** — Sunday, **1 PM** Convivio, 2:30 p.m., Sweetland

- **4** Tuesday, **Independence Day** Holiday, Church offices closed.
- **8** Saturday, **Free Legal Clinic**, 9:00 a.m.-noon., Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103
- **16** Sunday, **Jazz Vespers with Dawn Bishop**, 5:00 p.m., Chancel
- **17-21** Monday-Friday, Summer Adventure, 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m., Campus-wide
- **28** Friday, **Fiction Fun!**, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room

August 6 — Sunday, 1 PM Convivio, 2:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall

- **12** Saturday, Free Legal Clinic, 9:00 a.m.-noon., Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103
- **13** Sunday, **Transformational** Journeys Annual Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall
- **25** Friday, **Fiction Fun!**, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room

Click on the blue titles to see more information.

Adult Education in July & August 10:15 a.m. Sundays

### July

- **?** Education for Ministry, with Gary Leonard, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture. Scott Hall 2
- God's Victories: Non-violence Is Winning, with Rick Thyne, Sweetland Hall
  - New Members Class Reception, New Members Class, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
- **16** God's Victories: Inclusion Is Winning, with Rick Thyne, Sweetland Hall
  - Know Your Rights, with Viridiana Chabolla & Elizabeth Hadaway, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
- 2.3. God's Victories: Love Is Winning, with Rick Thyne, Sweetland Hall
  - Understanding Spiritual Trauma, with Anna Mohr, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2

- 30 · God's Victories: God Is Winning, with Rick Thyne, Sweetland Hall
  - Witnessing to Spiritual Trauma, with Anna Mohr. Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2

### August

- 6 Make the Book of Acts Great 7 Make the Book of Acts Great Again: Introducing Acts, with Brian Robinson, Sweetland Hall
  - Death & Immortality: Getting in Touch with the **Tradition**, with Sally Howard, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
- **1 3** Make the Book of Acts Great Again: Restoring David's Fallen House, with Brian Robinson, Sweetland Hall
  - Death & Immortality: Alternative Expressions of Life After Death. with Claudia Schields, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2

- 20 · Make the Book of Acts Great Again: Finding Space for the Other, with Brian Robinson, Sweetland Hall
  - Death & Immortality: Problems with the Immaterial Soul, with Jeremy Langill, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
  - Again: Including the Queer, with Brian Robinson, Sweetland Hall
  - Death & Immortality: **Embracing Our Common** Beliefs & Differences, with Sally Howard, Claudia Schields, and Jeremy Langill, Guild Room
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2

### **Summer Choir Is Back!**

July 2 marks the beginning of this exciting yearly adventure that will continue through September 3. All tuneful voices are welcome to sing any or all of the Sundays.

This summer Gavin McFatter celebrates his tenth year singing in Summer Choir. He first came to All Saints in July 2008, and when he asked Zelda Kennedy about ways he could get involved she told him about the volunteer choir that meets during the summer and suggested he try it out. He's been hooked ever since. "It feels like my own community," Gavin says.

His favorite Sunday is always 4th of July Sunday. "When the organist starts playing the voluntary, I say to myself, 'Summer Choir has officially begun.'" The music is rousing and there is a thrill to singing in front of everyone.

Gavin loves the 10 a.m. rehearsals on Sunday mornings "because the person who's conducting has us try different things to see what works best – it's fun.

Is he going to have an 11th year in Summer Choir? Gavin resoundingly says, "And a 12th year and a 13th year!"

If you're interested in joining Gavin and singing on summer Sundays, simply come to the Choir Room (downstairs in Regas House) promptly at 10:00 a.m. to prepare with Weicheng Zhao for the 11:15 a.m. service. For information contact Debbie Daniels at 626.583.2750 or ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org.



Gavin McFatter

### **New Website** Coming Soon!

Stay tuned for a new and VERY improved version of the All Saints website - optimized for phone or tablet with simplified navigation and an image/narrative driven platform. Finalizing beta-test phase in early July ... launch date TBD!