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Looking Back at 2018

# The Answer Is **Always Love**

#### from Rector Mike Kinman

The ball drops. The calendar page turns.

January is our annual reminder that time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future.

January is when we look back and reflect on all that has been. All that has been gained. All that has been lost. All that has been missed. All that has been grasped.

Faces that used to be right in front of us fade a little more into memory.

And then we turn and look forward to the year, the life in front of us. We look at the road stretching out in front of us. New challenges. New opportunities.

Faces that someday we will not be able to imagine life without linger just beyond our vision. And just for a moment, we pause. Between what has been and what is to come.

And we ask ourselves: What has brought us this far on the way? What do we need for the journey before us?

And the answer remains the same.

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People come into our lives ...and people depart. The new becomes familiar ... and the familiar grows old ...and the old makes room for the new

And we grieve. And we welcome. And we remember.

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Life promises us nothing. Life owes us nothing. So much of our life is the chance of the circumstance into which we were born.

And yet regardless of that circumstance... Regardless of what the road behind us has been ... Regardless of what the road ahead of us holds...

God promises us one thing.

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God gives Godself to us ... in love. God gives us to each other ... in love. God binds all creation together ... in love.



Love is how we can live with whatever challenges exist in the present.

Love is how we can face whatever changes are coming in the future.

Every Sunday we gather around the Eucharistic table and share the bread ... and the cup ... and the story.

We and God lay our whole lives on that table We give ourselves to God and one another. We remember that God does the same.

And then we receive a piece of bread. A sip of wine. A reminder that we are never alone. That we have God. That we have each other. That we are bound together. Forever. In love.

I do not know what the year to come will hold for us as All Saints Church.

I imagine there will be heartbreaks and goodbyes I imagine there will be happiness and hellos. I imagine there will be changes that will cause some of us to mourn and others to rejoice. I imagine there will be opportunities that we will grasp and others we will miss.

We will have crises and we will have blessings We will hurt each other and we will hold each other And every week, we will come together And receive a piece of bread. A sip of wine.

A reminder that we are never alone. That we have God. That we have each other. That we are bound together. Forever. In love.

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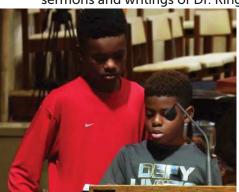
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Love is how we can heal from whatever has been in the past.

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## "Let Freedom Ring" A Daylong Community Reading of MLK's Words

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day join our All Saints Church tradition of gathering for an all-day community reading of the speeches, sermons and writings of Dr. King, This year MLK Day is Monday,



January 21st, and we invite you to balance action with reflection, and join us in the church anytime from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. for the continuous – and inspirational – reading of Dr. King's words. Anyone can come and take part either as a reader or listener. Texts will be available in English and in



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Spanish. The entire event will also be streamed live online at https://allsaints-pas. org/live-stream/.

### Antonio Gallardo Ordination to the Priesthood



Antonio Gallardo will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m., at St. John's Pro-Cathedral in Los Angeles. Antonio earned an M.Div. in a joint program between Bloy House, the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Claremont, and Claremont School of Theology. Since the beginning of his studies Antonio has served as a Pastor at All Saints, working primarily with the Latino-Hispanic Congregation, building toward the realization of All Saints' Vision of a church that reflects the diversity of Pasadena. In 2015 he was appointed Chair of the Task Force for Latino-Hispanic Congregational Development and Sustainability for the National Episcopal Church. Later, Antonio's commitment to a richer Episcopal Church community was recognized in an award from the Episcopal Evangelism Society (EES) to pilot an approach to "Find Mutuality in Christ" between dominant and non-dominant groups in Episcopal congregations.

On Sunday, January 13, Antonio will celebrate at all four services –  $^{\circ}_{0}$ 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. and we will celebrate his ordination with cake on the lawn after church!



God willing and the people consenting The Right Reverend Diane Jardine Bruce Bishop Suffragan of the Los Angeles will ordain

Antonio J. Gallardo

to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

> Saturday, the twelfth of January two thousand and nineteen at ten o'clock in the morning

> > St. John's Pro-Cathedral

514 West Adams Boulevard Los Angeles, California

Your prayers and presence are requested.

## **Tracey Lind on January 27th**

On Sunday, January 27, we welcome the Reverend Tracey Lind to the Rector's Forum and as our preacher at the 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services. A long time friend of All Saints Church, Tracey is a retired Episcopal priest and city planner whose ministry has included work for social and environmental justice, interfaith relations, sustainable urban development, arts and culture, and progressive theology. Most recently, Tracey's ministry has extended to include the spiritual insights and lessons she has gained from a life complicated by dementia. On Nov. 8, 2016 (Election Day), Tracey was diagnosed with the early stages of Fronto-temporal Dementia, yet this diagnosis hasn't stopped her from fully immersing in what life has to offer – and what she has to give. She speaks internationally and continues her work as a board member of a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the Episcopal Church Pension Fund, Judson Retirement Services, and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress. She is the author of *Interrupted by God: Glimpses from the Edge*. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from and be inspired by one of the most amazing people we know.



# Spotlight by Wendy Edwards Twyla Meyer Tom Schulz

It's not that hard to see why Twyla Meyer says "sleep is overrated" when you hear that she has six jobs! You have seen her at the grand piano in the chancel at All Saints accompanying any one of our choirs with musical sensitivity and complete accuracy. She is every choral conductor's dream! She worked as accompanist in the music department at CSULA for many years and is the principal pianist for the Los Angeles Children's Chorus. The fact that we have had access to her particular gifts for so many years is one thing that has made All Saints' choral music program remarkable.

Of course a piano can't sound good, no matter who's playing it, if it's out of tune. That's where Twyla's husband Tom Schultz comes in. As a Registered Piano Technician his services are in demand in the East San Gabriel Valley where he and Twyla live, but he sometimes travels miles for especially loyal (and even a few famous) clients. The pianos at All Saints benefit regularly from Tom's expertise, too!

I wondered where Tom and Twyla's dedication to making beautiful music came from. Twyla talked about a brother, nine years older, whose band jammed in their living room. She liked it when they played Glenn Miller's "A String of Pearls" and she taught herself to play the melody on the piano. Someone in the band showed her a simple accompaniment for the left hand, and she was off! She would lie in bed at night, singing and figuring out note intervals in other songs she wanted to play when the household was awake. Formal piano lessons pointed her toward reading music rather than playing by ear, but she wishes she'd kept at it. Twyla says that her keen spatial awareness on the keyboard came from playing with her eyes closed. She'd been so impressed when she heard a blind girl play that she decided she wanted to be able to play by "feel," too.

Tom's parents met in their high school choir, and when they married, bought a grand piano before they owned a table! Tom remembers sitting with his ear to the radio on Saturday afternoons in Grand Junction, Colorado, listening to the Texaco broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera. By adolescence, Tom had logged over 500 performances as a boy soprano soloist, including on radio. His voice teacher believed it could harm his adult voice if he sang at all while it was changing, so Tom substituted whistling and became awfully good at it!

Tom came to California for a bachelor's degree in music from La Verne College. He went to grad school at Indiana University and moved back to California to be choral director, voice teacher and music history professor at his alma mater. (It's worth noting that versatile Tom worked as an announcer on classical KUSC until they wanted only bass voices, and later he graduated from PCC as a registered nurse!) In the meantime, Twyla had also made her way to LA from Minnesota in 1974 to get a master's degree at USC. Tom was singing with the Los Angeles Camerata Chorus, and Twyla had just been hired as their accompanist. It must have been a supportive environment for romance, because the Camerata produced six marriages, including Tom and Twyla's!

Tom found All Saints almost by accident. He came to an organ recital and walked to the reception afterwards with organist choirmaster, Ray Egan. Ray invited Tom to come and sing with the summer choir, and that experience led to his current 35+ year tenure with Coventry Choir. He talked Twyla into coming with him, knowing she'd be drawn in by the music. She was raised in the Catholic Church, and found that All Saints' liturgy felt familiar, so she and Tom made it their church home. The two Schultz-Meyer children were baptized here, then became choristers, acolytes and Seekers. Twyla said, "Aidan knows every nook and cranny of this place. Someone would say to me, 'Do you know where your kid is? He's sliding down the bannister to the basement from the third floor of Regas House!" Today Aidan is a professional photographer and church soloist living in Brooklyn, NY. His sister Marike lives in Colorado with her husband and two little girls. She works at Denver's Curious Theatre Company in immersive theatre production.

There's much more to Tom and Twyla's story, but it feels right to close it by sharing something Twyla said: "I'd never want to leave All Saints. I wasn't at all political when I came, but now I spend part of every day as an activist supporting issues I've learned to care about here." Tom agreed, and they both added that despite missing their children and grandchildren, they love southern California and don't imagine they'll move. Aren't we the lucky ones!

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Many thanks to the over 671 parishioners who have pledged for 2019, and through their generous financial support have demonstrated an abiding commitment to All Saints Church.

The New Year brings new opportunities for all of us to Come Together. Ensure that the good work accomplished by the staff and ministries of All Saints Church in 2018 continues into 2019 by making your pledge today.

## For the vestry to adopt the proposed budget for 2019 during their January meeting, an additional \$1,608,534 in pledge income is required.

- Pledge brochures ("Come Together"), with a tear off pledge card, are available in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering basket or handed to a staff member
- Use the QR code (right), which takes you directly to the online pledge form
- Visit: https://allsaints-pas.org/donate/pledge/
- Call or email Interim Director of Giving, Marianne Ryan, with your name and 2019 pledge to 626.583.2736 or mryan@allsaints-pas.org.



### **Jazz Vespers for January**



Sunday, January 13, 5:00 p.m., on the Chancel. If you could fuse together the lush, rich, vocal style of the great female jazz singers from era's gone by, with the current sound of jazz today -- one might say that **Daniela Spagnolo**'s voice and original songs are a sublime example of just that. With her strong sense of swing and ability to compose songs with a modern flair, she is truly a unique & refreshing collaboration of yesterday and today. Born in Rome, Italy and raised in New York, Daniela quite possibly has one of the most

distinctive and expressive voices in music today.

Guitarist and composer **John Chiodini** began his performing career in clubs, recording studios and theaters throughout New England in the 1960's and 1970's. As a member of the Boston Pops Orchestra under Arthur Fiedler, John made numerous appearances in concerts and on recordings, including the long-running PBS television series "Evening At Pops". In the early 1980's, he relocated to Los Angeles, touring, writing, and recording with Peggy Lee.

Jazz pianist, Grammy Award-winning arranger and All Saints' composer-in-residence **Bill Cunliffe** is widely known for his swinging and lyrical pianism and his creativity and invention

as a composer and arranger of jazz. Bill was the 1989 winner of the \$10,000 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Award, and has received stipends from the National

Endowment for the Arts. There is no charge. No reservations required. Info = jazz@allsaints-pas.org, or https://allsaints-pas.org. **Epiphany Preachers in January** 

**Dreamers Solidarity in February** 

# booking Back on 2018

We look back at last year – one of joy and discovery. We marched in L.A. and D.C. and stood in solidarity with Dreamers and women. We celebrated individual milestones, confirmed new Episcopalians, and honored those of our siblings experiencing homelessness who died on our streets. We benefitted from the wisdom of heroes, listened deeply to people of color, and sent youth to the South to discover our Civil Rights history. We revelled in worship, in the church and in the community. Enjoy these memories – as we create new ones. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA HARRIS, CAM SANDERS, TAGGART LEE, BERIT ANDERSON, LIZ TATUM, MIKE KINMAN & KEITH HOLEMAN Weicheng Zhao's Doctoral Recital in February



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# **Comings and Goings On**

Some things of interest coming in early-2019 to All Saints Church!

#### **Seeking Healthy Faith**

Join us on Wednesday, January 9, in Scott Hall 3 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Healing, health and wholeness are at the center of our faith, yet many of us have had harmful and injurious religious experiences. Join others in safe space to • Share toxic religious experience and discover ways to move past them • Develop new positive ways of understanding ourselves and God/Spirit Open pathways to new and fulfilling faith experience. All Are Welcome! Meets the second Wednesday of every month. For more information contact Ana Camacho at acamacho@allsaints-pas.org.

#### Sacred Stillness Retreat

Building Spaciousness Within to Love Across Difference: Developing our capacity for spaciousness within empowers us to listen deeply to each other. Join us for the guarterly Sacred Stillness Retreat on Saturday, January 26, from 9-12:30, in the church. We will be led in contemplative and meditation practices, to more deeply connect to God's loving presence within us that can hold us as we listen deeply to each other and reflect on these words of wisdom from Rev. angel Kyodo williams: "We cannot have a healed society, we cannot have justice, if we do not reclaim and repair the human spirit." For more information contact Ana Camacho at 626.583.2737.

#### **#MeToo Momentum**

Survivors of the abuse of power, especially sexual harassment and assault, often stay silent because of the negative consequences for those who come forward. Silencing is retraumatizing, increases isolation and deprives those who have been violated of needed emotional support. #MeToo Momentum is a safe space for those who identify as female, to listen to each other and to share our stories. As we listen to each other, we are empowered together. Sunday, January 27, 1:00-2:15, in Scott Hall 5. For information contact Ana Camacho at acamacho@ allsaints-pas.org.

#### **MLK Weekend**



Leah Gunning Francis of Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and

Awakening Community. In the Forum at 10:15 a.m. Devon Carbado. associate vice chancellor at UCLA and a professor at the university's school of law, will speak. His expertise includes constitutional criminal procedure, constitutional law, and critical race theory. His scholarship appears in law reviews

at UCLA, Berkeley, Harvard, Michigan, Texas, Cornell, and Yale, among other places.

Sunday afternoon All Saints hosts the the Diocese of Los Angeles' annual Martin Luther King Jr., Day Celebration at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. It will feature a keynote address by Devon Carbado, with music offered by the Episcopal Chorale, directed by Dr. Chas Cheatham.

On Monday, January 21, join us in the church from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for "Let Freedom Ring" — a day long community reading of the works of Dr.Martin Luther King Jr. (see page 2).

#### **Reyes Magos**

Guiados por una brillante estrella, los Tres Reyes del Oriente, regiamente ataviados y montados en un camello, un caballo y un elefante emprendieron el viaje para adorar al Niño Jesús. La celebración de los Tres Reves Magos se remonta a los primeros años de la evangelización en el Nuevo Mundo y sigue vigente hasta nuestros dias. Según la tradición latinoamericana, son ellos quienes traen regalos a los

On MLK Sunday, January 20, we welcome preacher Dr. Leah Gunning Francis, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is also the author

niños y niñas. Acompañenos el domingo 6 de Enero a la misa de la 1:00 p.m. y después a una celebración en Sweetland Hall para compartir La Rosca y chocolate caliente.



Guided by a shining star, the Three Kings of the Orient regally dressed and mounted on a camel, a horse and an elephant, undertook the journey to adore the Baby Jesus. The celebration of the Three Wise

> Men, or Magi, dates back to the first years of evan-geli-zation in the New World and continues to this day. According to Latin American tradition, it is they who bring gifts to children. Join us on Sunday, January 6, for our 1 p.m. Service in the church and celebrate afterward in Sweetland Hall with La Rosca (King's bread traditionally eaten on January 6) and hot chocolate.

#### Save the Date! The **Reverend angel Kyodo** williams at All Saints

On February 9 and 10 we welcome the **Reverend angel Kyodo williams** - Zen Buddhist priest, author of Being Black: Zen and the Art of Living with Fearlessness and Grace and internationally known speaker and spiritual leader. Rev. williams will lead



angel Kyodo williams

a Connections Workshop on Saturday, February 9, and be with us on Sunday, February 10 as our preacher and Forum speaker.

"Love and justice are not two. Without inner change, there can be no outer change; without collective change, no change matters." ~ Rev. angel Kyodo williams



Devon Carbado

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

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Office Closed. **3** – Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:30 p.m., Learning Center 6 – Sunday, **Reyes Magos/Three** Kings, 2:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall 8 – Tuesday, Vestry meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall **10** – Thursday, Sr. Saints **Spiritual Reading Group, 12** noon, OCC Conference Room **11** – Friday, **Not So Bored Game** Night for Youth, 6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall **12** – Saturday, Free Legal Clinic,

9:00 a.m.-noon, Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena91103

**13** – Sunday, Labyrinth on Healing Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Forum Jazz Vespers with Daniela Spagnolo, John Chiodini & Bill

**1** – Tuesday, New Year's Holiday, Cunliffe, 5:00 p.m., Chancel 17 — Thursday, Sr. Saints: Creating Personal Memoirs, 12:30 p.m., OCC Conference Room **19** – Saturday, **Robert Preston** Memorial, 11:00 a.m., Church Women's March Los Angeles, Pershing Square, L.A., 10:00 a.m. **20** – Sunday, LA Diocese MLK Day Celebration, 3:00 p.m., Church 21 – Monday, Let Freedom Ring, **Community Reading of MLK** Speeches, Sermons and Writings, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Church 22 – Tuesday, Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall **25** – Friday, Fiction Fun!, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room 26 — Saturday, Sacred Stillness Retreat, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Church 28 – Monday, Transformational **Journey Departure to El** Salvador, off-campus

#### Adult Ed in January 10:15 a.m. Sundays

- 6 Rector's Forum, with Nora Phillips, Forum
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
- **4 •** Healing Sunday: Rector's Forum will resume on Jan. 20. • Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
- MLK Sunday, with Devon Carbado, Forum • Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2
- 7• Rector's Forum, with Tracey Lind, Forum
  - Parent Culture, Scott Hall 2

#### 2019 Pledge Envelope Pick-Ups

Visit the tables on the lawn to get your 2019 pledge envelopes on Dec. 9 & 16, and Jan. 13 & 20. No longer use them? Stop by and tell us so we do not have to mail them in January. Thanks!!

## Making Connections on the Lawn

#### by Nancy Naecker

On Sunday morning the Quad Lawn at All Saints Church is an epicenter of hospitality, information and action. Every week we strive to offer warmth and hospitality for all parishioners – with an intentional welcome to newcomers and first-time visitors – while presenting engaging information about what All Saints stands for and opportunities for action and involvement.

A team of leaders from Congregational Development, Pastoral Care, Health & Healing and Peace & Justice and have worked to assess our current practices and recommend some changes. These changes are based on their evaluation that we can better meet our stated goals with a new lawn configuration and that what we are currently doing does not meet the standard of a cost-effective and sustainable Sunday morning set-up for the Buildings & Grounds staff.

The reconfigured lawn would reduce the number of tables on the lawn and create dedicated intentional space for hospitality.

#### **Guiding Principles of the Lawn Area:**

- Welcome newcomers
- Embrace all parishioners with warmth and hospitality create a comfortable place to meet up and greet friends
- Present a view of what all of All Saints stands for and offers a unified picture of our mission
- Provide for cost-effective and sustainable Sunday Morning set-up for the B&G staff

Stay tuned as we rethink our lawn welcome.



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