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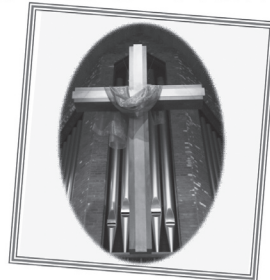
All Saints looks ahead

Congregation Council chartered the Visioning Task Force to accomplish one of the recommendations of the Listening Post Team Report issued in September.

The report concluded that All Saints needed a comprehensive vision and encouraged the congregation to develop one that looks ahead three to five years. Council responded, and the Visioning Task Force held its first meeting Feb. 16. At that meeting, Council asked the task force to develop and oversee a Visioning Process that would:

- Create a clear vision that would serve as the All Saints "North Star" for the congregation over the next few years;
- Affirm and/or create Core Values, by which our actions and undertakings may be measured;
- Affirm and/or revise the Mission of All Saints;
- Involve all members of the congregation (and perhaps community neighbors) in the process.

God's Vision,



Our Vision

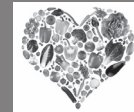
Core Values, Mission, Vision

Our core values reflect how we behave; our mission statement defines why we exist; and our vision is what we strive to become. Our core values and mission serve as the foundation for our vision.

The vision will be our North Star, the larger framework that can guide us in doing God's work here and in the greater community. Anyone who attends

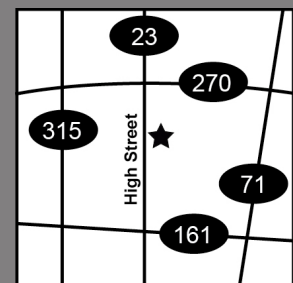
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May seminar to aid healing in church, lives

The All Saints' Healing Team extends a personal invitation to everyone to a free seminar, "Blessed are the Peacemakers" from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 16.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. If you cannot attend the whole

seminar, we invite you to come for the morning or afternoon session or for as long as you can.

All Saints will provide lunch from Café Daniella, snacks and several breaks. We also plan to offer child care with confirmation students.

We do not want money to be a deterrent to attendance,

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Ambassadors
of
Reconciliation™

Council seeks delegates for assembly

All Saints needs you!

This is always true, but on June 5 and 6, we especially need five members willing to represent the congregation at the Synod Assembly at Capital University. Congregation Council discussed the need for volunteers during its April 13 meeting. Members agreed they would especially like to see those who have not participated before experience this event and learn about the governance of the Southern Ohio Synod. If you would be interested in participating, e-mail All Saints at aslsc@saintsonhigh.org.



During its regular business meeting, council also:

- Discussed the activities of the Ministry of Healing Group, which plans a "Blessed are the Peacemakers" seminar with the Ambassadors of Reconciliation May 16 and 17.

- Heard from Kristen Robinson on the Visioning Task Force and its plans to get input from the congregation on values, mission and vision. Vision Sunday will be May 31.

- Reviewed a proposal from the Contemporary Worship Committee that would use a member's gift, money from its budget and monies from the Music Enrichment Designated Fund to buy equipment, including wireless microphones. No money is anticipated to be spent from the general fund beyond that already in the budget.

All Saints awards scholarships

The All Saints Memorial Scholarship Fund, originally established in memory of Andrew Kammerdiener, was blessed last year with two new funds: the Amy Dennis Memorial Scholarship and Paulie Hildreth Memorial Scholarship.

The trustees faced another challenge in determining this year's recipients due to the outstanding accomplishments of the applicants. These students have demonstrated the skill and desire to be most successful in continuing their education. The following All Saints seniors are to be commended for having distinguished themselves in the areas of academic achievement, church and community involvement, work and sports.

All Saints Memorial Scholarship

Lindsey McDaniel, Adam Morrisey, Meredith Patton

Amy Dennis Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Haney

Paulie Hildreth Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Seckel

Our congratulations and best wishes go with you as you achieve your future goals!

To contribute

Contributions may be made at any time by making a check payable to All Saints Lutheran Church and noting the name of the scholarship fund.

Trustees:

Pat Barnett, chair
Donna Crossman
Jim Cox

A family that plays together



All Saints' Game Day 2009
May 2

All Saints will host a family game day from noon to 6 p.m. May 2 in the quad.

Please join us for fellowship and fun with a wide selection of games for all interests and ages, and feel free to bring along your own favorites! We'll provide a pizza lunch and soft drinks around 1 p.m.

We hope our All Saints' family will enjoy reconnecting over the simple pleasure of board and card games.

Stop by for an hour or stay all afternoon. Plan on healthy competition, lots of laughs and getting to know people in our community.

Tend righteousness in soil of peace

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

- James

In his comments on this verse from James, J.A. Motyer writes, "James takes his gardening metaphor seriously. Peace is the soil and those who make peace are the green-fingered gardeners." Thus, we are all gardeners. We sow grace, mercy, kindness, humility, respect, unconditional love, patience, joy, etc. into the soil of peace. The fruit, righteousness, is a life lived in a loving relationship with God and one another.

In our home, Jana's the gardener. Some years ago, I planted tomatoes and corn in our backyard, and the harvest was quite poor. Once I planted the seeds, I failed to tend to the plants and nurture their growth. The harvest just wasn't there. Since then, I've been removed from my role in our household as gardener. While I am inadequate in growing plants,



I do want to do be a an effective gardener sowing peace and growing healthy relationships.

As followers of Christ each of us is called to be a peacemaker. Paul put it this way, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. ... All this is from God, who reconciled us himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

The righteousness that God graciously gives our lives translates into how we relate to others. Crucified with Jesus on the cross were negative qualities that destroy relationships. What remains are qualities that enliven relationships: forgiveness, peace, sacrificial love, etc. Our lives mimic Jesus' life of

reconciliation by moving toward those with whom we're in conflict.

I invite you to join me and others at All Saints on May 16 for a one-day "Blessed are the Peacemakers" seminar. Conflict happens - in our families, workplaces, and even in our congregation. It's not how often we face conflict, or if we face it at all, it's how we face it that matters most. Together as a congregation, we can learn when to overlook, how to confess and confront and what it really means to forgive and persevere in genuine, loving relationships.

Psalm 133:1 reminds us that it is "good and pleasant when kindred live together in unity!" Truly peaceful relationships produce righteousness. If you are tired of fighting with the very people you love most in the world, if you are burdened by bitterness and resentment, if you simply need help to work through conflicts, I encourage you attend the seminar.

See you there.

Pastor Mike Weaver

'All Saints and Friends' rounds out concert series

All Saints will conclude its 2008-09 Concert Series with "All Saints and Friends," featuring a variety of musical styles and favorite performers, at 4 p.m. May 3.

Expect performances by flutist Sean Owen, tenor soloist Scott Sanville and organist Ellen Cutting. A combined choir will offer the exciting finale.

Our congregation is blessed with gifts that have allowed it to establish this concert series that goes beyond traditional recitals and allows the community to learn more about the instruments and musicians that take performance into art.

This ministry was established and continues to be supported by special gifts and offerings, memorial and estate funds and patronage.

Help name Gathering Area

As you've no doubt noticed, All Saints recently redecorated its Gathering Area outside Parish Hall to make it a warmer and more inviting space for our community.

As part of that process, our design team suggests we give it a more welcoming name.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. June 14 for a fun process through which the congregation will choose the new name. We'll reach consensus on the name as a group in time to unveil it at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to participate. The more the merrier!

May Service Opportunities

May 2	9 a.m. to noon, Join Hands Day Help Clintonville senior citizens with chores
May 3	Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
May 8	Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry
May 17	Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home Worship

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Urgent Needs

- Boxed side dishes
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste

Cash donations

Your donation of \$25 will feed a family of four for three days.

Guidelines

- Place food in the collection cart at the Lay Ministry Supply Room (near the office).
- No opened boxes.
- Please do not bring clothing donations.

Other projects

Donations

- Eyeglasses: Lions Club
- Toner Cartridges: Benefits LSS Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen Services for Youth. All that is needed is the UPC code from any Campbell's product.
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital

- Call Material Assistance Providers (M.A.P.) (614-272-9544) for home pick-up of furniture, appliances, and household items.

Members helping members

Need help with yard cleanup? We have volunteers who are willing to help.

Please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslsc@saintsonhigh.org.

Saints asked to join spring cleanup

Time to get ready for a new growing season.

Why: While we know everyone is busy, do you realize that just a few hours of your time will make a big difference in the appearance

of our church grounds and save \$1,000. We need at least 15 to 20 volunteers to get the job done!

When: 9:30 a.m. to noon May 2.

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Plant a row for the hungry

In the tradition of World War II Victory Gardens, All Saints is helping to fight hunger in the Columbus area!

We ask gardeners to include vegetables that will benefit the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries during the upcoming growing season. Any produce is welcome.

Drop off produce Sundays or Thursdays throughout the season. All Saints' own Gene Kuhn will deliver your bounty to the food pantry twice each week.



Help moms say: 'Eat your veggies'

All Saints' Hunger Task Force will collect tomato and pepper plants and six-packs of bedding flowers in honor of Mother's Day May 10.

We ask worshipers to bring the items in honor of their own moms or to donate money that will be used to purchase gloves and trowels for those who depend on Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries for help in feeding their families. Plants will be delivered to the pantry May 16. The project helps not only to feed those who need help but also encourages gardening and the consumption of fresh produce.

Vision

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All Saints will have opportunities to be part of this effort.

As the first step in the visioning process, we ask for your input on the Core Values statements that the task force drafted. The task force reviewed recent congregational surveys and current activities to identify a potential list of values. This is intended to be a starting point for discussion, and your responses will be used to develop the final set of values to provide the framework.

Our Mission statement was developed three years ago, and we ask that you review it and provide thoughts on its continued relevance.

You may respond in writing by or send your ideas via e-mail to: aslcvision@candcolumb.org

Core Values

Our Core Values supported us yesterday... sustain us today... and guide us tomorrow.

(1) We Value Our Relationship with God

We trust in God's grace and cultivate intimate relationships with Christ through worship, prayer, music, and education.

"So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God." (Romans 5:11)

(2) We Value Service to Others

We act in faith and share the love of Christ by using our God-given talents and resources to serve, support, and witness to our members and others in need.

"But even more blessed are all who hear

Share your thoughts

Pick up a Visioning Process Response Sheet at the church office or find a printable version online at www.saintsonhigh.org. Drop off your responses at the church office or in the Sunday collection plate.

The Visioning Task Force is counting on the responses of the congregation. Your input is absolutely vital to our efforts.

The sheet also includes ways you can participate in the process, such as tallying results, prayer and participation in focus groups.

the word of God and put it into practice." (Luke 11:28)

(3) We Value Our Church Community

We are a fellowship of believers where friendships are formed and deepened, people with diverse interests are accepted, and where we work and learn together in Christian love.

"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one as we are one." (John 17:22)

(4) We Value Creative Ministry

We encourage the development of new ideas for ministry that allow us to grow in faith and make a positive impact for Christ.

"...I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall

prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." (Acts 2:17)

(5) We Value Faithful Giving

We give individually and collectively as a tangible expression of our faith.

"To whom much is given, much is expected." (Luke 12:48)

Mission

All Saints strives to:
Give Glory to God;
Share the Good News of Christ;
Grow in Expression of Faith and Discipleship.

Vision: Next Steps

In May, the Visioning Task Force members and others will ask for you to consider what you wish to see as the future for All Saints. We are in the process of developing a set of key questions that will be asked in some of the groups in which you currently participate, in focus groups and during worship services on Vision Sunday, May 31. The task force will analyze those responses and ideas and develop a Vision for All Saints that will be presented to Congregation Council, who will use it to guide our planning and priorities for the next five years. More information will follow as the process progresses.

Task Force Members

Task force members welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact any of us. Members include Chair Dave Kaufman, Jenna Fletcher, Pastor Bonnie Gerber, John Girgis, Heidi Lockhart, Peg Margello, Beth Ullery Maxwell, Eric Pihl, Kristen Robinson, Mark Skogstad, Bob Tobbe, Pastor, Mike Weaver and David Wendt.

Witness by listening, not talking

One of the most satisfying experiences in life is to be in dialog with another human being, to share inner feelings and values.

That sounds sentimentally deep. However, these satisfying dialogues happen in many ways.

Some mango dessert at an Indian restaurant became a very meaningful subject of conversation, as can any type of food that strikes us in the heart of our taste buds. There is great respect for the person who will listen to a detailed breakdown of our brackets. Find someone who will listen to your bad day, and you have found a gem. The butcher who gives an ear to the person sold bad meat may save a customer.

How many times have you said it? "I do not care so much about the bad service, it was the bad attitude, the rudeness, and the unwillingness to listen that really

fried my bacon."

Good dialogue begins with someone willing to listen. Really listen!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said; "the first service that one owes to others ... consists of listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to his word, so the beginning of love for each other is learning to listen to each other." People are looking for people who will listen.

Just think of how many bad situations could have been prevented if we would have listened. That is true within our own households with people we know well. It happens within our churches, workplaces and schools, with close friends. We fail to really listen to them and assume we know. No wonder we have problems with people who are different from us. Throw in a different culture and we have a mess that can be clarified only by a patient listener.

Dialogue is the sharing of one's

inner values, inner feelings and inner fears, those things with which a person is really struggling. Reach that level with another human being and it will move you. It will be the greatest gift you can give.

Listening to the point of dialogue takes practice. To dialogue with a person about faith, Christ, Christ's church or Christ's mission, you need to listen.

A person says the church is full of hypocrites; my clever response is "there is always room for one more." When we take time to listen, dialogue and search beneath the surface to discover how a person was hurt by someone in the church, it often leads to better results.

These are the kinds of skills in witnessing that we will practice at the "Witnesses for Christ" class in September.

George Schmidt

Peace

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especially in these economic times, but will accept donations to help cover costs.

Ambassadors of Reconciliation will present this informational and helpful seminar on how to handle conflict in a biblical and peaceful way. This is a ministry specifically geared toward Lutheran churches, and our seminar will be led by the group's director, Pastor Bruce Zagel.

The Peacemaker Seminar will help those in the congregation who still have issues and concerns stemming from Pastor Zorb's departure, but by no means is limited to

those individuals. The seminar will deal more broadly with conflict in general and how to deal with conflict among family members, co-workers, teachers, coaches, and other civic relationships. The seminar will help teach tips to resolve conflict biblically and to glorify God through reconciliation and restoration. Finally, the seminar will challenge all who attend to take a closer look at our spiritual lives and help sharpen our skills for ministry.

The healing team knows this is a big commitment for some, especially those who may feel they have no conflict in their lives. We ask all members to pray and see if God is leading you to come

anyway. We believe the seminar will have something for everyone. Participants will receive a Peacemaker booklet to keep.

Look for information in the bulletin, on the Web site and watch for healing team members at a meeting or service soon.

Registration is highly appreciated, especially to count heads for lunch and child care, but walk-ins will be welcome that morning.

Those wanting more information can contact Pastor Mike Weaver or talk to any member of the healing team, which includes Nick Brit, Amy Chapman, Vicki Townsend and Tally Whitehead.

Young Retireds

Anyone of any age is invited to participate in events sponsored by the Young Retireds.

Simply sign up (as it helps us to know how many chairs to set up and how much food we need) and come. Check the posters on the bulletin board near the Parish Hall for details.

Noon May 6 at La Scala

Join us for lunch at La Scala Restaurant on Route 161 near Dublin.

We will enjoy a family-style luncheon featuring many of La Scala's favorite offerings. The cost is \$15 per person, and reservations must be confirmed and prepaid by April 29. Kelly Igoe, attorney at the Ohio Division of Securities will share information about consumer investor protection and security fraud. Kelly worked as an assistant county prosecutor and assistant attorney general. She gained extensive knowledge in criminal and administrative law. We are looking forward to an informative program and a bountiful Italian meal.

Thank you

We offer our thanks to the Olentangy Men's Chorus, who provided an entertaining April afternoon singing many favorite, show-stopping tunes. The food was excellent; created and served by some of the best cooks in town! Love those "All Saints" potluck meals. April certainly began on a high note!

Join Hands to help Clintonville seniors

All Saints volunteers will join hands with the West Franklin County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans from 9 am to noon, Saturday, May 2. We will help Clintonville seniors with outdoor spring cleanup. Youth and adults will meet at All Saints at 8:45 am to carpool to Clintonville. Questions? Contact All Saints at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org to be put in touch with coordinator Sue Briney.

Women's Ministries

Update

Tally Whitehead announced her plans to step down from Women's Ministry in the annual meeting booklet.

While no official date has been set for her departure, she will phase back her duties throughout the year. Women's Ministry is looking for more women to get involved in leadership. If you are interested in this ministry or know someone who is, please call Pastor Mike Weaver at church.

We appreciate Tally's dedication and years of service in building Women's Ministry.

Yoga/Pilates

Schedules for May are as follows. Cost for each class is \$5. All classes meet in Parish Hall. Please bring a mat or towel.

Yoga

6 p.m. Mondays

5:45 p.m. Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. Thursdays April 1, 8 and 15.

This is a gentle yoga class.

Note: No classes May 4, 6 or 7.

Pilates

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Note: No class May 6.

Middle School Spring events

April 26 Glo-Putt

We will worship together in the Gathering, eat lunch and then go to Glo Putt for one round of miniature golf. We will return at 3 p.m. Cost: \$6.

May 2 Game Day

The confirmation students have been asked to provide child care for elementary-aged children from noon to 6 p.m. Students may choose to serve from

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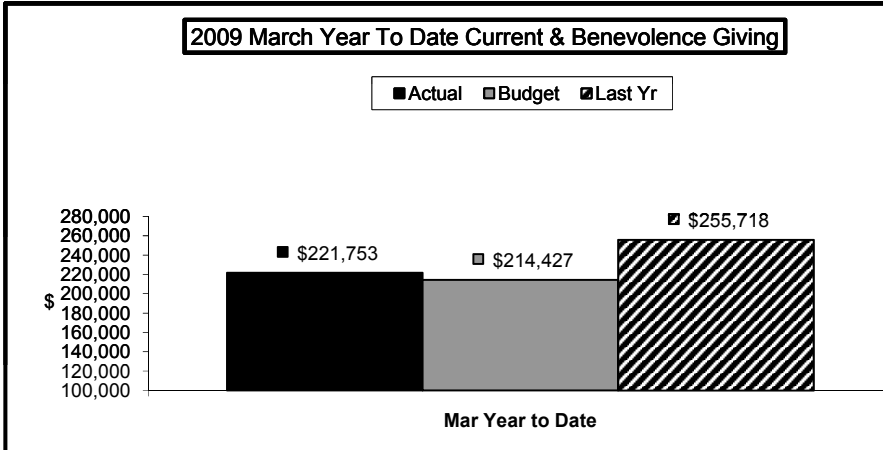
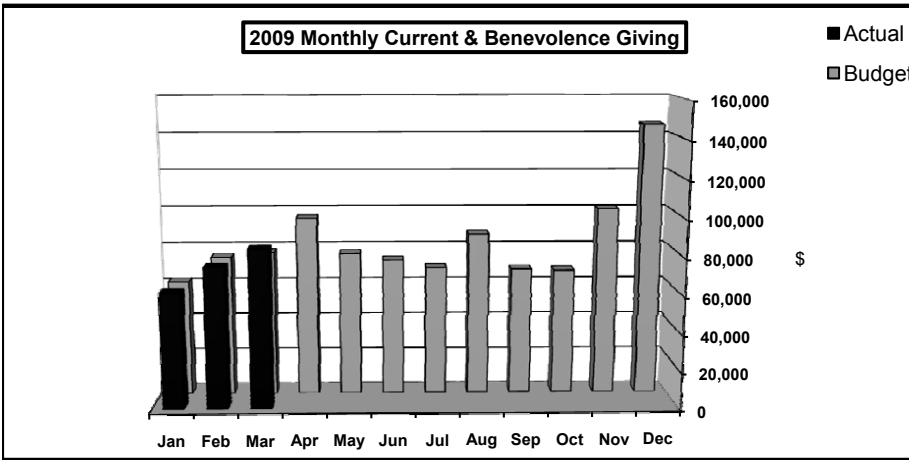
noon to 3 p.m. or 3 to 6 p.m. Each shift will be worth one service point.

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday will be marked during the 11 a.m. traditional service May 17. A rehearsal dinner will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, when the class photo will be taken.

March Financial Report

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Current & Benevolence

	Received	Expenses
March YTD	\$221,754	\$238,158
Projected	\$214,427	\$249,365
2008	\$255,719	\$264,998

Attendance Averages

March 2009	628 (with Easter)
March 2008	550 (Easter in April)

Lenten Dinners

Income and expenses will be reported next month. Proceeds will be given to the Lutheran Social Services Mobile Food Pantry.



On the numbers

Income and expenses for March/April are difficult to compare when Easter falls in different months each year. Last year, Easter occurred in March; this year in April. We will be able to get a better financial picture after the April reports have been completed. The good news is that we are slightly ahead of income projections and slightly under expense projections. While it is important to pay the bills, and thankfully, we are blessed to be able to do that, we are even more excited about the exciting ministries and programs happening every day that share God's love within and beyond our All Saints.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee completed its review of the 2008 Church Financial Records. 2009 committee members, Jodi Wilson, chair; Mark Skogstad; and Pat Bassett found the records to be in good financial order. This committee is a tremendous asset to our congregation. Not only do they review all financial records on an annual basis, but serve as advisors and consultants throughout the year, working closely with the executive director and her staff. Their guidance over the years has put in place sound financial policies and procedures.

Cleanup

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What: Remove winter debris, prepare landscape areas, edge, trim, mulch and general outdoor clean-

up. Bring your favorite gardening tools.

This has been an especially expensive winter for grounds

maintenance - snow removal and de-icing. We simply can't afford to pay additional costs for grounds clean up. All God's people ... Come and help.

Church foundation of marriage for long-time couple

By Peg Margello

Ann and Ralph Podas are a familiar couple at All Saints. They have been regular worshipers and volunteers for 37 years. Ralph says, "We are in the 62nd year of our marriage and, wherever we have lived, the church has been the foundation of our lives, our marriage and the raising of our children."

Ralph and Ann were born, grew up and graduated from high school in Minneapolis. However, it's a big city, and Ann, born on the north side March 30, 1924, and Ralph, born on the south side Sept. 12, 1922, didn't meet until 1946. Ann was a Methodist as a child; Ralph is a life-long Lutheran.

Ralph is the youngest of five children. His father was a railroad locomotive engineer who died in a boiler explosion when Ralph was 8. His mother returned to work as a school teacher to support the young family. Ralph describes her as a strong person and role model. She died at age 85.

Ann is an only child. Her father worked as a power-plant operator. She enjoyed spending time in the summers at her cousins' farm. After high school, Ann attended business college and started her career with Equitable Life Assurance. Because Equitable was a large company, she was able to transfer to a different branch office each time she and Ralph moved to a new city. Her last job before retirement was a sales position at 17th Colony House, a store that was located at Worthington Square.

World War II interrupted Ralph's college years. From 1942 to 1945, he served with the U.S. Army Military Railway Service in Africa, Italy, France and Germany. After the war, he returned to the University of Minnesota to finish his degree



Ann and Ralph Podas

in traffic and transportation. Upon graduation, Ralph went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad and remained with the company and its successors for his entire career.

The Meeting

It was a blind date in the spring of 1946, and they technically met at church. Ralph's friend Bob was dating Ann's friend June. The two women attended the wedding of a friend from Equitable.

Without telling Ann, Ralph and Bob came to the church and arranged to take the two girls to a roadhouse to listen to music and dance. Ralph and Ann immediately became a couple and were married on Oct. 3, 1947 in Ralph's home church, Minnehaha Lutheran. The railroad gave him two days off to get married.

Ralph and Ann have two children, Lisa and Steve, and three grandchildren. Both children were married at All Saints when the Parish Hall was the Sanctuary. Lisa, a widow, lives in Pataskala. Steve and his wife, Karen, are members of All Saints.

Many moves

Most of Ralph's railroad career focused on industrial development working with various manu-

facturing companies to provide freight service to move their products to the user. When they were first married, Ann and Ralph moved every year or two to accommodate his job. They lived in several cities in Indiana as well as St. Louis, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Syracuse before finally settling in Columbus in 1972. Among other projects, Ralph represented the railroad in establishing railway transport for Honda of America in Marysville. He enjoyed his work and never regretted his career choice.

Ann adjusted easily to each move. She became active in an organization called New Neighbors, serving as president in several cities and starting the branch in Pittsburgh. Members delivered gifts from local merchants to new homeowners. More importantly, it was a social club with dinners, dances and other group activities.

Church activities

Ann and Ralph have been active in the various churches they belonged to over the years. Ann taught Sunday School in every location. In Syracuse, they were members of a mission church where the members cleaned the entire church, rest rooms and all. When they joined All Saints in 1972, it was still a small congregation. The Sanctuary was in what is now the nursery. In some ways, they miss the intimacy of a small church.

Both Ann and Ralph have been active members of the Young Retirees group, made home visits for stewardship campaigns and prepared newsletters for mailing. Ann was a long-time member of the Kitchen Committee.

Podas

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At Mount Lebanon Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Ralph and Ann were leaders of a couples group. Ralph remembers a near disaster there. The church was hosting a visiting college choir, and Ralph had arranged for a catered dinner. But the caterer forgot! In a near panic, they contacted Kentucky Fried Chicken to supply the food. On several occasions thereafter, friends from Pittsburgh sent them a wrapped gift box of chicken bones, including a token gift when they were transferred to Cleveland.

Friends made in various cities have remained life-long friends. Some very dear people they have known since their first city, Fort Wayne, are still part of their lives. For more than 35 years, the two couples and their families spent vacations on the Eastern shore, renting a Fenwick Island, Del., beach house.

A musical retirement

Their first date involved music. To this day, they enjoy big band

and jazz. For many years, they attended Jazz Arts Group performances, and they try to be at Scotty MacBean's on the first Thursday of each month to hear Matt Ellis and his group perform.

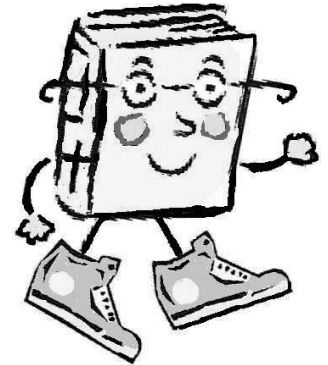
Retirement has been good for the most part. Sixteen years ago, they moved into a spacious north side condo after having spent 20 years in their Worthington Hills home. Ralph has devoted his time to researching and writing on various railroad subjects. Ann's hobbies are centered on homemaking activities such as gourmet cooking. The one blot on retirement has been the recurrence of Ann's breast cancer which had been dormant for 30 years. She is in treatment but remains positive and cheerful, always with a smile on her face.

Ann and Ralph are grateful for long life and a great marriage. They want to be remembered for living their lives practicing their Christian faith – being open-minded, kind, considerate and helpful to fellow church members and friends. They pray daily for All Saints.

Cross Training

Would you like to help plan Cross Training classes?

We are looking for people to serve on the Adult Education team. If you are interest-



ed, please contact Pastor Bonnie Gerber at 614-885-0112 or bonnieg@saintsonhigh.org.

New member classes

Discipleship 101 classes for new members continue at 7 p.m. Tuesdays through June 2. New members will be received on Sunday, June 7.

High School youth offer car wash

Attend worship and get a chore done with the High School Ministry Car Wash.

All morning April 26, (adult!) volunteers will collect keys at a table in the Narthex and youth will wash cars during worship.

All proceeds will benefit the youth's trip to New Orleans for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Youth Gathering.

Worshippers thank banner makers

All Saints offers thanks family of Marilyn Brough for providing funds for the exquisite triple banner for The Gathering, our contemporary service in Parish Hall.

Volunteers contributed literally hundreds of hours to complete the project.

Designed by Barb Fuller, the banner features two permanent outside panels, with a center panel changed according to the liturgical season.

Beth Ullery Maxwell coordinated

the project. Those who contributed include Cheryl Leiss, Beth Maxwell, Connie Pierce, Beth Quist, Robyn Ramsay, Jayne Rosandich and Rachel Simon.

We offer a special thank you to Wendy Huss, who embroidered the title Bible verse and "He is Risen" on the center panel. Tom Lehman created the system for hanging the banners.

These banners will contribute significantly to the worship environment for The Gathering, and we are very grateful.

High School Ministries

Shack City

This annual Habitat for Humanity event calls attention to the plight of the homeless. Youth construct cardboard structures and spend the night on Worthington Green.

When: 8 p.m. May 2 to 8 a.m. May 3.

To participate: Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and dress accordingly.

Spring yard fund-raiser

9 a.m. May 16

Columbus Clippers game

Youth will leave after Sunday School May 17. Bring a sack lunch and \$10.

Dairy Queen car wash

Youth will wash cars from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 26 in the parking lot of the Worthington Dairy Queen on High Street.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be May 17. Join us for an end-of-year celebration with Chris Cakes. Chris Cakes is the famous pancake flipper, so come hungry and ready to have a good time with your classmates.

Then, join us through the summer months for Bible Buddies, a multi-age classroom experience at 9:30 a.m.

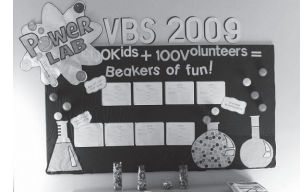
The 2009-2010 Sunday School year will kick off on Sept. 13 with Jim "Basketball" Jones. Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this high-energy, motivational experience.

JAM (Jesus and Me)

JAM will meet once in the summer for a bowling event. Students entering third, fourth or fifth grade in the fall are invited to join us Saturday, July 18 at Sawmill Lanes. Look for more details as the event gets closer.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is under way for this summer's Power Lab, set for 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 15 through 19 and June 22 through 26.



Children age 3 (and potty trained)

by June 1 through those entering sixth grade in the fall are invited to join us.

Registration forms are available in the church office or online at www.saintsonhigh.org.

Team teachers and teen helpers (students entering the seventh grade and above) are needed. Please contact Lisa Brooks at lisab@saintsonhigh.org if you can help.

Teacher meetings will be at 7 p.m. May 27 and 10 a.m. May 28. Volunteers should plan on attending one of the sessions.

Middle School Ministry Summer events

June 7

Fundraising

Car Wash

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plan to stay the whole time for one service point, or work a three-hour shift for a half point. This project also earns you money off the purchase price of a King's Island ticket. (We will be going to King's Island on July 9.) Worship at 8:15 a.m.

June 15 - 19

Service Project VBS

June 22 - 26, 2009

Be a teen helper for Vacation Bible School and earn two service points for each week. VBS runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Mark your calendars

July 9: King's Island trip. Watch for details.

July 25: Make a Mess! 1 to 3 p.m.

Aug. 3: Clippers baseball. Join us for Dime-a-Dog night.

Aug. 29: LSS Food Pantry. Earn a service point and help families in central Ohio. We will serve from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parish Directory

Baptisms

- Macie Marie Kolath, March 22
- Ian Oliver Laughlin, April 5
- Matthew Breslow, April 5
- Kady Cole Schmehl, April 19

Transfer

- Stephanie Spencer to First Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Deaths

- Richard Burrell, March 27
- Rosemary Eichelberger, March 30
- Evelyn Gast, April 1

Sympathies

Expressed to:

- Larry and Pam Johnson on the death of Larry's father, Wayne M. Johnson, on March 14
- Ken and Lee Sherman on the death of Lee's mother, Dorothy

Hammond, on March 24

- Fred and Susanne Lockwood and Todd and Julie Rasor on the death of Susanne and Julie's father, Richard Burrell on March 27
- Phil Eichelberger and Mary Ann May on the death of Phil's wife and Mary Ann's sister, Rosemary Eichelberger, on April 1
- Pat and Carol Harrington on the death of Carol's father, Dale Hildebrand
- Marilyn Steinbrick on the death of her husband, Cliff Steinbrick, on April 2
- Bob and Lorraine Jurgensen on the death of Lorraine's sister, Jane Wade, on April 6
- Abby Reed and Will Keller on the death of Will's mother, Diane Jill Keller, on April 5
- Pete, Kathy and Debbie Tschofen of the death of Kathy's father and Debbie's grandfather, Harry Hagan, on April 16
- Barbara Jurjans on the death of her mother, Anna Weber, on April 18.

Married 50 years or more

Each month we recognize those couples whose wedding anniversary falls in that month and who will celebrate 50 years or more of marriage.

May 25 Gene and Cynthia Tierney 52 years

This information is taken from the information on our computers. If we have forgotten any couple whose anniversary falls in the month of May, we apologize and ask that you notify us at, 614-885-0112.

Our Mission

All Saints strives to:

- Give Glory to God;
- Share the Good News of Christ;
- Grow in Expression of Faith and Discipleship.

Sunday Worship

Traditional, Sanctuary
8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

The Gathering, Parish Hall
11 a.m.

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

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