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Congregational Meeting: Jan. 31

All Saints will hold its annual Congregational Meeting following its 11 a.m. services Jan. 31.

During the meeting, the congregation will have the opportunity to approve annual reports from All Saints' committees, vote on the annual budget for 2010 and elect three members to Congregation Council.

Annual Reports will be available in the church office, Narthex and Gathering Area a week prior to the meeting. All Saints

asks that members read and return the reports to conserve costs and reduce the environmental impact of printing.

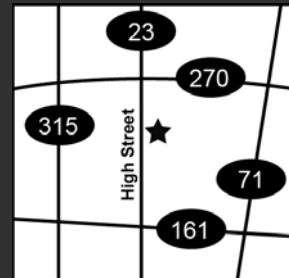
Details of the budget have not been finalized, as the church continues to receive pledges from members and review projected costs and additional requests for the coming year. The Support Committee will review projections and present a draft to Council this month. Council

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

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Sunday School to offer winter Scout curriculum

All Saints will offer the Scouts' "God and Church" program during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Although the curriculum is designed for Scouts, anyone may participate. We will present awards to Scouts during the 9:30 a.m. service on Scout Sunday, March 7.

Grades one and two: God and Me award. Jan. 10 to Feb. 7.

Grades four and five: God and Family award. Jan. 10 to Feb. 21.

Grade 6: God and Church award. Jan. 10 to Feb. 28. In addition to classroom time, this award requires active, docu-

mented participation in the church family.

Fliers with additional information, including medal fees and the registration process, are available outside Sunday School classrooms. Contact All Saints at 614-885-0112 or asl@ saintsonhigh.org.

Council plans staff structuring task force

During its regular December business meeting, Congregation Council approved a proposal to create a task force to review needs and develop a staffing plan.

With a new vision in place, the search under way for a designated lead pastor and the upcoming retirement of Executive Director Marj Stevenson, it is an excellent time to review the structure for both lay and pastoral staff, said Council member Connie Pierce.

Council expects to have representation from the Vision and Strategic Planning Committee, an experienced human resources professional and, perhaps, an expert in organizational structure. Council President Jeff Glasgow said he will also contact the



Southern Ohio Synod to see what resources exist to facilitate such an effort.

In other business, council:

- Approved nominees for the Congregation Council elections to be held Jan. 31. (Find more information under MEETING, page 5) Council also approved a proposal to have three sets of counters on hand for the meeting.
- Approved commendations for the 10 years of service provided by secretary Evelyn Pagura and book-keeper Karen Scherr.
- Appointed Bob Hamilton and Scott Rechel to the Endowment Committee. They will serve three-year terms beginning Jan. 1. Council extended its thanks to outgoing members Peg Margello and Steve Buchenroth.
- Heard a report from Pastor Mike Weaver on a planned survey to develop a model for the "future perfect" contemporary service. Based on the survey, the Contemporary Worship Planning Committee will begin to implement suggestions.

Upcoming worship themes

Traditional Worship

"The Story Unfolds" is our yearlong theme for our traditional worship services.

In following the liturgical calendar, we retell during each church year the story of God from the promises to Abraham, through Christ's incarnation, the descent of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and into their mission to spread the good news.

In so doing, we are reminded of our own roles in God's story, which continues to this day.

Through January and part of February we will celebrate "The Story Revealed."

- Jan. 3 Epiphany/Light
- Jan. 10 Baptism
- Jan. 17 Sign
- Jan. 24 Mission
- Jan. 31 Prophet
- Feb. 7 Grace

- Feb. 14 Transfiguration/Transformation

The Gathering

Life Together

Christianity isn't an individualized spirituality. It is a way of living grounded in Christ that brings us into community with God and with one another.

In the coming weeks, discover how we understand our life together as a body of Christ from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Jan. 10: Together (Ephesians 3:1-13)

Jan. 17: Handiwork (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Jan. 24: Unified (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Feb. 7: Imitators (Ephesians 5:1-21)



Cabin Fever III: Be sure to catch it

The Shull Small Group will present its third annual Cabin Fever Feb. 6 at All Saints.

Tickets will go on sale Jan. 17 and be available before and after Sunday services.

Having met its goal of funding an All Saints' service dog through Canine Companions for Independence, the group is pledging this year's proceeds

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We start new year with renewed hope

*"For surely I know that plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
Jeremiah 29:11*

As 2009 has winded down to its historic end (there will never be a 2009 again) and 2010 begins, I find myself reflecting on what has been and what will be.

A year ago at this time, All Saints found itself in the midst of conflict, and unfortunately, a very tense annual meeting was yet to come. We had many discussions, offered prayers and made decisions. We entered 2009 with cautiousness but with trust that God was moving us forward. God was active in 2009 and will be in 2010. He's committed to us.

2009 was, I believe, a turning point in our congregation's history. We have accomplished much, and we head into 2010 with much more confidence than last year.

All Saints to again collect clothing, supplies for Afghani children

As the congregation has for the past several years All Saints, in conjunction with the Dublin A.M. Rotary Club, will collect clothes for the many orphaned children in Afghanistan.

The war-torn country has left many children homeless; many live in tent camps. Support such as ours is much needed for survival of the harsh winters in Afghanistan.

Last year, our combined efforts with the Rotary Club enabled us to send 55 good-sized boxes of school supplies and clothes to Afghanistan.

We ship the boxes to an Army chaplain at Camp Phoenix in



We experienced focused, dedicated and skilled work by the Vision Task Force this year, which has set our course for the next five years, and I believe we healed hurts from the past this year. It's a better day, and while there may be still be puddles around from past storms, the sun has emerged to dry things up and move us forward into a new year.

Among many, here are a few good things happening as we move forward:

- "The Story Unfolds," a year-long theme, is under

way in the traditional worship services. We will look closely at the liturgical calendar and how important it is for telling God's story through Jesus' story and our own stories.

- Many people are involved with Read the Bible in a Year or the 52-Week Bible Reading Plan.
- Daily blogs from Pastor Gerber and myself on the Bible reading for the day (Read the Bible in a Year)
- The call process for a lead pastor moves forward.

Together, we build upon the vision, values, and mission of All Saints, guided by the Holy Spirit, to make a difference in this area for the sake of Christ. Look around, God is at work. See how the will of God is being done here as he moves us into the future he has in mind for us.

Pastor Mike Weaver

Small Groups

All Saints is pleased to welcome a new small group, which engages couples in making Christ the center of their marriages. The group got off to a great start in November and continues to meet Wednesday evenings each week to discuss "The Love Dare," which incorporates clips from the movie "Fireproof" along with biblical texts.

The nursery is available during the group's meetings.

For more information, contact All Saints at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org to be put in touch with coordinators Russ and Michelle Grose.

January Service Opportunities

- Jan. 3 Fair Trade Coffee Sunday
- Jan. 5 Best Buy Food Box orders due
- Jan. 17 Laurels of Worthington Nursing Home Worship
- Jan. 19 Best Buy Food Box pick-ups – 4-6 p.m.
- Jan. 29 Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry

Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries

Urgent needs

- Hot cereal
- Hot drinks

If you would like to know more about this opportunity to share God’s love, please contact Petey Ellinger at 614-846-2848.

Volunteer opportunities

Fridays, Nov. 13 and Dec. 13

At least six volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gather ing Area to volunteer. If you

Guidelines

- Place food in the collection cart at the Lay Ministry Supply Room (near the office).
- No opened boxes

Other projects

Donations

- Eyeglasses: Lions Club
- Used printer cartridges (ink or printer toner, copier toner cannot be accepted): Benefits LSS Food Bank
- Campbell Soup Labels: Benefits Oesterlen Services for Youth. UPC code from any Campbell’s product.
- Pop Can Tabs: Benefits Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide 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

Do you need help getting things done around the house? Transportation assistance?

We have volunteers who are willing to help. Please contact the church office at 614-885-0112 or aslc@saintsonhigh.org.

‘Oops’ fund makes possible water line fix

If you drove past the church the week of Nov. 16, you may have noticed the digging equipment in the front yard.

When we discovered water cascading down the basement wall, we immediately called Freeland Contracting, as recommended by Tom Oswald, chair of the Property Committee. Because the water meter indicated no problem, our water bill was within normal ranges. With the use of camera equipment, we discovered the break was in the main water line that traveled from High Street, under the Narthex, through the Columbarium and to the water meter. To further complicate the problem, the break was under the Narthex. The solution was to run a new line diverting around the Narthex, tunneling under the sidewalk and reconnecting in the Columbarium area.

The repair was completed by the end of the week. The cost, initially anticipated at about \$10,000 came in just under \$6,000. We are grateful to Jeff Fry and his co-worker Pete who went out of their way to keep the cost and property damage to a minimum.

Funds for the repair came from unused funds for the Parish Hall repair a few years ago. The funds were designated by Council to be used as an “oops!” fund to cover emergencies such as this. Thank you, again, to all who contributed.

Red Cross blood drives

Mark your calendars now for our 2010 Red Cross Blood Drives.

Appointments are scheduled between 1 and 7 p.m., and walk-ins

are welcome. Help is also needed with registering donors on the day of each drive. For additional information, please contact Kay Labosky at kayl@saintsonhigh.org

or 614-885-0112.

The dates: March 18, June 10, Sept. 9 and a December date to be determined.



Extra household goods on your hands? Donate them to help Habitat for Humanity. Or get some great items for your own remodeling projects.

Visit the ReStore at 3140 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43224 (3 miles southwest of Easton; 2 miles south of Morse Road)

Store Hours: 9a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

The ReStore accepts and re-sells new and reusable home improvement building materials (fixtures, cabinets, plumbing, etc.) The store is open to the public, and revenue from sales directly offsets the administrative costs of Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus.

For more information or to schedule a pick-up, call 614-RESTORE (737-8673)

E-mail the store: restore@habitat-columbus.org

E-mail the Director: jvandyne@habitat-columbus.org

Holiday giving results

Project	Estimated value
113 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes	\$2,825
250 Thanksgiving grocery bags for LSS Food Pantry	\$5,000
650 Treasure boxes for Lawrence County (includes 150 from St. Paul Lutheran, Ironton)	\$48,750
Total of 2010 holiday donations	\$56,575

Thanks to everyone for sharing during these difficult economic times.

LSS food pantries rely on our help

Each year the members of All Saints generously support the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantries.

Through our Thanksgiving Brown Bag food drive, we were able to donate 250 bags of Thanksgiving meal groceries and \$299. We offer a big thank you to all who shared blessings by helping the hungry in our community.

Our Saints in Stride group participated in the Columbus Marathon in October. Through pledges the participants solicited and a Thrivent Financial for Lutheran contribution, we were able to send a check for \$6,914.12 to the pantries.

Soon it will be time to sign up to work at the Food Pantry in 2010. Our 2010 dates are:

- Friday, Jan. 29
- Friday, Feb. 26
- Friday, March 26
- Friday, April 9
- **Saturday**, May 1
- Friday, June 18
- Friday, July 30
- Friday, Aug. 20
- Friday, Sept. 24
- Friday, Oct. 9
- Friday, Nov. 19
- Friday, Dec. 17

At least six volunteers are needed for each date. Volunteers serve between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. Volunteers assist recipients in selecting food items for their families as well as other duties to assist the pantry in its operations. Please sign up on the Serve & Share bulletin board in the Gathering Area to volunteer.

Meeting

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expects to approve a finalized recommended budget at its regular business meeting Jan. 18. The recommended budget also will be available for review in advance of the meeting.

Candidates for Congregation Council are Emily Andrews, current member Marj Ellis, Brian Erickson, Tim Huter and Connie Zitlow. Members can expect to receive biographical information on the candidates via U.S. mail. The congregation also may nominate candidates through Jan. xxx.

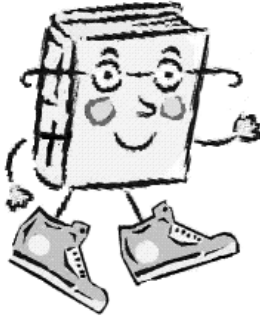
Three council members will be elected to three-year terms. Congregation members may vote for Council using ballots available in the church office. Details on the process will be outlined in the mailing. Voting will be closed by a vote of the congregation at the start of the meeting.

Cross Training

Make a resolution to get into spiritual shape! Winter Cross Training classes begin in January and offer an array of topics to remind us that Christ guides us in the New Year and beyond.

'The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith'

Exercise your mind this winter at our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Cross Training class. The class is based upon a book of the same name by Timothy



Keller, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. The study "uncovers the essential message of Jesus locked inside his most familiar parable," which most of us know as the prodigal son. See how Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the

irreligious and the moralistic. Tom Counts and Carolyn Eselgroth will lead the study. Whether a devotee of the faith or a skeptic, you may find this study will open your eyes to see Christianity in a whole new way.

Conversations on 'Three Cups of Tea'

Join Pastor Bonnie Gerber to read and discuss the book, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. We will meet at 6 p.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 7.

The English Reformation

Join Kathy Simcox for a discussion of this fascinating era of the Protestant Reformation. Classes will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 12.

Grace360: Be the difference

Look around you. People are everywhere. We can't escape that reality and instead live in isolation,

nor would many of us want to. As the globe becomes increasingly crowded, Christians are called to give grace away freely: to family, friends, stranger, and enemy alike. Here's how Paul put it, "Watch what God does, and then you do it ... Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us ... not cautious but extravagant ... to give everything of himself to us. Love like that." (Ephesians 5:1 *The Message*)

Join Pastor Mike Weaver and others from All Saints for five weeks of discovery, discussion, a-ha moments, faith, connection and laughter starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Discipleship 101: New member classes

We will offer the next series of Discipleship 101, our class for those who wish to become members of All Saints beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 6.

Preschool news

The Preschool will begin 2010-11 school-year registration Jan. 11 for children of church members, currently enrolled students, their siblings and the church Mom's Day Out Groups. Registration for the community will begin at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11.

Interested parents are encouraged to make a visitation appointment to learn more about the program. Preschool office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and the office may be reached at 614-846-6080. A \$45 non-refundable fee is due with registration.

In addition to our already existing programs, All Saints Preschool will add a new "extended 4s" class for the coming year. It will keep to our current three-day schedule but expand the hours for children on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The schedule and monthly tuition for the 2010-11 school year:

- AM 3s** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$135
- PM 3s** 12:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, \$135
- AM 4s** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, \$160
- PM 4s** 12:30 to 3 p.m. Mondays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$160

Extended 4s 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, \$210

PM 5s 12:30 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$190

All Saints Preschool offers an experienced staff and developmentally appropriate curriculum.

For more details about the program and registration requirements, contact the preschool or visit www.littlesaintsonhigh.com.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on Jan. 10 with the God and Church program designed for Boy and Girl scouts.

First Communion

Attention fifth-graders and parents: Mark your calendars for instruction on First Communion.



We will offer a parent/student class at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 p.m. Student classes will be at 9:30 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 21 and 28 and March 7. First Communion will be marked at the 11 a.m. traditional service March 14.

Vacation Bible School

That's right, VBS!

If you are planning ahead for vacation, etc. the 2010 VBS dates are as follows: June 21 through 25 and June 28 through July 2.

Middle School Ministry

Confirmation

If you did not attend the Fall session of Confirmation classes, be sure to have the Spring session marked in your calendars. Spring session is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays Feb. 10, 17 and 24 and March 3, 10 and 17.

Other dates

April 17 and 18: Eighth-grade overnight at Lutheran Memorial Camp

May 16: Confirmation Sunday for eighth-graders

Yoga/Pilates

Yoga/Pilates classes resume in January.

Cost is \$5 per class and all are held in the Parish Hall.



Yoga: 6 p.m. Mondays.
5:45 p.m. Wednesdays
Pilates: 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Anxiety Reduction classes

Along with the usual list of Yoga and Pilates classes, All Saints' own Jane Karras plans an eight-week course in stress and anxiety reduction beginning Jan. 7.

The course will feature breathing exercises, gentle yoga poses, Eastern and Western philosophies on the causes and cures for anxiety.

Please contact All Saints at 614-885-0112 or aslcs@saintsonhigh.org for more information or to register.

Spirit, Hope, Health & Wholeness: Stress Seminar

Join All Saints for a workshop and luncheon addressing ways to overcome worry, uneasiness, anxiety or discouragement from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 16.

The speakers:

- **Susan Rosenberger, RN, MSN**, director of organizational learning at Mount Carmel Health. She will focus on stress recovery methods to counterbalance the harmful effects of stress.
- **Leslie Meyer-Miller, LSW, MSSA, CPCC**, a life/wellness coach and owner of Passage Insights. She will focus on changing negative self-

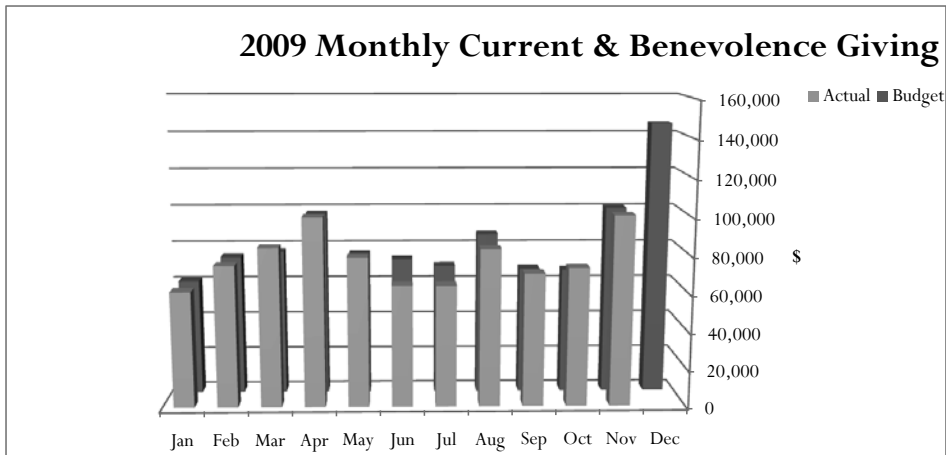
talk to self-affirmation.

- **Katherine Murphy-Mertzluff, RN**. She will address "Spirituality 101," offering prayer and meditation techniques to calm, heal and uplift.

Menu: Winter soup and sandwich assortment, cookies and beverages.

Suggested donation: \$5.

To make your reservation or for more information, contact All Saints at 614-885-0112 or aslcs@saintsonhigh.org.



On the numbers

All Saints' members continue to place faithful giving as a priority, with 2009 income as of November approximately \$8,000 over projections.

Last January, the congregation approved a budget that included a \$36,000 deficit, but with income higher than expected and expenses lower, the deficit was running at only \$450 as of the end of November, according to Treasurer Tom Lather.

The Council is deeply grateful for the support of the congregation despite trying economic times.

Looking ahead to 2010

All Saints Support Committee continues to monitor estimated income projection for 2010, as it looks to prepare a draft budget this month. As of Dec. 23, our income projection was \$1,043,565 (no shrinkage factored).

Pledges totaled \$771,411, with 320 commitment cards returned. For 2009, the church received 324.

Estimated income from members who have not or likely will not make a commitment totals \$221,724.

Estimated other income from special services, Sunday School, initial offering, building use and so forth is \$50,430.

We will review these projections again based on final year-end numbers. As always, your financial commitment for 2010 is extremely important. It takes the guess work out of our hands and allows you to examine your own personal situation and make a much better estimate of your financial intent for 2010.

If you have not yet responded regarding your 2010 commitment, please do so ASAP. Commitment cards are available at the Narthex desk or on the table in Parish Hall. You also may e-mail Marjs@saintson-high.org with your intended pledge.

Young Retireds

January

Join the Young Retireds at noon Wednesday, Jan. 6 for lunch and to hear guest speaker Special Agent Harry Trombitas, head of the Columbus division of the FBI. Mr. Trombitas will share insights on Columbus as a place to live and work.

The \$10 meal will include Olive Garden soup, salad, garlic sticks, and a dessert. Please sign up on our bulletin board outside Parish Hall.

February

On Feb. 3, John Hauelsen will portray Colonel Worthington and tell us about the connections between Worthington and the Civil War. Carfagna's will cater the luncheon, which will include meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, warm applesauce and dessert. Cost to be determined. Look for a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board in mid January.

Coming up

March: Young Retireds will sponsor a Wednesday Evening Lenten Supper. Watch for the date.

April 7: Janice Cook and her husband will present a program on old-fashioned instruments at Dublin Retirement Village.

May 5: Join us for a tour of the recently renovated OSU Library with lunch at OSU Faculty Club.

June 2: Shirley Brooks-Jones will join us at DaVinci's to share her experiences of Sept. 11, 2001, in Gander, Nova Scotia and discuss the scholarship program she has established to help young adults in that community.

Couple returns love of church family

By Peg Margello

When I joined All Saints in 1979, Jim and Gail Warburton were one of the first couples I noticed. They were in their late 30s, very friendly and attractive, with young faces and gray hair.

Jim was born in Cleveland in 1940 and grew up in Shaker Heights, one of four children of a plumbing contractor dad and a stay-at-home mom. He went to Ohio University and earned a bachelor's of business administration in accounting. Those who know him as the conservative, managing partner CPA might be surprised to know that Jim took advantage of all that Athens had to offer. Jim says, "I was a true partier in my first years at OU (as is everyone) - thus I was in the five-year program."

Gail was born in 1939, also in Cleveland, and moved to Mansfield at age 9 when her father opened a barber shop there. Her mother stayed at home to look after her and her brother. News travels fast in a barber shop, and so her dad knew everything that his children were doing, whether or not they wanted him to.

Gail set her career goals early. She says, "Being Lutheran, I went to Wittenberg, where I majored in pre-nursing for two years and then I moved on to St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland for three years of nursing school."

A fated blind date?

During her last year of school, one of the RN's wanted to fix her up with a friend's son, and Gail agreed. Jim interjects, "This guy was a friend from high school. He was very shy and kept avoiding making the phone call to Gail."



Jim finally said, "If you won't call her, I will."

Even though he wasn't the same guy that the RN had mentioned, Gail agreed to the blind date. It must have been fate. Several weeks earlier, a fortune teller had told Gail that she saw a blue car and that the letter "J" was very important in her life. Jim showed up in a blue Volkswagen. Gail says, "We went bowling, and I beat him! Guess he had to see me again to overcome that!"

Getting started

A year and a half later, in August 1962, Gail and Jim were married. Jim was finally starting his last year at OU and Gail was hired as the head nurse on a male medical-surgical floor at Athens State Hospital. She says, "It was quite an experience for a new grad."

After Jim's graduation, they moved to Worthington. Jim's first job was with Peat, Marwick & Mitchell. He later became the chief accountant at WTVN radio and television; however, he enjoyed public accounting more. He worked at a small CPA firm for three years and then moved to Greene & Wallace in 1971. Jim eventually became managing partner, a role he continued after the firm merged with SS&G Financial Services, a large regional firm headquartered in Cleveland. He retired in 2004.

Jim has been active in the community, serving on the boards of many not-for-profit organizations. He belonged to the downtown Rotary Club for 20 years and is now a member of the Dublin A.M. Rotary where he leads the Afghan Relief Project. Jim also helps build houses for Habitat for Humanity and recently helped Lutheran Social Services build a food pantry/social services building in Vinton County.

Gail taught nursing at Riverside Methodist Hospital School of Nursing for several years. Hazel Hurlbert, an All Saints charter member, was director of the school. Gail eventually retired to raise their children and, after they were out of high school, she worked part-time in several nursing homes to help pay for their college educations.

Relying on faith

Their first son, Jimmy, was born in 1963. Doug was born in 1968 and daughter Laura in 1972. In January 1973 at age 10, Jimmy was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Pastor David Ullery visited every day as Jimmy was treated with an experimental drug and then radiation. He died in November of that same year. Jim says, "The church community, our family, friends and especially Pastor David Ullery got us through that terrible ordeal." Gail was especially thankful for All Saints' members Judy and Dick Coleman. They had lost a daughter in an accident.

"I don't know how you get through that without a strong faith," says Gail. With the two younger children needing their parents, they had to pick themselves up and keep going.

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Warburton

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Doug and Laura were influenced by their parents and Pastor Ullery. Doug went to OU and was a salesman for several years. But he felt called to ministry and enrolled at Trinity Lutheran Seminary; he is assistant pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna. Doug and his wife, Mari, have two boys. Laura attended OU as well and is a CPA and senior tax manager with Deloitte & Touche here in Columbus. She is married to Michael Allen.

According to Gail, their children say they had a "Leave it to Beaver" childhood. Dinner was at home, and they were expected to be there. She is pleased that they are on their way to becoming good, productive people.

Musical pursuits

Both Gail and Jim enjoy music. Jim's dad was a church organist into his 70's. Jim notes, "I thought maybe some of his musical genes were given to me, and I took piano lessons from Jan Arthur. However, even Jan couldn't activate those genes." Gail played piano and violin, participated in orchestras, and sang in the choir.

Gail and Jim share some, but not all, leisure activities. Gail enjoys crafts of all kinds, sewing, knitting, painting and redecorating. Jim is athletic and enjoys handball and golf (four holes-in-one to-date.) He was on the church softball team for 30 years. Now, because he can no longer jog, he's into rollerblading! Together, they enjoy playing bridge, traveling and playing with their grandchildren.

Gail says the Lutheran church, three blocks from her childhood home, was very important to her.

She notes, "It has guided my

(The Warburtons') children say they had a 'Leave It to Beaver' childhood. Dinner was at home, and they were expected to be there.

whole life and has always been the center of it. I could not imagine a life without it."

Jim says that his faith most affected him in helping to raise their kids. It also affected him at work. He says, "I don't outwardly express my faith but I think my actions show it. Fairness with my clients and co-workers was always important. Integrity also - you are either honest or dishonest."

From the early days

They joined All Saints in 1966, when James Baldwin was pastor. In the early days, because of the church's size, everyone knew each other. According to Gail, "If you missed a Sunday, people noticed."

Gail says, "All Saints has played a big role in our lives beyond worship and the friendships we made. Laura and Doug were baptized, confirmed and married there. Jimmy's funeral was there. Doug's ordination was there."

For more than 12 years, Jim was a member of church council. He served on the call committee for Liz Eaton, was a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee and has been on the Support Committee for decades. Early on, Jim became the church treasurer and did all the books and check-writing by hand. The annual budget was \$31,000.

Jim says, "I think my favorite

church involvement was as chair of the Youth Committee." He says this despite remembering a church camp out with 25 teens at Put-in-Bay in late September. The weekend included counseling the four teenagers he discovered skinny-dipping late at night in a very cold Lake Erie!

Gail also served on church council, was in the choir and on Altar Guild and the Kitchen Committee.

Jim was vice president of the congregation when Liz Eaton came on board as a pastor at All Saints. According to Jim, "At first Liz was disorganized and did much by the seat of her pants. It was fun watching her grow in the job. Now she's bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod."

A memorable trip

The trip to Israel, with a group of 40 led by Pastor Dave Ullery, was "an awesome experience," according to Gail. Jim noted that Dave intentionally asked for a Palestinian guide so that the tour group could see the Holy Land from that perspective. Almost everyone on the tour was an All Saints member; the rest were friends or relatives.

Gail says that each time she takes communion she remembers receiving communion at the Sea of Galilee. Jim adds, "The visit to the Holocaust museum was very emotional. There were lit candles in a dark hall of mirrors. With the reflections, it appeared as if there were millions of candles. The candles represented the dead and, while walking through the hall, the names of the dead were broadcast. We all came outside in tears."

The Warburtons have contributed their time, talent and treasure to All Saints for 44 years, and the church is very grateful.

Cabin

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to Jacob's Porch, the Lutheran campus ministry at The Ohio State University.

As it has been in the past two years, Cabin Fever promises to be fun for all, as participants share a

meal and enjoy the "No Talent Talent Show."

There are still openings for the "No Talent Talent Show," you can reserve your place with Roxanne Shull or Barb Duane. Contact them through All Saints at aslc@saintsonhigh.org or 614-885-0112.

Concerts at All Saints

Todd Wilson

4 p.m. Feb. 14, 2010

TODD WILSON, is head of the Organ Department at The Cleveland Institute of Music and Organ Curator of the Norton Memorial Organ (E. M. Skinner, 1931) in Severance Hall, Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland "Plain Dealer" calls him "... a fabulous virtuoso with fleet feet, a prodigious memory and technique to burn." The Birmingham (Ala.) News calls him "a master tonal colorist ... consistent security on both the manuals and pedals."

Valparaiso University Chorale

7:30 p.m. March 1, 2010

Directed by CHRISTOPHER COCK, the Chorale is the premier ensemble at Valpo and among the top Lutheran collegiate choirs in the U.S. This 50-member mixed chorus upholds the highest standard of choral art through the performance of the greatest choral literature of all eras.

All Saints and Friends

4 p.m. April 18, 2010

This program consists of a variety of musical styles, offered by performers who have ties to the congregation.

Columbus International Children's Choirs

6 p.m. May 30, 2010

Led by TATIANA KATS, founder and artistic director, the Columbus Music and Art Academy offers professional quality children's choirs, art classes, and music theory lessons for children ages 4 through 17.

Best Buy

Food box program

All Saints' Hunger Task Group offers the Best Buy Program to provide cost savings to all families who wish to practice good stewardship of their resources, regardless of financial need.

Participation in the Best Buy program is open to the congregation, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and the community as a whole.

Atlantic Foods, which sponsors the program, offers two styles of boxes. Both are filled with nutritious products that save families and individuals time and money, with menus that change each month.

Orders are due with payment by Jan. 5 and may be picked up between 4 and 6 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Gathering Area of the church.

Basic Best Buy Box

Cost: \$30.

Contents: Entrees, meats, vegetables and desserts that would retail for \$65 to \$85.

Best Buy Senior Meal Box

(Good for busy people at any time of life)

Cost: \$28.

Contents: 10 complete, pre-cooked, frozen meals.

January menus will be posted at www.saintsonhigh.org/BestBuyfood.asp and on the Share & Serve bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

You can help stock the LSS food pantry shelves by visiting the Meijer at 1661 Hilliard Rome Rd now until January 2. At the check out, simply tell the cashier you would like to purchase a \$10

Simply Give card, which benefits Meijer's food pantry donation program. All contributions from this location will go to the LSS food pantry on Sullivant Ave.



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New coffemaker on the way

The new year will bring a new coffee maker for All Saints after the previous Bunn-made brewer gave up after 20 years of valiant service to the congregation.

All Saints has ordered a Bunn ICB-Twin Infusion. We believe the new system will allow more flexibility and work just as well as the old coffee maker, which had a long run of service.

The complete system with two brewer pots, plus two serving stands will cost \$1,700. We are deeply grateful to the Spiritual Awakening group for their contribution towards the purchase of the new brewing system.

Thanks from the staff

All Saints' staff wishes to express its gratitude to all members of the congregation for their continued support of our efforts and especially those who contributed to the Saints Fund for the 2009 Christmas season.

We feel greatly blessed to work with such an enthusiastic and supportive congregation whose members give so generously of their time and talents to make us look good and further our mission as a church. We appreciate your added thoughtfulness in providing a monetary gift during the holiday season.

Parish Directory

Births

Daniel John, son of Doug and Vicki Potter and grandson of Gene and Karen Isler, Nov. 30; Caden Angelo, son of Steve and Dawn Varricchio, Oct. 21

Baptism

Katherine Eileen Keener, Nov. 15

Transfer

Phil and Nancy Allen to All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center, OH

Weddings

Amy Schick/Rick Burkart, Nov. 14; Darcy Burdette/Eric Shafer, Dec. 5

Sympathies

Expressed to Phil and Janice Wahl on the death of Janice's brother-

in-law, Robert Roloff, on Nov. 2; Tom Counts and Carolyn Eselgroth on the death of Carolyn's uncle, Rodney Haines, on Nov. 12; Ralph Podas and Steve, Karen and Matthew Podas on the death of wife, mother and grandmother, Ann Podas, on Nov. 27; Rob and Kristen Robinson on the death of Kristen's father, the Rev. Raymond Kask, on Dec 1; Daniel and Sherry Kolath on the death of Daniel's mother, Joan Kolath, on Dec. 8; Steve and Karen Reed on the death of Karen's mother's husband, William Niese, on Dec. 9; David and Donna Quist on the death of Donna's mother, Maxine Billmire; Bill and Judy Kammerdiener on the death of Bill's brother Bob on Dec. 20; John and Betty Schuette on the death of Bett's brother Robert Herrboldt on Dec. 23; Bill and Sue Wolford on the death of Bill's mother, Alice M. Wolford on Dec. 25; and Peggy Vicars on the death of her sister Lola May Henry on Dec. 25.

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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