



The little church on the hill with a BIG heart!



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Sandy and Jack Miller celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 5 during the Wednesday service where they were married at All Saints'.



Photo: Nancy Stone

WELCOME! Speak with a Greeter or an Usher any Sunday for information about All Saints' or contact Marilyn Mawhinney, our Welcome/Hospitality Host, at 772-334-4176. If you're visiting us for the first time, the Ushers will provide you with a welcome gift.

BAPTISMS and pre-baptism classes are offered throughout the year. A person of any age may receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE is a rite to be cherished in our historic church. We require a minimum of 120 days notice to our office, as well as premarital counseling. An initial meeting with Father Tony should be scheduled by the couple to review the process and any special circumstances before a date is scheduled. Please contact Jenny McDonald at the office, 772-334 -0610, or via email, Jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org

FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICES in our church may be arranged jointly with the Cemetery and Church Offices, and my include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

To **TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** to All Saints', please contact Joan Whitting, Membership Secretary, joanwhitting@gmail.com

Cover Photo:

Children play and learn dance moves at the "Stellar — Shine Jesus' Light" Vacation Bible School.



Photo: Louisa Beckett

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends:

Invitation to "Come and See" National Back to Church Sunday September 17, 2023

This year, **September 17**, is designated National Back to Church Sunday. This national Sunday began in 2009 as a means of improving church attendance in our nation. Church leaders wanted to find ways to avert the declining numbers in Sunday worship in congregations throughout the United States. This gave rise to the idea of engaging members to invite family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and coworkers to attend church services with them either for the first time or to return after a long while. Some have referred to this kind of engagement and day as "Bring a Friend Sunday." The expectation is that on this particular Sunday, we would be an and creating inviting welcoming environment for our guests to experience and to have the desire to return on a regular basis.

This should not be an unusual request or task

for us, as Christians, since it is what Jesus has called and commissioned us all to do. The Gospel of Jesus was and is not to be kept to ourselves. It is to be shared. Jesus, himself, gave his final instructions to his disciples before he left this earth in what is called the Great Commission:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).

Jesus charges us, his disciples of today, with the same commission. We are to go into our neighborhoods, into our nation, into the world, as a part of the "loving, liberating, and life-giving" faith community of God. He calls us to share in a loving and redeeming relationship with God, and to participate in the resurrection and healing of God's world. This involves revealing who God is to those who do not have a connection with Him. For (Continued on page 4)



there are many persons with whom we come into contact on a daily, if not regular, basis who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives. They are looking for answers and have been unable to find any life-giving responses.

It is for this reason that God calls us to seek and reach out to those who are yearning for something better, who are looking for something more, in their lives. Paul reminds us that we are to be

"... ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

God invites us as ambassadors of His Kingdom, to share our faith particularly with those who are far from God, who need to be drawn closer to Him and to experience His love, grace and mercy. For sharing our faith is not an option, it is an expectation. In addition, remember our Lord came to seek and save the lost, for the church has been and shall always be a place for all kinds of people.

It is with this in mind, as we prepare to participate in this year's National Back to Church Sunday, I invite you to prayerfully consider bringing at least one person to church on Sunday, September 17, this year. Invite a person with whom you can share the gospel message of love and redemption. Ask one of our members who once worshiped with us but has not done so for a long time to consider returning to the fold. Bring a person, not a member of another church family, but an individual who doesn't worship, who doesn't have an affinity with God. Remember the purpose for this Sunday is to increase our church family. Your "friend" doesn't need to have been raised in church to attend worship. Invite him or her to just "Come and See."

We are a very friendly, welcoming, and beloved, church family and inviting someone to our church gives that individual the opportunity to probably find what he or she has been looking for a long time.

With love and blessings!

Father Tony



Deacon's Report

Hope all of you are having an enjoyable summer whether here or elsewhere in your other residence. I feel we are doing well but miss you.

Vacation Bible School, a creative program called Shine Jesus' Light and learning about outer space, was in June. Much work was done by Karen Neff and her volunteers to make this an exciting program.

We have been working to update TRUE, our financial help program, Toward the Relief of Unusual Emergencies, which effects many people in our community. George Masza, Father Tony and I drafted new bylaws for this program and increased the amount we can give from \$150 to \$200 once a year. We have not had many applications this year. Our goal is to identify more people in our community who need this type of financial help. We plan to also collaborate with other agencies like Salvation Army and House of Hope to supplement what they give. If you know people who could use this help, refer them to Jenny or me. I will follow up on all referrals.

In addition, Lay Eucharistic Visitors continue to visit members who are unable to come to church due to medical or other problems. We bring them Communion and spend time talking to them. It is so important to connect with these members to let them know they are still part of our church.

I continue weekly prison ministry at Martin Correctional Institution. Every Thursday afternoon, I lead Deacon Gellert's Bible Study at MCI with several men. We use Evening Prayer from our prayer book and include four selections from our daily Bible readings. These men really appreciate the readings and prayers. I also bring them consecrated wafers and we have a brief Communion service as well. We always end our study with the Prayer of St Francis and we sing the Lord's Prayer.

The next Kairos weekend will be in October. We will start the eight Kairos training sessions on Aug. 24 at First Presbyterian Church in North Palm Beach.

In God's love,

Deacon Alan

Anniversaries of Birth

July

- **Pat Sanders**
- Norman Townsend
- 8 Danielle Neff
- 10 Anthony Perratto
- 12 Pat Bonis
- 14 Janet Galante
- 16 MaryRose Morris
- 22 Dorothy Ulmer
- 24 Chris Jones
- Pat Kahrimanian
- **Judith Holder**
- **Diane Johnson**
- Paul Neff Jr.

August

- Sandy Lee
- Maryann Sinagra
- Karen Bonney **Donna Brenner**
- Gale Forchelli **Lanny Morris**
- 10 **Bonnie Perratto**
- 12 **Elyta Watkins**
- 16 Wanda Beymer
- 16 Anissa Bidot
- 17 **Gail Antetomaso**
- Maureen Longo
- 20 Jac Marzi
- 29 **Margaret Cox**
- Wayland Morris
- Kris Walters
- 31 Jorge Palacio
- 31 Chuck Rose

Anniversaries of Marriage

July

- Maryann & Tom Sinagra
- Sandy & Jack Miller
- Megan & Lanny Morris
- Mary & Ralph Painter
- Deb & Chris Scharbo
- Karen & Paul Neff

August

- Barbara & Martyn Inwood
- Brinley & Andrew Johnson 11
- 21 Marilyn & George Mazsa
- Bonnie & Anthony Perratto Viviennne & Wally Wallace
- Judith & Father Tony

Anniversary of Ordination

August

24 Father Tony [Diaconate]

Vacation Bible School





Photos: Louisa Beckett

We just completed our most successful VBS ever and we couldn't have done it without both your physical and financial support!

Thank you, Wanda Beymer, Steve Ankner, Bob and Barbara Taylor, Virginia Smith, Sandy and Jack Miller, George and Marilyn Mazsa, Paul and Karen Neff, Dorothy Bree, Joan Whiting, and Theora Webb, for your generous financial support! You all made it happen! Thank you, also, to those who grabbed a star off the donation board and brought in many of the items we needed for a successful VBS.

We had an average of 30 children each day ranging in age from 4 to 16 and more than 30 SAINTS of All Saints' who helped prepare for or teach the children during our VBS week. Thank you to EVERYONE who worked tirelessly setting



up and creating our beautiful "Moonscape" in Houg Hall, the peaceful "Glow-in-the-Dark Outer Space" in the St. Luke's Room and our very own "Spaceship Interior" in the nursery for

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Imagination Station. Also, those who served as Crew Leaders or teachers, who prepared all the food every day, who helped register and who served as our daily floaters/support personnel enabled our VBS to be the best ever!

At **Stellar – Shine Jesus' Light** VBS, children explored how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness and joy to the world and how we can do the same with His power. Through Bible stories, crafts, science, games, snacks and community projects, the children experienced a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music and epic



adventures. They have learned how they can shine Jesus' light every day at home, with their friends, and at school.

Friday culminated with a pizza luncheon with many families attending. Thank you, Father Tony, for providing the pizza! As we ate, we enjoyed the fabulous video of movies and pictures taken all during the week of VBS, put together by the one and only Pam Hurd. The video is on YouTube now so be sure and watch it! We all moved from "knowing about God" to "knowing God"!

We had two mission projects. The children brought in more than 100 food items for the House of Hope during the week. Each day, the children were told about this nonprofit group and taught the essential things to know and understand about the homeless. Our second mission was through World Vision where children brought in money to buy Bibles for

families around the world printed in their native language. Both the children and our saints of All Saints' donated to this worthy cause for a grand total of more than \$1,000! Thank you so much for your generosity!

The feedback from the parents has been just wonderful and filled with many "thank you's." The words "so caring, loving and child-centered" keep on being repeated plus they are so amazed by how much effort was put into it! So once again



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All Saints Upgrades Our Tech Services



A Game-Changing Family of Church Tech

Starting in May, a small tech team began working with the consultants at ShareFaith to implement the ShareFaith Suite for our church. ShareFaith is a division of Ministry Brands, a company that helps more than 55,000 churches and faith-based organizations to grow and engage their communities through integrated software solutions and services. The ShareFaith Suite provides a church-oriented website platform (our online front door), a church management system (ChMS-our online directory, calendar, and giving records), a livestreaming platform, a series of robust children's educational resources, a print and social media library, an online giving platform, and a phone and tablet app. Most importantly, by implementing the entire suite, we are able to link functionalities between the platforms. For example,

- + The calendar in the ChMS is accessible through the website and the phone app. People who see an event featured on the calendar can sign up for it directly through the website or app and pay for it through the same mechanism.
- + We will be able to forward information and links to our friends and neighbors via email to encourage attendance to events like church services, music programs, the Holly Fair, the Antique Car Show, etc.
- + The church's website will host live church services, in addition to providing them through YouTube, Facebook and Instagram. This will make it easier for the homebound to get to our services.
- + Online giving will also be linked within

the website and can be used for multiple purposes including event registration.

We are very fortunate that the Church's Endowment Board provided the funding for the implementation of this new platform as a new and innovative means for outreach and to help grow our church. The Board was particularly taken with the way the Suite platforms work together, the ability to invite others via text and emails, and the accessibility of services and messages through our phones and tablets.

The integration provided with the Suite will allow us to sunset many disconnected tools that we currently use including our website hosting service, email hosting service, streaming service providers, clip art providers and photography services, while simultaneously enhancing our educational and social media ministries.

The rollout of the ShareFaith Suite will progress in stages, beginning with the church management software, which has already begun. We expect to be fully live with this new platform by the end of September. As the implementation gets underway, the Endowment Board has committed to hosting several learning sessions to allow everyone in the church to easily access the app, the directory, the calendar and the website. Over the next page and a half, we'll talk about some of the key features that are included in the platform.



WEBSITES

Church Website Builder

The Church Website Builder is an award winning ministry tool to Attract, Engage, & Grow Online.

+ It enables easy updates and (Continued on page 9)

- customization of our site.
- + There are over 250 professional ministry designs to chose from that will wow our first time visitors.
- + It promotes engagement of members and visitors through sermons, prayer requests, online registration and more.
- + The ShareFaith technical team is right there with us to help with the web strategy, building the site, and supporting the site.



Church Management Software (ChMS)

The ShareFaith ChMS platform is very similar to Breeze with the added benefit of calendar integration and event registration.

- + Forms are built in to allow automatic routing and assignment of tasks. For example, if the Cemetery books a funeral service, the Houg Hall manager and the Altar Guild leaders can be automatically notified.
- + Interactions ensure we never miss a key milestone in our member's life.
- + Mass Communication is available through phone, emails and texts.
- + Workflows automate many repetitive tasks.
- + Custom fields and reports will make life easier for reporting purposes.



Church Streaming Software

The Streaming service will enable several enhancements to our current livestreaming.

- We will be able to stream instantly to our Website and our app, as well as to Facebook and YouTube.
- Powerful management tools will allow our media team to schedule, edit, & archive livestreams.
- + The Livestream will be enhanced with additional presentation capabilities such

- as a landing page if someone "arrives early" for online church.
- + Key for us is the enhanced reliability which comes from their scalable solution.



Children's Ministry Curriculum

Designed to inspire kids, empower teachers, & change lives.

- + 100% downloadable Bible videos, Games, Comics, and more.
- + Teacher-friendly & classroom-ready curriculum, activities, & slideshows.
- + Family Devotionals to equip parents to explore lessons online.
- + A huge lesson library Over 150 bible lessons—that's updated monthly. Our Children's Ministry Director has used ShareFaith before and is a fan.
- Curriculum and teacher support with lesson scheduler, a Kids app, & VBS bundles.
- + See some movies here https://www.sharefaith.com/kids-ministry-curriculum/



Church Media

The suite includes high value creative-team quality graphics without the creative-team prices.

- + 100K+ church graphics, mini-movies, and worship backgrounds.
- + Ministry-specific content for Easter, Christmas, sermons, and more!
- + All media is customizable with an online graphic editor.
- There is an extensive topical library of social media content to leverage in Facebook and Instagram.



Church Giving Software

Empowering our congregation to give anywhere, anytime.

- Expanding our existing online giving,
 ShareFath will also enable Text to Give,
 giving through the app, and Kiosk giving.
- $+\quad \text{The fee structure has zero monthly fees}$

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to everyone involved . . .
THANK YOU!

PS We're already talking about next year's VBS. Looks like we'll be having an adventure in the ocean with SCUBA — Diving into Friendship with God.



Karen Neff

Children's Christian Education Director



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and a more reasonable per transaction fee than our previous two platforms.

- + Real-time reporting provides valuable insights for our Treasury Team.
- + Forms are customizable to match our brand which increases trust.



Smartphone App

Both smartphones and tablets/iPads are supported via the ShareFaith App.

- + Access the directory just like with Breeze; all parishioners automatically authorized to use the app.
- + Get the latest livestream on your phone while traveling.
- + Put a prayer request in via the app.
- + Register for an event via the app.

By the time our snowbirds return, we should be ready to WOW our parishioners and our visitors with our new capabilities.

Daughters of the King



Fellowship is a beautiful word — especially when it refers to the way we participate together in the name of Jesus. It's how we care for one another. It's about the way we share in the joys, triumphs, sorrows, and challenges of life.

Several members of our All Saints' Daughters of the King Chapter experienced joy through fellowship recently when we met with Daughters from St. Luke's and St. Mary's. The St. Luke's chapter hosted this get together. We started with a Eucharist service with the Rev. Paul Hartt as celebrant. Afterwards, the Daughters present from the three chapters had an informative question and answer time with Margaret Dunstan, president of the DOK for the Diocese of Southeast Florida, and Laurette Bagley, DOK Coordinator for the North Palm Beach Deanery. Then we all enjoyed good fellowship and good food in St. Luke's parish hall. We plan to have more sharing and fellowship with our chapters in the future.

The All Saints' DOK Chapter currently has four ladies working through their training materials under the guidance of Marilyn Mawhinney. These candidates hope to become members of The Order this fall.

Remember to let any member of the DOK know if you have any prayer requests.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:14

Respectfully Submitted For His Sake,

Sandy Miller President

All Saints' Cemetery

How many unmarked graves are out there?

Why are there unmarked graves?

With the results provided by the Bowman Consultants, we now know where there are 234

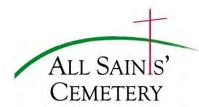


unmarked graves. These are from the results of the ground penetrating radar that shows disturbances in the ground, where the density of the object below changes.

But there are others that the radar doesn't find. There are multiple interments where there are family stories and first-hand witness accounts of a wife or daughter whose ashes were added on top of their parents or with other family members. These ashes wouldn't be picked up by the radar, and they don't have markers.

Some of these are listed in the church's burial records or newspaper writeups, but no marker has been found. Some potentially were marked with wooden markers which have disintegrated.

Some are unmarked because the surviving spouse died and didn't provide for their own marker. For still others, the remaining family didn't provide for a marker.



Lesson Learned. If you want your grave marked – make your arrangements yourself. If you are planning to have your earthly remains interred here, our Cemetery Manager, Rebecca Damberg, will be happy to help you select your marker – Just Sayin'.



Wind chime bells for the Serenity Garden were provided by Susan Durston and have been installed next to the Tony Langran Memorial Fountain, along Highway 707.

The sound of the water fountain and the sound of the wind stirring the wind chime bells will

help balance the sound of passing traffic for those spending time in the Serenity Garden, on the east side of our three mausoleums.

On behalf of the All Saints' Cemetery Board, I wish to extend our thanks and gratitude for this gift.

Joyce A Fletcher Menard

President, All Saints' Cemetery Board

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Food Drive





Continue to feed the hungry

Hunger does not take a vacation. Please continue to bring unopened and unexpired nonperishable items to the food bank.



All donations are greatly appreciated. Pasta, rice and peanut butter are always needed. Donations can be brought to church and placed in Houg Hall.

Thank you to Jerry Walters and Natalie Walters for picking up delivery duties while George Mazsa, All Saints' Coordinator for House of Hope, is up north.

Thank you for your consistent support for this important ministry.

\$ TRUE Fund

The TRUE Fund, Toward the Relief of Unusual Emergencies, is a fund that is available here at All Saints' to help parishioners and members of the local community deal with unexpected bills or loss of income. It is supported by donations and receives no funding from the church's operating budget.

The Fund is administered by Deacon Alan and all requests should come through the church office, not directly to Deacon Alan. Gifts are limited to \$200, and the Fund can only be accessed once a year per client.

Types of situations the fund can address are:

- Overdue utility bills.
- Medical bills or prescription drugs.
- Food relief.
- Transportation issues, including repairs or insurance.
- Home repairs.
- Other needs.

Clients who need food are usually referred to local food banks, but emergency gift card can be dispensed.

The Fund exists to help people in need. If you know someone in this type of situation, please let them know help is available here.

I am also asking those who can contribute to consider donating to the Fund so we can help as many as possible.

Jesus tells us "whatsoever you do for the least of these, you do for me" (Matthew 25:40).

If you would like more information, please contact Deacon Alan or George Mazsa.

Thank You.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship not only has two officers named Marilyn on the Executive Board; but, both of us go north for summer time.

However, Marilyn, Marilyn, Dorothy and Louise squeezed three board meetings into May and June. We met in Coffey Hall to make it easier for Father Tony to join our sessions. This Executive Board approved



changing the signors to the bank account – Bill W., Louise and I effected the change. (Bill must be on the account to be able to transfer any funds from Square, such as credit card sales at Holly Fair, to our account.)

Father Tony was very helpful in reviewing and tweaking the By-Laws with us to align them more closely with the By-Laws of the congregation. The Board has reviewed them several times. There is a standing motion of approval and a second that will come before the membership in September. We also set up a meeting schedule to submit to Father Tony for this fall and 2024.

It is a challenging year as the congregation prepares to celebrate our 125th year long anniversary. The Holly Fair date, which I thought was set in stone, has been moved a week to make way for the Bishop's visit and our 125th Anniversary Service. The Holly Fair is now scheduled for Dec. 9.

Dates as I know them:

- Welcome Back meeting **Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m.** Business meeting with vote on proposed By-Laws. At the end of our business meeting, we will have a **Welcome Back Brunch!** I also hope you will bring your Holly Fair craft ideas (with a prototype made) to share and inspire us.
- Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m. Short program (I'm still working on that) followed by Business meeting, refreshments and workshops for

Holly Fair! Remember Holly Fair is a Women's Fellowship event and that means all of us. So, workshops will be scheduled throughout the fall.

- Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. Business meeting and refreshments and workshops for Holly Fair! Workshops for Holly Fair. (We will set out date and times.)
- **Dec. 1 and 2** prepare for Bishop Peter's visit on Sunday, **Dec. 3**. Louise can't do it all!
- HOLLY FAIR, Dec. 9 with campus preparations Dec. 7 and 8. Bring your baked goods in!
- January meeting moved to **Jan. 13** (again to avoid conflict with the 125th gala event).
- High Tea "Celebrate 1898 to Now!" Feb. 10. Period costumes are encouraged!
- 5K run and walk is scheduled for Saturday, **Feb. 24**. All hands on deck for that!

March 16, April 20, & May 18 appear to be normal meeting dates: monthly, third Sat.

See you all in September! Email me or text if you have questions or concerns, and watch for your copy of proposed By-Laws coming soon to a mailbox you own.

Remember to notify the secretary, Dorothy Bree, if you really need a hard copy of minutes and agenda items. Arrangements can be made for you to receive them.

With love and respect,

Marilyn Mazsa, President



Peering Into the Past

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This is a news clipping from Feb. 19, 1926, printed 27 years after Bishop Gray consecrated our church building and the year after Martin County was established in 1925.

"... COMMITTEE WILL CANVASS TO SOUND OUT SENTIMENT NEXT SUNDAY ---- Jensen, Feb. 19.

"There is a movement on foot to make All Saints church, Waveland, a year-round church. This is a matter of vital interest to a great many people of this community and Stuart, since this is one of the oldest churches (if not the oldest one) in Martin county and for many years past has been a place of worship for a great number of the old residents as well as many winter visitors in Jensen, Sewall's Point, and Walton.

"The rapidly increasing population of the county has brought in many new people, and this is largely increased the attendance at All Saints' services.

"Under the popular and efficient leadership of Rev. Ambrose H Bevan, the new rector, strong interest is being shown in converting this from a winter mission into a year-round church. With this end in view, there was a meeting last week of those interested and it was decided to canvas the community to ascertain their wishes of the congregation in particular. A committee was appointed for this purpose, and the canvass will be made next Sunday afternoon.

"It is strongly urged that all in Jensen, Sewall's Point and Walton sections, who are interested in this movement, communicate with F. W. Willes or R. H. Payne, who comprise the committee to call on people in this community, and they will be glad to explain the plan in detail. It is also asked that all who have already given their names in will remain at home Sunday afternoon in order that they may be called upon."

Imagine being asked to stay home on a Sunday afternoon. F.W. Willes was the senior warden and is interred with his family on the east side of Coffey Hall.

Joyce A Fletcher Menard, Historian

Fundraising Team

Help Us Put the "Fun" in Fundraising!

Since Father Tony formed the Fundraising Team in 2022, a number of highly successful events not only raised money for our church, but also were lots of fun

Events including Music
Bingo, Wine- and BeerGlass Painting Parties and
concerts in our beautiful
church have combined
fundraising with fellowship
for our parishioners and for
the public. They are a great
calling card for All Saints'
Episcopal Church, showing
people how warm and
welcoming we are – and
how fun we can be!

This year, the Fundraising Team is down in numbers due to members moving away. We need volunteers and hope you will join us to help plan these fun fundraisers. We welcome everyone and look forward to hearing your ideas!

The next meeting of the Fundraising Team will be in August. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Louisa Beckett, Fundraising Team chairwoman, at 954-599-9355 or email louisa@turnkeywords.com.

Garden Happenings!

I overheard Greta speaking: "Are you sure they are alright? I haven't heard anything from them since they left."

Apparently, she was still fretting over the adventure Freddy, Jackson and Little One had embarked upon just before Easter Sunday. Thinking back, I mused, there had been many visitors to the garden: Easter, there was a sunrise service, and an Easter Egg Hunt later that morning. Mothers' Day we also held church in the Garden. Not too long ago there was a game set up in the garden area; but now, that has disappeared and ...



Hmm, I chuckled. I knew there had been a rocket launch from the sidewalk too!

"Hi, Groggy, Greta and Bea how are you?"
Jackson asked as he sauntered up the sidewalk.
"Hello, to you, Draco. How is your tree these
days? You will never guess where I have been!"

"Hello, Jackson. It is good to see you, where are the other two?" asked Groggy.

"Oh, they will be along sometime. Well, I'm not sure about Freddy. I thought he was headed home a month ago; but then we had a huge rainstorm. He made a puddle over in the Thrift Ship Garden and decided to stay – at least for a bit. The recent rain storms every afternoon have really helped him keep his puddle. At least that is what he said – I never saw a puddle; but he was all wet the few times when I spoke with him." Jackson was telling all this when the shout went up from the lizards.

"Welcome home, where have you been? It has been months since you were home."

Greta spoke first; "I wonder who was missing... do you think; could that be Micah? It has been a year since he went missing — remember he told us about all the things that happened at the garden work party last June? And then he ... just disappeared!"

"You are right, Greta. It was around the time we had Vacation Bible School and they had that vertical score thing out here just like Miss Natalie did this year. But last year's VBS scenery was the Southwest desert. Remember all those rock formations and boulders that the folks made?" Groggy was reminiscing.

"They were nice alright but could not compare with the awesome rock formations God put in the Western portions of the United States." Micah spoke as he came rushing out from under the church. "Ahhhhhh."

"Oh, Micah, we have missed you. Oh, ah, um, I guess you missed me too!" Greta exclaimed.

"Ah no, I mean yes, but ... um. I just don't know who he is and if he is friendly, and he's big!"

Micah said in a shaky voice."



"Ahem! Micah, please refrain from that kind of greeting, climbing on us - it tempts us frogs. This

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is Jackson, Micah. And Micah, please meet Jackson." Groggy made the introductions. "Jackson, if your diet includes lizards, you may go elsewhere to eat. The small lizards in this garden are off limits; out of bounds... quite frankly not on the menu! But you have been around for almost a year now and I'm sure you already know this." Groggy spoke very sternly to everyone. Now let's hear the news.

What happened next had me laughing into my shirt sleeve! Everyone started talking and asking questions at the same time. The noise was wild!

From up in the tree came that deep very loud voice of Draco that said: "Quiet!" All stopped, and there was quiet.

Jackson then spoke in a very small voice: "That is understood Mr. Groggy, but I just came back as well, and I wanted to say I missed you folks. We had a great adventure and when Little One and I came back to this side of the campus..."

"You found him?" Greta, Groggy and Bea asked all at the same time.

"Well, yes, I did. But I can't say I know where in the world or universe he is now. I know where I saw him last," said Jackson. "But it was in a place far, far away maybe even in a different galaxy."

"Sonny, don't be telling tall tales and getting these folks upset!"
Draco again called from high in his tree.



"I mean it, Mr. Draco!" exclaimed Jackson. Just look at this picture!

"I even talked to the Astronaut, and he said there was a launch the day before; so I think Little One went into space. He might even be in the International Space Station. I saw a picture of that right after the Astronaut said there was a launch the day before. The children were jumping around and calling out "Stellar – Shine the Light of Jesus" and clapping their hands and..."

"The space station?" Bea, the giant red bee continued speaking. "I've seen that in the sky from here. And I once saw it on a television screen; it is amazing. Oh, I guess now I have to confess looking



through someone's windows... but I was looking at the TV not what the people were doing!"

"We'll never see him again," wailed Greta.

Micah, sensing an opening, began his story. "Do you remember the garden work party last year? I was so excited about the things the church people were doing.... And I went to look at the pile of branches. But I got too close at the wrong time. A giant arm from a machine came down and scooped up some of the branches including the one I was on! Up in the air I went and into a big truck. I was about to jump back out of the truck when another scoop of branches came down on top me. Pretty soon I discovered I was not alone; there were three of my lizard friends in that truck with me.

Then the truck started to move, and we found a way to one of the corners in that big truck's body. It was a very bouncy ride, but it made one more stop to load more branches and then we rode for about an hour. To make this very long story a bit shorter...I'll leave parts out. But, we soon found ourselves dumped into a massive pile of palm branches, coconuts and other stuff. When I saw a very large machine headed towards us, I cried out- but it did not stop. So, the four of us ran for the far corner of the field. We found a tree to hide in and because we were exhausted from running across the field, we took a nap. That night we were afraid, and I started to pray. My friends didn't understand how I could be calm that night - there were strange noises, and critters moving about most

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of the night. When I started to pray, I felt Jesus was with us, watching over us; I just felt peaceful."

"Wow, that's a good story Micah," Bea, the big red bee buzzed.

"But you were gone so long," said Greta.

"Ah, that is true Greta; but right now, I want to know more about Little One." Micah brought the garden folks' thoughts back to the current problem. "You say he left for an adventure at Easter? And you haven't seen him since?"

Jackson spoke up then: "We went on the adventure together with Freddy. Bea here helped us cross the street safely – actually both times. But then when we came back. We were curious about the Vacation Bible School things. Miss Karen said they were going to the moon, so we both went inside Houg Hall. On the last day of VBS all the parents came for a pizza party and I had to get out of there: too many people! So, I snuck out the door."

"Oh, so you left Little One trapped inside?" asked Groggy. "This is too much; I need a nap so I can think straight."

"Buzz. Well that figures," said Bea "Groggy solves everything with a nap!"

"Wait," Draco said: "Father Tony is about to preach – let's listen to him, maybe his words will help us!"

Much as I wanted to hear more of what they

thought, I knew where Little One had been last, so I went into Houg Hall to investigate. I found him safe and sound in the USA, state of Florida! Little One said he wanted to keep on with his adventure; and assured me he was well fed and knew how to escape from the moon



scenery. So, I decided everyone was OK and accounted for; and I could go into church.

Later, as I was leaving the campus, I heard Draco muttering and went over to his tree.

"Well, that was a powerful sermon: * 'Anger or Wrath vs Patience... anger is a choice... hmm, I never thought about that.' "Draco was either ignoring me, or very deep in thought.

"Anger can grow like a cancer," I whispered... trying not to scare him.

"Hebrews chapter 12:15 'See to it that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble; for through it many can become defiled.'"
And then I think he said, "True reason of one's anger is often sin." Draco with his wonderful memory was repeating portions of Father's sermon.*

I added the words of the Apostle Paul "Be angry, but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger. And do not make room for the devil." [Ephesians 4:26 and 27] *

"Well Draco, you didn't even know that was me talking to you, so I'll leave you to your thoughts..." again it was whispered in the direction of Draco's tree.

I came away from the garden realizing how much Father's sermon meant to me as well. I decided I ought to listen to it again ... after lunch and my nap! And at that I was laughing at how much I was channeling Groggy!

Hmm. "The trouble is I am in a hurry, and God is not!"* Ah, I thought; I might have to listen to that sermon several times!!!

I believe there will be more tall tales from the garden in the next few weeks; what do you think?

The Garden Whisperer:

*Excerpts from Father Tony's sermon, Sunday June 25, 2023

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- + **Sunday, July 16, and every Sunday, Holy Eucharist.** 8 and 10 a.m. in person and the 10 a.m. service is livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- + Wednesday, July 19, and weekly Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing. 10 a.m. in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. Prayer requests may also be submitted in the chat area next to the video during the service.
- + **Sept. 10, Sunday school resumes.** During the 10 a.m. service.



- + **Sept. 17, National Back to Church Sunday.** Invite your friends. Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m.
- + **Sept. 23, Women's Fellowship.** 9:30 a.m. in Houg Hall.

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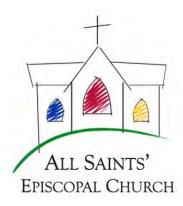
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