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## Call For Sunday School Teachers

We, as a Christian family, are collectively committed to our children's training in the Faith... Our lovely Sunday school team of Carlos Puertas and Linda Bassett were recently married and are now expecting a little one in early 2010! With that, we are in need of a new team of Godly play instructors within our Kindergarten – Fifth Grade Sunday school program. The responsibility to the Sunday school program would include a mandatory training session, your presence on the dates that you commit to, and a genuine love for our younger church members. If you are an actor or storyteller with a gift for memorization or a contemplative individual who enjoys learning as a child learns, please contact Jobi Harrell at 626.583.2763 or [jharrell@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jharrell@allsaints-pas.org).

## Summer Choir 2009

Summer Choir at All Saints Church has been a truly phenomenal experience. While many churches have no choral music during the summer, we are blessed with an average of 30 or more enthusiastic and energetic choristers to lead worship every Sunday. So, to each and every one of you who participated for one or more Sundays, James Walker, Elizabeth Lenti and the entire staff and congregation offer a heartfelt "thank you" for being so generous with your time, talent and tuneful voice. And for those who missed it all, there's always next year!

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

FROM SUSAN RUSSELL, SENIOR ASSOCIATE, COMMUNICATION, INCORPORATION & GROWTH, INCLUSION

*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Jesus' love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.*

It's a hymn we sing here at All Saints Church on a fairly regular basis, and it is one I found myself thinking about over and over and OVER again in recent days -- as the ties that bind us in community became lifelines of support & encouragement for so many while the Station Fire raged.

As I write, we are still dusting off ashes and picking up pieces and assessing the damage from what some are calling the worst wildfire in Southern California history. Our hearts and prayers go out to those who lost their homes and most especially to those who lost loved ones. The two brave firefighters who put themselves in harm's way to keep others safe are heroes in the deepest, truest sense of the word.

During the worst of the blaze here in the foothills, it was amazing to me how some of the ties that bound us to each other for information, support, encouragement and prayer were ties that didn't even exist a few years ago. Sending text messages became the most reliable way to check with friends, neighbors and parishioners in midst of it all. "U OK?" met with a "YES. & U?" at some points warmed the heart more than the greatest poetry ever penned. Twitter turned out to be the source of the most current fire status updates.

And some of us turned to our Facebook pages to keep track not only of our "Facebook

Friends" but of the fire's progress. Links were posted. Pictures shared. Suggestions for resources. "Check out the Angelus Nat'l Forest site for updates – here's the link!" "Bookmark Altadena.blog for local updates." There were notes of reassurance and offers for housing. Some offered respite care for pets or the loan of a station wagon in case the voluntary evacuation turned mandatory. It was truly amazing to see this "social network" mobilized to connect us across miles and fire-lines and barricades and arroyos.

A definition of a sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." Who ever thought FACEBOOK would become an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace of the blessed ties that bind us to those who make up this beloved, diverse human family of ours?

But it did. And in the process, it became a great reminder that for all the challenges of connecting in a congregation as large as All Saints Church, there are not only ties that bind us together, there are tools for us to reach out and provide pastoral care, support and encouragement to each other along the journey. As we move forward together, my prayer for all of us is that we continue to use all the tools we have been given to build up and to connect, to encourage and to inform – and that what we've learned about the ties that bound us together during the challenges of the worst wildfire in Southern California history will continue to serve us as we move forward together into God's future.

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# Sunday

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ADULTS AT 10:15

**No Adult Education options today.  
Please greet each other on the lawn.**

### *The Next "Second Saturday" Celebration is Saturday, September 13, at 5 p.m.*

Join preacher and celebrant Wilma Jakobsen, musician Adam Hawley, and many others for a fabulous, family-friendly, informal eucharist in the Learning Center. Stay for a community meal afterwards - it's a great way to meet people and connect after the summer with new and old friends! For more information contact Isabel Leus at [ileus@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ileus@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2733.

## Celebrating All Saints Children's Center

Almost forty years ago, All Saints started a new endeavor to provide quality childcare for the Pasadena community. The All Saints Children's Center has been a foundation of care and education for many of our parish families as well as the community at large. We wish them many blessings in their beautiful new site at 1259 Linda Vista Ave. in Pasadena. They will be celebrating with an open house on October 3, from 11:30-3 p.m. and all are welcome.

For the Children, Youth & Families department, their move means an exciting opportunity to transform Scott Hall into a space for our own nursery and preschool care on Sundays, and additional space for adult meetings during the week.

It also means when you come to church during the week for meetings and events...the GATE WILL BE OPEN!

## Transformational Journeys' Annual Luncheon

Save The Date And Change Your Life: Sunday, Nov. 8, from 12:30 till 2:30 p.m. Join us at an all-parish luncheon meeting in Sweetland Hall to learn about the exciting Trans-

## FOR CHILDREN

### Preschool (ages 2-4), SCOTT HALL

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories  
10:30 **Rooms 2 and 3: Summer Sunday School**

### Grade School (K-5), LEARNING CENTER

9:00 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.  
10:15 **Grades K-5: Summer Sunday School**  
11:15 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.

## FOR YOUTH, JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

10:15-11:00 **JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Summer Sunday School*

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS

formational Journeys for 2010. Trips are organized under one of several themes: Peace and Reconciliation, Sustainable Economic Development, Youth and Women at Risk, HIV / AIDS Pandemic, and Spiritual Pilgrimage. Leaders will describe plans for trips that are under consideration to Cuba, South Africa, El Salvador and to several local sites. For more information or to make your lunch reservation, please contact Catherine Swanson in the Office for Creative Connections at 626.583.2750.

## Andersonville Trial

For me, the theatre and church are inseparable. Both are what Marcus Borg describes as "Thin Places." "Thin places can literally be geographical - Jerusalem, Rome... Mecca...mountains, high places...For some, the arts can become thin places. Music, poetry, literature, the visual arts, and dance can all become thin places in which the boundary between one's self and the world disappear. The veil momentarily lifts and we behold God, experience the one in whom we live, all around and in us." A sermon, our glorious choirs, flowers on the altar, these all can be transformative.

I invite you to join in the celebration of our Peace & Justice and Interfaith

**EUCHARIST AT 7:30, 9:00, 11:15  
A.M. AND 1 P.M.**

**The Rev Susan Russell** will preach on *To Make the Dream Come True* at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. and **the Rev. Abel Lopez** preaches at the 1 p.m. Spanish-English service.

**The Quartet** offers *Grant Us Thy Peace* by Felix Mendelssohn and *I Heard the Voice of Jesus* by Thomas Tallis.

## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Psalm 125  
Mark 7:24-37

Ministries with a production of "The Andersonville Trial" on September 24th-27th in the All Saints Forum. The play explores the actions in a morally ambiguous war - the "I was just following orders" defense vs. adherence to a higher order. A fascinating duel emerges between the defense and the prosecution challenging all rules of decorum and judicial restraint.

We are still looking for a few good men and women. If you wish to participate please contact the office and I'll be in touch. You will be *transformed!*

~ Eddie King

## Team Green Clean...

### Parish Clean Up Day, September 12!

Help All Saints become a "Garden of Eden" inside and out.

Grab a broom, grab a rake,  
sweep, clean & lubricate.

Dust & polish doors & pews  
Prune & plant in different hues.

Weed & feed your souls delight  
With friends & music to make things bright

A fiesta feast will be served to you  
In grateful thanks for the Team Green crew.

Join us Saturday, Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the quad, with lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Child-care is available by calling 626.583.2781 at least 24 hours in advance.

## Learn to Tutor English

The San Gabriel Valley Literacy Council Tutor Training class will be held Saturdays, September 12 and 26, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Both classes are required for a certificate. After completing the training, tutors may be assigned to teach English twice a week to a small number of adults. The classes are scheduled at various times and at different Pasadena locations so that they can fit well into immigrants' lives.

No other language besides English is required to tutor. To register for the class and to learn the Pasadena training location, call 626.795.7987. The \$25 charge for the class includes materials and two lunches.

## James Walker Organ Concert

Sunday, Sept. 13, 4:00 p.m. at Claremont United Church of Christ (Harvard & 6th St. in Claremont). Music of Mendelssohn, Brahms, Bach, Persichetti, James Hopkins, Widor and Dupré. Suggested donation is \$10.

## Children's Choirs and Children's Programs Registration Day!

Children's and Youth Choir registration will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, 9-11:30 a.m. in Sweetland Hall. Parents can register children and youth (K-12) for one of our choirs: Minisingers (K-1st grade), Mastersingers (grades 2-3), Troubadours (grades 4-5), Middle School Trouvères (grades 6-7), or Mixed Ensemble Trouvères (grades 8-12).

An Orientation Meeting for all parents of K-5th graders will be held 10:15-11 a.m. in Sweetland Hall. Also during this time, a chocolate exchange and registration for children's programs will be held in the Guild Room for all parents with children from birth-5th grade. Come learn more about Sunday School, Kid's Club, Peace and Justice offerings for children, Family Camp and Baptisms. For more information about the children's and youth choirs, contact Stephanie Mowery at 626.583.2719 or [smowery@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:smowery@allsaints-pas.org). For more information about children's programs, contact Isabel Leus at 626.583.2733 or email: [ileus@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ileus@allsaints-pas.org).

## Upcoming Vroman's Events

Vroman's events resume this fall in the Forum at All Saints with Kevin Starr on September 15, talking about and signing *Golden Dreams*, the latest addition to his wonderful series on California history. This is a ticketed event; tickets are available with purchase at Vroman's. A limited number of free tickets are available by contacting Anthony Parker at [aparker@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aparker@allsaints-pas.org). Tickets need to be picked up during office hours or requested in time to mail – we cannot hold tickets at the door. Books will be available for purchase at the event also.

## Amreeka at the Playhouse

The Middle East Ministry has obtained a limited number of tickets to the Pasadena opening of *Amreeka* at the Playhouse 7 Theatre on Friday, Sept. 18. A Q&A with the director, Cherien Dabis will follow the 7:15 p.m. showing.

*Amreeka* tells the story of Muna and her son Fadi, who

leave Bethlehem for America ("Amreeka" in Arabic). Mixing humor and pathos, *Amreeka* chronicles their struggles with language, cultural differences, homesickness and the joys of new friendships and opportunities.

All Saints friend Kenneth Turan, wrote that "what [Cherien Dabis] entered [at Sundance]... takes [her] to another level". "The strength of *Amreeka*" he notes, "is its ability to take on a fraught situation and avoid both stridency and sentimentality, an elegant balancing act... So though *Amreeka* is serious, it is funny and playful as well."

If you would like one or more of these limited tickets, please respond to [allsaintsmem@yahoo.com](mailto:allsaintsmem@yahoo.com) with your name, phone number and number of tickets requested. Requests will be honored as long as tickets are available.



**Welcome Home!**  
*¡Bienvenidos a casa!*

### Homecoming On September 20

Come one, come all – bring your family or friends or, come by yourself and meet new friends at the annual Homecoming celebration held out on the lawn and street under festive umbrellas. There will be music, children's games and food. Fun for all!

After the 7:30 a.m. service, there will be a continental breakfast available. Between 10 – 11:30 a.m. breakfast will be served, and from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. we will serve lunch, including a vegetarian option.

Tickets are now on sale at the Homecoming table. Presale will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5–10 years of age; children under 5 are free. Tickets purchased the day of Homecoming will cost \$12 per adult.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Homecoming either the day before or the day of, please stop by the Homecoming table on the lawn on Sundays and leave your contact information. You will be contacted by the Homecoming volunteer coordinator.

## Spiritual Exploration Program Begins in September

Spiritual Exploration is a ten-month ecumenical program designed to introduce participants to the history and practices of Christian spirituality, spiritual direction, and personal spiritual discernment. Each meeting is a kind of personal spiritual retreat that allows quiet breathing room for the experience of God and Spirit.

Spiritual Exploration participants explore their personal

spiritual lives in a small group setting, enriching their relationship with God and recognizing ways that God is present in their lives. A trained facilitator guides members in developing skills in deep listening and inner discernment. Participants learn about the rich potential of spiritual direction in the life of Christian men and women.

This popular program consists of 10 sessions that meet once each month for four hours. Each session includes personal exploration, group discussion of assigned readings, and practice in forms of prayer and contemplation. Participants who discern a call to become spiritual directors can seek additional training. All participants are assisted in developing the "next steps" in their spiritual life.

Classes begin on Saturday, Sept. 26. In addition to the Pasadena area class serving All Saints Church, locations are also planned for West Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Pasadena, Claremont, Glendale, and Redlands, and Orange County. A San Fernando Valley class will be on a weekday beginning Friday, Sept. 25.

To Register: go directly to [www.stillpointca.org](http://www.stillpointca.org), download an application and return to Stillpoint. These are small groups and space is limited. All participants must pre-register. This program is sponsored by Stillpoint: The Center for Christian Spirituality, a not-for-profit, ecumenical and inclusive organization that has provided spiritual resources for people and churches for twenty-five years.

## Acolyte Training

Acolytes! Acolytes! We're a team! Our worship services need you! It's time for Acolyte Training! You've been waiting all year long for it, so now's your chance! This **MANDATORY** training happens Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Captains and Captains in Training will train at 8 a.m.. If you plan to begin or continue your service as an acolyte this year, you must attend this very important training. In addition to learning some valuable tools to make this the best acolyte year ever, we will be getting to know each other and having great fun. We have some wonderful and exciting things planned for this year. Please feel free to email [youth@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:youth@allsaints-pas.org) or call Isabel Leus at 626.583.2733 with any questions. See you there!

## Diocesan Evensong – September 27th

All are invited to the 2nd Annual Diocesan Evensong at St. John's Cathedral, 514 W. Adams, Los Angeles. Sponsored by the diocesan LGBT ministry, the service will begin at 4pm. Presider will be Bishop Sergio Carranza and Susan Russell will be made an honorary canon of the diocese. Reception follows on cathedral plaza.

## New Member Classes Start October 4

"Exploring Membership" classes (formerly known as "Covenant I") start Sunday, Oct 4. Sign up for the 8-week series at the Exploring Membership table on the lawn on Sunday or contact Anthony Parker at 626.583.2744 or [aparker@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aparker@allsaints-pas.org).

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172

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## Walk the Talk:

### The 34th Annual Crop Walk

Pencil this date in your calendars: Sunday October 18! Local food pantries are struggling with bare shelves and more people in real need. Here's a chance to do something about it. Visit the CROP Walk table on the lawn starting Sunday, September 27 through October 18. Pick up donor envelopes, get donations to support your 3K or 5K walk around beautiful Pasadena, bring groceries to share - all nearby and right after church! This year's walk will begin and end at the First Baptist Church, 75 N. Marengo Ave; registration is at 1 p.m., the 5K loop is from 1:30-2:30

p.m. For more information please call Betty Cole at 626.356.4749.

### California Coastal Cleanup Day

On Saturday, Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m. to noon, do something for the oceans and God's creation by joining the annual Heal the Bay clean up. Help stop the Great Pacific Garbage Patch from growing any larger by keeping trash from getting into the Pacific Ocean. Meet at All Saints Parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the site. For more information contact Frank Malanowski at 626.792.6706 or [yakers@earthlink.net](mailto:yakers@earthlink.net). For more information on the cleanup go to [www.healthebay.org/ccd](http://www.healthebay.org/ccd).

# prayers

FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

**Remember those for whom prayers have been requested:** Rosa Gloria Andrade, Sally Banwart, Helen Blaney, The Chilton Family, Dominick Ciuffetelli, Chelsea Eastin, Louise Engelhardt, Dan Frank, Edward Goldsmith, Ken, Jean, Nick & Jason Hooper, Bill Keig, Dennis LaCour, June Lin, Humberto Martinez, Cynthia Messineo, June Reichert Early, Josefina Sanchez, The Selinske Family, Leah Smith Sheppard, Robert Shufeldt V & Helen Shufeldt, Alona Stokes, Mary Torregrossa, Kevin Valenzuela, Melissa, Kevin & Castle, Paris

**Prayers of thanksgiving for:** The 80th Birthday of Ted Congdon

**For those who have died:** Bufford Balthazar, William C. Delphin, Dominick Dunne, Ken Goldsmith, Thomas Keane, Edward M. Kennedy, Dolores Perez, Forrest E. "Frosty", Riek Jr., Tim Selinske

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