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## A Story That Doesn't End

FROM TOI PERKINS, YOUTH SMALL GROUPS DIRECTOR

### Jazz Vespers Tonight!

On Sunday, Jan. 24, at 5:00 p.m. (Chancel) vocalist Madeline Eastman offers music. With the mature poise of a seasoned veteran and the edgy enthusiasm of an upstart, Eastman stands at the forefront of contemporary jazz singers, updating the legacy of Billie Holiday, Betty Carter and Shirley Horn, and defining the vocal vanguard of the 21st century. Lori Kizzia offers a meditation. Child care provided. This service is held in the Chancel. If you would like to use the elevator for accessibility, please arrive five minutes early.

### Yuval Ron Concert Tickets Available

The Middle East Ministry is hosting a concert with the Yuval Ron Ensemble on Sunday, Jan. 31, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets (suggested donation - \$20) are available by calling Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2734 or e-mailing [allsaintsmem@yahoo.com](mailto:allsaintsmem@yahoo.com). You can also stop by the Middle East Ministry table on the lawn on Sunday.

The concert, entitled "Mystical Music and Dance from the Middle East" celebrates the artistic traditions of the three Abrahamic faiths, bringing together musicians and dancers from Israel, Palestine, Armenia and Morocco for a lively, family-friendly evening of music and entertainment.

The Ensemble has played around the world, and headlined a benefit concert for the Dalai Lama last summer.

Every Sunday we come together to experience the sacred mystery drama of the Eucharist. We come to the altar rail as actors in this drama and, therefore, play out this compelling piece of theatre by remembering the life of Jesus. We allow the script of the Eucharist to fill the channels of our hearts and bend us toward personal transformation.

Act I: Jesus meets us at the altar. We meet the vessel of our deliverance and freedom in Jesus. We come as we are, bringing our backstory and our hope; our conflict and our peace; our plot and our mystery.

Act II: We kneel (as we are able) in the light of grace and are inexplicably nourished by a promise we often find difficult to accept. Yet somewhere in the mystery, there is a voice calling "Receive my love. You are mine." We begin to know love as we dialogue with Jesus in the bread and wine.

Act III: As the action of the altar unfolds, we slowly let the curtain rise and the light of grace falls onto our hearts; out of death into life. Once we have been reassured of our own belovedness, we are liberated to love and serve others. This is our call to action and with it, we carry the eucharistic theatre over decades, over generations, over millennia.

Yet, our theatre is worthless if we fail to take it out of the church and into the community. As we play out the scenes of our lives together, we realize that we are intimately and undeniably

interconnected. Our dramatic comedy is, and will always be, a collision of past striving and the present hope of one community connected with another community, connected with another, and another ... The story does not end.

All Saints takes this theatre of freedom, grace and action beyond the altar rail and into the world - beckoning all to the stage where the bruised spirit is coaxed from a place of damage into healing transformation; where the spirit recognizes its own beauty; where the spirit is called to its truest self.

This is the hope for the young people involved in the third session of Theatre Camp that will take place this week. The week-long camp accommodates 20-25 under-served Pasadena youth, introducing them to the world of theatre. Our days together will resemble those of a theatre conservatory. The students will have the opportunity to stimulate their creativity, develop self-discipline, confidence, teamwork skills, and prepare for the culminating presentation at the church on Saturday, January 30, at 2 p.m. in the Forum. The experience of Theatre Camp - the freedom to create, the grace of love, and act of unity - becomes their sacred mystery drama. As such, All Saints says to the young pregnant mother trying against all odds to support herself, to the young man struggling to stay in school and out of the gang, and to all of the young people being told they are worthless, "you are loved" ... and the story will not end.

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**Sunday**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**ADULTS AT 10:15**

**RECTOR'S FORUM**

**President Obama and Just Peacemaking**

*with ethicist Peter Sensenig*

War and torture work. They work to cause widespread anger and to create increasing numbers of terrorists. We need a new approach that gets at the causes of anger and the lure of terrorism. A new approach is "Just Peacemaking," ten key practices of peacemaking identified by 30 scholars from diverse theological backgrounds, which have been developing since World War II. These practices work effectively to eliminate potential wars, and to halt terrorism. Wars result when these practices are not in place. President Obama's recent Nobel Peace Prize Speech reveals that he is a student of Just Peacemaking in that he used that phrase four times in his speech. Ethicist Peter Sensenig will lead us through the principles and President Obama's speech. Currently a PhD student in ethics at Fuller Seminary, Sensenig works closely with Dr. Glenn Stassen, one of the leaders in the Just Peacemaking movement. Born in Swaziland in southern Africa, Sensenig holds a Master of Divinity degree from Palmer Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and has a life-long interest in peace-building. As members of this peace and justice church, come learn about the peace building theory that is being considered by the President of the United States. Forum

**Questioning Architectural Messages**

*with Jim Prendergast*

How do our beliefs design our buildings and how do buildings enhance or constrict our beliefs in return. "Follow the development of church architecture from the small house church of the first century to the great gothic cathedrals of the Middle Ages to the emerging church of today, and see how that development reflected our notions of 'church' including authority, liturgy and sacraments." Sweetland Hall

**Self Forgiveness: A Portal Into Grace and the House of Love**

*with Robert Cornell and Hilda Boulware*

Explore scripture, poetry and music for ways into Self Forgiveness. With the practice of Self Forgiveness we remove the obstacle of self judgment so that we may truly experience God's unconditional love for us.

This offering is an introduction to an experiential small group "Abiding in the House of Love" that will meet biweekly from March through June. Guild Room

**FOR CHILDREN**

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

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories  
10:30 **Rooms 2 and 3:** *Parable of the Good Shepherd*

**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:** *Combined Godly Play--The Great Family*  
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**  
*30-Hour Famine: Starve for Food*

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS**

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

The Rev. Abel Lopez will preach on *Turning the World Upside Down* at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Wilma Jakobsen will preach at the 1 p.m. Spanish-English service.

**At 9 and 11:15, Coventry Choir offers** *Arise and Shine, Jerusalem* by Leo Nestor and *O nata lux de lumine* by Thomas Tallis.

**SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Psalm 19  
Luke 4:14-21

*The Next "Second Saturday" Celebration is Saturday, February 13, at 5 p.m. in the Learning Center*

**Save March 21-22!  
"Crisis and Grace"  
with Serene Jones**

**W**e live in a world profoundly broken by violence and disfigured by harms we inflict upon each other. Is there any hope for those whose lives have been wounded by violence? According to Serene Jones, God loves this world and desires that suffering be met by words of hope, love and grace overwhelm, and something new happens. That is the central question and mission of Serene Jones's *Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World*, a new book from Westminster John Knox Press. Central to its overall theme is an investigation of the myriad ways both individual and collective violence affect one's capacity to remember, to act, and to love, and how those various circumstances potentially challenge theological understanding of how grace is experienced, and even how the traumatic experience of Jesus' death is remembered. Of particular interest is the author's focus on the long term effects of collective violence on abuse survivors, war veterans, and marginalized populations, and the discrete ways in which grace and redemption might be exhib-

ited in each context. Serene Jones is President of Union Theological Seminary, and the first woman president in the Seminary's 172-year history. She is the Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology. Stay tuned for more information to come soon! For more information contact Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2748.

**Breaking News:  
Extraordinary Pancakes  
to Arrive February 16**

**I**nside sources close to the Parish Council of All Saints Church, have confirmed that pancakes, sausage, apple sauce and lovely beverages will be served to one and all on Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Sweetland Hall. Please save the date for this annual celebration of Mardi Gras, also known as Fat Tuesday, which marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Along with the world-renowned (okay...kinda famous...okay...locally talked about) flapjacks, music for all and art projects for the younger crowd will mark the evening as one of your favorite community gatherings of the year. Tickets are available at the door; prices are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids 5 to

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10. Children under 5 are free and will be encouraged to get really sticky and have lots of fun. The griddle, which will be staffed by some of the finest spatula artists in Pasadena, will be turned on and ready to fill you up at 5:30 p.m., griddle operators will stand by until 7:30 p.m. to take your orders. Volunteers are needed to help distribute fun and pancakes, please sign up at the Parish Council Table on the lawn on Sundays or call Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2734 or [nsigmund@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:nsigmund@allsaints-pas.org).

### **“A New Way to Love” Starts Jan. 25**

You may have had the sense that your couplehood is more about growth and healing than just romantic feelings, but have not known how to fully move in that direction. This six-week program, led by Bruce & Francine Crapuchettes, is an educational adaptation of the book *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples* by Harville Hendrix, which has been on the New York Times best seller list 14 times. It will be offered on Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., from January 25 to March 8. The cost to each couple is \$40 for two comprehensive manuals and a DVD.

The course is about learning dialogical skills that are designed to radically transform your relationship by:

- Improving your relationship with your partner
- Dissolving long-standing conflicts
- Using your relationship to heal childhood wounds
- Using your relationship to grow into your full potential
- Deepening connection and intimacy

The course is for all couples, straight or gay, who are interested in improving the quality of their relationship. If you have taken this course in the past, you are welcome to take it again. Some changes have been made. It was formerly called “Couplehood As A Spiritual Path.”

Bruce and Francine Crapuchettes have been members of All Saints Church since 1970, and are licensed psychologists and members of the American Psychological Association. They are both on the faculty of the Imago International Institute where Bruce was dean for two years, 2003-2005. They train therapists and have a practice for couples in Altadena. See [www.pasadenainstitute.com](http://www.pasadenainstitute.com) for more information on them and their work. Sign up for the class with Ana Camacho by calling 626.583.2737.

### **All Saints Theatre Camp Saturday, January 30, 2:00 p.m.**

Please join us in the All Saints Forum for a presentation of our students' work at All Saints Theatre Camp. Your presence will be a significant encouragement to these youth actors.

The All Saints Theatre Camp is a one-week program (January 25 - 29) developed for high school-aged, in-crisis youth of Pasadena and provides experience in acting, singing, stage movement and more. The pro-

gram gives them an opportunity to stimulate their creativity, develop self-discipline, confidence, and teamwork skills while they experience the magical world of theatre and performance.

For more information please contact Catherine Swanson in the Office for Creative Connections at 626.583.2750 or [cswanson@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:cswanson@allsaints-pas.org).

### **“Future of God” Group Begins**

A new small group will consider “The Future of God” beginning Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The group will be facilitated by Dan Stracner, who has led All Saints groups about the “new” atheism, the emerging church and the works of James Carroll. “In this new group, we’ll be reading excerpts from the writings of a variety of modern and postmodern thinkers who have very different ideas about the future of God,” Dan says. “The reading assignments will be relatively short. After sampling and discussing various viewpoints, participants in the group will have a rich variety of options for future study.” A detailed bibliography will be provided.

The first writer to be considered will be Karen Armstrong, who ended her bestselling book *A History of God* in 1993 with a chapter titled “Does God Have a Future?” She has been answering that question ever since in lectures, articles and, most recently, in her new book *The Case for God*. Just a few weeks ago, she engaged in a lively internet debate about the future of God with atheist Sam Harris (author of *The End of Faith*); the group will discuss that exchange.

Among other thinkers to be considered will be spiritual teacher Eckhart Tolle, mythologist Joseph Campbell, Anglican philosopher and theologian Don Cupitt (sometimes called “the atheist priest”), Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, American philosopher Daniel Dennett, Robert Funk (founder of the Jesus Seminar), critic and scholar Harold Bloom and anthropologist Pascal Boyer.

“This is an important topic that will likely provoke spirited discussion,” Dan says. “People of all viewpoints are welcome to join in.”

Meetings will be held in Scott Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings through March 23. No book purchase is required to participate; all reading materials will be supplied.

To sign up, please visit the Small Groups table on the lawn between Sunday services or attend the first meeting on February 2. For more information, contact Amanda McCormick at [amccormick@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:amccormick@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2765.

### **Save the Dates – Vroman’s Events at All Saints**

Vroman’s Bookstore is bringing the following authors to All Saints in the coming months:

**Elizabeth Gilbert**, *Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage* (author of *Eat, Pray, Love*) – January 29, in the sanctuary

**Jodi Picault**, *House Rules* – March 16, in the Forum

Both of these events are ticketed; you can purchase a book at Vroman’s to get a ticket or contact Anthony Parker at 626.583.2744 or [aparker@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aparker@allsaints-pas.org) to receive a free All Saints ticket (these are limited – first come, first served).

### **Prison Outreach and Death Penalty Abolition Ministry Starts February 14**

All Saints Peace & Justice Ministries is currently forming a task force to work with our local, state and national partners in abolishing the death penalty.

A newly formed coalition in Los Angeles County is generating new energy and commitment from within faith communities and non-profits, as well as professionals within the criminal justice system. Please join us on February 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room to explore this inspiring new effort to create alternatives to the death penalty in Los Angeles County.

On the same day, we will be describing our current prison ministry projects and inviting you to participate in face-to-face outreach to those members of our community who are currently incarcerated or newly returning from prison. In addition to our ongoing prison ministry projects, we are exploring a potential mentoring project for youth returning from incarceration.

Please be with us for ninety minutes that could change your life, and the life of incarcerated people and their families.

### **Mark Your Calendar! James Walker and Kyle Champion in Concert**

Enjoy sonatas for cello and piano by Ludwig van Beethoven and Bohuslav Martinu on Sunday, Feb. 14 at 5:00 p.m. Come and revel in magnificent music, in the beautiful setting of All Saints Church, followed by a reception in Sweetland Hall. All are welcome.

### **Wrestling with Church: The Search for Home -- 6th Annual Young Adults Retreat in Santa Barbara!**

We all encounter times of struggle in the journey of faith – disillusionment with traditions we no longer accept, rejection by churches that don’t accept us, a loss of the sense of where God is in our lives. Join us as we explore how faith-seekers wrestle, wander, and are welcomed home, and how we do so in community with others. Last year’s retreat was SOLD OUT, so please sign up early to reserve your spot.

**Who:** Young adults in their 20s and 30s - students, professionals, singles, couples, regulars, drifters, YOU!

**What:** A spiritual retreat, a time to reconnect with God, nature, friends, and yourself.

**When:** Feb. 19-21, 2010

**Where:** La Casa de Maria Retreat Center in Santa Barbara

**How much:** \$75 (\$25 deposit due by Feb 7) for two nights of lodging and 5 meals, a superb deal for a relaxing weekend in Santa Barbara! If you will have trouble paying, please come talk to us at the 20/30 table on the lawn.

# shorts

## Parking on Sundays

Sunday parking at Plaza Las Fuentes (Westin Hotel) is only free until 1:00 p.m. If you stay later you will have to pay for additional time. If you are attending the 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Service or staying for an event, please park at the Kaiser parking structure on the northeast corner of Walnut and Euclid, where the parking is free until 4:00 p.m.

## The Welcome Table

The Welcome Table, just outside the north door, is where all newcomers are invited. There they receive a red bag and words of welcome, the answers to questions, and a chance to learn something of the many ways to become

involved at All Saints. We have a wonderful staff of volunteers who work at the table one service, once a month. We need a few more, especially before the 9:00 a.m. service. If you have a ready smile, and wish to be part of the "first face" of All Saints, let us know! Contact Susan Johnson at [sl.johnson@mac.com](mailto:sl.johnson@mac.com) or 626.799.4246.

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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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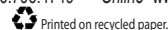
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**We give thanks for:** the ordination of seven new priests to the Diocese of Los Angeles, and especially for Amy Cox and Melissa Langdell

**For those who have died:** Ann Fitzgerald Crenshaw; Charlotte Moore; Deborah Howell; Bill Snyder; Fred Hunter; Ruth Vuong; William MacGowan; Michael Wehner; Karen Jacobsen; Nancy Weber; Araksi Karapetiann

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