

All Saints Anglican Church Women – Winter 2010

The purpose of the All Saints Anglican Church Women (ACW) is to provide opportunities for fellowship among the women of our parish and to work together in Christian service to our parish, our Church, and our community.

Merry Christmas to all! I hope the season is filled with blessings for you and your family. I am pleased to report that the ladies of the ACW enjoyed a series of informative and heart-warming activities during the fall. Vicki Bukovitz, Executive Director of ACTS, was our guest in October and offered some suggestions for ways that we can get involved with their ongoing good works. We'll discuss these further at our next meeting. The ACW spent both our November and December meetings making security blankets for the youngsters at Children's Place. We learned new skills, gained an appreciation for each other's taste in music and enjoyed each other's company as we worked.

Of course, our big activity was our annual Market Day sale at the end of October. More than \$1000 was raised. The ladies chose to keep \$250 towards next year's expenses and divide the remaining profits between three of our favorite charities: Children's Place, ACTS and the Bishop's Missionary Fund. If you missed the fun, please note the dates below for our winter activities.

Monthly Meetings

All Saints ACW meets the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm, generally in the Parish House. Some months, however, we will plan interesting excursions. Below is the schedule for this quarter:

Tuesday, January 5th at 2:00 pm in the Parish House – Fr. Alexander will be our special guest this month. He has boldly, some might say naively, agreed to answer our questions on any church related topic – our parish, our diocese, theology, Anglicanism, etc. I'm sure he would appreciate some general idea of our interests, so please call or e-mail Susan Thomas at 648-4431 or satsdtlet@aol.com with your thoughts.

Tuesday, February 2nd at 2:00 pm in the Parish House – Topic or speaker to be announced

Tuesday, March 2nd at 2:00 pm in the Parish House – Topic or speaker to be announced

Lunch/Brunch Bunch

Each month we will get together at an area restaurant for either lunch or brunch just to socialize and get to know each other better. Here's our schedule for this quarter:

Tuesday, January 19th, 11:30 am - Lunch at Red Pepper Cafe. Red Pepper Café is located within the new location of Material Things in Center South Shopping Center on Silverbluff Rd. Only a few of us were able to attend an earlier lunch there, but we were so impressed we wanted to try it again and hope for a larger turnout. Please call Susan Thomas at 648-4431 to make reservations.

Saturday, February 13th at 10:00 am - Brunch . We are scouting a couple of locations for our first brunch of the year. Watch your e-mail for details.

Tuesday, March 16th at 11:30 am – Lunch. We are also taking suggestions for our lunch destinations. Details to follow.

Service Projects

Prayer Shawls – Our ladies have now delivered five shawls to loved ones. The recipients were Madeleine Duryea, Velma Jeblee, Julie Rapp, Imogene Austell, and Mary Dee Kelly (Friend of Lainey Keller.) The shawls were very warmly received. If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please see Susan Thomas or Ruth Clanton. We do have several beautiful shawls remaining.

Velma Jeblee's shawl was delivered the day before she moved to be closer to her son and his family. If you would like to stay in touch with her, her new address is 1605 Crestwyck Circle, Mount Joy, PA 17552. (Wouldn't we all like to live in a town called Mount Joy?)

Celebrate Aiken! – Our church has been asked to participate in a tour of historic buildings as part of the City of Aiken's Celebrate Aiken festivities. The self-guided tour will take place on Saturday, February 27th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. We have been asked to provide docents inside the church during this time.

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Please call Susan Thomas to volunteer for part of the day or attend our January meeting for more information.

Outreach – Please call Pat Byers at 644-7753 if you know of someone who is sick and would appreciate a card. Call Anna Zouck at 641-6242 if you know a shut-in who would appreciate a visit.

Fundraisers - Don't forget our two ongoing fundraisers: the sale of stained glass ornaments made by Father Clanton and the sale of All Saints note cards. Both are available in the Parish Hall.

For more information...

ACW officers are Susan Thomas, president; Diane Gordon, secretary and Pat Byers, Treasurer. We also appreciate the assistance of Senior Warden Sara Wood, Altar Guild President Onesta Carswell and mentor Ruth Clanton (642-2743). Feel free to contact any of these ladies with questions or to have your e-mail address added to our distribution.