

All Saints Anglican Church Women – Spring 2009

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.

Despite the often dreary weather, the ladies of All Saints enjoyed spending time together this winter in service and fellowship. Thanks go out to Elliot Levy of the Aiken County Historical Museum for an entertaining tour in March and to Peggy Ford, director of Children's Place, for an informative presentation at our April meeting. All present were moved by the very special work that takes place day in and day out just down the street from our church. We hope to visit Children's Place when the weather is a bit more conducive. Please read on to **Service Projects** to see how to help the children served there.

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 the remainder of this quarter:

April 7, 2009 at 2:00 in the Parish House – Our subject for April will be **prayer shawls**. In recent years, churches across the United States have become involved in this activity. Women of the church knit or crochet shawls that are then given to members of the church who are ill, in the hospital or otherwise in need. Because we make the shawls ourselves with our friends in mind, the shawls carry our thoughts and prayers with them. Please plan to join us to learn more about prayer shawls. Members that know how to knit or crochet will help others learn. We have acquired some simple patterns. No previous experience is needed. Even if this type of needlework is not for you, join us for light snacks and fellowship. You may call Susan Thomas at 648-4431 if you have questions.

May 5, 2009 – Meet at 2:00 at the Parish House for a Field Trip! For our May meeting we will venture just outside of Aiken to a nursery called Shady Characters. We will learn how to cultivate our difficult shady areas. Dealing with the shady characters in your life is a topic for another day. We'll carpool from the Parish House. Directions will be available.

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:

April 21, 2009 - Lunch at Travinia's at 11:30. Travinia's is located across from TJ Maxx and Ross. Please call Susan Thomas (648-4431) by April 17th to reserve a spot.

May 16, 2009 – Brunch at Sugar Magnolia on Richland Ave at 10:30 am. We had such a good time last month, we decided to go back to Sugar Magnolia's. Please call Karen Herring (642-8946) by May 9th to reserve a spot.

Service Projects

The Nursery – After Easter Jo Cunningham is going to take on sprucing up our children's nursery in the Parish House. Jo would love to have some help sorting out the toys, maybe organizing what's left on some new shelves, and possibly adding a new coat of paint or some colorful prints. Please call Jo at 648-1752 if you are interested in helping with the work or making a donation to the project. Checks should be payable to the All Saints ACW.

Armed Forces and Children's Place – During April, the ACW will be collecting items for our military personnel who are deployed overseas as well as items that are needed for Children's Place. Lists of needed items are available in the Parish Hall and on the church website: Allsaintsaiken.org. Donations will be collected in designated tubs in the Parish Hall. Please take a minute to review the lists and see how a small donation on your part can enrich someone else's day.

Decorating for Easter – Sara Wood would welcome your assistance on Saturday, April 11th at 10:00am to decorate the church for Easter.

If you know of someone in the parish who could use a little cheer, contact the following ladies:

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Get Well Cards – Pat Byers at 644-7753

Shut-in Visitations – Anna Zouck at 641-6242

Fundraisers

We have two ongoing fundraisers. An ACW store has been set up with beautiful note cards depicting our church. A set of 10 note cards sells for \$10. The “store” is located on the hutch in the Parish Hall. Leave cash in the basket or make checks payable to All Saints ACW. Also, watch the windows in the Parish Hall in the coming weeks for beautiful stained glass

works donated by Father Clanton. The sale of these items also benefits our ACW.

For more information...

Please contact Ruth Clanton (642-2743) if you are not on our e-mail list and would like to be. She is our mentor and advisor. Other officers are Susan Thomas, president; Karen Herring, vice-president; Diane Gordon, secretary. We also appreciate the assistance of Senior Warden Sara Wood and Altar Guild President Mary Beth Seaha.