

## *All Saints Anglican Church Women – Spring 2010*

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*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.*

Happy Spring! I know we are all glad to see the sun shine and to experience some warm days after a gloomy winter. We can now look forward to the many blessings of the Easter season.

Our ACW did make the most of those dreary days. In January Fr. George and Fr. Clanton took some time to answer questions from the ladies. In February we had a very special meeting featuring some of the original All Saints members. Abby Montenhol, Betty Christensen and Bobby Graves shared stories of the establishment of our parish and the hard work that went into getting the buildings ready. Fr. George recorded the meeting and made DVD copies for the participants and the church library. We ended our winter season with a tour of Children's Place. It is truly amazing to see and hear about all that is being accomplished at that facility. We thank Peggy Ford for her time.

### **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, April 6th at 2:00 pm in the Parish House – As we approach summer and the travel season, our topic will be "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" I'm inviting members to bring pictures from some of the places that they've visited or lived that might provide inspiration for others. Along with sharing stories, we also need to conduct some business. It's time to think about officers for next year: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The main role of the group is to plan activities and maintain communications. Please consider volunteering for the coming year. Please feel free to call me if you might be interested or if you know of someone who you would like to nominate. (Susan Thomas at 648-4431)

Tuesday, May 4th at 2:00 pm meet at the Parish House- We're going on a field trip to Shady Characters Nursery! Many members were disappointed when this trip was rained out last year, so we are going to try again. As the name suggest, Shady Characters is a

nursery that specializes in shade plants. They are located out Wire Road. We will meet at the Parish House at 2:00 pm and carpool.

### **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:

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am – Brunch at Atlanta Bread Company. Please call Susan Thomas at 648-4431 by Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend.

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am – Lunch at the Willcox Inn. We will finish our year in high style with lunch at the famous Willcox Inn. In this case, I need to make reservations two weeks ahead of time, so please let me know by Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, if you would like to attend.

### **Service Projects**

**Decorate the church for Easter** – The ladies of the church will meet at 9:30 am on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to decorate the church for Easter. All are welcome.

**Children's Place Easter Egg Hunt**- An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the children of Children's Place on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at the Parish House. Please call Sara Wood at 649-1423 if you would like to assist.

**Prayer Shawls** – We still have prayer shawls remaining. If you have a friend or family member who you think would benefit from this ministry, please talk to Susan Thomas or Ruth Clanton.

**Celebrate Aiken!** – Thanks to Deacon Davies, Fr. George and all of the ladies who participated in Celebrate Aiken. The response was surprising, as hundreds of people toured our church that day to learn about our building and our heritage.

**Undy Sunday** – Yes! Undy or Undies, as in underwear! Father Clanton has boldly agreed to let us sponsor an

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Undy Sunday to benefit ACTS. On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will collect new socks and underwear for grown-ups and children to benefit the clients of ACTS. Fr. Clanton has strategically scheduled this event after Easter, but before the Bishop's visit! So, please watch for sales in the coming month and be prepared to **bring** your undies to church on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Fr. 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.