

The Saints'

"I want to be in that number"

All Saints' Episcopal Church - Memphis

September 2023



John 13:34

From the Vicar

(a/k/a Priest in Charge)

This month, I'm excited to tell you about some things that are happening this Fall at All Saints' - and something happening at another Memphis church on September 7th.

In addition to the concerts that continue to breathe new life into All Saints' Music Series and the upcoming Community Yard Sale (you can find more information about all of those in this newsletter), there are three more things happening in September!

Lunch and Learn: Connecting Faith and Life

Sunday, September 17th

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Each month, I'm hoping to have someone talk with us about how they live out and into their faith. This month, I've asked All Saints' new member Robert Thompson to share something of his life of faith as a monastic - an ancient, historic way of being Christian that's still alive and well. There will be time for questions. Here's Robert:

"What is monasticism?" – Robert Thompson O.S.B. will lead a conversation about monasticism, especially within the contemporary Anglican context on Sunday, September 17th. Robert is a vowed member of the *New Benedictine Community (of the Holy Trinity)*, a dispersed Anglican religious community with members currently in England, Spain, Mexico, and the United States in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. The *New Benedictine Community* participates in the *National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities* and in the *Anglican Benedictine Confederation*. Robert has an M.A. in philosophy from Memphis State University and an M.A.R. in theology from Memphis Theological Seminary.

Re-Membering our Past

Saturday, September 30th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

I'll have more to say about this special Saturday in the days and weeks ahead, but for now: *Please save the last Saturday in September for a morning of creating a timeline of the history of All Saints.'* This gathering will be informative and informal (it includes lunch)! This work is in anticipation of Bishop Phoebe's visitation on All Saints' Sunday.

Stewards of God's Creation

Sunday mornings in September and October

Everything we have is a gift from God. The question is: How will we care for the part of God's creation we've been given? What might being the best steward you can be look like? Each Sunday you'll hear someone reflect during our worship on their own experience with Creation Care. Do you want to share a story about your care of some part of God's creation? Send me an e-mail (fathermom1949@gmail.com)!



PLEASE JOIN US
IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY!

Sacred Ground

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 2023
6:00-7:00 P.M.

Idlewild Presbyterian Church
1750 Union Ave.
Memphis, TN 38104

*Originally an outreach of the
Episcopal Church's commitment to
becoming Beloved Community,
Sacred Ground small groups walk through
America's history of race and racism while
weaving in threads of family story,
economic class, and identity.
People of all faiths and none are welcome.*

R.S.V.P. to meredithpace@gmail.com
by Wednesday, September 6.



Why might you try Sacred Ground?

On August 28, 1963, 250,000 people came to the March on Washington. Among many memorable words spoken or sung, Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech remains iconic. Eight years earlier, on August 28, 1955, Emmett Till was brutally murdered. His story and his funeral also have become iconic. In different ways, those two moments each helped birth a movement. When I stop and remember these moments in history, it reminds me of why I now do the work I keep doing.

Nine years ago, having spent nearly 30 years in full-time church work, I officially retired, wondering what might be next in my life. A week later, Michael Brown was killed in Ferguson, Missouri. His death deeply moved me. Suddenly, a new chapter of my life's work began. I now choose to live in the world of racial healing and justice. One question begs me to answer it daily: "What is mine to do *now*?"

After several years working in various racial justice contexts, I was led to a Sacred Ground circle in the fall of 2021. Sacred Ground had already become something of a national success story (there have been more than 2,500 circles so far), even in the midst of the pandemic, when I first participated. Originally created for white Episcopal Church folks to do our personal work of looking at our own racism, Sacred Ground is now available to people of all faiths and none.

As a lifelong learner, I will always have more to learn, more work to do, when it comes to seeing how I have been part of the problem called racism - and how I need to be part of the solution. The more I've learned and experienced in Sacred Ground circles, the more I know I want to keep sharing that powerful experience of learning with others, both as a participant and a facilitator.

I invite you to join me for an information hour on Thursday, September 7th, at 6 pm Central Time, in person or online (you can participate on Zoom, like hundreds of other people have). To know more now, e-mail me (fathermom1949@gmail.com). You can also e-mail Meredith Pace (address in flyer) to reserve a place for September 7.

Thanks for considering Sacred Ground.
~ Peace, Tom+



Senior Warden Update

Fellowship Hall (formerly referred to as our Parish Hall) has been beautifully repaired and painted since the burst pipe on December 25, 2022. We give thanks to God for the provision of Church Insurance and the representatives from Revival Restoration for their professional provision during this long journey. We had a beautiful space to receive family and friends of Dr. Sharon Momany after the beautiful celebration of life in the Nave.

Roof replacement for the Nave and Narthex is schedule for September 5 and 6. It had to be postponed due to the prediction of rain. Again, we are very thankful for God's provision of Church Insurance and for Scott Owen, owner of Best Choice Roofing, for his professional interactions with our church leadership in this long awaited roof work.

Gardeners have been faithful to their garden plots, which has been challenging due to the extreme heat and lack of rain. We are grateful for our community gardeners for their work to utilize our beautiful grounds for flowers and vegetables. It has been a learning experience this year, in which we look forward to developing for years to come. Flowers have been offered for our use on the altars on Sundays.

Brownie Scouts, under the leadership of Allie Byrne, plan to meet for the first time since summer break on the first Wednesday of September. We welcome them back to All Saints' and am glad they meet in our facility.

Dancers Inc, under the instruction of Karen Zisoff, has begun again in our Fellowship Hall in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. New students (ages 5-18) are still welcome and registration has been extended through September 30.

Concerts continue with Kris Grauel, Yolanda Harper and Ramona McKnight in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 3:00 pm. Paulette Palmer and Connie Cupples will perform an organ and piano duet concert in the Nave on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 8-12 noon and SipFest scheduled on Sunday, October 15 from 1-5 pm at Sea Isle Park.



Double Entendre Trio



Sunday, September 10

3:00 PM

All Saints' Episcopal Church
1508 White Station
Memphis TN 38117



PERFORMANCE BY:

Kris Grauel - Piano, vocals

Yolanda Harper - lead vocals, autoharp

Ramona McKnight - guitar, keyboard, vocals



SISTERS

ACT

**Organ and Piano
Duet Concert**

*Paulette Palmer
&
Connie Cupples*

**Sunday, October 22, 2023, 3:00 pm
All Saints' Episcopal Church
1508 S. Whitestation Rd.
Memphis, TN 38117
Free Admission**



In Memory of Sharon Momany



Winds of Life
Sometimes people rush in
And out of your life
Like a sudden storm.
And, you hardly get to know
them.



Sometimes people ease in
And out of your life
Like a cool spring breeze,
And, you're all the better
For knowing them.



But, sometimes people
Are there in your life
Like the constant fresh wind
Off the ocean surf.



Always present
And always calming.



John C. Leadford
8-03-04



Dr. Sharon Momany, lovingly known to many as Dr. Mom, died Saturday morning, July 29, 2023, in Memphis, Tennessee. She was 86 years old.



An accomplished pianist and exceptional music teacher, Sharon was born Sharon Lee Miller in 1936 in Gary, Indiana, to parents Leona and Peter Miller. Her earliest memories were of cooking for her younger siblings, going to Cubs baseball games at Wrigley Field, and learning to play the piano. She remained an excellent cook (known for her wonderful pies), a die-hard Cubs fan, and an avid advocate for music within the Arts community in Memphis.



Sharon was actively involved with many organizations. They included: The Etude Music Club, the Greater Memphis Music Teachers Association (she had recently won their prestigious Music Teacher of the Year Award for the second time), the Music Teachers National Association, The Germantown Symphony Orchestra (as an original founder of the group), and she was a valued member of the congregation at All Saints Episcopal Church.



She thrived as a middle school piano teacher at Colonial Middle School, where she earned the nickname of Dr. Mom from her students. In her later years she taught Music Theory, Fundamentals of Music, and Music Appreciation at Southwest Community College. Additionally, Sharon had been recently giving private piano lessons to children of various ages. Her children, Dr. Cory Momany and his wife Dr. Michelle Momany, and daughter Shelley Momany, remember her often saying, "I try to take my students from where they are, and get them to where they need to be."



In addition to her children, Sharon is mourned by an amazing grandson, Dale Momany, son of Drs. Cory and Michelle Momany, as well as her siblings Mike Miller, Bette Inderski, Kathy (Jo) Zakrzewski, and Diane Herbst. Sharon also leaves behind eleven nieces and nephews (and their children as well) who have adored and admired her their entire lives.

A proud member of the Gibson's Donuts Breakfast Bunch, Sharon was also a frequent patron of several local restaurants: Little Pigs, Mulan, A-Tan, and Patrick's, as she was a firm believer in supporting local businesses. Another local favorite spot of Sharon's was Shelby Farms Park, which she visited almost every day.





September



Happy Birthday
-Best Wishes For You-

Kensley Bynoe

16th

Tori Leadford

24th



2023

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Church Service 10:00	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Church Service 10:00 Double Entendre Trio Concert 3:00	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Church Service 10:00 Lunch & Learn 11:45	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Church Service 10:00	25	26	27	28	29	30

Community Events

Sept. 6 - Girl Scouts 5:30
 Every T,W,Th - Dancers Inc 4:00
 Sept. 10 - Special Friends 5:00
 Sept. 17 - Greater Memphis Recorder Society 2:00

To those interested in dance classes for their child or grandchild, Dancers, Inc. (www.dancersinc.com) is offering a free, one class tryout during the month of September. Ballet & Jazz classes are held on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. Contact Karen Zissoff, Director, at 901-301-3262.