



Fellowship and Parish Activities

Fellowship is an important part of our common life at All Hallows. We believe that all Christians ought to be merry folk, who enjoy each other's company and find God's presence in laughter and with food shared, as well as in prayer and worship. The people of All Hallows are a family, and like any other family, we like to be together. We draw strength from each other when we are together, and we have a good time.

We have an active Vestry whose members provide leadership for the committees and commissions of all the facets of the Parish. There are many opportunities to participate and to serve in the functions of All Hallows giving of your talent/expertise and time. Members of the Parish are encouraged to volunteer and join in the committees that are of particular interest to them. This is a wonderful way to get to meet and to know your fellow parishioners.

We often come together to celebrate the great Feasts of the Church year with meals as well as the Liturgy. We gather for Coffee Hour weekly after the Sunday Eucharists, both at the Chapel and the Church. We gather for an annual Parish picnic in the summer.

The Parish has several clubs, and anyone is welcome to join:

Bridge Club—meets monthly at a member's home and is open to beginners, experts, and all those in-between.

Redeemer Quilters—meet at Christ Church, in West River Maryland on Fridays. On-going projects include the design and construction of quilts, floor throws and receiving blankets for south county baby services and lap quilts for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. A newer ministry is to stitch and stuff special heart-shaped pillows for Anne Arundel Hospital. These aids are given to patients with upper respiratory difficulties following surgery or illness. By placing the pillow to the chest, the recipient can cough while supporting the chest muscles, thereby alleviating some pain.

All Hallows Knitters—join together on the second Thursday of each month in the Parish House at 1:30pm. Beginners and experts are welcome to join in this ministry to create beautiful and useful items for those in need.

On Shrove Tuesday we have an annual Parish pancake supper. In the summer, we picnic together and celebrate the children among us and find joy and blessing in their games and glee. On Easter, there is

an Easter egg hunt. We worship; we learn; we work; we have fellowship, as any family does. Join us. There's always room at the Table.



Sunday School

The Sunday School Superintendent and the staff of teachers and volunteers begin Sunday morning at 9:45AM with the school's own special Children's Chapel Service with the Liturgy of the Word in the parish house. After this 15 minute service, the classes meet.

The four classes are for preschool-kindergarten children, grades 1-3, 4-6 and grades 7-12. The children are very involved in the life of the Parish. They put on the annual Christmas pageant and the annual celebration of the Children's Sabbath the 3rd Sunday in October. They dye Easter eggs for and participate in the egg hunt on Easter morning after the 10:00 service. They perform the duties of acolytes and participate in the annual clean-up and work-detail parties along with their parents. Some Sunday school members also serve as lay readers during the worship services. The Sunday School is an important element of Parish life, and we greatly appreciate the efforts of the superintendent, teachers and volunteers.

Adults gather for various thought provoking studies and discussions on Sundays after services or during the week, especially during Advent and Lent. Coupled with regular times of prayer and worship, we believe that life-long education equips us for life-long mission. We invite you to join us in that mission.



Youth Group

This group meets periodically, and is very active with projects, both beneficial to the community, and simply for having fun and fellowship. They have raised money to support the Heifer Project which provides livestock to help feed the people of under-developed countries. They participate by serving at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner for those less fortunate. They help in Parish projects to clean up the Parish yards and cemeteries, and recently they helped in the beautification of Davidsonville by landscaping at the Country Market. They also have fun events such as: skiing, tubing, trips to amusement parks, bowling, and sailing. Other events have included hayrides and field trips to NASA and the International Spy Museum.

The Episcopal Youth Group is vital and growing. They have been so active and successful; the Parish has started a Junior Youth Group for the younger parishioners.

Acolytes

Young parishioners starting around age nine may begin training to be an acolyte. Their training includes the lighting and extinguishing of candles; postures when standing, sitting, and kneeling; the handling of the processional cross; and the procedure of serving the celebrant or the deacon when he prepares the Table for Holy Communion. A Head Acolyte mentors his fellow acolytes and assists at their training sessions. It is an honor and a privilege for a young person, or any lay person, to participate in the presentation of the weekly services and to serve in this special ministry to our Parish.

