


the All Saints' Monthly

News and Announcements from All Saints' Episcopal Church  Atlanta, Georgia

2014 Vestry Selection

As announced elsewhere, there will be a change in the way in which we elect our vestry this year. Instead of a contested election with winners and losers, the vestry has charged the nominating committee to present only one person for each available position to the annual meeting. We will then be invited to elect all six by acclamation. This means that we will not receive a ballot with twelve names on it in the mail, in effect moving from a political model to a trusteeship model.

This change has been under discussion for many years. We are one of the very few sizable Episcopal churches who retain the political model for Vestry selection. Reasons for the change include the desire to assure expertise represented on the vestry when necessary, the possibility of including parishioners who are unwilling to stand for election and the removal of unnecessary disappointment and declining involvement when a candidate is not elected by his or her fellow communicants.

Having stood for election myself twice and lost twice, I understand firsthand. (I was only able to serve because I was appointed to fill the unexpired term of your current stewardship chair, John Frazer, who mistakenly moved to Memphis during his term.) After I lost the second time, I was so distraught I decided to become Amish, but Linda refused to move back to her hometown of Lancaster, Pennsylvania – saying that she had gotten used to having electricity.

Be assured, we will continue our current practice in every other respect. The nominating committee will still reach out to the congregation for potential nominees. Every member of the church can still recommend candidates unsolicited. As always, the nominating committee is still comprised of the retiring members of the vestry, the rector and three

additional members appointed by the rector. Mose Bond, the Junior Warden is serving as the chair for the current year.

While there is no perfect way of electing our leadership, and while we know there are valid differing opinions on this change, the vestry asks your acceptance and support of this method as well as your participation in the nominating

process. Such participation is one of the multitudes of ways to have meaningful involvement in the life and ministry of our parish, regardless of who is serving on the vestry in any given year. Of course, after trying this approach for a few years, a future vestry may well decide to go back to contested elections. However, it is my hope that we try this approach for the next few years, and as we listen to one another's views on the change, adapt the process as seems wise and beneficial.

As you have comments, questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email me at hbhiii@aol.com. Thanks to all for everything you do every day to make


All Saints' the extraordinary community it is for everyone but especially for me and my family. ~ Hank Harris, Senior Warden, 2011–2012. ✝



Vestry News

As vestry member Cappa Woodward has needed to step down from her vestry service, Beth Blalock has been called by the vestry to take her place.

Welcome Beth!



All Saints' Episcopal Church

is a parish in the Diocese of Atlanta.

The Rt. Rev'd Robert C. Wright, *Bishop*
The Rt. Rev'd Keith B. Whitmore, *Assistant Bishop*

RECTOR

The Rev'd Geoffrey M. St. J. Hoare

2013-2014 VESTRY

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The Rev'd Noelle York-Simmons, *Associate Rector*
The Rev'd Charles M. Girardeau, *Associate Rector*
The Rev'd Timothy H. Black, *Associate Rector*
The Rev'd Elizabeth Shows Caffey, *Associate Rector*

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The Rev'd Dr. James M. Donald
The Rev'd Karen P. Evans
The Rev'd William L. Evans
The Rev'd Spurgeon Hays
The Rev'd Canon William T. Holt III
The Rev'd Grant LeRoux, Jr.
The Rev'd Charles Scott May
The Rev'd Dr. David M. Moss III
The Rev'd Denni Moss
The Rev'd Gary Mull
The Rev'd Milton H. Murray
The Rev'd Dr. Spenser Simrill
The Rev'd Walter E. Smith
The Rev'd Paul Thim

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Esther Powell, *Parish Sexton*
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Vicky Reddick, *Nursery Coordinator*
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Charles Snell, *Assistant Choirmaster*
Phil Turks, *Parish Sexton*
Victor Young, *Parish Sexton*



We kicked off the holiday season with our Advent Event, making Advent wreaths and ornaments and eating lots of grasshopper cookies. The Saint Nicholas Supper was even more festive this year, with a warm glow from lights overhead. Great amounts of ice cream were consumed, and a couple of our ASAP interns got into the spirit of things.

Grace Notes

Grateful thanks to our St. Nicholas team of volunteers headed up by chair, Lori Reinking for a magical, wonderful night of lights, great food and fun. Lori's team included Nixon Lowe, Amanda Freer, Richard Hall, Pat Pendleton, Tamara Van Tuyl, Kelley and Keith Mauriello, Lee and Darlene Gillespy, Mary Beth Jordan, and Nick Roberts. Thanks for a memorable St. Nicholas supper and program.



St. Nicholas Supper chair Lori Reinking (right) and Nixon Lowe.

Week One

Wednesday, January 1
New Year's Day
Church office closed

Sunday, January 5
Christmas 2

Adult Ed Session 3 begins

Monday, January 6
Monday Morning Moms
10:00 a.m. in P307
Adult Enquirers Class
6:00-8:00 p.m. in P301

Wednesday, January 8
Wednesday Morning
Discussion,
10:00 a.m. in P307



Epiphany Service
5:00 p.m. in the chapel
Epiphany Twelfth Night Feast
Wednesday Night Supper
5:30-7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall
Women's Book Study
5:00 p.m. in P201

Week Two

Sunday, January 12
1 Epiphany/
Baptism of our Lord

Adult Ed Session 3 continues



Newcomers and Docent Tour
10:20 a.m., meet in the library

Rhythms of Grace
3:30 p.m. in the chapel

Monday, January 13
Adult Enquirers Class
6:00-8:00 p.m. in P301

Tuesday, January 14
Egg-Onomics Breakfast Series
7:30 a.m. in Ellis Hall

Wednesday, January 15
Wednesday Morning
Discussion,
10:00 a.m. in P307

Wednesday Night Supper
5:00-7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Women's Book Study
5:00 p.m. in P201

Novel Theology
7:00 p.m., Skylight room

Thursday, January 16
Saints On Tap
7:00 p.m.
Intern House Potluck

Friday, January 17
Integrity
7:30 p.m. in Library

Week Three

Sunday, January 19
2 Epiphany



Ebenezer Singing Sisters,
Guest Choir

Adult Ed Session 3 continues

Monday, January 20
MLK Holiday
Church Office closed

Tuesday, January 21
Concert Series
7:30 p.m. in the church

Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday Morning
Discussion,
10:00 a.m. in P307

Wednesday Night Supper
5:00-7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Women's Book Study
5:00 p.m. in P201



Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in P305

Friday, January 24
Popcorn Theology
7:00 p.m.,
Horseshoe Room

Week Four

Sunday, January 26
3 Epiphany

Adult Ed Session 3 continues

Monday, January 27
Vestry Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
in the Skylight Room
Adult Enquirers Class
6:00-8:00 p.m. in P301

Wednesday, January 29
Wednesday Morning
Discussion,
10:00 a.m. in P307



Wednesday Night Supper
5:00-7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Women's Book Study
5:00 p.m. in P201

Safeguarding God's Children
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tent of Meeting Room,
Pritchett Center

Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. in P305

january children's formation schedule

Date	Children's Church (K-3rd, 9 a.m.)	Formation Classes (K-5, 10:20 a.m.)	Connect (4th and 5th grade)
Sunday, January 5	to the Church at the Peace	The Ten Commandments	Freedom
Sunday, January 12	to the Church at the Peace	The Ten Commandments	Freedom
Sunday, January 19	to the Church at the Peace	The Ten Commandments	Freedom
Sunday, January 26	Eucharist in Childrens Chapel	The Ten Commandments	Freedom

Coming Up



Have an Epiphany With Us, And a Meal Fit for a King.

Mark the official end of the Christmas season by celebrating the start of Epiphany and a special Twelfth Night Wednesday Night Supper. The celebration begins with a brief Epiphany service, with story, song, lights, and gifts commemorating the visit of the magi to the Christ Child in Bethlehem. Immediately following, join us for a festive gathering in Ellis Hall with the first king cake of this carnival season. Crowns for everyone at this special king cake party and Epiphany feast!

Wednesday, January 8
Epiphany Service

5:00 p.m. in the chapel

Epiphany Twelfth Night Feast
5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Reservations are needed.

Sign up at the Parish Life Table,
on our website, or contact Lauri Begley
at lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org
or 404-267-4273.

Newcomers Coffee and Docent Tour

All newcomers and old timers alike are invited to a coffee and docent led tour of the campus. We will gather in the library first, for coffee and refreshments. The tour will depart for the church promptly at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude by 11:05 a.m. All are welcome.

Sunday, January 12

10:20–11:05 a.m.

Meet in the Egleston Hall library

For more information contact
Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or
lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org.



Egg-Onomic Breakfast Series: Geoff Pope

Parishioner Geoff Pope is a founding partner at Pope & Howard, a Buckhead firm dedicated to providing justice to individuals and families who have suffered catastrophic injuries due to the wrongful

conduct of others. He is among the 1/2 of 1% of attorneys invited to become a Fellow in the American Bar Foundation, is a regular in the Georgia SuperLawyers publication, and is a Past President of the 2,000-member Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA). Geoff was recently inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates as well as the American Society of Legal Advocates. In 2007, the legal publication *The Daily Report* named Geoff one of 15 Georgia lawyers under the age of 40 who were "On the Rise". Geoff has served as an adjunct professor of litigation at the Emory University Law School, regularly lectures on a variety of topics at seminars for attorneys, and is frequently asked to testify before various committees of the Georgia General Assembly on legal matters. He earned B.A. (cum laude with high honors) and his J.D. (cum laude) from the University of Georgia in 1990 and 1993 respectively. Outside of the law, Geoff serves on the Board of Trustees for the Georgia Conservancy and the Board of Directors for Covenant Community. He and his wife Carmen and daughters Margaret and Mary Frances are active All Saints parishioners.

Tuesday, January 14

7:30 a.m. breakfast in Ellis Hall
7:45–8:30 a.m. presentation

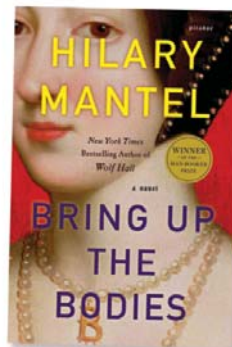
A full, hot buffet breakfast will be served. All are invited to attend Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Cost is \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Men of Hope at Covenant Community.

Sign up at the parish life table or contact
Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or
lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Novel Theology

Bring Up *The Bodies*,
by Hilary Mantel
Winner of the 2012
Man Booker Prize
and sequel to the
best-selling *Wolf*
Hall, *Bring Up the*
Bodies continues the
story of Henry VIII



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Adult Enquirers Class

This class is for any adult seeking to be baptized, looking to join the Episcopal Church, or simply needing a refresher course. The class retreat will be held March 15–16 at Montara Farm, in Clermont, Georgia.

Mondays, beginning January 6
through March 10
6:00–8:00 p.m. in P301

Class fee is \$25. Childcare during class is available upon request.

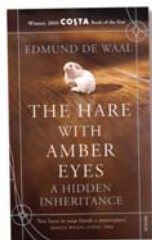
For more information or to sign up contact
Pat Kiley at 404-267-4265 or
patkiley@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Reward Yourself and Others on Monday Nights

Consider providing dinner to the men of Covenant Community on a Monday night! This wonderful tradition means so much both for All Saints' parishioners and the men of this residential drug treatment facility. Bring dinner yourself, with friends, family, or even co-workers. What a great way to say thank you!

Mondays, January 6 and 27

Contact Barbara Blender at 404-520-2479
or bblender@bellsouth.net.



The Jezebels: Woman's Book Study

The Jezebels resume meeting this month to continue reading Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward*.

On January 22 they will begin reading *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund De Waal. This group meets weekly to read and discuss books selected by the group. Members rotate leading the discussions.

Wednesdays, beginning January 8
5:00–6:00 p.m. in P201

For more information please contact
Brooke Dixon at 770-587-2796
or e-mail jbdixon@bellsouth.net.



2013-2014 ALL SAINTS' CONCERT SERIES

Laura English-Robinson and Sam Hagan, Vocalists: *Together Again*



Two of All Saints' all-time beloved singers will pair their glorious voices once more in a program entitled *Together Again*. Long time parishioners will remember when they were soloists in our choir. Both Laura and Sam have had international careers, and this program of duets and solos promises to be a highlight of the concert series season. Don't miss the reunion of this wonderful pair!

Tuesday, January 21 ✚ 7:30 p.m. in the church

Tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 student/senior, and are available at the door, or charged online in advance at www.allsaintsatlanta.org (click on Music, then Concert Series).

Living the Good News Is Coming Introducing A New Curriculum For Our 3 and 4 Year Olds

This month, those who teach the 3 and 4 year old Little Saints class on Sunday morning will begin using lessons from Living the Good News. This curriculum is less than two years old and is written by a publishing house of the same name which has been writing lesson plans for children, youth and adults for more than 30 years. The lesson plans are comprehensive making it easy for adults to teach to children. The materials are colorful to catch the eye of preschool age children. There is a take home component for parents to help assist them in following up on what their children learned each week. This take home sheet can also be emailed to parents. And the lessons are

based on the three year cycle of lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary which means the parents will have heard the scriptures which the children's lesson will be based on. So, Little Saints parents, be watching for this wonderful new development in the Christian formation of your children. ✚

**Begins Sunday, January 5
10:20 a.m. in the Tent of Meeting room
Pritchett Center, second floor**

For more information contact The Rev'd Charles M. Girardeau at 404-267-4272 or cgirardeau@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Women, Save This Date!

This year's chair for the annual women's Lenten retreat, Lyn Haney, has a fabulous weekend planned at Kanuga Conference Center. This is the time to go and experience the beauty and serenity of Kanuga all to ourselves. The Rev'd Karen Evans will be leading our retreat this year and while we will explore *Journeying Through the Wilderness* with her, we will also have opportunity to explore the wilderness of the beautiful, breathtaking mountains and water surrounding Kanuga. Cabin gatherings, Hendersonville exploring, and maybe a little theatre at the Flat Rock Playhouse. Registration begins on February 1.

**Friday through Sunday ✚ March 28-30
Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, North Carolina**

For more information email Lyn Haney at lynrhaney@gmail.com.

January Youth & Children's Choir Schedules

cherub choir

Wednesday, January 8

First rehearsal of 2014

Epiphany Service
5:00 p.m. in the chapel

Sunday, January 26

Sing for 9:00 a.m. worship

Arrive at 8:15 a.m.

primary choir

Wednesday, January 8

First rehearsal of 2014

Epiphany Service
5:00 p.m. in the chapel

junior choir & handbells

Wednesdays,
January 8 and 29

Choir rehearsal
5:15-6:30 p.m.

No handbells

Wednesdays,
January 15 and 22

Regular rehearsal times:
Choir 5:15-6:00 p.m.
handbells 6:00-6:30 p.m.

youth choir & handbells

Sunday, January 5

First rehearsal of 2014
Regular rehearsal times:
Choir 4:15-5:00 p.m.
handbells 5:00-5:30 p.m.

Friday through Sunday,
January 31-February 2
Choir Trip to North Carolina

Questions?

Contact Karol Kimmell, director
karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Choir schedules are available
at [www.allsaintsatlanta.org/
music/childrens-and-youth-choirs](http://www.allsaintsatlanta.org/music/childrens-and-youth-choirs)

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and his relationship with Anne Boleyn and his relationship with Jane Seymour.

Wednesday, January 15
7:00 p.m. in the Skylight Room

For more information visit <http://allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/adult-formation/ongoing/novel-theology> or contact Jen Waters at faithhopelove42@yahoo.com.



The Singing Sisters

The Singing Sisters Choir from Ebenezer Baptist Church, directed by Laura English-Robinson, will be our guest choir January 19. This is the sixth year this women's choral ensemble has celebrated the Martin Luther King weekend and Ecumenical Sunday with us. Laura English-Robinson sang in the All Saints' Choir for over 20 years and teaches voice at Spelman College in Atlanta. We look forward to having Laura and The Singing Sisters with us again this year.

Sunday, January 19
9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services
in the church



Popcorn Theology

We'll start out the new year with *The Women on the 6th Floor*. Jean-Louis Joubert, living in 1960's Paris, thinks he knows what makes his life fulfilling – success in business and a stable daily routine – that is, until he meets someone who makes him question all of it.

How should we understand Joubert's *joie de vivre*? As always, we will have a thoughtful discussion after the movie.

Friday, January 21
7:00 p.m. in the Horseshoe Room

Your \$3 contribution covers liquid refreshments and, of course, popcorn.

For more information contact Tom Gartin at 916-300-5980 or tomgartin@gmail.com.

Safeguarding God's Children

Safeguarding God's Children is a training that specializes in prevention of sexual abuse of children, youth and adults. The Diocese of Atlanta expects all churches to teach their clergy, staff, volunteers, and church leaders in prevention. This three hour face-to-face training must be completed by all those who work with children and youth in this parish.

Wednesday, January 29
6:00–9:00 p.m., Tent of Meeting Room, second floor, Pritchett Center

Registration is necessary.

Please contact Chuck Girardeau at cgirardeau@allsaintsatlanta.org or 404-267-4272 to sign up for this training.

Coming Up in February

Book of Mormon at the Fox

All Saints' Art Theology group is off to the Fox Theatre for a Sunday matinee

performance of *Book of Mormon*. After the show we'll return to the church for reflection and discussion of the show with Rev'd Tim Black. Tim, an actor in his own right coupled with his theological studies will facilitate a compelling conversation for those who attend. Refreshments and lively discussion in the library immediately following the performance. We welcome those of you who have seen the show and would like to participate in the discussion that day.

Sunday, February 9
1:00 p.m. matinee performance
Meet at The Fox

Reception, discussion following
3:30 p.m. in the Eggleston Hall library

Tickets are \$80.00 and will be sold on a first come basis. Our group has a block of 20.

For more information contact Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Men's Retreat

A Men's retreat is being planned for late February. Plans are underway, participation and fun is encouraged. Cigars will be shared and fellowship abundant.

Friday through Sunday,
February 21–23

Firm commitments for the retreat are needed by January 15.

For more information contact Charlie Echols at 404-542-7301.

Gifts that Endure Over Time: All Saints' Cornerstone Society



Russ and Dori Wofford joined the Cornerstone Society as founding members ten years ago.

This young family is very involved in all aspects of All Saints'. According to Russ, "All Saints is such an important part of our lives! We joined Cornerstone to ensure that we can keep "giving greatly" to future generations that will inherit this marvelous place. By deepening our commitment we are acknowledging the many blessings we receive here." ✝

Consider adding All Saints' to your will or simply making the church a beneficiary of an IRA or an insurance policy.

Find out how to join the 165 current Cornerstone members; contact Winifred Davis, Chair of Planned Giving, wsd2500@earthlink.net or 404/233-4020.

Vestry Notes

From the meeting on November 18, 2013

The meeting began with a wonderful meditation given by Comer Yates about the Good Samaritan. An update was given on the Capital Campaign projects underway on the third floor Pritchett Center and on the church windows. Both are on schedule and in line with the budget. Michael Gragnani reported on the balance sheet and income statements noting we are still behind on pledge payments and that the \$200,000 line of credit at Sun Trust will be paid down by the end of the year. Total income is currently under budget. Announcements will be made soon about the changes to the vestry nomination process narrowing the slate from twelve

to six. Beth Blalock was elected to fulfill the unfinished term of Cappa Woodward.

The Vestry approved the \$10,000 Endowment Distribution for support for Education in the Diocese of Western Tanganyika and continuing relationship with that diocese. This request is funded from the vestry designated fund.

The minutes of the October 2013 vestry meeting were approved and the meeting was adjourned following a time of prayer.

*All vestry meetings are open
and meet at 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd floor
of the Parish House with dates announced
in The All Saints' Monthly.*

Transitions

Transfers In

Adam Fristoe

Greg Cole from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Florida

Transfers Out

Julia Spaht to St. James' Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Alyse Harral and Fuller Stevens to St. James' Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Robert Mathis to Christ Episcopal Church in Macon, Georgia

Chuck Chewing and John Gennuso to Christ Church Episcopal in Savannah, Georgia

Todd Thompson to St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bexley, Ohio

Carolle Perkins to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta

Baptisms

Tweed Augusta Fristoe, daughter of Adam and Ariel Fristoe

Eli Robert Lathan, son of Rob and Niki Lathan

Whitman Camp Lumpkin, son of Michael and Christin Lumpkin

Reid August Brisendine, son of Briley Brisendine and Elena Parent

Arden Gray Judith Poole, daughter of Josh Poole and Noelle Wojciehowski

Deaths

Martha Wells Mahood

january youth calendar

Sunday, January 5

Formation resumes

Confirmation Class 5
Hebrew Scriptures (The OT)

The Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare

Saturday, January 11

Youth Leadership Planning
Day at Tim's House

Sunday, January 12

Formation classes

Confirmation Class 6

The New Testament
The Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare

Wednesday, January 15

Winter Teacher Workshop 1
Creating Community

Sunday, January 19

Group formation class
Youth Lounge

Wednesday, January 22

Winter Teacher Workshop 2
Using Scripture

Thursday, January 23

Lunch with Tim
Atlanta Girl's School

Sunday, January 26

Formation classes

Confirmation Class 7

People of the Way –

The Early Church

The Rev'd Tim Black
Service Day

Visit Church of the

Common Ground

Meet in the Youth Lounge

12:20 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29

Winter Teacher Workshop 3
Safeguarding God's Children

Thursday, January 30

Youth Leadership meeting
6:00–9:00 p.m.

[www.allsaintsatlanta.org/
formation/youth-formation](http://www.allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/youth-formation)

JOIN ARTS & THEOLOGY AT THE FOX FOR THE BOOK OF MORMON

Sunday, February 9

1:00 p.m. matinee performance

Reception, discussion following

3:30 p.m. in the Egleston Hall library

**All Saints' Arts
Theology**

For more information contact Lauri Begley
at 404-267-4273 or lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org.

THE BOOK OF
MORMON



Earth Stewards Talk Trash

In a recent interview, Wendell Berry declared, “We don’t have a right to ask whether we’re going to succeed or not. The only question we have a right to ask is what’s the right thing to do? What does this earth require of us if we want to continue to live on it?” When you think about it, isn’t this principle at the core of our being as Christians?

Yet, if your experience is anything like mine, chances are that the ghosts of Christmas have left you with mounds of trash not to mention ‘thoughtful’ gifts that you have little use for. Somehow this seems to fly right in the face of “what this earth require[s] of us if we want to continue to live on it.” In fact, all this conspicuous consumption and the resulting detritus is probably not what we’d wished, but there it is. The question is what do we do about it?

In January, Earth Stewards will offer a Wednesday night series, *Talking Trash*, exploring how we can walk more lightly on the earth, by reducing, reusing and recycling. The discussions will feature hands on activities and guest speakers. The series will be followed up by a tour of a local recycling facility.

Wednesdays ✦ January 15, 22, and 29
7:00 p.m. in P303

January 15

Recycling Update, Jacquelyn Bridges,
Senior Recycling Coordinator, City of Atlanta

January 22

Composting Made Simple, Compost Wheels of Atlanta

January 29

WasteWise Audit, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light
will lead a hands on demonstration including a contest
during Wednesday Night Supper

JANUARY CALENDAR:

Saturday, January 26

Earth Stewards Brunch following Sunday School.
We’ll visit the Wrecking Bar, a farm-to-table brew pub
where All Saints’ own, Matt Crutchfield, serves as a cook.

Contact Marti Breen mbreen@c3marketing.com
or Deborah Gebhardt debgeb98@gmail.com for details.