


# the All Saints' Monthly

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

## Exciting Adult Christian Formation Opportunities Continue This Month

In August we introduced a new schedule of programs, offering opportunity for lectures and academic learning. This month we hit the ground running, continuing with our well received Preacher-Teacher Lecture Series, a few old favorites and a few new classes. We hope, as always, that everyone is able to find meaningful and engaging classes in this schedule and that you will engage the materials and subjects offered, engage each other, and engage God. ✝

### Jesus on the Front Page

Resumes Sunday, January 3; 10:20 a.m., P307

Every time we open the newspaper (or log on to our favorite news site) we are confronted with war, dissention, violence, and partisanship. In this ongoing discussion group, a facilitator will lead us to look at the news with an eye to better understanding each other, to opening channels of communication, to "praying the headlines".

### Great Music. Two Great Late Romantic Composers: Gustav Mahler and Richard Strauss

Sundays, January 3, 17, 24, 31;

10:20 a.m., Ross Room, with Bob Edge

Mahler and Strauss took Romanticism to its ultimate height, and concert audiences today revel in their excesses and the pure genius that went into their scores. The first two classes focus on the first two symphonies of Mahler, concluding with the breathtaking choral ending of Symphony No. 2, *The Resurrection*. The next three Sundays feature Strauss's spectacular tone poem *Ein Heldenleben* and his greatly loved opera *Der Rosenkavalier*. The goal of the class is to have fun while learning about some very serious music, and no musical acumen is necessary.

### Exploring God's Universe

Sundays, January 3, 17, 24, 31;

10:20 a.m., P305/306, with Bryan Vroon

This class will study the genius of God revealed in creation from plants, animals, and human brain biology to planets, stars, and the natural wonders of the Earth and cosmos. The class will attempt to set aside doctrinal assumptions

about God and explore what creation reveals about the power, character, and the "invisible mind" of God.

### Preacher-Teacher Series: The Reverend Dr. Euan Cameron Henry Luce III Professor of Reformation Church History

Sunday, January 10; 10:20 a.m., Ellis Hall

Euan Cameron was educated at Eton and Oxford. In 2002 he was appointed as the first Henry Luce III Professor of Reformation Church History at Union Theological Seminary in New York, with a concurrent appointment in the Department of Religion in Columbia University. From 2004 to 2010 he also served as Academic Vice-President in the seminary. During 2010/11, while on sabbatical leave, he held a fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford.

### Living Into Our Baptism

Sundays, January 17 through March 13 (except February 7);

10:20 a.m., P301, with Rebecca Parker

What keeps us from experiencing the gifts of the Spirit, what scripture calls "our inheritance as children of God?" Brene Brown, author of *The Gift of Imperfection*, says it is our fears, fear of not getting it right, fear of being found out, ...a long list. We live on "overwhelm" as a steady diet. In this class we will use Brown's book, CDs, and videos to explore the tools and guideposts for wholehearted living, our inheritance of Love.

*Rebecca Parker is the director of Mary & Martha's Place, a women's spiritual resource center in Atlanta and an affiliate of All Saints' for over 25 years.*

### The Gospel of Judas

Sundays, January 17, 24, 31; 10:20 a.m., Fireplace Room,

Tate Hall, with The Rev'd Noelle York-Simmons

The Gospel of Judas, a gnostic Gospe that is not part of our canon, documents Jesus's teaching about spiritual matters and cosmology. In this Gospel, Judas is the only one of Jesus's disciples who accurately understands the words of his master. What, if anything, can we learn from this extra-biblical text? Can we walk toward Holy Week with a new understanding of Judas?

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## All Saints' Episcopal Church

is a parish in the Diocese of Atlanta.

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Top left: On Advent 1 we prepared for the season by making Advent wreathes, eating grasshopper cookies, and viewing parishioners' nativity sets from around the world; Top right: We celebrated St. Nicholas Day Supper with a great feast in Ellis Hall, transformed into a winter wonderland; Bottom: Ray and Beth Chenault were honored at a luncheon commemorating 40 years of their great music ministry at All Saints'.

## Grace Notes

Grateful thanks to *Mittie and John Fox* along with *Brandon and Tom Tully* for a fantastically festive and fun St. Nicholas supper! The winter wonderland was gloriously awesome!

Thanks to *Emily Blakeslee, George Stradtman, Cullen Stradtman, Conard Henderson, and Nick Roberts* for helping with the craft tables at the Advent Event.



Much gratitude to *Beth Docka, Buck Winfield, Tom Tully, and Conard Henderson* for helping with and being a part of the St. Nicholas Program.

## Week One

Friday, January 1  
Church office closed

Sunday, January 3  
2 Christmas

Baptisms  
9:00 a.m. worship service  
in the church  
Adult Christian Formation  
10:20–11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 4

Monday Afternoon  
Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307  
Yoga  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Wednesday, January 6

Wednesday Morning  
Discussion Group  
10:00 a.m. in P307



Epiphany Worship Service  
5:00–6:00 in the chapel

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

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:00 p.m. in P202

## Week Two

Sunday, January 10  
1 Epiphany

Preacher-Teacher Lecture  
Series: Euan Cameron  
10:20–11:00 a.m., Ellis Hall  
Adult Christian Formation  
10:20–11:00 a.m.

Rhythms of Grace  
3:00 p.m. in the chapel

Monday, January 11

Monday Afternoon  
Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307  
Yoga  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Enquirers' Class  
6:00–8:00 p.m., Ross Room

Tuesday, January 12

Egg-Onomics Breakfast Series  
7:30 a.m. in Ellis Hall

Wednesday, January 13

Wednesday Morning  
Discussion Group  
10:00 a.m. in P307  
Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Jezebels Women's  
Reading Group  
5:00–6:15 p.m. in P201

Adolescence 101: Parenting  
5:15–6:15 p.m. in The Attic

Watching Planet Earth  
6:30–8:30 p.m., Ross Room

Exploring Faith Book Group  
7:00–8:30 p.m., Egleston library

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

## Week Three

Sunday, January 17  
2 Epiphany

The Singing Sisters  
9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship  
services in the church  
Adult Christian Formation  
10:20–11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 18

Church office closed  
Enquirers' Class  
6:00–8:00 p.m., Ross Room

Wednesday, January 20

Wednesday Morning  
Discussion Group  
10:00 a.m. in P307  
Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall

Jezebels Women's  
Reading Group  
5:00–6:15 p.m. in P201  
Adolescence 101: Parenting  
5:15–6:15 p.m. in The Attic

Watching Planet Earth  
6:30–8:30 p.m., Ross Room

Exploring Faith Book Group  
7:00–8:30 p.m., Egleston library

Contemplative Prayer  
7:00–8:30 p.m. in P202

Novel Theology  
7:00–8:30 p.m.  
Fireplace Room, Tate Hall

Thursday, January 21

Saints On Tap  
5:30–7:30 p.m. at  
Monday Night Brewing;  
Dinner Gathering  
7:30 p.m. at Yeah Burger

## Week Four

Sunday, January 24  
3 Epiphany

Adult Christian Formation  
10:20–11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 25

Monday Afternoon  
Study Group  
2:00–3:00 p.m. in P307  
Yoga  
2:00–3:00 p.m., Ross Room

Vestry meeting  
4:30 p.m. Eucharist  
in the chapel; meeting  
follows in P305/306

Enquirers' Class  
6:00–8:00 p.m., Ross Room

Wednesday, January 27  
Wednesday Night Supper  
5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall  
See Wednesday, January 13  
for class and group schedule

Sunday, January 31  
4 Epiphany

Adult Christian Formation  
10:20–11:00 a.m.

**L'AISSÉZ**  
*les bon temps*  
**ROULER!**

Celebrate  
**Mardi Gras with us!**

Tuesday, February 9

Watch for details soon!

## january children's formation schedule

Date	Children's Church (K-3rd, 9 a.m.)	Formation Classes (K-3, 10:20 a.m.)	Connect (4/5 grade, 10:20 a.m.)
Sunday, January 3	to the Church at the Peace	Jesus is Born	Freedom: Moses
Sunday, January 10	to the Church at the Peace	Jesus is Born	Freedom: Exodus
Sunday, January 17	Eucharist in Children's Chapel	Jesus is Born	Freedom: Wilderness
Sunday, January 24	to the Church at the Peace	Baby Moses	Freedom: Commandments
Sunday, January 31	to the Church at the Peace	Baby Moses	Freedom: Promised Land



Dear All Saints' Family,

Words are simply inadequate to properly express to each of you our appreciation for these 40 years of ministry in this parish – our dear All Saints' Family.

The beautiful luncheon on December 6 in Ellis Hall following the 11:15 a.m. service, with the splendid All Saints' Choir and orchestra presenting J. S. Bachs Advent Cantata, *Come, Savior of the Gentiles*, and Michael Crowe's beautiful new hymn, was a great beginning to a very special day. The champagne reception outside in the beautiful new Kennedy courtyard on such a gorgeous sunny day was the perfect segue into the luncheon.

The spectacular meal, the beautiful flowers, the memorable slide show of pictures, the lovely tributes by Harry Pritchett, Martha Sterne, Michael Crowe, and Geoffrey Hoare, plus having all of you with us, will live in our hearts for many years. Many thanks to the vestry and parish for the unexpected monetary gift, which will be applied to our trip to France next summer.

Looking over the sea of faces that day brought back so many memories and special thoughts about each of you – how you have touched our lives in and around our music making at All Saints' these forty years. Truly, this celebration and these forty years are a great testament to what all of us have done together for the Glory of God.

Thank you, All Saints' parishioners, the vestry, the clergy, the choristers, and the staff, for your love and support, and for being with us on this amazing journey. You have blessed us 40 times 40.

May we have many more years together. Thanks be to God! ✚

With love and thanks,

Ray & Beth Chenault

## Coming Up

### Twelfth Night Epiphany Worship and Wednesday Night Supper

See page 5 for details.

**Wednesday, January 6**  
**Epiphany worship service**  
**5:00 p.m. in the chapel**  
**Epiphany supper celebration**  
**Immediately following in Ellis Hall**

### Adult Pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago

See details on page 7.

### Break Bread With The Men Of Covenant Community

For the past 20 years, All Saints' parishioners have provided dinner on Monday nights for the Covenant Community residents. This tradition means so much to the men of this residential drug treatment facility. Bring dinner yourself or with family, with friends or co-workers. What a great way to say thank you!

**Mondays, January 18**  
To volunteer or for information, contact Barbara Blender at 404-520-2479 or [bblender@bellsouth.net](mailto:bblender@bellsouth.net).



**Egg-Onomic Breakfast Series:**  
**Paedia Mixon,**  
**Chief Executive Officer,**  
**New American Pathways**

Paedia is a recognized leader in the refugee community. Under her leadership, New American Pathways resettlement program has been recognized nationally as one of the most successful in the country, placing 80% of refugees in jobs within their first six months of resettling in the U.S. Before RRISA and RFS merged to become New American Pathways, Paedia served for four years as RRISA's Executive Director. She rose from a program-management role to lead

RRISA successfully through a financial and program restructure that saw the organization expand beyond resettlement services alone. Earlier in her career, Paedia served in fundraising and program roles at Junior Achievement Worldwide, the Carter Center, and Catholic Social Services. She has a Master's degree in International Affairs and Development from Clark University, and a BA in International Relations from Georgia State University.

**Tuesday, January 12**  
**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. 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](mailto:lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org).



### The Singing Sisters from Ebenezer Baptist Church

The Singing Sisters will be our guest choir on Sunday, January 17. Directed by Laura English-Robinson, Voice Professor at Spelman College and former All Saints' Church soprano soloist, the women's ensemble will sing spirituals that will commemorate the MLK Jr. holiday. We look forward to having Laura and the Singing Sisters return to All Saints' for this longtime and most treasured tradition.

**Sunday, January 17**  
**9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services**  
**in the church**

### Novel Theology

*Prague Cemetery*, by Umberto Eco  
Umberto Eco's sixth novel, *Prague Cemetery*, delves into the questions of facts and fictions. Part true story of a "farrago of fiction, plagiarism and

hoax' (Rebecca Newberger Goldstein review, *New York Times*, November 18, 2011) and part fictional account, Eco's novel demonstrates the ways in which some fictions pervade history and with devastating consequences. Please join *Novel Theology* for a great discussion.

Facilitator: Robert Higdon

**Wednesday, January 20**

**7:00 p.m., Fireplace Room, Tate Hall**

Please note our new meeting location.

For more information visit

<http://allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/adult-formation/ongoing/novel-theology> or contact Jen Waters at [faithhopelove42@yahoo.com](mailto:faithhopelove42@yahoo.com).

## Coming in February

### Mardi Gras Supper and Burning of the Palms

Listen to the music of a Dixie Land Jazz band as we "fatten up" on a New Orleans style supper on the night before Lent begins. Pancakes will also be available.

**Tuesday, February 9**

**5:00–7:00 p.m. in Ellis Hall**

Watch for details to come!

By reservation only. To RSVP or for more information contact Lauri Begley at 404-267-4273 or [lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:lbegley@allsaintsatlanta.org).

## Twelfth Night: Epiphany Service and Wednesday Night Supper Celebration



One Gift Out – if they get three new toys for Christmas, they will give three of their older toys to someone who isn't getting gifts. If they get two new outfits, they will give two outfits from their closet to someone who needs them. The children felt empowered to be disciples of Christ and walk in His ways. We invite you to join us in this practice. Bins for your donations will be in the back of the chapel before the service.

**Epiphany worship service**

**Wednesday, January 6**

**5:00 p.m. in the chapel**

(between children's choir practices)

In some Christian churches, the liturgical celebration of the Christmas season begins on December 25 and concludes 12 days later on Epiphany. Twelfth Night, the last day of the 12-day Christmas season, is often celebrated with food, music and merriment. On this special night of celebration enjoy a hearty meal, wonderful fellowship, and of course, King Cake.

**Epiphany supper celebration**

**Immediately following in Ellis Hall**

Reservations are needed for this supper. RSVP at the Parish Life Table on Sunday mornings or anytime on our website at [www.allsaintsatlanta.org](http://www.allsaintsatlanta.org).

Join us this month for an Epiphany worship service with a procession of the Bethlehem star and three magi bearing gifts to the Christ child in the manger, followed by a special Epiphany Wednesday Night Supper and celebration fit for a king!

This year, Children's Formation would like to invite everyone, young and old, to bring "gifts" of your gently used clothing to be given to Threads and local shelters.

Our children have been learning about a One-In-One-Out philosophy in Children's Church. We have talked about how lucky we are to have our needs met and most of our wants satisfied and the children realize that a lot of the world is not so lucky. As we always try to move children from talk to action, from hearing the word to living the word, we asked them what they could do for others. They decided on One Gift In,

## January Youth & Children's Choir Schedules

### rehearsals

**Sunday, January 9**

NO Youth Rehearsals

**Wednesday, January 6**

Wednesday rehearsals resume

5:00 p.m. Epiphany worship service in the chapel

**Wednesdays,**

**January 6, 13, 20, 27**

Junior Choir later rehearsal, 5:15–6:15 p.m. in preparation for Musical. No handbells.

**Sundays,**

**January 10, 17, 24, 31**

All Youth Choir rehearses 4:30–6:00 p.m. in preparation for February Savannah trip; no handbells.

### singing dates

**Sunday, January 31**

Primary Choir (1st–2nd) sings

9:00 a.m. worship service in the church; please arrive at 8:15 a.m.

Questions?

Contact Karol Kimmell, director [karolkimmell@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto: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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Wednesday Morning Discussion Group

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Wednesdays, resuming January 6; 10:00–11:30 a.m., P307, with The Rev'd Dr James M Donald, facilitator

Join the Rev'd Jim Donald for this weekly discussion of a book of the group's choosing. Topics often reflect current events and their intersections with theology. Sense of humor required.

Contemplative Prayer

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Wednesdays beginning January 6;

7:00–8:00 p.m., P202, with Gretchen Chateau

*Be still and know that I am God.* —Psalm 46:10. Learn about the centuries-old practice of this type of prayer, avail ourselves of readings for reflection and discussion, and set aside time to engage in the discipline of centering prayer, offering another way to build communities of faith that bond us in mutual friendship and Christ's love. All are welcome, from novices to longtime practitioners.

For more information contact Gretchen Chateau at [jetteyeknight@hotmail.com](mailto:jetteyeknight@hotmail.com).

Adult Enquirers' Class

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Mondays, January 11 through February 29;

6:00–8:00 p.m., P301, with The Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare

For anyone seeking to be baptized as an adult, looking to join the Episcopal Church, or simply needing a refresher course, join The Rev'd Geoffrey Hoare and other clergy for this informative class. A class retreat is scheduled for March 4–6 at Montara Farm in north Georgia.

To sign up contact Pat Kiley at [patkiley@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:patkiley@allsaintsatlanta.org) or 404-267-4265. There is a \$25 class fee and childcare is available upon request.

Jezebels: All Saints' Women's Book Study

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Resumes Wednesday, January 13 (except February 10);

5:00–6:00 p.m., P201, with Brooke Dixon

Each Wednesday evening, parishioner Brooke Dixon leads the Jezebels through the study of a book of common interest. This month they will begin discussing the book of Genesis, using the following outline: The Sovereign Call of God, Gen. 1:1–11:1–9 (January 13); The Abraham Narrative, Gen. 11:30–25:18 (January 20); The Jacob Narrative, Gen. 25:19–36:43 (January 27); and The Joseph Narrative, Gen. 37:1–50:15–26 (February 3). Consider joining this wonderful group. Any woman is welcome to join at any time!

Questions? Email Brooke Dixon at [jbtdixon@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbtdixon@bellsouth.net), or email Mimi Spang at [mimispang@comcast.net](mailto:mimispang@comcast.net).

Adolescence 101 Parents Group

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Wednesdays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3;

5:00–6:00 p.m., The Attic, with The Rev'd Tim Black

We will meet over four Wednesdays to discuss a variety of topics and issues that will help you in your journey parenting an adolescent human!

Watching Planet Earth

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Wednesdays, January 13 through February 24

(except February 10, Ash Wednesday); 6:30 p.m.,

Ross Room, with The Rev'd Noelle York-Simmons

The multipart documentary Planet Earth is a feast for the eyes and a fascinating glimpse into parts of our planet that most of us will never get to experience. Each night, we will watch a 50 minute episode then discuss what we've seen and how we can see God in the world around us.

Exploring Faith Together

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Wednesdays beginning January 13;

7:00–8:30 p.m., P201, with The Rev'd Tim Black

Theology matters. What we think and how we think about God and Jesus shapes how we live in community with one another and how we live our lives. Together, we will be reading and discussing enjoyable, theologically-centered works by a variety of new and familiar voices. Every month we will focus on a different book, beginning with *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Each group meeting will end with Night Prayers or Compline and will feature a variety of facilitators from the community during the year. All are welcome.

Novel Theology

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Meets the third Wednesday of each month, beginning

January 20; 7:00–8:00 p.m., Fireplace Room, Tate Hall

Literature lends shape to our understanding of ideas like love, compassion, forgiveness, and redemption. In other words, those markers we encounter in following Christ. This month we begin with *Prague Cemetery* by Umberto Eco (see details in Coming Up on page 4), and we'll also tackle works by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Philip K. Dick, James McBride and Jennifer Haigh. All are welcome to join us for any or all of our book discussions this coming year.

For more information visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/adult-formation/weekdays/#Wednesday](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/adult-formation/weekdays/#Wednesday), or contact Jen Waters at [faithhopelove42@yahoo.com](mailto:faithhopelove42@yahoo.com).

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For more information about Adult Christian Formation contact The Rev'd Noelle York Simmons at [Noelle@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:Noelle@allsaintsatlanta.org) or visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/formation/) for information about all of our formation classes.

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10. For a schedule of all of our worship services on Ash Wednesday and throughout the Lenten season visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/news-events/liturgical-calendar/#Lent](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/news-events/liturgical-calendar/#Lent).

## Vestry Notes

*From the meeting on November 16, 2015*

The vestry welcomed James Wells, President of Canterbury Court as a guest. Geoffrey asked the vestry to introduce themselves to James. James provided a brief introduction about his background and how he came to his current position. He then offered some remarks about his work. He stated he has a passion for creating communities for people in their 70s, 80s, and 90s. James doesn't believe in using words like "retirement," but instead views this as a third phase in life. In closing, James stated it is important to recognize the value humans have in all stages and phases of their lives.

Next month, the vestry will need to vote to purchase the remaining three parcels on the block. The vestry will also need to explore financing options for this purchase. At this point, the most likely financing option would be a loan from Atlantic Capital. It has no prepayment penalty and

very favorable terms. The vestry engaged in a discussion regarding potential tenants, including a training restaurant, space for non-profits and/or a bunk space for groups looking for temporary space. Ultimately, decisions as to use may relate back to the financing option and how much money we would need to secure from the property annually to pay off the debt. The longer term vision has not emerged in sharp detail and will continue to be discussed.

The vestry received a report on the Annual Canvass. As of the first week of November, we have received 576 pledges totaling \$2.2 million. Last year at this time we had 628 pledges and \$2.3 million.

The meeting was then adjourned following a time of prayer.

*All vestry meetings are open and meet at 4:30 p.m. in P305/306 of the Parish House with dates announced in The All Saints' Monthly.*

## Transitions

### Transfers In

*Tom Harvey and Greg Coffman from FUMC of Westfield, New Jersey*

### Transfers Out

*Eliza and Fiona Kate Isham to The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta  
Lin and Adrienne Holcomb to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Milton, Georgia  
Hunt, Susan, Hunter, Burton, Sutton and Hannah Dunlap to The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta*

### Weddings

*J. Gladney and Bo Kersey at All Saints'  
Loretta Pinkston and Helen Pope Taylor at All Saints'  
Pattie Williams and Beth Curtis at All Saints'*

### Confirmations

*Loretta Pinkston-Pope  
Buddy Parker*

## Adult Pilgrimage: Camino de Santiago

As we continue to focus our adult formation on the spiritual practices that shape our lives, this year, we will take a pilgrimage to walk a portion of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, an important pilgrim's way since the Middle Ages. Our group will begin in Sarria and end at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, walking the pilgrim's road every day, staying in small towns at night. If you are interested in learning more about

this adventure (June 19–29), please plan to attend one of our information sessions to learn more about our route, distances, cost and details of the journey.

**Interest and informational sessions:**  
**Sunday, January 10, 12:30 p.m., P301**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 p.m., P301**  
Questions? Contact The Rev'd Noelle York-Simmons at [Noelle@allsaintsatlanta.org](mailto:Noelle@allsaintsatlanta.org).

## January youth calendar

*Sunday, January 3*

Group Youth Formation  
Doughnuts and Devotional  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

*Friday, January 8*

6–8 Grade Attic Invasion  
6:00–9:00 p.m. in The Attic

*Sunday, January 10*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic  
Confirmation Gathering 5  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic  
YLC Meeting  
12:30–1:30 p.m. in The Attic

*Sunday, January 17*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

*Sunday, January 24*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic  
Confirmation Gathering 6  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic

*Saturday, January 30*

9–12 Grade Open Mic Night  
6:00–9:00 p.m. in The Attic

*Sunday, January 31*

Youth Formation  
10:20 a.m. in The Attic  
2016–2017 Pilgrimage  
Leadership Meeting  
12:30 p.m. in The Attic  
All Saints Youth Community  
(AYC) for 7–12 Grade  
6:00–7:30 p.m. in The Attic

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## Greetings from Kasulu

Dear Fr. Geoffrey,

Last Friday was the colleges graduation day where 57 students (priests) received their certificates and diplomas. It was such a wonderful day filled with joyous voices. We began with procession from the college to the Cathedral and back to college compound. We mentioned and honored you on behalf of All Saints' parish for your generous support and contribution. Much of what we have been doing and we do here such as running the school and educating our priests, you have played a great role. I am so thankful for your prayers and support. I will send pictures taken during the event for your memories. I will also attach a copy of your certificate of honor. I will bring a hard copy when I come to Atlanta.

Also on graduation day, the college was given a new name and upgraded to theological college. Now it is to known as LAKE TANGANYIKA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. I want to thank everyone who has contributed up to this stage. Many bishops here are impressed with the development of the seminary and are interested in bringing students. This year we have seven students from Moravian church. I can see a good future of the college. The most challenge we face is getting qualified teachers especially with master and bachelor degrees.

Have a joyous Advent Season,

Emmanuel ✝



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