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## **New River Regional Ministry**

## A summer to remember





It was a busy summer of fun activities for members of the New River Regional Ministry. (clockwise from right) A "Fun Day" of paddleboarding; Centro children participating in Aprendo porque Juego went on several field trips, including to the Fort Lauderdale Airport; youth and adults from All Saints, St. Ambrose, and the Centro attended Youth Week at Kanuga, an Episcopal Church retreat center in North Carolina; all ages joined in for a day of fishing followed by a fish fry dinner.







## **Crossing a Mud Hole**



It seems that the golden rule in the fine print of outdoor life is that the best fishing spots are always on the other side of a 'truck-eating' mud hole. Therefore, one of the important skills required to come of age in Central Alabama is learning how to drive through mud holes without getting stuck. These are the primary skills one must develop if one is to get through the mud hole to one of those sought after spots, and

then back home in time for dinner:

#1 Have a pretty good idea that the mud hole has a bottom. A pretty good indicator of that is

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that others have crossed it before you. Their tracks will provide that evidence.

#2 Get a good rolling start with some momentum built up.

#3 But not too fast because speed could cause you to lose control and run into a deeper spot. Remember the mud hole is where it is because this is

where you can get across. If there were a better place to cross, the mud hole would be there and not here.



#4 Keep yourself headed toward the other side the best that you can, but don't over-steer. The ruts will pull you back and forth, but, generally guide you where you're going. Remember, others have crossed here.

#5 Don't get scared and stop in the middle of the mud hole. You are guaranteed to get stuck doing that! After you're in it the only way out is through it. There is no way you can back up.

#6The wheels will spin and the steering will jump back and forth. The mud will try to bog you down, but a calm, even touch on the steering wheel and accelerator will generally get you through.

#7 Finally, remember, that everyone gets stuck every-once-in-a-while. When it happens to you, swallow your pride, step out into the knee deep mud, walk back to the farmer's house and ask him to pull you out with his tractor. He was probably watching you anyway. He may make some fun of you, but he'll always help.

#8 Oh yes, and the most important thing: the only people who never experience the wonder of fishing in that special spot are those who do not have enough courage and vision to cross the mud hole. They never get stuck, but then they never get to the fishing hole either.

Looking out at America and the world, we seem to be sitting in our old beat up pickup truck contemplating the challenge of a great-big-ole mud hole:

- Sudan
- Syria
- A decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, with over 6,000 U.S. military service personnel killed, and 20 times that many physically and emotionally scarred for life, and an unfunded expense in our national budget of well over a trillion dollars. Then Tuesday's (8/16/11) headlines read: "A wave of coordinated bombings across Iraq on Monday left at least 74 people dead while wounding 250 others. Explosives were detonated in 17 places, and there were reports of insurgent gunfire in many areas of the country."
- On the same day it was reported that 32 U.S. military service personnel committed suicide in the month of July of this year
  - Global financial crisis
  - The DOW, drama queen of economic indicators,

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### **Foyer Dinners are back**

Foyer Dinners are a wonderful way for us to get to better know other members of the New River Regional Ministry and to just have plain fun! This fall, the foyer groups will include members from All Saints, Saint Ambrose and the Centro.

Once you (singles or couples) sign up to participate in our Foyer Dinners, you will be assigned to a group of people, some of whom you may not know as well as others. Groups are limited to six people so that there can be "good" conversation. Also, most people's homes or apartments are able to accommodate this size group.

By signing up to participate in a Foyer Dinner group, you are

committing to three dinners in your group members' homes (no restaurants, please!) over a two to three month period. In other words, one dinner per month.

Sign up continues through Sunday, September 18. Sign-up sheets will be available at both All Saints and Saint Ambrose. You may also sign up any time before September 18 by emailing chuck@chuckebert.net.

Once the sign up period has ended, you will be notified of your group by the end of September. Within your group, you will organize your first Foyer Dinner (or Brunch) to be held sometime in the first half of October. Then your group will plan two additional dinners during the second half



of October, November and early December. Groups should complete their dinners by mid December. We will begin a new series of Foyer Dinners, with different groups, in 2012!

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is way up one day and way down the next

- Paralyzed Congress
- Polarized national discourse
- Slash Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security
- Privatize Education
- Tax the super wealthy
- Residential real estate values continue to slide
- Home foreclosures continue at a nauseating rate
- Tens of thousands have been out of work more than two years
- Actual unemployment rate estimated to be near 18%
- Unemployment rates for sub-groups of women, Blacks, and Hispanics are even higher
- In half the states, more than 20% of children under age six are growing up in poverty
- 28% percent of poor children in Florida and Texas lack health insurance

Now that is one heck of a mud hole!

We can stay on this side of it and just give up on getting to the other side. Problem with that is, it appears we have already driven ourselves into it. What's worse, some days it seems like we may already be bogging down. On really bad days, it seems like we are hopelessly stuck.

At times like these, it is critical to follow the rules of crossing mud holes that require us to hold on faithfully, courageously, to our goal of getting to the other side; to use every fiber of wisdom and experience we have acquired. Especially keep Rule #8 in mind.

Most of all, at times such as this time, to remember that there is a Farmer, the Cosmic Proprietor of this place we call home, who will come out with her tractor and help us.

If we are to get to the other side of the mud hole we must be willing to accept the risks involved in crossing it. By-the-way, the Holy Bible is, basically, an extensive compilation of stories about people of curiosity, courage and faith, of mud holes, and amazing places to go fishing . . . and the Farmer.

Peace,



### We reap what we sow

by Angela Cortiñas



This past June, I, along with two other adults from All Saints and St. Ambrose, took seven of our youth, along with over 150 other youth from this diocese, to the National Episcopal Retreat Center called Kanuga in Hendersonville NC. While the kids enjoyed their amazing week; I attended a week of discussion about a new book titled Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church by Kenda

Creasy Dean, who is a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Most of us are what Dean calls, "almost Christian." Dean argues passionately that the faith of the average American Christian teen is only a pale, watered-down version of the robust faith it could be. The book draws on extensive research and impressive analysis. Almost Christian is a prophetic call to Christian action for parents, youth ministers, pastors, and congregations to live a vibrant, contagious faith alongside today's youth. This book has the potential to change the lives of those ready to empower today's youth to move beyond nominal Christianity into a life transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.

When I returned from North Carolina with our Youth back in June. I saw seeds planted in their hearts and in their faith. I saw kids who were resistant to going before we left but by the end of the week they could not wait to return next year. So what are we going to do about that? Will we nurture and grow those seeds or just let them wither and dry out?



Believe me, these seeds will wither and die if not nurtured and cared for. I promise to continue to do what God and this Church has called me to do. I promise I will continue to try new things and to pray that the Spirit work in my, yours, and our children's hearts. I promise to do all these things, but I need help.

I need everyone who worships at St. Ambrose, All Saints and the Centro to talk to the kids. Talk to our youth, engage them in conversation, and let them express their doubts and hopes. Engage that conversation, wherever it leads.

Ask them how they are, ask them why they go to church. If they went to Kanuga ask them why they went on the trip, ask them what they liked most, how they saw God at work there and in them. Ask them what they liked about the sermon preached on Sunday. Create rituals and traditions at home. Have dinner together! Say a prayer together. When they come home from school, ask them how they saw God at work during their day. Share your stories; share your God moments with each other.

When it comes to apathetic and devoid Christianity, I can tell you with all my resolve that our children, our youth, are not the problem but rather the church is the problem. But more important than noting that we are the problem is that we also are the solution. The big question is: will we do something about it? If we reap what we sow and if we get what we put into it, then what are we gonna do about it?



Above: Emily Evans from St. Ambrose and Julian Ukiomogbe from All Saints

Left: White water rafting on the Nantahala River, NC, Pictured are Rev. Angela Cortinas (ASEC), Victoria Fletcher (ASEC), Adrian Hernandez, Jackson Smith (ASEC), Armando Barron (Centro) and James Meyerson (ASEC)

## NRRM Parents Group to form

We are gathering ideas for meetings and activities for a Parents Group. Some ideas are listed below. Please consider them and send your suggestions to



Angela at angela@allsaintsfl.org. Let us know what times you'd like to meet, too. This gathering would be open to any parent, whether your child is 2 or 12 or you are a mom or dad.

- Quarterly dinner get-togethers at the church or in our homes, just for good fellowship
- A monthly group to discuss topics ranging from stresses to everyday spirituality to expressing feeling and values.
- Book club—books dealing with parenting challenges, our children's faith and other related subjects.

The New River Regional Ministry Youth program includes youth from St. Ambrose, the



Centro, and All Saints. We hold monthly opportunities for outreach, fellowship and worship. During our time together our youth build community with one another, with the Episcopal Church and with the wider community. All middle school and high school teens are invited to participate.

Second Saturday Outreach days are planned monthly. Your teens are given the opportunity to help at local churches and other outreach centers while also accumulating needed service hours. The youth are also invited to participate in Diocesan youth events, Kanuga Youth Conference, fundraising opportunities to attend trips and mission trips. Scholarships are available for those who need help, however youth are expected to help in fundraising efforts throughout the year to be considered.

Please contact the Rev. Angela Cortinas if you are interested in getting your child involved or if you wish to help with this ministry.

### **Becoming a Deacon**

by the Reverend Todd Hoover

What a beautiful ordination and thanks to all who helped and attended and have supported my ministry during these years. I am truly blessed. I am serving full time in a nonpaid curate position at St. Mary Magdalene in Coral Springs for probably a year. It is a wonderful, warm, prayerful parish. They have spiritually embraced me.



I am making pastoral calls and assisting in the Saturday and Sunday worship services. At first I was fumbling at the table (the altar) as to what goes where and when but I am gradually learning the nuances of three different services. I have already given a sermon.

One of the deacon's primary roles is to bring the needs of the community to the parish. On the second Sunday of each month, the parish of St. Mary Magdalene provides lunch and a Eucharist service for the homeless at St. Laurence Chapel. I preach at that service also.

There's no shortage of work; everywhere I look there's an opportunity for ministry. I participated in four funerals in two weeks. I miss everyone at All Saints and thanks for all the inquiries. And I must be changing as I haven't told a joke yet! I'll see you soon.



Todd Hoover and Susan Beebe (from St. Gregory's, Boca Raton) are ordained to the transitional diaconate by the Right Reverend Leo Frade on June 22, 2011

## Centro

### Aprendo Porque Juego Blew Us Away—Again!

by Rosa Lindahl Mallow



The summer program of Aprendo Porque Juego ended on August 12, after an action-packed six weeks. We served over 40 children (doubling our size for the second year in a row). Twenty seven volunteers participated in the program, clocking over 712 hours. We had more high school volunteers than ever, including one young woman who is active in the youth group of the Broward Deanery. The

impact could also be measured by the scores of our participants on a standardized test they took before and after the 6-week course. All of them showed improvement and test scores improved on average by 22.8 percentage points. But all these numbers really don't tell the story. Here is one little



Graduation Day at Aprendo porque Juego

slice of that time that may explain more about the lives that are changed by Aprendo porque Juego.

Lee Arnette and I met "L" when she was four years old. A sweet, beautiful child, she was also non-verbal. Over the course of the past four years, many of our volunteers have worked with her. We have advocated on her behalf to ensure that she got speech therapy and I have sat in with her mom for "L's" IEP (Individualized Education Plan) meetings since she qualifies as a special needs child in the public school system. About four weeks into our summer program, Chuck Ebert, one of the

founding volunteers of this program came to see me at the end of the day. He had tears in his eyes as he explained that that morning, while he was working with her, "L" wrote her first-ever complete sentence with no help from anybody. Such a small step forward. Such life-changing gift—for both her and for Chuck. We stand on holy ground with these children and volunteers and marvel at the ways of God's grace and goodness in the world.

#### **Welcome Diana!**

We are so pleased to announce that Diana Fajardo, one of the founding members of the Centro, is now working 15 hours a week with us, coordinating our family strengthening programs. In this position, Diana helps families apply for food stamps and coordinates with social service agencies to ensure that our families get the support they need to thrive.

The adult literacy and ESL program that was started at St. Ambrose is continuing to grow and Diana is playing an important role, serving as liaison between the students and the teachers, and the program lead, Cheryl Virgin, who does a careful evaluation of each new student before the start the program. In the next few months, we also hope to start a bilingual parenting program that will be available to Centro and St. Ambrose

Finally, Diana has very quickly realized that even the people in greatest need that she serves have a wealth of gifts, skills and talents. We expect that some kind of empowerment/small business incubator program will eventually be another key part of this ministry.

Preschool parents.

Diana is a native of Colombia, trained in journalism. She has been in this country for twelve years and is the very proud mama of Maria Camila.



New Centro staff member Diana Fajardo

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### Aprendo porque Juego a special blessing to volunteers

by Jack Gillis

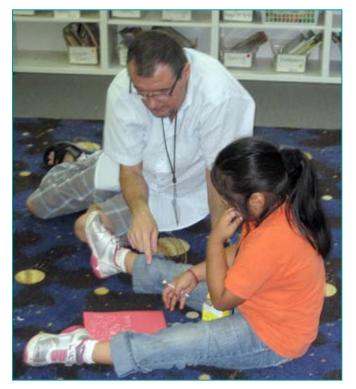
This year I was blessed with the chance to volunteer at Aprendo porque Juego, the summer reading program at Centro Hispano de Todo los Santos. It was an experience I will cherish for years and one I hope to repeat in the future.

The class I was involved in was the younger age group of the two classes, mostly five and six year olds. One of the daily activities is reading to a buddy, and the teachers and the volunteers roam around and check on the progress. On the last day, an older boy was reading to a younger one (who doesn't really read yet), the book, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See? When the older boy finished the book, I tried to get the younger boy to recognize some of the letters and small words. He did not fare too well, but to my surprise, he "read" me the entire book, based on the pictures, pointing to the words as he went along. When I informed the teacher about this, she was very pleased and let me know that this was a vast improvement for this boy since his arrival six weeks earlier. At that time, he had not wanted to participate in any of the reading activities at all.

My most personal moment came after the graduation ceremony, when everyone was leaving. I waved to one of the students as they were getting into their car, and he said to his mother, "Mami, es mi maestro!" which means, Mommy, it's my teacher. I was volunteer and not a teacher, but I was overjoyed and humbled that he considered me one, even though I had only been in the class for a few days.



Twenty-seven volunteers provided 712 hours of service for the summer Aprendo porque Juego program at Centro/St. Ambose. Above, Doris Cotnoir of St. Ambrose. At left, Jack Gillis, and below, Greg Moore, both from All Saints.





## Music programs bring joy and beauty to our worship and to the wider community

by Daniel Copher, Organist/Choirmaster

All Saints music ministry strives to bring sacred music's beauty, joy and universal language to our liturgical celebrations and to our greater community. There are multiple facets in the upcoming season helping to accomplish this goal.

#### **Sunday Liturgies and Liturgical Choir**

Terrific music is ahead as we prepare for the Centennial and the Holiday Season. Great congregational singing is a hallmark of All Saints. This will be further enhanced with the introduction



of some new descants. The Liturgical Choir begins their diligent rehearsals right after Labor Day with the introduction of several new works including:

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace – arr. Moses Hogan

God Be in My Head – Andrew Carter

Zion's Walls - Aaron Copland

Cherubim Song (No. 7) – Dmitri Bortniansky

Ave Maria – Javier Busto

Beautiful Savior – arr. F. Melius Christensen (revised by son O. C. Christensen)

In Remembrance – Jeffery Ames

This is the Day which the Lord Hath Made – John Rutter

Ubi caritas – Paul Mealor

(The last two anthems are from the Royal Wedding of the now Duke and Duchess of Cambridge)

New choir members are always invited to join. See the choirmaster or any of the choir members for more information. If not in the choir, sing heartily from the pew!

#### Bells needed - Processional bell tree

The Worship Committee is in process of constructing a PROCESSIONAL BELL TREE to commemorate the Centennial. Our goal is to have a processional banner of 100 small bells strung on beautiful ribbons to honor each year of All Saints. Please consider donating a small (to tiny) noisy bell to add to our collection. See Daniel Copher, Cynthia Floria, or Carol Nissen for more information and/or to donate a bell.

#### **RiverSounds**

Another amazing year is in store for the All Saints Concert Series, RIVERSOUNDS. Returning artists include Seraphic Fire, Delray String Quartet, and Florida Singing Sons Boychoir, and Roger Rundle (piano) and Ian Maksin (cello). New artists include Marta Milosevic-Brankovic (piano), PULSE Chamber Music, The Girl Choir of South Florida, and the South Florida Symphony. Not to be missed is an ECW sponsored February production of Murder in the Cathedral. WOW – what a season! RIVERSOUNDS has been a splendid opportunity for outreach and evangelization to the greater Fort Lauderdale community. We had over 6,000 people come through our door last season. Help us welcome all of these people by attending and greeting them at these wonderful musical events. You will be inspired!

NOTE: We make every effort to keep our concert audiences comfortable. Our air-conditioned setting is sometimes too cool for a few (one temperature is not agreeable to all). This season we would like to offer small blankets to those who get chilled. Please consider donating a small, washable blanket (think airline blanket in the good ol' days).



The Girl Choir of South Florida is one of the several new artists joining **RiverSounds** for the 2011-2012 season.



## Opening concerts of the 2011-2012 Season

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday – September 13, 2011

7 p.m. wine & cheese - 7:30 p.m. Concert

#### **SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY**

Autumn Opus: Cello Quintet Franz Schubert: Cello Quintet

Luigi Boccherini: Cello Quintet in C Major Tickets: \$35 ~ includes pre-concert wine & cheese

champagne & dessert following concert
954-522-8445 and available at the door

Season Tickets available ~ \$150 (Five Concerts)

#### **OCTOBER**

#### Tuesday – October 4, 2011 – 7 p.m. SOUTH FLORIDA SYMPHONY

Autumn Opus: String Quartet

Ludwig van Beethoven: String Quartet in

A Minor, Opus 132

Hugo Wolf: Italian Serenade

Tickets: \$35 ~ includes pre-concert wine & cheese champagne & dessert following concert

954-522-8445 and available at the door

Season Tickets available ~ \$150 (Five Concerts)

#### Saturday – October 22, 2011 – 8 p.m. SERAPHIC FIRE

The Death of Tomas Luis de Victoria Featuring music from the Requiem masses and motets of Palestrina, Lassus, Ockegem, Morales, Victoria, and many others.

Tickets: \$35 ~ Season Tickets available

Ticket information:

305-285-9060 or http://seraphicfire.org/

Friday – October 28, 2011 – 7:30 p.m. CARL LAUDERMAN, piano

Tickets not required ~ Free-will Offering

## SEEYA!: A growing faith community for young adults

SEEYA! (SouthEast Episcopal Young Adults!) is a community of young adults dedicated to exploring life together. We are single, married, married with children and partnered. We are young, professionals, undergraduate students, graduate students, unemployed or underemployed. We are serious about faith and seriously fun. We are 21 to 40. We are seeking a faith home, questioning faith and what it means, and seeking others to explore faith and fun. Above all, we are committed to building a stronger faith community for young adults in South Florida!

For more information about SEEYA!, see the All Saints website or send an email to Hunter Ruffin at TheologicalBrew@gmail.com. Follow us on Twitter @TheologicalBrew. We hope to SEEYA! soon!

## 100 filled boxes is goal of Christmas in a Shoebox

Seafarers' House is launching its fifth season of "Christmas in a Shoebox" for the mariners who visit Port Everglades during the months of December and January. It is the goal of the Justice and Mercy Pillar this year to collect, wrap and fill 100 boxes, one for each of our Centennial years.

We will be collecting regular size shoe boxes (no large sneaker or men's shoeboxes please), wrapping them and supplying the items of men's toiletries that the mariners need while at sea. Shampoo (regular size), sunscreen, white men's athletic socks, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, playing cards, handheld games, pencils, small pads of paper, combs, bathsize bars of soap, shaving cream, razors, and work gloves are all items needed to fill every box. You may place these items in the Outreach box located in the church narthex/lobby. Please mark your donated bags specifically for Seafarers' House.

A wrapping party is planned for November (details to follow in Sunday bulletins later) and we are hoping everyone will look for the required items on sale now and purchase them as you are able. Any questions, suggestions or volunteers to help spearhead this Outreach project, please contact Cynthia Floria at cynthiafloria@comcast.net.

## Growing with God: Children and Youth ministries

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)

At All Saints Episcopal Church and the New River Regional Ministry we recognize that children and youth participation are critical to the vitality and life of a parish. Children and youth are invited to be involved in numerous activities and events that are held throughout the year. They are also invited to play an active role in the Sunday morning worship service.



All Saints offers several family friendly events such as the Blessing of the Animals, Pageant, Christmas cookouts. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Flowering of the Cross and Easter Egg Hunt with butterfly release, and Second Sunday Summer Fun Days just to name a few. It is also a new custom to invite the children to gather around the table during the offertory and get a closer look at the mystery of our meal together.

Belowis a listing of ministries and other opportunities to get in which your child or youth may become involved.

#### **Sunday Children Education Hour (GROW)**

All Saints is devoted to awakening children to a relationship with their Creator and to helping them GROW in their relationship to God and to other. Children from age four to twelve gather in the Education wing located just next to Becky's Garden on Sunday morning at 9:15 and need to be promptly picked up by 10:15.

The curriculum being used will be a blend of the "Godly Play" and "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" curricula which are both rooted in the Montessori tradition. In a carefully designed environment just for children, your child will learn to hear and to listen to God's voice through the presentation of sacred Old and New Testament stories, parables and liturgical lessons.

All lessons are rooted in the art of storytelling and worship and therefore rooted deeply in the

Episcopal tradition. The curriculum is not academic in nature but rather one that seeks to be an education in faith and one that at its core seeks to create an encounter with our Heavenly Creator in our everyday life and actions.

#### **New River Regional Ministry Youth Group**

All Saints middle and high school students will join the youth of St. Ambrose the Centro again this year for lots of fun activities. See the youth group article on page 5 of this issue of the New River Current.

#### **Children and Youth Acolytes**

Acolytes are service participants who play an active part in worship by carrying the cross, candles, gospel book and other items in the procession. They also help at the table during the Eucharistic Celebration. Acolyte service is open to anyone age six and above. Training is required and can be scheduled through the Rev. Angela Cortinas.

Serving as an acolyte will help your child not only gain a better understanding of the worship service but also acquire community service hours and learn a sense of responsibility, leading your child to become a responsible and mature teenager and young adult.

Becoming an acolyte requires a commitment from both the child and the parent that the child will be present when scheduled to serve. Acolytes need to arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled service (10:10 if they are scheduled for the 10:30 service) and are responsible for finding a replacement if they cannot be present. If a child misses three services for which she/he is scheduled unfortunately the child will be removed from the schedule.

Contact Rev. Angela Cortinas at angela@ allsaintsfl.org if you are interested in having your child participate as an acolyte.

## Adult Forum explores current events in light of scripture



The Adult Forum gathers in the River Room every Sunday morning 9:15-10:15. The discussion topics are eclectic and range from the assigned Scriptural reading for the day to current events. Join us!

### Volunteers needed for youth and children's programs

A successful children and youth program depends on volunteers who are willing to both teach and be present as chaperones for different outings and gatherings. Our Safeguarding God's Children training requires that two adults be present at all times when there are activities with children planned. This means that unless we have the adults

needed, the planned activity cannot happen. This includes any Sunday morning education plans.

There are many

There are many of opportunities for you to volunteer in the coming year. If you would like to sign up to teach on any given Sunday or participate in a

youth event please see Angela to sign up on the calendar.

As members of the Church, we are all responsible for the spiritual upbringing and guidance of our children. Those who teach our new GROW curriculum (based on the "Godly Play" approach) soon learn that children bring to the classroom a great wealth of spirit. As adults come to know and work with the children they will come to find that together they are drawn into deeper enjoyment of God's presence through the telling of sacred stories, parables and liturgical elements.

Teaching our children on Sundays requires a love of working with children, an understanding of the importance of nurturing their faith formation and a commitment of one to two Sundays per month (depending on our number of volunteers). The success of our ministries depends on you. Please contact Angela Cortinas at angela@allsaintsfl.org if you are interested.

## All Saints Centennial theme and logo to be unveiled on Sunday, September 25

by Warren Day

When it comes to celebrating an important milestone in a church's history, the theme and logo is a lot more than a few words and a piece of artwork. The theme provides the connecting thread and central message incorporated throughout the celebration, and the logo is an attempt to forge a meaningful symbol that represents the call and ministry of that church.

At the two Sunday worship services on September 25, Rector Sherod Mallow will introduce the theme and logo for our Centennial observance that officially begins on All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2011 and ends on All Saints Day, November 1, 2012.

Since the beginning of the year, a Centennial planning committee, under the leadership of Senior Warden Bill Peters, has been gathering ideas from All Saints members and laying the groundwork for different facets of this celebration. Based on feedbackfromthe congregation and in consultation with our clergy and staff, this team selected the

theme and conducted the search for a logo artist.

Guided by instructions from the clergy and committee, six artists submitted several designs for consideration, but one interpretation stood out from the rest and became the clear choice. The winning design was created by Daniel Fuller,



Artist Daniel Fuller

a graduate of the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and a freelance illustrator and designer in our area. Along with his four year-old son, Mr. Fuller will attend the 10:30 service on September 25.

"We urge all of you to be there when Sherod presents and explains the symbolism of our Centennial theme and logo," said Bill Peters, "and also for you to have the opportunity to meet the fine young artist who we believe has captured so well the mission of our church."



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