



PREPARING THE ABUNDANT TABLE

All Saints-by-the-Sea Commitment 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to this year's stewardship program, Preparing The Abundant Table. Our joyful theme expresses a number of our faith convictions. The theme reminds us that all we enjoy comes to us from God, who gives without asking and gives in abundance. The theme also reminds us that we, our church, All Saints-by-the-Sea, also sets a table. God gives us the riches and we set the table with our gifts. And finally, the theme reminds us of thanksgiving; that we give in thanks to God for the abundance and wonder of all God's gifts. Three aspects of the same theme - that God gives, we set the table with our gifts, and we welcome the world to our thanksgiving.

Please mark November 1st, All Saints Sunday, on your calendars as the day we will celebrate our stewardship season. Look for 'Save the Date' cards and other mailings before November 1st, asking for your reservation for a thanksgiving breakfast that morning hosted by the Vestry. Well prior to November 1st, you will receive a pledge and step card in the mail; feel free to fill out the card after prayerful reflection and return it by mail or in the plate on All Saints Day. On that day, our patronal feast, we will celebrate your wonderful and generous gifts.

We will have a guest preacher All Saints morning, a close friend of Nancy's and mine, the Rev. Kyle Childress. I have found Kyle over the past nearly ten years to be a fount of Christian wisdom and thoughtful prayer. He is also one of the most engaging story tellers I have ever heard; you won't want to miss him on All Saints morning.

Despite the challenges of the past year, you have been generous and faithful supporters of All Saints. The evidence of your support is everywhere, in our burgeoning Sunday School program, in pastoral ministry, youth programs, our growing outreach program and more. I urge each of you to join us at the table on November 1st to usher in another year of abundant thanksgiving.

*Yours in Christ
Jeff Bullock*

The Rev. Jeffrey Bullock