

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Reverend Simone Hurkmans

20 September 2020

Hello everyone,

Here is the link to the recording of today's Sunday worship service:
<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/posts/3624756190891208>

If you'd like to register to attend next Sunday, September 27th, the easiest way to do this is to fill out this online form starting tomorrow morning at 9:00 am: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/>

Why not take a peek at any scrap fabric you might have lying around and contribute to our Prayer Flag project? More details below.

All the best on this beautiful day,

Simone+

Prayer Flag Project

We are living in very different and challenging times right now, and each of us is coping and dealing with things in our own way. In spite of the fact that we've been separated physically, we do know that we're praying for each other and the world, and some have been able to maintain contact by participating in online worship, Zoom coffee hour, and via phone. Although all of us cannot be together in person, we would like to invite you to join us in gathering our thoughts, prayers, needs and desires, so that collectively we might offer them up, for ourselves and for the broader community. Thus, we will launch our Prayer Flag Project. This is a way for us to stay connected to the concerns of others during this time of pandemic, racial strife and political uncertainty and unrest.

Individuals, families and household members are invited to create a "flag" which will contain your own prayer. This is something in which everyone in the household can participate. It can be a prayer of gratitude or one that expresses a need or desire. You are the author of your prayer, so you decide. Your prayer can be words, a drawing, a painting, needlework, etc. Simply make your prayer flag, drop it off at the church (or have it picked up if you can't get out), and it will be hung on a rope that will hang in our courtyard. This will provide the opportunity for us to be a visible, prayerful presence in our community, and gently invite passers-by to view the prayer flags.

Here are the instructions:

Cut a piece of fabric 8.5 by 11 inches (22 by 28 centimetres). These dimensions are the size of a standard piece of computer paper, making it easy to simply trace the outline of a piece of paper, onto your chosen fabric. Solid fabrics will be best, so that your writing/design will show up well. If painting or writing, be sure to use ink, marker or paint that will not run or wash off in the rain, since these will hang outdoors. You can also make a design or picture with fabric by gluing or sewing it on. Your design or words should not go higher than 2.5 inches (7 centimetres) from the top; flags will be hung vertically, meaning that the longer dimension will be the length. Your words/design can be as simple or intricate as you choose. Put your completed prayer flag in a waterproof, Ziploc bag and drop it in the mail slot in the red door on Richmond road, around the "corner" to the left of the Chapel when facing it. Prayer flags must be received by Saturday, September 26th, to be included in the project. After we receive your prayer flag, we will turn them at the top and secure them, in order to create a space for the rope to be inserted.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Marcie Taylor (marcie.taylor@hotmail.com). Let us gather strength from collectively praying together through our prayer flags.