

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

NOVEMBER 2, 2025



The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse and inclusive community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors.

Today

All Souls' Day

The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

11 am Holy Eucharist

*The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector
Celebrant & Preacher*

*All are welcome to receive
Holy Communion
at the Lord's table.*

*Please join us downstairs in the Undercroft
after the service for a pot luck
fellowship lunch in honor of
the feast day of All Souls'.*

All are welcome!



Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Wisdom 3:1-9
Sheila Arbury

Psalms 130
Chanted by the Choir

The Epistle, Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
Jeff Wells

Gospel, John 5:24-27
Mother Sara

All Souls' Day

November 2nd is a commemoration day for the Faithful Departed in the Episcopal Church, and it is a feast day that follows All Saints' Day on November 1st. While All Saints' Day honors known and unknown saints, All Souls' Day is specifically for remembering and praying for all the faithful departed, including family members and friends.



A Prayer for All Souls' Day

God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for Mary the Mother of our Lord; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Sundays at 10 am, in the Conference Room

Bring your coffee, test your knowledge & enjoy some fellowship time too!

NOV. 2: *All Souls Endowment Fund: An Overview with Jim Solomon*

NOV. 9: *Understanding the Synoptic Gospels with Joe Howell*

NOV. 16: *Art and Spirituality: A Conversation with vEnessa Acham*



WOODLEY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS SUN., NOV. 9



A list of needed items is always available on the Welcome table or Narthex. Place goods in the basket any Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA SUN., NOV. 9, 12:15 pm

Please come down to the Undercroft and grab some coffee and treats and come up to the Conference Room to meet with me.

Bring your questions about All Souls, what we do and why, and about The Episcopal Church (TEC). It will be fun to make new friends and get to know each other better!



VIRTUAL GALA – SAMARITAN MINISTRY, SAT., NOV. 8, 3 pm - 4 pm

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington intended to hold its annual fall gala in person this year. But, the chosen location unexpectedly was withdrawn at the last moment for needed renovations. SMGW is therefore holding its Gala virtually. **The Silent Auction will begin on November 5th and the Annual awards and Live Auction will take place online from 3pm to 4 pm on Saturday, Nov. 8 at a link posted on Samaritan's website prior to the event.** Please register ahead for the Silent and Live Auctions, and/or make a donation, on Samaritan's website and join in on Saturday, Nov. 8, 3-4 pm at:

<https://samaritanministry.org> and click on the orange box reading Gala 2025!

Questions? Contact parishioners Joe Neal and Kurt Jacobs

VETERANS DAY, TUES., NOV. 11

The church office will be closed in observance.



TOM ANDREW BENEFIT ORGAN RECITAL

SUN., NOV. 23, 3:00 pm

Free and open to all! Donations to support All Souls Music program.

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV. 27, 11 am HOLY EUCHARIST & POTLUCK

Join in for the potluck in the undercroft following the service for food & fellowship!



FORMATION OF ART GROUP 2025 CHAired BY LISA WATSON, Sr. Warden

At its October meeting, the Vestry authorized the formation of a small working group to consider the addition of artwork (e.g., an icon, stained glass, or painting) that represents the diversity and inclusiveness of our All Souls community. The Senior Warden will chair the working group, which will develop a proposal for the Vestry that takes into account all aspects of the project. The bulk of the group's work will be conducted in early 2026. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Watson



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

2026 Pledge



All Souls DC
2300 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008

Why Wait? Scan here to set up your 2026 Pledge to support the life and ministry of All Souls.

NEW All Souls Church Coloring Books are free and available in the back of the church for anyone, young or old!

They could make a great stocking stuffer or an invitation to tell someone about our church.



ALL SOULS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP • PROGRESSIVE THINKING

STAINED GLASS COLORING BOOK



This book belongs to:

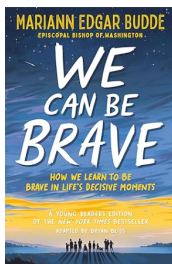


FLUTE & PIANO CONCERT RAISED \$371 FOR WOODLEY HOUSE

Many thanks to all who attended the beautiful piano and flute concert on Saturday with Dr. David Palmer and Sara Zhu. The classical concert was very well received, and Dr. Palmer's own composition: *Birds of Paradise* was much appreciated. We were delighted to welcome about 30 people, including several of our neighbors and members of other DC Episcopal congregations. Thanks to all for your generosity; All Souls is delighted that \$371 was raised for Woodley House Inc. which cares for people suffering from mental illness and homelessness.

WE CAN BE BRAVE Children's Book

Did you see Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde on the CBS Morning Show on October 16? She discussed her new children's book, *We Can Be Brave*. (Available on Amazon)



THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 27

Holy Eucharist at 11 am
followed by a potluck lunch.



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

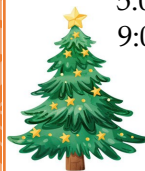
Sunday, December 7
11:00 am

THE BISHOP'S VISIT

Sunday, December 21
Holy Eucharist, 11 am

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24
5:00 pm Lessons & Carols
9:00 pm Festive Eucharist



CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, Dec. 25
11 am Holy Eucharist

A MESSAGE ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT FUND AT ALL SOULS

from Jim Solomon, Chair of All Souls Endowment Board



Jim Solomon

The Vestry of All Souls' Parish established an endowment fund decades ago through grants and bequests. The fund is intended to enable the Parish to fulfill its mission more completely by developing ministries beyond what is possible through its annual operating funds. An Endowment Board was established to administer these funds and authorize distributions. Around 2016, the Endowment charter was formalized to develop its ministries beyond what is possible through annual operating funds. Distributions were to be limited to (a) capital needs (b) outreach ministries and grants and (c) seed money for special one-time projects. In the early 2000's, all administration and investment authority was assumed by the Board from a local bank. At that time UBS was designated as our custodian.

The Endowment Board is composed of five parishioners who serve five year terms. Successive five year terms are permitted. A chair is chosen to head the committee which reports directly to the Vestry. Each year a recommendation is made by the Board as to withdrawals for grants and other requests by the Vestry. There are two subcommittees within the Board; one for grants and outreach, the other for planned giving and legacy.

We have maintained a disciplined approach to investing in accordance with our charter. Investments include both equity and fixed income. Our investment objective is to measure results over a longer time horizon with proven winners and fund managers. We utilize a passive long term investment approach. In the past ten years the Endowment has grown from approximately \$2MM to over \$3.2MM.

The Endowment Board is also responsible for oversight of the Rectory Fund (not a part of the Endowment), which is disbursed as a housing allowance to our rector. These funds are more conservatively invested due to the need for more liquidity. The Vestry is responsible for the administration of the Rectory Fund. These funds are held in a separate UBS account. The Board invests these funds and makes disbursements as directed by the Vestry.

The Endowment has afforded All Souls a strong financial base within the Diocese. These assets have enabled the church to maintain its structural integrity and historical heritage. In the past few years, costs of major capital improvements including a new roof, HVAC replacement, and an elevator, were supplemented by bequests and funds provided by the Endowment.

Future growth of the Endowment cannot be solely dependent upon the growth of security investments. Legacy and planned giving are essential to maintain a healthy Endowment and provide All Souls parishioners a solid financial future. Anyone interested in making a donation or bequest to the All Souls Endowment should reach out either to Jim Solomon or Lisa Watson, Senior Warden.

Jim Solomon

Chair & Investment Advisor