

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

JANUARY 18, 2026



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

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 11 am

Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Sara Palmer, Rector

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

Please join us downstairs in the
Undercroft after the service
for coffee hour

hosted by vEnessa Acham

Friends, food & fellowship!

Today's Readings

The First Lesson,

Isaiah 49:1-7

Cynthia Evans

The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

Chanted by the choir

The Epistle

I Corinthians 1:1-9

Peter Laugesen

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

Mother Sara

Prayers of the People

Bill McKinley

Spring 2026

Sunday Adult Faith Forum Series

Meeting in the Conference Room at 10 am

Today, Jan. 18 and next week

with Peter Laugesen

Jan. 18 - Stories Jesus Still Tells: The Great Banquet | Luke 14:15-24

Jan. 25 - Stories Jesus Still Tells: The Rich Fool | Luke 12:13-21

All Souls Outreach Committee

Clothing Drive runs Jan. 18—25

(This week through next Sunday)

Please drop off clothes in the Undercroft.

The All Souls Outreach Committee's clothing drive to benefit "So Others Might Eat," a local charity serving homeless individuals in Washington D.C. (<https://some.org/>) runs this week. Please donate winter garments that are in good shape. Please have them laundered or cleaned.

Wish list: new underwear and socks for men and women, new or gently used bras, casual shoes, belts, jeans, casual pants, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets (cold season only).

Contact Embry Howell if needed to answer questions or for more information.

Church Office Hours This Week:

Monday: Closed in observance of MLK Day

Tues-Fri: Andrea is out of office.

- Contact Mother Sara, Tues-Wed;
- Tom Andrew by email, Thurs-Fri
- or one of the wardens, to arrange for building access if needed.

MEN'S PRE-LENTEN FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The Men's Fellowship will be gathering on **Wednesday, February 11th**, in the Undercroft **beginning at 5:30 pm for a meal and fellowship**. Join us for an evening of food and brotherhood before the Lenten season begins! Our special dinner will be generously prepared by Daniel Callis. The evening will conclude with a singalong of some of the Tin Pan Alley standards to honor Valentine's Day.

If you would like to attend please email Ike Brannon

at chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.

Sign Up Today!



INVITATION TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT AT CLAGGETT CENTER!

You are invited to attend our wonderful parish Lenten retreat on **Friday evening, March 13 and all day Saturday, March 14th at the Claggett Center in Maryland!**

Come and make new friends and deepen your relationship with God in community in a beautiful setting—just an hour and a half from the city.

The theme for our retreat is:
"Being Real",
focusing on the Psalms.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, Episcopal Relief and Development, Pray for all Christians in this Week of Christian Unity

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Joe Howell, Elizabeth Orens, past Priest Associate at All Souls, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan;

We Give Thanks for: All those who have and will contribute clothing to the clothes drive.

Submit prayer requests to Andrea in the church office (andrea@allsoulsdc.org) to stay on for a month at a time. We are prepared to pray indefinitely for your requests.

There will be a social time on Friday after supper and a learning session on Saturday morning with free time in the afternoon to rest and enjoy the pretty countryside.

Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday. We will leave at 4 pm.

You may have your own room or share a double room.

Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius online (QR code will take you there) or on the sheet at the Welcome Table in the Undercroft.



SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEXT STEP BREAKFAST -- THE ANNUAL NEXT STEP

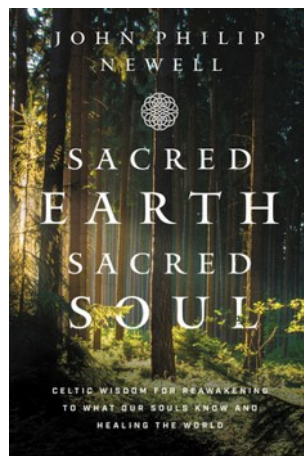


Breakfast celebrating and supporting Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington (SMGW) **will be at the National Press Club on Saturday, March 14, from 9 am to 10:30 am.** This event is FREE, although there is an ask at the end of the breakfast for donations. **All Souls will have a table at this event, as it has in past years.** This is a special Next Step Breakfast celebrating 40 years of SMGW's service to the greater Washington area. **The keynote speaker will be Andy Shallal,** Founder and CEO of the restaurant chain Busboys & Poets, whose life-long commitment to justice, community, and human dignity reflects the values that have guided SMGW for its four decades. **SMGW was founded in 1986 by 11 Episcopal parishes and one Lutheran church, and is supported today by over 40 partner Episcopal parishes, including All Souls.** SMGW provides compassionate, on-going, one-on-one support and mentoring to individuals desiring to "take the next steps" to obtaining housing, employment, high school diplomas, and government IDs and benefits and accomplishing a host of other goals.

Please contact parishioners Joe Neal and Kurt Jacobs about attending this year's Next Step Breakfast at
neal.joseph9@gmail.com and
kurthjacobs@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THE LENTEN FORUMS

We are excited to announce that in our Lenten Forum series, starting February 22nd and ending March 22nd, we will explore **Celtic Christianity**, using the book by John Philip Newell *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. Come and deepen your relationship with God in community at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room to prepare yourselves for Holy Week and Easter. Please order your book early from amazon; costs about \$9!

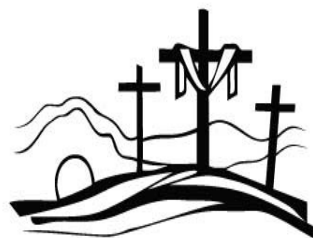


IMPORTANT DATES ASH WED / HOLY WEEK

Looking ahead, **Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18th** with our traditional **Pancake supper the evening before on Feb. 17th.** Volunteers will be needed. Let vNessa Acham or Dee Snyder know if you are willing to help out.

Palm Sunday is March 29th followed by **Holy Week with services on Maundy Thursday at 7 pm and Good Friday at noon and 7 pm.**

Easter Sunday is April 5th at 11 am;
there will be no Forum those days.



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Coffee Hour

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