

NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

SEPTEMBER 6, 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.



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Rev. Sara E. Palmer, Rector

11 am Holy Eucharist

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

Today's Readings

The First Lesson
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Cynthia Evans

Psalms 119:33-40
Cynthia Evans

The Epistle
Romans 13:8-14
Kevin LeGrand

The Gospel
Matthew 18:15-20
The Rev. Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People
Rick Taylor



Join us for coffee & fellowship hour in the Undercroft following the service.

Sat., Sept. 12, 9:30 am—12:30 pm Nave and Campus Clean up



All Souls Jr. Warden, Tara Mancini will lead us on a Saturday morning clean up from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please come help clean and beautify the church ahead of Incoming Sunday, on September 13. Come for all or part. Sign up with QR code or on the website under the "Sign Up Here" tab. Breakfast and snacks will be provided!

Potluck Picnic Lunch after Ingathering

This is our annual "back to church" Sunday and we look forward to having everyone together after summer! Burgers, hotdogs, rolls and condiments will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert for 10 people. We can't wait to see you!



Sun., Oct. 4th after Coffee Hour Information Session on Planning Your Financial Future

Mark your calendars. On October 4, following the coffee hour, All Souls Endowment Board and the Finance Committee will present an information session on planning your financial future, featuring Lars Etzkorn, a local attorney who specializes in wills and estate planning. Topics covered will include why everyone needs a will, how legal documents such as general and medical powers of attorney can ensure that your preferences and decisions are honored even if you are incapacitated, and legacy giving to continue your support for All Souls parish and other organizations that are important to you. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin LeGrand, klegrand@gmail.com or Art Warren at aafwdc@aol.com.

Men's Fellowship

The next gathering will be on **Thursday, September 24th**, in the church Undercroft. Fellowship hour will begin at 5:30 with a meal served at 6:30. Our post-dinner event will be hosted by Mark Jefferson, who will lead a discussion--with group participation--of musical styles of the Black church. Please respond to Ike Brannon if you wish to attend at: chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Labor Day (*Sept 7*): Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage. Diocesan Youth Ministry, Diocesan Young Adult Ministry, All whose passion and work is formation.

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Mike McGee, Sandra Duncan (friend of Jody Koepp-Norris), Al Muller, Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff, Davis Ival, Lucas Marquardt, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan.

For those who have died: especially for Mark Bertini's mother, Edith, who passed away Thursday morning, August 27; May she and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

We give thanks for: Jane Hoddinot who retired as All Souls bookkeeper on 8/31 after 10 years and for Patrick Summers, our new bookkeeper who began 9/1.

Foyer Groups Re-Launch

by vEnessa Acham, Vestry Member

Our parish is re-launching **Foyer Groups**—small gatherings of 6–8 people who share a meal and enjoy fellowship. Each group remains the same throughout the program and meets twice: once in Oct. 2026 and again in March 2027. Last year, three groups participated, and all reported wonderful times!

We are seeking a **Foyer Organizer** to coordinate the program, as well as **Foyer Hosts** to facilitate each gathering. Everyone shares in the hospitality!

We also invite you to join a Foyer Group!

To join a Foyer Group or volunteer as an Organizer or Host, please sign up online at allsoulsdc.org or complete a foyer form available on the Welcome Table in the Undercroft or Narthex.

Dates to Note

Sun., Sept. 6

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend (Offices closed Mon., 9/7)

Sat., Sept. 12

NAVE AND CAMPUS CLEAN UP

SIGN UP Today! Use QR code on front.

Sun., Sept. 13

Ingathering Sunday

16th Sunday after Pentecost

◇ Woodley House Food Pantry Collection

◇ Faith Formation Resumes in Conference Room at 10 am

◇ Church Nursery Opens!

◇ Potluck after service in the Undercroft (sign up today! See QR code on front)

Wed., Sept. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

Sept. 16 thru Oct. 28, 2026

EPISCOPAL 101 with Mother Sara

Email Mother Sara at

rector@allsoulsdc.org to sign up.

Friday, Sept. 18

Please return parish survey by today.

(Note: All responses will be kept anonymous.)



Sun., Sept. 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sun., Sept. 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sat., Oct. 3

CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

Our parish's next volunteer event is fast approaching at the Capital Area Food Bank on Sat., Oct. 3, from 1 pm to 3:30 m. We want you included!



Sun, Oct. 4

ST. FRANCIS DAY

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 3:00 PM

in front of the church. All are welcome!

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES
September 13 – December 20, 2026

September

- 13 - Spiritual Journey Interview with Jennifer Mindek Beckham
**in the Undercroft to allow for more space*
- 20 - Prayer: Our Connection with God (Rev. Sara Palmer)
- 27 - Prayer: Our Connection with God (Rev. Sara Palmer)

October

- 4 - Psalm 1: A Thematic Introduction to the Psalms
(Peter Laugesen)
- 11 - CS Lewis and the Four Cardinal Virtues (Sebastian Wellford)
- 18 - Reflections on Faith and Personal Identity (Carri Banholzer)
- 25 - Spiritual Journey Interview (Rev. Sara Palmer)

November

- 1 - Religious Themes in the Poetry of Emily Dickinson (vENessa Acham)
- 8 - Prison Ministries (Rev. Nancy Stockbridge)
- 15 - The Universalist Christian Theology of Marcus Borg (Joe Howell)
- 22 - Spiritual Journey Interview (Rev. Sara Palmer)
- 29 - Advent Book Study (Jennifer Mindek Beckham)

December

- 6 - Advent Book Study (Jennifer Mindek Beckham)
- 13 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)
- 20 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)

***Come journey with us this year as we explore these topics.
Meeting in the Conference Room at 10 am each Sunday. All are welcome!***

Dear Congregation of All Souls Church,

September 2, 2026

Judy and I are so thankful for the lovely sendoff reception you held for us on our last Sunday at All Souls. Everything was lovely – the flowers, the décor, and the delicious food all were such a nice way of expressing your thanks, and wishing us well in our future adventures.

We carry many fond memories of our time with you as we leave, and hope to see you again in the future.

Wishing you all the best things in the days and years to come.

Sincerely,

Tom and Judy Andrew



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Did you love that hymn or choir anthem? Want to listen to the sermon again for more understanding? **Subscribe to the All Souls Youtube channel** & rewatch [@allsoulepispcopalchurch6418](https://www.youtube.com/@allsoulepispcopalchurch6418). The QR code will take you there.



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