

NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 SIXTEENTH 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
Genesis 50:15-21

Embry Howell

Psalms 103:1-13
Embry Howell

The Epistle
Romans 14:1-12
Anne Armstrong

The Gospel
Matthew 18:21-35
The Rev. Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People
Tara Mancini



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

TODAY! Picnic Potluck 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 are provided. Everyone is welcome. *We can't wait to see you!*



FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Coming up this month



This Week:

13 - Spiritual Journey Interview
with Jennifer Mindek Beckham
**in the Undercroft to allow for more space*

Next Two Weeks with Mother Sara:

20 - Prayer: Our Connection with God , Part I
27 - Prayer: Our Connection with God , Part II

Faith Forums

meet in the
Conference
Room at 10 am.

All are
welcome!
Bring your
coffee and
bring your
questions!

Journey with
others to gain
spiritual
insights!

FORUMS ON PRAYER WITH Mother Sara

Are you longing for a deeper experience of God's presence? Would you like to broaden your prayer practices, grow spiritually, and learn from other parishioners also? Drawing from Richard Foster's classic book *Prayer, Finding the Heart's True Home* and *Praying with Clare of Assisi* in the Companions for the Journey series, Mother Sara will explore a variety of forms of prayer. We will be encouraged to step out in faith, ask questions, and find practices that nourish and sustain us in our faith journeys. As Foster writes: "God longs for our presence. And God is inviting you-and me- to come home to where we belong, to come home to that for which we were created." See you at 9.55 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sunday September 20th and 27th for this 2 part-series on prayer.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

The Church of the Holy Communion, DC
Holy Cross Day (*Sep 14*)

Pray for church musicians and choirs

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Jesse Kim (friend of Carri Banholzer), Mike McGee, Sandra Duncan (friend of Jody Koepp-Norris), Al Muller, Will Dawson's grandmother, Ashley H., Lauren H., Sally Cliff, Davis Ival, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan; for all children everywhere.

We give thanks for: Our back-to-church Ingathering Sunday today as we reconnect with one another after the summer break.

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 using the QR code provided or complete a foyer form available on the Welcome Table in the Undercroft or Narthex.



Dates to Note

Sun., Sept. 13 TODAY! Ingathering
16th Sunday after Pentecost

- ◇ Woodley House Food Pantry Collection
- ◇ Faith Formation Resumes in Conference Room at 10 am
- ◇ Potluck picnic after service in the Undercroft. Everyone is welcome & there will be plenty of food!

Wed., Sept. 16, 6:30-7:30 pm
Sept. 16 thru Oct. 28 in Conference Room

EPISCOPAL 101 with Mother Sara begins Sept. 16. Meets in-person in the conference room. Email Mother Sara to sign up.



Friday, Sept. 18
SURVEY DEADLINE

Please return parish survey by today. While we have received important input to date on our parish survey (many thanks to those of you who have responded!), we still are far short of hearing from everyone. Learning more about you and getting your input is critical to helping us to offer programs and opportunities that best meet our congregational needs. It only takes 10+ minutes and may be completed easily from your phone (if desired). Be assured that all responses are anonymous. At this point, we've heard from very few congregants who are in the "younger than 65" age categories. So **PLEASE, LOG IN USING THE QR CODE PROVIDED** and take a few minutes to provide us with a little information about yourself,



along with feedback that will help us as we work to offer meaningful experiences that foster spiritual fulfillment and growth over the next year. **The deadline is Friday, September 18.**

Thank you!

Lisa Watson, Senior Warden

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am Service
Mother Sara's Forum on Prayer, Part 1, 10 am
Ms. Jennifer Mindek Beckham preaches
Vestry Meeting, 12:45 pm, Conference Room

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5:30 pm
Men's Fellowship

The next Men's gathering held in the church Undercroft will begin as usual with fellowship hour at 5:30

pm and a meal served at 6:30 pm. 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. Music in the Black church is a rich, foundational tradition that blends African rhythms, European hymnody, and American blues. Come learn more and please respond to Ike Brannon if you wish to attend at chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.



Sunday, Sept. 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am Service
Mother Sara's Forum on Prayer, Part 2, 10 am

Sat., Oct. 3, 1-3 pm
CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

Our parish's next volunteer event is fast approaching at the Capital Area Food Bank on Sat., Oct. 3, 1:00—3:00 pm. Please come!



Sunday, Oct 4, healing prayer offered

18th Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am Service
Psalm 1: A Thematic Introduction to the Psalms with Peter Laugesen, 10 am

Sun., Oct. 4th after Coffee Hour beginning around 12:45 pm, Undercroft
An 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.

Sun., Oct. 4, 3:00 pm

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—A community event!

Meet in front of the church. All are welcome!

November Events

Sun., Nov. 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 11 am Service
Our traditional Namesake potluck follows in the Undercroft at Noon.



Sat., Nov. 7, 4:00 pm, Nave
CAPITAL HEARINGS FALL CONCERT

Sun., Nov. 8, 7:00 pm
WOODLEY HOUSE
MOVIE BENEFIT



Thurs., Nov. 26,
THANKSGIVING DAY, 11 am service
Our traditional Thanksgiving Day potluck!

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

September 13—December 20, 2026

October

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

November

- 1 - Religious Themes in the Poetry of Emily Dickinson with vENessa Acham
- 8 - Prison Ministries with The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge & Heidi Kugler
- 15 - The Universalist Christian Theology of Marcus Borg with Joe Howell
- 22 - Spiritual Journey Interview
- 29 - Advent Book Study with 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!*



 **THE CAPITAL HEARINGS**

FALL CONCERT

Join us for an afternoon of a cappella & fellowship

Fundraiser for the Cleveland Woodley Park Village

NEW DATE! **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

Concert begins at 4:00 pm in the All Souls Sanctuary

Light reception to follow

All Souls Episcopal Church
2300 Cathedral Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008



WOODLEY HOUSE'S 30TH ANNUAL

MOVIE BENEFIT

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MOVIES FOR GOOD IN D.C.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

**AFI SILVER THEATRE
SILVER SPRING, MD**

