

# The All Souls Message

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From the Rector

## Summer Growth

Over the weekend I heard someone ask a plant specialist, "Do I need to fertilize my house plants? Should I be using plant food?" The specialist looked at the person and asked with a deadpan expression, "Well, let's think about this for a minute. Have YOU eaten anything in the last month or two?" After she had gotten the questioner's attention, she went on to explain that watering house plants depletes some of the nourishment that might be in the soil. Nourishment needs to be put back in and feeding accomplishes this. It strengthens plants and promotes new growth.

I began to wonder about our own growth, and especially our spiritual growth. Might we need some kind of booster, or extra nourishment? Especially during the summer, what feeds us?

In these months we exert a lot of energy, a mixture of emotional, physical, and spiritual energy. With anniversaries, graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, reunions, summer camps, and vacations, we can be very busy during this season of rest. I'm probably not the only one who, on occasion, has put so much energy and activity into a vacation that after I return I find I'm exhausted. While I might do a lot of eating, I'm not always as careful to get the nourishment my spirit needs. I'm not always attentive to feeding the soul.

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This summer, I invite you to think about what really feeds your soul, and to do something to ensure that you get fed. There are a number of ways to feed the soul. Some will remain in Washington and will continue to be the core of our worshipping community. Others in our parish will be nurtured through the Confirmation Class offered in June and July (see the separate article in this edition of *The Message* for more information). Those who find time to read might enjoy the Starbridge series of Susan Howatch, a series that a former professor of mine once referred to as "trashy fiction for church people." Characters in these novels wrestle with issues of faith as they also struggle with sex, power, families, and all the other challenges of life. Those who want to read more deeply might enjoy studying a book of the Bible or reading something from the Classics of Western Spirituality, a series that highlights spiritual traditions and the works of great spiritual leaders. If music feeds you,

try being intentional about attending musical events, or attend a choral workshop, or memorize a new hymn. If you're traveling, be sure to visit another church. Notice when other churches do things we might learn from, and bring your ideas back with you.

And finally, please continue to help nurture the ministry and life of All Souls by keeping up your financial pledge and offerings during the summer. With vacations and getaways, it's sometimes easy to forget this, so please plan ahead and help us to continue to keep the church cool and clean and hospitable for when you return. There's a wonderful prayer in the back of our Prayer Book that can serve as a focus for this summer season:

O God,  
in the course of this busy life,  
give us times  
of refreshment and peace;  
and grant that we may  
so use our leisure  
to rebuild our bodies  
and renew our minds,  
that our spirits may be opened  
to the goodness of your creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

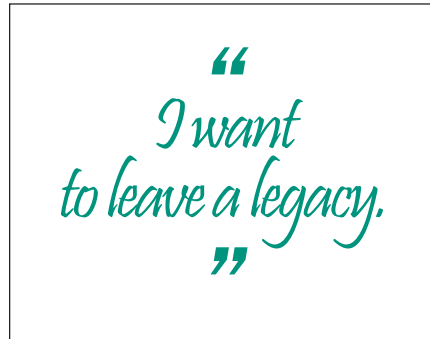
Safe travels, deep prayers, and many blessings to you all this summer.

John Beddingfield ■

The months of May and June are bittersweet for me. They bring to mind those in my family—their births and their passings. My father would have been 87 on May 16. He died very suddenly in June of 1961 at age 40. He was a very large man—extremely jolly. He didn't fit the image of Peter Pan, but he definitely made up his mind to never grow up. He was great to pal around with but terrible to live with. Totally exasperating, he was undisciplined and irresponsible—a twelve-year-old much of the time, but fun! His legacy to me was to remember to have fun.

My brother would have been 55 in June. He died on May 9, 2000. He was a great father, a good husband, and a wonderful brother. He had a grand sense of humor but was very serious about his family and took great care of all of us. His legacy to me was to be courageous, but that it was okay to be afraid. These two men—so totally different in every way; I think of them every day.

My godmother would have been 85 on May 16. She was my mother's best friend for 75 years. She was four months older than my mother, and she died quite suddenly, four months before my mother died. I learned a lot from her about cooking. Her legacy to me was how to be a good wife and homemaker. She was grace-filled and serene—I'm still working on that part.



I loved all of these people, and I miss them. They each left me with something special.

I am going to retire in a few short months, so I have been thinking about what I am going to do. I am also thinking about my legacy. I would very much like to be remembered fondly—to leave something of me to others that will help them along life's path. So I decided to get busy. People much wiser than I am say that you should make a list of things you want to do when you retire. So I did. My list included taking a walk each day, swimming 3–4 times per week, working on and completing all kinds of needlepoint projects, and taking piano lessons. Of course, there is the part about cleaning out all of the closets and drawers and down-sizing and getting organized. Oh—and adopting a kitty cat.

I went over my list and realized that everything on it was for me. There was nothing for anyone else. So I have to make a new list—one that includes time for other folks' needs and projects. I am told that I will be busier

in retirement than I ever have been in my working life. All kinds of projects will turn up, and I will hardly know which to choose. I am excited. I anticipate having fun. I hope that every once in a while I get to sleep late. I want my TV to work only after 5 p.m. I want to be involved. I am open to suggestions. I know my All Souls family will help me make this transition. Later (much later, I hope) some of you will say, "I remember that Nancye Suggs. Do you know that when she retired she \_\_\_\_\_." (Feel free to fill in the blank.) I just want it to be something meaningful and inspirational and FUNNY. I want to be like my Granny was in retirement—all sparkly and upbeat and prepared for anything! I want to wear turquoise, tangerine, hot pink, and funny shoes. I want to wear stuff in my hair and dangly earrings. I want to grow old but not be old. I want to leave a legacy.

Nancye Suggs ■

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Please have your articles in George Barnum's hands by that date. Electronic submission preferred at [message.allsoulsdc@gmail.com](mailto:message.allsoulsdc@gmail.com). Please also send a copy to [allsouls1@aol.com](mailto:allsouls1@aol.com). Call George with story ideas, questions, and complaints at (W) 202/512-1801, extension 32067, or (H) 202/986-2998. ■

The Annual Meeting of All Souls Parish was held following worship on Sunday, May 18, 2008. The by-laws of the parish stipulate that,

*“The first business after the adoption of the permanent roll shall be the election of Wardens and of general members of the Vestry...”*

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of four nominees for general member and one for Junior Warden, from which the following were elected. In total, five members agreed to be nominated for parish office. Please congratulate those elected, and extend a word of thanks to those who were not. ■

**Parish Meeting Reports**

Hard copies of all reports given at the Parish Meeting will be available in the undercroft on Sunday, May 25, and by request from the church office. These reports include the Senior and Junior Warden’s Reports, the Treasurer’s Report, and the Endowment Board Report.

**REELECTED JUNIOR WARDEN**



*Ray Myrtle  
(2-year term until 2010)*

**NEW GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**



*Bill Miller  
(3-year term until May 2011)*



*Bob Publicover  
(3-year term until May 2011)*



*Jim Solomon  
(3-year term until May 2011)*

**CONTINUING GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY  
(with term until May of the listed year)**

- Nancye Suggs, senior warden (2009)*
- Marcia Anderson (2010)*
- Darla Brown (2009)*
- Frank Karel (2010)*
- Dale Lewis (2010)*
- Susan Morrison (2009)*
- Stephen Rhody (2009)*

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**Greetings and Thanks**

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Thank you for welcoming me into the parish and community of All Souls. As I begin my work amongst you, I wanted to tell you a little more about my musical background and hope there will soon be opportunities to become acquainted with you all as we start our musical journey together.

I have been involved with Anglican/Episcopal worship all my life—well, since I was a chorister from the age of seven. I was a choral scholar at Oxford University in England, singing daily services (three services on Sundays!), then at various times I have served as singer, organist, and conductor in the UK, California, Connecticut, and Virginia. My grounding is in the Anglican choral tradition, and I have had opportunities to participate in music of a wide variety of periods and styles, from Gregorian chant to contemporary settings. Since moving to the USA in 2000, I have been involved with a lot of early music, especially running choral workshops, but my tastes are quite catholic.

In selecting music for the service, whether hymns, service music, anthems, or preludes and postludes, I try to take into account the lectionary (the scripture prescribed for a particular Sunday or Festival), the musi-



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cians, and, most importantly, the congregation. It is an ancient tradition that the choir not only leads the congregational music, but, at times, they offer music as worship on behalf of the congregation. I hope that those of you seated in the nave of the church will always feel involved in the music, whether as active participants or involved listeners. I look forward to our exploring together the resources of the 1982 *Hymnal* and the richness of our Anglican musical heritage—with its “roots” in Catholic literature, and its “blooms” in a wide range of musical styles and traditions.

For the summer months, we shall include music sung by soloists and small groups. I hope that those of you who would like to offer music for a prelude or offertory music will not hesitate to contact me. In the fall, the parish choir will be joined by section leaders, who will reinforce the choir and also offer solo and consort music. This will be an exciting development and allow us to sing a wide range of music.

I look forward very much to joining you all.

*Philip Cave* ■

**Summer Obligations**

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Winter is over, spring is at its height, and many of us are thinking about and/or planning our summer getaway. We like to move at a slower pace in the summer, relax in the sun, and recharge our bodies and souls. One thing that

doesn't slow down or relax in the summer is church expenses. We still pay for staff, utilities, office supplies, building maintenance, etc. When doing your checklist before leaving for your vacation or long weekends, please add “pay pledge to All Souls”

to the list. If you can pay your pledge before going away, you will help ensure that All Souls stays in good shape financially. Thank you and have a great summer!

*Larry Sturgeon* ■

It's been quite a year for our Sunday School. In addition to our regular classroom activities, we had the annual Halloween and Christmas parties. Thanks to the fine direction of Jean Chemnick, the children put on an Epiphany Pageant, which was a great success with the actors as well as the congregation. The children learned about the Heifer Project with the help of Carolyn Farmer and Charlie Boone. And finally they found their voices with the encouragement of our interim choir director, Artie Roach. After hearing them sing, you should have no doubt that "Jesus Loves You"!

We would like to recognize any special accomplishments of our children,

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so if there is anyone who is graduating, has gotten a special award, or received some special recognition, please let Nancye Suggs know.

Looking forward to next year with the expectation that the nursery will be completed, we should be able to go back to three classrooms: pre K and K, first through third, and fourth through sixth grades. I would like to encourage many of you to consider teaching next year. I feel certain that you would find the experience a good one.

I would like to thank all those who have played a part in helping make this Sunday School year such a good one.

Marcia Anderson ■

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Foyer Dinners  
Are You in a Foyer Dinner Group?

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Butch Bradburn and Kathleen Scholl report that the dinners have gotten off to a terrific start for 2008. Nearly all groups have had two dinners—some have already had three. Be sure to ask Todd VanCanfort about his dinner group. That group has all the families with young children. We believe it has more than 30 members, counting all the children. There is a report about the mothers

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getting into a balloon bounce castle at their last dinner.

It is never too late to join a dinner group. One can sign up all year long. Just fill out a form in the undercroft or talk with Butch or Kathleen. Participating in the foyer dinner program is an ideal way to get to get better acquainted with members of All Souls.

Kathleen Scholl ■

The Prayer Book describes Confirmation as “the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.” Christian denominations differ in their understandings of Confirmation, and there are still tremendous differences about Confirmation within the Episcopal Church. In some Episcopal churches, Confirmation is a wonderful, carefully structured program that might last all of Lent and Eastertide, until Confirmation is given by a bishop on the Day of Pentecost. In others, Confirmation is downplayed, as though this were a liturgical embarrassment that is best not discussed by intelligent Christians.

Traditionally, in Anglican churches and in the Episcopal Church, one did not receive communion unless one was baptized and confirmed. Isaac Borocz, our parish administrator, reminds us that when Pope Pius X made it possible for Roman Catholics to receive communion without necessarily being confirmed, in the early twentieth century, the Orthodox and Anglican Churches were furious, as they imagined some of the confusion that we encounter today.

The Episcopal Church’s theology of Confirmation has continued to evolve along with its understanding of baptism. Confirmation is no longer seen as the completion of Christian initiation, nor is Confirmation a prerequisite for receiving communion. Baptism is full initiation by water and

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the Holy Spirit into Christ’s body the church (BCP, p. 298). Accordingly, Confirmation has been increasingly understood in terms of a mature, public reaffirmation of the Christian faith and the baptismal promises. Some dioceses require that candidates for Confirmation be at least sixteen years old to insure that the candidates are making a mature and independent affirmation of their faith.

In the Diocese of Washington and at All Souls, we have no particular age requirement for seeking Confirmation. The Confirmation service will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, November 1, 2008. People of all ages are invited to participate in the Confirmation class that will meet this summer for six Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you are interested in registering for

the class (so that we can order materials and properly prepare), please let the rector know. The class will be taught by Father Beddingfield and members of All Souls.

The schedule is as follows:

- June 15 *I Believe: Living the Creed*
- June 22 *Teaching, Fellowship, Bread, and Prayers*
- June 29 *Resist, Repent, and Return*
- July 13 *By Word and Example*
- July 20 *Seek and Serve*
- July 27 *Into the World in Witness*

John Beddingfield ■

The EMF was founded on the principle that “whenever two or three of you are gathered together in my name I will be there.” It provides a means for men to get together for Christian fellowship and to have fun. We have evolved into a gathering about once every other month where we enjoy a meal and have a speaker who explores the theme of the gathering. The last two

outings have been for St. Patrick's Day and the Kentucky Derby. Our next event promises to be a lot of fun as Artie Roach leads us in a sing-along to Cole Porter's tunes. It will be held, appropriately, on Cole Porter's birthday, June 9.

We generally break for the summer and resume in September. After five years as leader, Tony Domenico will

step down and turn over the reins to Ike Brannon.

We are always interested in new ideas for the theme of our gathering but are not above repeating previous years' successes.

Tony Domenico ■

## Join us at the Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 1, 2008, 4–7 p.m.  
Grove 6, Rock Creek Park

Come yourself. Bring a friend. Bring your children. Give a ride to another church member.

Invite your church group, foyer group, choir members, and newcomers.

Bring a covered dish, dessert, or beverages (no alcohol, beer, or wine allowed),  
if you can, for 5 to 10 people.

We will have music, games, and sports equipment.

There is an open field, picnic tables, a picnic shelter, bathrooms, and a creek.

Come for the entire time. Drop in for a little while.

It's a beautiful spot to greet old friends and to meet new friends.

(If it is bad weather, we meet in the undercroft.)

Please email me if you need a ride or if you can give a ride: Charles Boone at mbcc2@comcast.net

### DIRECTIONS (estimated driving time from the church: 15 minutes)

- Up Connecticut Ave. from church for about 2 ½ miles.
- \* Turn right at the light onto Nebraska Ave.  
Go about 6 blocks/ .5 mile.
  - \* Turn right (diagonally) onto Military Rd.  
Go down Military Rd. for about 1 mile.  
You will pass St. John's High School on left, and  
you will see Rock Creek Park signs on the right.  
Continue down the hill and before you get to the bridge,
  - \* Turn right onto Beach Dr./Ross Dr. Carter Baron, exit.  
You will see the signs indicating the turn.  
Go straight ahead .1 mile to Beach Dr. intersection.  
Police HQ is to right.
  - \* Turn left onto Beach Drive past the road barrier—it's OK.  
Drive .1 mile to first grove, Grove 6, and
  - \* Turn left at 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance into the parking lot.  
*You have arrived.*

*We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism.  
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.  
By it we share in his Resurrection.  
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.*

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*June*

1 James Bailey  
Roi Bernard  
Heidi Clark  
William Fowlkes  
Robert Hilton  
Bryan Powell  
Henry Shea  
Joseph Threadgill  
B. J. Warren  
2 John Hall  
Larry Suggs  
3 Michael Heint  
Chris Lethbridge  
4 Sharon Nuskey  
Michael Rogers  
Audrey Saenz  
5 Travis Reuther  
Peggy Valentino  
8 Betty Ann Beardsworth  
Mark Hoffman  
James Rogers  
9 Sue Eyman  
10 Anton Haines  
11 Tony Domenico  
Matt Wigglesworth  
12 Alli Bowmen  
Paul Carter  
Todd Crawford  
14 John Maxwell  
15 Isabel Cole  
Elizabeth McKee  
16 Erik Melchers  
17 Michael Menne  
20 Shawn Strout  
Nolie Thornell  
21 Alison Prevost  
22 Chris Crittsinger  
23 Miguel Prado  
26 Mary Kivlighan  
29 Terry Horan  
30 James Brady  
Victoria Drell  
Jeffrey Kahle  
Sandra Welch

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*July*

1 Scout Bowman  
Jill Eynon  
Cynthia Powell  
Rachel Shinbur  
Senta Speight  
Lisa Watson  
5 Daiva Kasteckaite  
6 Dennis Kivlighan  
8 Roy Woodall  
10 Fred Hadeed  
12 Christina Murray  
15 Landis Vance  
16 Ron Carsell  
Jerry Fath  
Embry Howell  
17 Larry Amon  
23 Monica Barreto  
25 Lee Kadrich  
31 Tim Dill

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*August*

1 Ike Brannon  
Will Coley  
Jamie Finch  
Julia Gutierrez  
Greg Shinbur  
Wayne Thompson  
4 Robin Jones  
6 Clark Ball  
8 Gene Sexton  
9 Harriet Curry  
10 Jan Clayberg  
David Tubman  
14 David Harrer  
15 Julian Saenz  
16 Tommy Mottur  
17 Randy Beardsworth  
Phil Marti  
Oscar Prado  
18 Chuck Shirkey  
19 Bob Kulawiec  
20 Terry Clark  
Charles Graham  
21 Gregg Buckley  
Marian Chin  
22 Jim Solomon  
23 Tom Koch  
24 Joe Croman  
Carl Uhlig  
25 Steve Gough  
Stephen Preston  
29 Jim Gasser  
31 Stefan Lopatkiewicz

***Honoring the Great Sacrament of Baptism.*** If your name is missing from this list and you would like to receive a baptism anniversary card from the church, or if there is a mistake, please call the parish office at 202-232-4244, and ask for the membership secretary. ■

**Baptisms**

January 13, 2008

Finn Brose Anzalone

March 22, 2008

Dilara Natalie Brannon

April 20, 2008

Katharine Marie Hudgins

May 11, 2008

Luciana Rosio Guadalupe

Esch-Levanos

**Burials & Memorial Services**

January 5, 2008

Robin Dzvonic

January 8, 2008

James Marshall Barnett

April 12, 2008

L. Philip Leonard

**Confirmations**

None

**Marriages**

None

**Transfers In**

April 1, 2008

Scott Jeffrey Yeomans

Richard Harvey Seale

April 15, 2008

Mary Beth McCutcheon

**Transfers Out**

None

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

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## *Have a joyful summer!*

*Join us for the annual parish picnic on June 1, 4–7 p.m.*

*Ingathering Sunday is September 7—the first Sunday after Labor Day.*