

# The All Souls' Message

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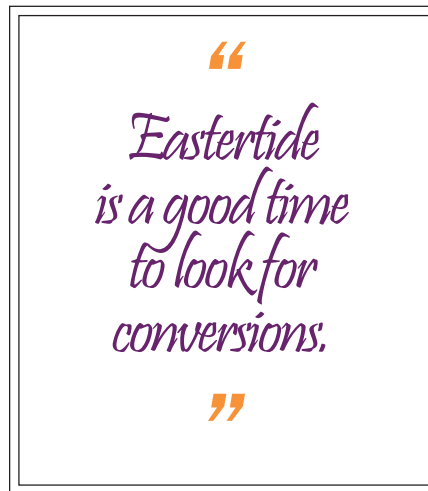
From the Rector

## Conversions

I've met only a few people who have experienced a real religious conversion. I grew up mostly around other Christians. I, and others, might have experienced changes in our spiritual lives. We even might have had renewals or awakenings of some kind. But very, very few have had what might be called a real, life-changing, "the old is dead, the new has come" conversion.

But the season of Easter, or Eastertide, is a good time to look for conversions, to listen for them, and to notice them when they happen near us. When Jesus is crucified, the disciples almost seem to lose faith. Some deny Jesus. Others go back to their fishing. A few seem to linger but aren't sure what to make of the situation. But on Easter Day, Mary Magdalene begins to spread the news that Jesus is no longer dead, but that he has risen from the dead. Soon there are appearances—Jesus appears to the two on the road to Emmaus. He appears to Simon Peter. He appears to a group of the disciples on the beach. And little by little, the disciples and many more are converted. They are turned around from their previous life and shown a new direction.

A couple of years ago, on a mission trip to Honduras, I met a man whose conversion I will not soon forget. The old life for him had been one of knives and fights, drinking and staying away from home for long periods of time. His family sometimes wished that he might not return after a night out, since he was usually more violent when he came home. His wife and his thirteen children were afraid of him.



Many in the church of San Juan Evangelista remember the man before his conversion and they remember the gun he wore. They avoided him in the streets, and many simply wrote him off as "very bad news."

One day someone from the church, perhaps sensing that the man's defenses were down or that he was simply tired, convinced him to go on a retreat. On the retreat he heard the Gospel in a way he had never heard before. He found friends he didn't need to fight. He began to see his family as a gift and a blessing. He was suddenly and drastically changed. He was converted.

We met this man, now a prominent lay leader at the church. He coordinated the painting project, handed out worship leaflets in church, and kept a wary eye on the children and young people. (They still remember his old ways and they knew better than to disobey him.) We had heard the facts of

his conversion, but we had not yet fully understood how his change affected others.

One morning a few of us were busy carving wooden pegs to be used in fitting together pieces of church pews. Canon Vasquez asked one of the boys helping us, "Tell us the story of your life." He smiled and was shy at first, but then he began to talk. He talked about playing soccer down the hill. He talked about his school. He talked about how a stomach illness a few years ago caused him to miss an entire year of school, and so he is one year behind where he ought to be. He talked about his two older brothers who live in the United States and send money back to the family. And then the ten-year-old began to get emotional. He was quiet for a moment or two and then he said, "I'm a very lucky boy." There was silence. And then Canon Vasquez asked him, "Por qué?" "Because my daddy changed," he said, "and everything is just much, much better."

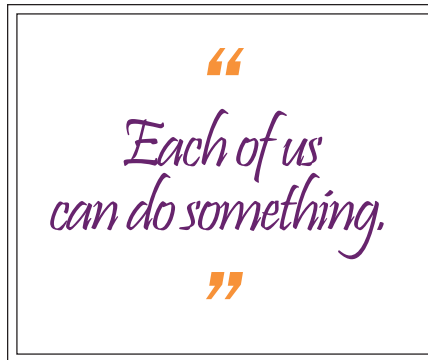
It is the business of God to convert people, but we have a role to play. We share the love of Jesus Christ with and without words. We can model his love and mercy. We can welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison, as he has asked us to do. We can invite others to worship with us and bring them to church programs and ministries and celebrations. And we can pray for them, trusting in the power of Christ's love to reach all people, knowing that conversion happens.

John Beddingfield ♦

I never cease to be amazed at the difference one person can make in the world. We all know of the work of Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Archbishop Tutu. These larger-than-life persons are famous and we attribute to them super-human abilities. In truth, they are just like you and me. The difference is that they had an idea about the way things should be and refused to let it go. They held on and shared their ideas, brought others in, and eventually changed the world and the way that we think about justice and equality, the poor and disenfranchised, and our responsibility to do something about it.

In recent months, I have heard stories about folks like you and me who are changing things:

1. There is a young boy who was so moved by his visit to the inner city and seeing so many homeless people that he began a program to bring food to them. His idea grew, as did his resolve. He recruited help from his parents and siblings, then from his classmates and neighbors. He added toothpaste and other personal care items. He now provides bag meals with other supplies to the homeless twice a week. He began this project when he was nine.
2. A young teenage girl was so distressed by the abuse of animals, that she began a project with her friends to visit an animal shelter in her area and donate pet food and toys for homeless and abused animals and to spend time exercising and playing with them. She was 13 when she began this project.



3. I know of another young lady who worked to get her dog certified for “pet therapy,” so she could bring him to nursing and retirement homes to bring comfort to the sick, lonely, and elderly. Her friends became interested and now several of them are doing the same thing. She was 15 when she began this project.
4. I have a friend from high school who began to volunteer to help her pastor to provide food and clothing to the babies of the poor and homeless in her area. They now have a center that gives out formula, baby food, diapers, and clothing for children from newborn to toddler. All that they give out comes from donations. One of my other classmates makes baby blankets and hats and booties for the center. They need more help. My friend began this project at age 60.

These people are all my heroes. There are so many stories of people (young and old) who have made a difference. We can’t solve all of the world’s problems. We can’t feed all of the hun-

gry, clothe all of the naked, or visit all who are alone, sick, or incarcerated. We can’t end all of the abuse, violence, and wars. But each of us can do something. We can support projects begun by others or we can take on our own.

“JUST DO IT!” applies to all of these folks. Instead of saying, “Who, me?,” they said: “Yes, me!” None are rich, well known, or special. They are all like you and me: imperfect, flawed people who are trying to make a difference. That’s the really great thing about our faith. Jesus didn’t call the smartest, most influential, or best looking. He called ordinary folks, with all their warts, foibles, and failings. He said: “JUST DO IT!—and by the way, my Father and I will be here to help you, right by your side, all the way.”

So instead of saying “Who, me?,” I need to get busy, and yes, I’ll probably ask you to help me, as I have in the past. You have always come through. Thank you for your Target cards for the families at the Community of Hope, for the shoeboxes for Samaritan Ministries, for the stuffed animals and art supplies for St. John hospital, and for all you do for others.

If you have any gently used baby and toddler clothing or if you would like to donate diapers, formula, or new clothes, please leave them for me in the church office. Target and Kohls routinely has great sales on children’s clothing.

Thank you all for being “Yes, me” people.

Blessings,  
*Nancye Suggs* ♦

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*The Message is published every two months except for a June/July/August issue and a single issue in September.*

Let me start by saying how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve All Souls as acting Junior Warden. My passion in ministry is for welcoming new people into our community. I hope to be able to carry that passion into the work that I do as Junior Warden to ensure that this church is, in every respect, a place that is welcoming to the people who come through our doors.

Over the next few months, I'll be focusing on improving the cleanliness and general condition of the church and on getting an executable plan in place for moving forward with the handicap accessibility project. I'm going to ask for your help with both efforts.

I'll be the first to admit that I have no experience with maintaining a building. I do, however, have considerable experience with maintaining submarines and I think some of the lessons I learned in the Navy are applicable to our facilities. Mostly, it comes down to identifying problems, prioritizing them, and "keeping after" correcting them. We now have a Building Status Log where we are tracking problems and what we are doing about them—if you'd like to see the Building Status Log, just let me know. I've already spent a fair bit of time going through All Souls with a flashlight and camera. But I am only one set of eyes. *I need your help in identifying things that need to be fixed or cleaned—please use the "Problem?" forms that are on the Welcome Table and the kiosk in the undercroft to help me compile a complete list of everything that we need to address.* While



our budget is limited, there's a lot we can do. In the men's room by the Undercroft, we can chip and repaint the large area on the wall where paint is falling off (Status Log item # 5). It shouldn't be hard to fix the torn screens facing onto the Meditation Garden (Status Log item # 10). And we don't need to live with the rusty sink with leaky valves in the women's room on the ground floor of the education wing (Status Log items #9 & #11).

In the December 2008/January 2009 issue of *The Message*, you saw a draft accessibility plan. It is important to emphasize that this was only a draft. We have a considerable distance to go from this draft to having a final plan, to raising money and soliciting bids, and to actually beginning work. The Vestry intends to move forward with the handicap accessibility project. Let me assure you that I will communicate with and seek inputs from the entire church body continuously throughout this effort. The next step is for me and the

Buildings and Grounds Committee to spend time with the architect, Mark Fetterman. We are attempting to get on his calendar now. I am hopeful that we can come out of these meetings with clearly defined steps for undertaking this project and a rough timeline. *Please pray for the Buildings and Grounds Committee as we begin to move forward with this project. Also, please start praying about how you can support this effort financially.* Completing the accessibility project is important to welcoming people to our church. As I began reading about this project, I also learned that there are other benefits: new restrooms, better ventilation for the sanctuary, and improved energy efficiency, to include getting rid of the window air conditioners in the education/administration wing (can you say, "loud, ugly, and inefficient?")

Speaking of energy efficiency, Jeff Wells will be heading up efforts to improve the energy efficiency of All Souls. He'll be asking for people who would like to help—if you are interested in seeing us be more environmentally conscious, please get in touch with Jeff or me. My sense is that we should be able to make fairly significant, near-term reductions in our energy usage with relatively moderate investments. I see this as very important in terms of both our stewardship of the gifts you give every Sunday and our stewardship of the environment.

Please don't hesitate to talk to me about any ideas that you have. I'm excited about where we are going!

Dale Lewis ◆

Copy deadline for articles for the June/July/August 2009 issue of The Message is Sunday, April 26

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). Call George with story ideas, questions, and comments at 202/986-2998. ◆

The Endowment Fund Board and the Vestry have approved a group of grants for 2009. Grants are funded from the income on the All Souls Endowment. With the downturn in the financial markets there was less money to give this year. We received more grant requests this year than we had funds to meet.

Careful consideration was given to each request, and we could not fund some of the requests; others were supported with a smaller grant than requested. As you will see, the range of projects, and the impact in many communities, is impressive. We have supported education for children both in the District of Columbia and in South

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Africa. We have reached out to the homeless and low-income seniors. There is seed money to the Newcomers Committee here at All Souls to support their efforts to reach out to the community and help our parish grow.

Our gifts address needs here in the District of Columbia and as far away as Latin America, South Africa, and Israel. The faith of All Souls members over the years and their gifts to the Endowment enable us to reach out to others in mission and ministry.

Pat Dresser,  
Chair of the Endowment Fund Board ♦

## ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS FOR 2009

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### Local Grants

All Souls Newcomers Committee—\$5,000  
Bishop John T. Walker School, operating costs—\$10,000  
College Bound, program and operating costs—\$5,000  
The Church of the Epiphany, Street Church—\$1,000  
Episcopal Senior Ministries, resident care and resident food subsidy—\$5,000  
Jubilee Housing, computer equipment—\$5,000  
St. Mary's Court, dinner subsidy program—\$5,000

**Total Local Area—\$36,000**

### Grants Beyond the D.C. Area

Island Impact Ministries, Heidi Clark mission trip—\$1,500  
Kwasa School, South Africa, tuition for primary education—\$10,000  
Mission Trip to Honduras, language training and mission work, Shawn Strout—\$2,500  
St. John Hospital, Jerusalem, five cornea transplants for pediatric patients—\$10,000

**Total International—\$24,000**

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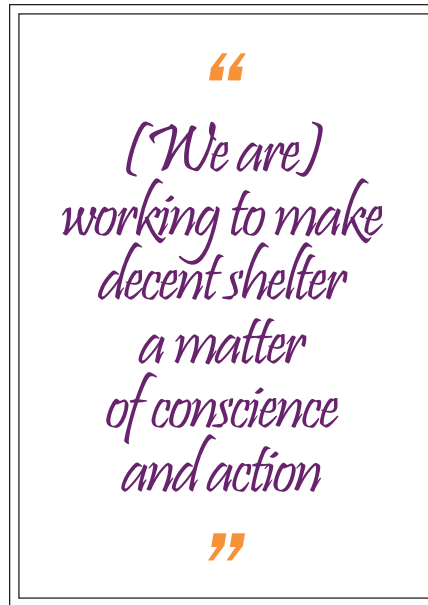
**TOTAL 2009 GRANTS—\$60,000**

*Members of All Souls will again be assisting Habitat for Humanity in building a home in the District on Saturday, May 9, 2009.*

To give an idea of the work that Habitat for Humanity is doing, we offer an extract from a fact sheet (the full text of which is available at <http://www.habitat.org/how/factsheet.aspx>).

### **What is Habitat for Humanity International?**

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1,000,000 people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. Millard Fuller founded HFHI in 1976 along with his wife Linda.



### **How does it work?**

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor—sweat equity—into building their Habitat house and the houses of others.

### **Where does Habitat for Humanity operate?**

Habitat is a worldwide grass-roots movement. There are more than 2,300 active affiliates in 92 countries, including all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

### **How are the partner families selected?**

Families in need of decent shelter apply to local Habitat affiliates. The affiliate's family selection committee chooses homeowners based on their level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the loan. Every affiliate follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing the families who receive Habitat houses.

### **How are donations distributed and used?**

Donations, whether to a local Habitat affiliate or to HFHI, are used as designated by the donor. Gifts received by HFHI that are designated to a specific affiliate or building project are forwarded to that affiliate or project. Undesignated gifts are used where most needed and for administrative expenses.

### **Who controls and manages Habitat for Humanity International?**

An ecumenical, international board of directors determines policy and oversees and guides the mission of Habitat for Humanity International. Board members are dedicated volunteers who are deeply concerned about the problems of poverty housing around the world. The HFHI headquarters office operates with an administrative staff, assisted by a core group of professional and support employees and supplemented by long-term and short-term volunteers. Its own local volunteer board manages each Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

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### DC Habitat for Humanity

DC Habitat for Humanity works to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation's capital by building affordable, energy- and resource-efficient homes for God's people in need.

DC Habitat sells homes to families who are ineligible for conventional financing. We offer no-profit, no-interest, 25 year mortgages for our buyers. Prospective homeowners make a \$500 down payment and contribute 300 hours of sweat equity towards construction of their own home. Mortgage payments on completed homes (typically \$400–\$425 a month) are reinvested in a revolving Fund for Humanity to finance further construction and the acquisition of additional properties and building materials.

Since its founding in 1988, DC Habitat has completed over 100 homes and renovated 75 low-income cooperative units in the District of Columbia. Over 4,000 volunteers a year have contributed toward the construction of these homes.

DC Habitat houses are typically three bedroom semi-detached style homes. Each has a kitchen, living room, and one bathroom. Most do not have basements. All are subject to the licensing and permit procedures required of other builders in the District of Columbia. The homes usually take about 9 months to build.

Currently, DC HFH is building a 53-home development in Northeast Washington. Twenty six families are already living in their new homes with five more homes under construction at this time. We are striving to reach and maintain a 10-home per year pace of construction.

Further information about DC HFH is available at <http://www.habitat.org/cd/frame/frameset.aspx?url=www.dchabitat.org>.

If you have any questions about All Souls' involvement, please contact Tony Domenico by email at [thedomenicos@verizon.net](mailto:thedomenicos@verizon.net), or phone 202-364-5349.

Tony Domenico ♦



### “Nuts & Bolts” Orientation

We ask that you attend a new volunteer orientation before you begin. These monthly “Nuts & Bolts” sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held at:

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church  
The Radcliffe Room  
1313 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington DC

The church is located one block from the Metro Center or McPherson Square metro stops. The session lasts for roughly one hour and explains how DC Habitat works and gives greater detail on current volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to join us, as there is *no need to RSVP* for this meeting.

The next scheduled “Nuts & Bolts” meeting will be April 9th.



## ALL SOULS MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*I*t is hard to believe that my 2-year term as your senior warden is coming to a close. At times the months seem to have flown by, and at other times it seems to have been a very long time!

Our annual Parish Meeting is upon us. We will be electing new members of the vestry, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden's seat will be filled for one year. I wanted you to know what a privilege it has been for me to serve as the Senior Warden of All Souls Parish, the church where I was married and have belonged for more than 33 years. Walking through the doors of All Souls was a life changing and life affirming experience for me. I have made many friends here—all of whom have enriched my life and from whom I have learned much. I have prayed with and been led by 4 rectors, several assistants, interims, adjunct clergy, and seminarians, and have been blessed by all of them.

I hope that I have lived up to your expectations most of the time. I have learned from my weaknesses and failures and continue to try and improve. We are looking forward to a very special time in our future—the centennial of the founding of this church. I have a wish list:

1. I want us to “spiff up” the Archives Room—make it worthy of Ann Clary and her vision.
2. I want us to finish refurbishing the Sunday School rooms.
3. I want us to continue and complete the re-pointing project.
4. I want us to be accessible to all.

With your faithfulness and commitment, all these things are possible. We can certainly begin all of them. Some we will complete in time for the anniversary, others will be “in progress.” I ask for your continued prayers and stewardship of time, talent, and treasure for All Souls and for each other, and I thank you again for the opportunity and trust you have given me.

Blessings,  
*Nancye Suggs*

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# The Annual Parish Meeting

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## Supplement

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### Vestry Elections

On Sunday, May 17, our parish family will gather for the annual meeting of the All Souls congregation to, among other business, elect a senior warden to a two-year term, a junior warden to complete a one-year term, three members of the Vestry, who will serve three-year terms, and a Vestry member to complete a two-year term.

Serving on the Vestry requires a significant commitment of time, talent, and involvement in parish activities. Canon law requires that Vestry members be confirmed members of the Episcopal church. Those wishing to stand for election should look carefully at their professional and personal commitments to ensure that they have the time necessary to meet the requirements of service. The Vestry meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Members also serve on parish committees.

The Vestry, following the policy of the Diocese of Washington and the National Church, has adopted a stewardship statement committing to the goal of a tithe. If you would like to stand for election, or to nominate a candidate, please complete a nomination form and put it in the parish administrator's box in the office by April 19, 2009. Speak with any member of the Vestry to discuss your interest in serving.

Nancye Suggs, Senior Warden ♦

### Senior Warden

According to the parish bylaws, "The Senior Warden shall be the chief lay representative of the Parish and, in the absence of the Rector, shall serve as Chair of the Vestry." In our parish, the senior warden is the chair of the Stewardship Committee, which is responsible for the annual pledge campaign. He/she is also an ex-officio member of various committees and is the vestry liaison to the parish office.

At the  
May 17th meeting,  
we will elect  
a senior warden, a junior  
warden  
and four  
general members  
of the Vestry.

The senior warden must be elected by a majority vote of the congregation present at the annual meeting and will serve a two-year term. No person shall hold the position of warden and general member of the Vestry simultaneously.

### Junior Warden

According to the parish bylaws, "The Junior Warden shall serve as Chair of the Vestry in the absence of the Rector and Senior Warden, and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the Vestry." In our parish, the junior warden is the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which is responsible for maintaining and preserving the church's properties. He/she is also the Vestry liaison to and chair of the Accessibility Task Force. The Garden Guild is associated with the junior warden.

The junior warden must be elected by a majority vote of the congregation present at the annual meeting and will serve a two-year term. No person shall hold the position of warden and general member of the Vestry simultaneously.

### General Members of the Vestry

According to the parish bylaws, general members of the Vestry:

- act as election judges at annual meetings;
- manage, control, and direct the property of the parish;

- choose a minister;
- solicit and take subscriptions for and otherwise provide for the expenses of the church;
- appoint a registrar and treasurer;
- provide necessary books and records for the registrar and treasurer;
- establish policy for expenditures on behalf of the parish;
- generally perform such services as are needed for the maintenance of the church other than pastoral care; and
- elect a delegate or delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

### Eligibility to Vote

As our spiritual family prepares for this year's annual meeting on May 17 following the 11 a.m. Mass, we intend to continue our custom of being as inclusive as possible regarding voice and voting eligibility.

Canon law clarifies the often confusing matter of voter eligibility. It specifies that all of those who attend All Souls who are baptized Christians and are on the parish rolls may vote on decisions made at a parish meeting and to elect members of the Vestry. The baptism may have taken place in any denomination. Our parish bylaws establish that any member, as defined by the canons, whose baptism or letter of transfer is recorded in the records 30 days before the date of the annual meeting is an eligible voter.

According to canon law, those who attend All Souls and have come from the Roman Catholic tradition and have not been received into the Episcopal Church must ask the senior warden to be placed on the parish rolls in order to vote. This is because the Roman Catholic Church will not transfer baptism information to a Protestant church.

### 2009 Nominating Committee

- Marcia Anderson, Susan Morrison, and Jim Solomon

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## All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church

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# Vestry Candidate Nominations

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Thank you for considering standing for election as senior warden, junior warden, or general member of the Vestry.

### Nomination Procedures and Schedule:

- **Coffee Hour on April 12**

To nominate a candidate, including yourself, please fill out the form below and give it to the parish office or a member of the nominating committee (Marcia Anderson, Susan Morrison, and Jim Solomon) by coffee hour on April 12, 2009. After that date, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting. A member of the committee will call to confirm that we have received your nomination.

- **April 19**

Candidates are encouraged to have their pictures taken during the coffee hour. Biographies are due on this date. These pictures will be posted, along with the bios, in the undercroft on April 26.

- **April 26**

Biographical information and photos of candidates will be displayed in the undercroft.

- **May 3 & 10**

Candidates are encouraged to attend the breakfast and coffee hour to be available to meet with parishioners.

- **May 17**

Annual meeting. All candidates should plan to attend. Vestry candidates will be asked to give a two-minute speech. Senior and junior warden candidates may speak for three minutes.

To be eligible to vote, your name must appear on the Voter Eligibility List.

This list will be available for inspection in the narthex and undercroft beginning April 5.

The deadline for completed information to be included on the list is April 19.

## Vestry Candidate Nomination Form

All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Standing for (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Warden, Junior Warden, General Member of the Vestry

Volunteer Activities at All Souls: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Each candidate must write a first-person statement of his or her background, volunteer activities at All Souls, and reasons for wanting to serve as either general member of the Vestry or senior warden. Please limit your statement to 500 words or about half a typed page. Email this to [allsouls1@aol.com](mailto:allsouls1@aol.com). Biographies are due and pictures will be taken on April 19.

At the end of 2008, I became the membership secretary. One of my first tasks was to review all our membership categories (21 of them) for the following information:

- Were the categories mutually exclusive?
- Who was in each category?
- What was the membership distribution across the categories?
- Did we have the necessary information for each member?

I found that my task was going to take a diligent effort and perhaps a long time to accomplish.

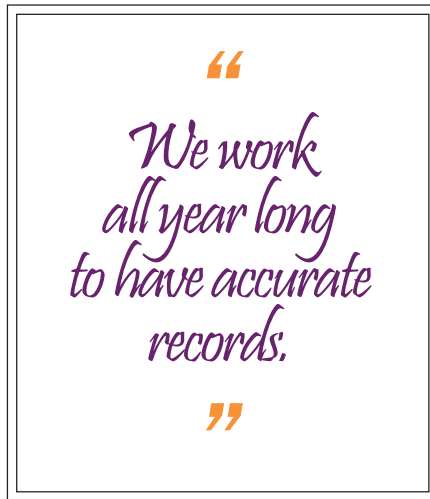
Since starting the task, the rector and I have reviewed all of the membership records, agreed on a definition of each category, and eliminated four categories. In addition, I have started sending letters to members for whom we have incomplete information. You may wonder why this effort is necessary and what you can do to help us.

When the Bishop makes his official visitation, he reviews our records. And each year we are asked to validate members in order to provide an accurate parochial report to the national office. In the Episcopal Church, becoming a member is as simple as recording the date of one's baptism in our parish records. Yet we don't have that basic information for many of our folks.

The Episcopal Church in the USA is a hierarchical body. We agree to follow the canons (church law) and to accept the authority of the clergy, bishop, presiding bishop, and councils of the church. Canon I.17.1 defines membership in the church. There are three core membership categories: member, communicant, and communicant in good standing.

**Baptized Member (we use Member)**

All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with wa-



ter in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof.

**Communicants**

All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church.

**Communicants in Good Standing**

All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying,

and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

We work all year long to have accurate records. You don't have to be baptized to be active and welcome in our parish, but baptism is the official requirement for membership, and that is in the form of a recorded date of baptism. Our membership database contains not only the information required for membership but all contact information for individual members and important family data. At least twice a year we publish a *Member Directory* for your use.

In January I started sending letters to those in the "communicant in good standing" category for which we were missing a baptism date. Of the 54 letters sent, 38 members have responded, or about 70%. A few more letters were sent in mid-February, but that is a good response for this one category. I will follow the same process for the other core categories.

Notice that for statistical purposes the Episcopal Church counts only active baptized members. Counting active members avoids double-counting of persons who are registered in another congregation and did not obtain a letter of transfer. Counting only active members also avoids counting persons who are not currently contributing to the corporate worship and communal life of the reporting congregation.

Please help us maintain accurate records by providing your baptism date and keeping us up-to-date on any changes in your contact information. The next issue of the *Member Directory* will be available at the annual parish meeting on May 17.

Barry Huber ♦

*Where do we stand  
in membership count?*

The cover letter for last year's *Parochial Report* (2008) stated that the "data collected from the 2007 report was of high quality, and almost all Episcopal congregations filed a report." According to these reports, our "active baptized members" were:

2004 = 326	2007 = 316
2005 = 336	2008 = 333 ♦
2006 = 344	

**K**nitters and crocheters began a new Prayer Shawl ministry at All Souls during Lent to bring comfort to parishioners and friends in times of need or joy. We pray as we stitch, and the finished shawls are blessed by Father John and given by him or a lay caregiver to people who may benefit from a tangible reminder of God’s enduring love and care for each of us.

We work independently at home and in community at church to create these gifts of love and comfort. It is uplifting for the makers to know our work will be passed to people at a special time of their life and that our prayers and good wishes go out into the world in a durable way.

This ministry will be ongoing and will, we hope, expand to include other handwork projects. Would you like to join us? Get details from Martha Domenico at [the.domenicos@verizon.net](mailto:the.domenicos@verizon.net) or 202.264.5349. We accept donations of needles, crochet hooks, and especially dollars to keep this ministry going. Look for updates in future issues of *The Message*.

Martha Domenico ♦



**With Easter comes the annual Easter Egg Hunt, always a fun time on our front lawn at 10 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday—April 5**

- Blessing of the Palms and Low Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- Blessing of the Palms, Procession, and High Mass, 11 a.m.  
*The Passion Gospel will be sung by the Choir.*

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week—April 6-8**

- Matins at 7:15 a.m.
- Low mass, 7:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday—April 9**

- Matins at 7:15 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7 p.m.,  
The Washing of Feet and Holy Communion

**Good Friday—April 10**

- Matins at 7:15 a.m.
- The Good Friday Liturgy at noon. Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Mass of the Presanctified

**Holy Saturday—April 11**

- The Great Vigil of Easter at 8 p.m.

**Easter Day—April 12**

- Low Mass with Easter Hymns at 8:30 a.m.
- High Mass at 11 a.m. ♦

*Time Remembered*

**T**he season seeks to catch us unawares,  
Sending us March to tell us not of spring  
But days of dark, Our calendar declares  
A time to mourn, a period to bring  
To final closure what we've left undone.  
We wear our ashes, duly hold in mind  
The Lenten strictures for a trip begun,  
Obedient to the practices that bind.

**B**ut grant, oh Lord, that we not fail to see,  
In work and prayer the glory of these days:  
It is our very bonds that set us free,  
A penance that, commingling prayer and praise,  
Forespeaks the joy of Easter. May God's grace  
Quicken remembrance of a freshened earth,  
Recharge the heart, accelerate the pace  
To reach the endless spring of our rebirth.

— Jim Child



**Baptisms**—None

**Burials & Interments**—None

**Confirmations & Receptions**—None

**Marriages & Blessings**—None

**Reaffirmations\***—

- David Dawson
- Abigail Fitzsimmons
- Rebecca Fitzsimmons
- Robert Green
- Sarah Keener Green
- Paul Meyer
- Charles Moscarillo
- Eric Petersen
- Thomas Simchak
- Laura Tomes
- Hilary Wilcox

**Transfers In**—

- February 5, 2009*
- Katherine C. Nordal
- February 24, 2009*
- Knight Champion

**Transfers Out**—

- January 16, 2009*
- Rachel Barham
- January 22, 2009*
- Tricia Tipton
- February 5, 2009*
- Jim Rich
- February 5, 2009*
- Charles Graham
- Ray Myrtle
- February 23, 2009*
- John Michael Sophos
- March 5, 2009*
- Don Harrell

\* This category includes new members who join by providing the required information, and existing members who provide missing information, primarily a baptism date. The names listed are from January through March of this year. ♦

**April**

- 1 Brendan Doyle
- S. Harrington Mahood
- Floydetta McAfee
- Suzzone McAfee
- Thomas Speight
- Todd VanCantfort
- 3 Donald Albert
- Sydney Ponturo
- Doug Stinson
- 4 Jane Woodall
- 6 Rachel Reuther
- 7 Donald Davis
- Stephen Rhody
- Kathleen Scholl
- Sharlene Weatherwax
- 8 John Nelson
- 9 Stephanie Clipper
- Chuck Helman
- 10 Bill Sanders
- 12 Lisa Roselli Del Turco
- 13 Marcia Anderson
- 14 Charlie Boone
- Beth McCutcheon
- Caroline Mottur
- Scott Thacker
- 15 Harry Walker
- 16 Leanna Commins
- Jacki Kelly
- 17 Bill Culverhouse
- 18 Julie Coryell
- Danny Marrs
- 20 Kate Hudgins
- Dick Rubin
- 24 Pat Dresser
- Victoria Woodall
- 27 Alan Woods
- 28 Ed McAllister
- Heidi Rasciner
- 29 Camille Barnett
- Lynne Brown

**May**

- 1 Floyd Kanagy
- Vicki Lowe
- Rory Morrison-Smith
- 3 Larry Sturgeon
- 4 Hughes Bates
- 10 Ed Graves
- Rick Mollineaux
- 11 Lulu Esch Levanos
- 12 Roger Mahan
- Cheryl Saenz
- 14 David Bush
- Frank Karel
- 15 Harold Carlson
- Jennifer Johnston
- Greg Ramsey
- Sybil de La Renaudiere
- 16 Butch Bradburn
- 17 Bob Alfandre
- 19 Darla Brown
- 20 Beth Moten
- 23 Patsy Hobbing
- 25 Polly Mitchell
- 27 Mary Preston
- 28 Gary Gregg
- Collett Preston
- 31 Terri Gennarelli
- Elizabeth Jarrott
- Ethel Jarrott
- Elizabeth Olson
- Jimmie Roberts ♦

***H*onoring 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, call the parish office at 202/232-4244, and ask for membership secretary. ♦

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*Start planning now  
to join your fellow parishioners  
for the Annual Parish Meeting,  
May 17 after the 11 a.m. service.*

*A light lunch will be served.*