I have heard that many of you take vacations during the summer months. What do you hope to gain from this time away from your usual schedule and responsibilities? The word vacation comes from the Latin words *vacationem*, which means “to be free from a duty or service,” and *vacare*, “an intermission or rest.” I am not suggesting that summer vacation—or any other vacation, for that matter—means we have permission to take a break from the commitments we made at our baptism or confirmation, but rather it can be a time to take an intermission from “the way we have always done it.” Vacation can be a time to explore different ways of doing what we come to church to do, i.e. worship, praise, seek God’s guidance, and thank God for all that God does for us, especially for the opportunities to love and serve God and others. Vacations provide opportunities to develop new relationships with God and people.

We in the church sometimes take ourselves too seriously, sometimes thinking or feeling that what we do is the only or only correct way to do something. The Pharisees fell into that trap criticizing Jesus for healing people on the Sabbath, the day of rest and remembrance according to the fourth of the Ten Commandments. Are emergency medical facilities closed on the Sabbath? So during July and August, we will take some vacation times to explore, rest, and experience different ways of being and doing church.

We will also be more intentional in preparing ourselves to receive a new Rector. Episcopal clergy are usually seminary-trained, but each seminary has a slightly different focus or emphasis as well as different worship styles. Each clergyperson has some commonly learned skills as well as unique gifts and talents. Each one has strengths and short-comings, but God has called him or her and the Episcopal Church through its ordination process has confirmed that call to priesthood. God has called and continues to call people of different ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, countries of origin, and walks of life. (I had a classmate who researched bats—the cave kind, not the baseball kind—before seminary.) Though seminaries have many of the same areas for study, they cannot prepare priests for every situation, need, or challenge. (I’ve got stories. ☺) So you need to be open, flexible, and even a bit adventurous to be ready for your new Rector, just as she or he needs to be coming to you.

During the Adult Forum, we will be looking at church size, parallel growth, member incorporation, family systems as they relate to congregations, children in worship, Episcopal governance, etc. If you have suggestions for other topics, please let me know. All of the presentations will relate the topic to the “Son,” and you will be asked to consider how your being a follower of the Son is relevant or irrelevant. These sessions will definitely be interactive rather than lectures. If you would like to participate in the planning and presenting, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Virginia Brown-Nolan+
The Annual Parish Meeting – Election Results

Junior Warden & Vestry Members Elected at Annual Meeting

New Junior Warden

Daniel Callis 2018*

New Term General Members of the Vestry

Ike Brannon 2019
Elaine Eaker 2018
Barry Huber 2019
Heidi Rasciner 2019

Continuing General Members of the Vestry

Greg Lebel 2017
Jonathan Nicholas 2017
Rick Taylor 2017
Melissa Barrett 2018
Jen Catena Davis 2018

*The date beneath each name indicates the year in which his/her current term ends.

At the Annual Meeting on May 15, Martha Domenico, outgoing Junior Warden and Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced Daniel Callis, candidate for Junior Warden for a two-year term. The Parish voted to elect Daniel as Junior Warden and thanked Martha for her two years of busy, productive service.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Martha introduced the nominees as General Members of the Vestry: Elaine Eaker, Leigh Harrison, Barry Huber, and Heidi Rasciner. Nominations were opened to the floor, and Ike Brannon was nominated as General Vestry Member as well. Ballots were collected and counted. The newly elected General Members of the Vestry are as follows:

- For three-year terms: Ike Brannon, Barry Huber, and Heidi Rasciner.
- For a two-year term: Elaine Eaker.

Melissa Barrett, general member of vestry
Our New Junior Warden

Get to Know Daniel Callis

I am a 5th generation Washingtonian – or at least I would be had my parents not moved us out to the suburbs when I was a preschooler. In any case, I am a “local” and many of you have met members of my family when they have come to visit the parish from time to time.

Professionally, I am a risk analyst at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, where I write policy and guidance for examiners reviewing the operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Previously, I worked as a consultant in international development, advising central banks in emerging market countries on issues related to banking regulation and microfinance. I have lived and worked in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

I returned to Washington in 2005 after finishing a year in Kyrgyzstan and was first invited to All Souls soon after. I have been a member of the parish since 2007. I have been in the choir since joining and I am also active as lector and in EMF, Serving All Souls, and the Stewardship Committee. Church leadership positions I have held in the past include: member of the vestry and warden at Grace Church, Chicago (Grace-in-the-Loop), treasurer at St Thomas’ Parish, DC, and treasurer and member of the church council at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Jerusalem, Israel (English-speaking congregation).

At All Souls, the role of junior warden traditionally involves the stewardship and upkeep of the building and grounds. I am elated that my term is beginning AFTER the completion of the accessibility addition. That said, we still need to manage a 100-year-old facility. Building on the work started by our previous junior wardens, I plan to develop a parish-wide, long-term facilities plan. I will also seek to reduce operating costs by exploring alternate contracts for utilities and services. In addition to building issues, I would like to explore ways in which the parish can become involved in inter-faith dialog.

We keep a running list of projects and needed repairs, prioritized by urgency and cost, and work hard to keep the building and grounds in good shape. We also depend upon parishioners to keep us on our toes. If you notice anything that appears to be out-of-order or in need of attention, please let me know. I am also available to hear any other matter concerning All Souls that you would like to discuss. I can be reached at junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org.

Daniel Callis, junior warden

Thank You Martha Domenico!

This May “wonder warden” Martha Domenico stepped down as our Junior Warden. The parish owes her an enormous debt of gratitude for all of the work she has done to complete our construction project, complete the construction punch list, obtain our temporary certificate of occupancy, keep the rest of the physical plant in good working order and, amidst everything else, offer leadership and support to the vestry over this momentous year in our history with the departure of our rector, John Beddingfield. Please join me in expressing your thanks to Martha!

Jeff Wells, senior warden
I’d like to express my gratitude to all of you who have given your time, talent and treasure to All Souls over the past year. We have just 2 full-time staff: our priest and Mary Beth Howard, our Parish Administrator. Ben Hutchens, our Director of Music, is part time. Our bookkeeper is one or two days a week. Our cleaning crew is contract – we have no sexton. All Souls runs on the efforts of people like you who, in pure stone soup style, make a lot out of a little. Many are unsung church heroes who show up, clean up, and work hard to make our spiritual home successful.

Whether it’s cleaning up the kitchen, making sure there are coffee and cups ordered for coffee hour, helping with mailings, managing our membership database, serving as a greeter after mass, mowing the lawn, weeding and planting in the gardens, washing and ironing our altar linens and serving us communion Sunday after Sunday or countless other jobs and tasks too numerous to mention, we run on volunteers. Their servant leadership helps make this a great community.

This annual report uses as a framework the themes and goals the vestry set at its planning retreat last July. You can find those posted on the parish website along with other governance documents. We have also established a monthly “Parish Dashboard” which tracks our progress against many of these goals. To find all this and other information, go to the “Lead” tab on the home page and click “Governance” underneath it. I am also incorporating the results of our RenewalWorks® Survey for this report. As you may recall, it marked out three clear themes:

- More emotional and spiritual support for congregants
- More opportunities to serve others
- More spiritual growth

It’s been an eventful year for All Souls. We bade a hearty farewell to Father John in November; we hired supply clergy through the holidays and January and relied on our wonderful honorary assistant clergy; we hired our Interim Rector, Virginia Brown-Nolan and we chartered our rector search committee, which has done amazing work and continues to do so. Meanwhile, the work of the parish goes on. Here is a brief summary of the last 12 months.

**Spiritual Growth**
We maintained a robust adult forum and we held a seekers class this spring. There is now a Wednesday night prayer group that meets in the Mary Chapel and also conducts Bible study. I’d like to call out Linda Mahler and Will Coley for their leadership in both of these areas. We are looking at other ways to provide more spiritual growth opportunities, but these are a good start.

**Emotional and Spiritual Support**
Last August, we established a new committee called All Souls Cares, now under the leadership of Lisa Watson and Jeffrey Hunter. This group meets once a month to track those on our prayer list and reach out to them with a card or letter or phone call. They are deciding what additional activities they want to take on, including Lay Eucharistic Ministry, home visits, and tracking those who may not be on the prayer list but who may be sick at home or shut in. I’m happy that this has taken shape and we can begin addressing the desire of so many in the parish for more action and programming around this clear need.

**Serving Others**
Under the leadership of Dale Lewis and Melissa Barrett, we chartered Serving All Souls last June, which now serves as an umbrella coordination group over our efforts to serve others. We worked over the summer and fall to take a baseline inventory of what we’re already doing to serve others, analyzed that data (there were over 30 organizations that people either donate money or time to), and then undertook a consolidation effort to focus our outreach and tailor it to the interests and strengths of the parish. We sought to develop a true working partnership with a few groups rather than scatter our forces and resources across a broad spectrum with negligible impact. We also made an effort to engage more parishioners in service through better advertising in the bulletin, parish announcements, and Facebook. And we have tried to recognize those who serve in order to thank them and to stimulate more service. Just as important, we worked closely with our Endowment Board to connect our grant-making more tightly to these same organizations that are tied to the service interests of our parishioners.

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You can learn more about the groups we serve and our approach on the website under the “Engage” tab (click “Faith in Action” on the drop-down menu). The core groups are:

- Christ House
- Transitional Housing
- Cleveland and Woodley Park Village
- Heifer International
- Ending Hunger: Capital Area Food Bank and Martha’s Table
- Samaritan Ministry of Washington.

We seek personal transformation by serving Jesus Christ in others. So we track it. The parish dashboard has a statistic tracking how many people and hours the parish is devoting to service as Christ’s hands and feet either as in-reach to the congregation or as outreach to wonderful charities like those listed above. Typically we have 20 – 40 volunteers a month logging 140 – 250 hours. I believe that represents a massive undercount so we are looking for better and easier ways for people to log their time and hours.

I also appreciate the continuing work of All Souls Are Green, our parish environmental stewardship group looking to make us more climate-friendly, as well as energy efficient and environmentally aware. Thanks to Dan Weisshaar and Mother Orens for their leadership here.

**Parish Life**

Social life in the church builds the fabric of faith. We developed and published standards for coffee hour to encourage more people to participate and support it.

Coffee hour is a ministry. It promotes fellowship and is probably our chief social binder here at All Souls given that more people take part in it than in any other event outside worship.

We also wanted to host one major social event in the fall and in the spring. Father John’s departure threw the fall plans into disarray. But this spring we hosted a Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper attended by nearly 50 people.

We established a parish social committee. It organized a 20’s/30’s Burger/Bible/Beer (or Beverage) cookout in May and, later this summer when the water is warmer, we hope to have a parish tubing party on the Shenandoah for everyone. We’re also hoping that many will help Ben and the choir at the summer music festival in June that will feature social events and offer an opportunity to invite a friend to All Souls, in addition to hearing great music.

We now have a women’s group, led by Mother Elizabeth Orens, that meets regularly for dinner, retreats, and Bible study. This is a great complement to our Episcopal Men’s Fellowship that continues with an average attendance of 20 – 30 people for their bimonthly evening events.

Communications

I’m grateful to Greg Lebel for his leadership on communications and outreach and for the wonderful group of people with him who volunteer their time and talents to promote our story to others.

Our rector search effort obviously meant we had to “up our game” in this area – especially for the web site, which we completely reorganized and updated. We have posted videos of our stained glass along with a recording of the choir, and we posted six videos of parishioners answering the question “What brought me to All Souls and what keeps me coming?” I hope we can do more videos.

We held two outreach events: a booth at the Pride festival last June and a booth at the annual 17th Street festival last September. At both, we offered communion to all at 4 p.m. in a “street mass.”

We moved away from print advertising and instead leveraged our Facebook page, managed by Daniel Froggett, who dishes up content there on a regular basis with a fresh approach.

Everyone who visits All Souls and signs our guest register gets a welcome package, a phone call, a letter or card from our Interim Rector, and every quarter, we send out another email to them telling them how much we appreciated their visit.

We currently have 191 Communicants in Good Standing versus 178 in November when we started counting. A communicant in good standing is someone who shows up for worship, contributes, and for whom we have a recorded baptism date. Not all of these are new members. Barry Huber, our membership secretary, has done some house cleaning to make it more accurate. But we do have new members! In other cases, people have stepped beyond simply attending and made a firmer commitment to the parish.

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Comparing February 2015 to February 2016, our attendance is actually slightly up – March and April aren’t good comparison months because Easter fell in March last year and April this year and that skews our numbers dramatically. We average 5 visitors a month. Thank you for doing such a good job of recognizing and welcoming newcomers, especially our greeter corps led by Debby Kelly. Our annual summer choir festival typically raises average attendance by 40 people for that month, so our choir not only ministers to us, they draw newcomers.

We receive between 2,000 – 2,500 hits per month on the home page of our web site and the second highest hit pages have been the “Rector Transition” page, not surprisingly, with around 300 – 400 hits per month. We have 280 people who “Like Us” on Facebook. This means they receive news and information about us through Facebook when we post or update. If you haven’t “liked” us yet, please do.

Finance and Stewardship
Terry Cain, our Treasurer, reported that we ended the 2015 Operating Budget with a deficit of $9,092.55 compared with a budgeted surplus of $5,489. This was due to higher than anticipated costs for advertising, hospitality and snow removal. In 2014 the deficit was approximately $30,000 and in 2013 the deficit was more than $90,000. For 2016, our operating budget is $576,556. An audit of our 2014 finances was conducted during the year and found no material weaknesses. We will complete an audit of our 2015 finances over the summer with an examination of business processes.

Over 90% of the operating budget of the parish is funded by pledges made during the annual stewardship campaign in the fall. For 2016, we have 141 pledges. Our 2012 – 2015 pledge numbers were: 152, 156, 147, and 152 respectively. The average pledge size over that same period has grown from $3,170 to $3,846. I appreciate our members’ faithfulness as well as the marvelous work of our Stewardship Committee under the leadership of Jonathan Nicholas.

Physical Plant and Grounds
This year we completed the All Souls Forward capital campaign in December, paid off the construction loan in March using approximately $400,000 from our endowment, and finished the construction project with American Property Construction, all while trying to keep the rest of the building in good working order. As you are aware from my March letter to the parish, the church had three major options to pay off the construction loan: 1) Raise more money from parishioners in a second fundraising campaign; 2) Take out a loan putting the church in debt and paying interest over and above the amount owed; or 3) Use the endowment. After prayerful deliberation and careful consideration of all the options available, the Vestry determined to retire the debt immediately with endowment funds. Several considerations went into this decision: the continuing burden of ongoing principal and interest payments to the parish out of its operating budget derived from annual stewardship pledges, the desire to call a new rector to a parish unencumbered by debt, and donor fatigue.

The Vestry was comfortable using the endowment, which has historically supported both outreach and capital projects, as the building campaign embodied a long-term investment in both: outreach to those who previously did not have access to our facilities, and an investment in our future as a parish that truly welcomes all souls. Further, this course of action allowed remaining endowment funds to be released from collateral and be available for other mission-oriented purposes.

The final cost of All Souls Forward was $2.54 million with a variance against the final project budget of less than 1%. Total pledges received as of May 1, 2016 were $1.3 million. That figure does not include gifts from bequests but does include gifts from pledgers who gave more than they pledged.

Completing construction and taking delivery of the building was an enormous undertaking because it involved completing the construction “punch list,” reviewing and assessing the quality of the new addition, as well as hours and hours of work with the District government to gain inspections and obtain our temporary Certificate of Occupancy. We are still working with DC to get our final “C of O.” I again want to call out and thank our former Senior Warden, Dale Lewis, for his extraordinary leadership of the entire capital campaign and construction project.

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We recently identified and prioritized a list of major repair and capital projects that we need to undertake. These are on the website. Other repair and upgrade work completed this year included new roof slates and roof repairs, replacing gutters damaged by snow and ice, conducting building-wide clean-up days with volunteers, and replacing our sanctuary lights with LED lighting for great energy savings thanks to a generous donor. We refreshed the kitchen, refinished a pew for the new entrance, and developed a building use policy and contract that outside groups must fulfill when using our facility. Indeed, the amount of work and list of building projects seems endless when you operate a beautiful old building like ours. The parish owes retiring Junior Warden, Martha Domenico, our “wonder warden,” a great deal for her stewardship of our physical plant and her leadership and help to Dale in completing the construction project.

**Endowment**

All Souls is blessed with an endowment. Our Endowment Board acts as a subcommittee of the vestry, manages the investment of the funds, and recommends charitable grants to the vestry for approval using the income from the endowment. The Board has five members appointed by the vestry. This year, with the payoff of our construction loan in March, our endowment (not including restricted/designated funds or the rectory fund) stands at approximately $1.9 million. The return on the performance of the endowment for the year ending in December 2015 was 1.42% versus the S&P 500 return of 1.2%. This year, we made grants to 17 charities totaling $78,998. A complete list and description of the grants is on our website. Our Endowment Board works hard to steward this parish resource carefully and they do a wonderful job. Jim Lewis, the Chair of our Endowment Board, launched an All Souls Legacy Society at a dinner in April with legal and financial experts in estate planning to promote gifts and bequests to grow the endowment.

**Thank You**

Thank you for your support of All Souls. I hope you find this report useful and that it helps you engage further in the life and ministry of the parish. It’s been an incredible year and an honor to serve you as senior warden.

*Jeff Wells, senior warden*

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**Stewardship**

**Support All Souls This Summer!**

The summer months are often a rough time for churches to make ends meet because donations drop off while parishioners are away on vacation, but the expenses don’t let up. Help All Souls stay afloat by setting up your pledge payments online, and you’ll have one less thing to worry about while you’re relaxing in the sun.

Setting up online giving is easy! Just click the Give Online button on our home page, AllSoulsDC.org, and fill in the amount you want to give and where you want the money to go. Then just enter your email address and All Souls Connects will match up your gift to your entry in our database. For more information and step-by-step instructions, visit http://is.gd/AllSoulsGiving.
Help Out at Christ House

What: A health care facility for homeless men with a 34-bed clinic, staffed 24/7, with a dining room offering three free meals a day, shower facilities, and meeting spaces.

Where: Located at 1717 Columbia Road, NW, in Adams Morgan, D.C.

Why: The tremendous need for medical care and follow-up, addiction recovery programs, and post medical and addiction support for the homeless and destitute. Founded in 1985, it is the only such facility in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Over twenty years ago, former parishioner Nancy Charleton started All Souls’ Volunteer program at Christ House. Since then Sheila Arbury, Clark Ball, Eileen Davis, Jim Handly, Fred Jordan, Kevin LeGrand, Jack Montgomery, Julian Saenz, Rick Taylor, Stephanie Vestal, Kelly Vielmo, and Jennifer Crier Johnston have volunteered (and many still do volunteer) on a regular basis in the kitchen. And this year the Endowment Board voted to support Christ House with a generous donation.

How can All Souls parishioners help?

Time: Volunteer to prepare and serve meals and wash dishes; Answer telephones; Help with special projects (mailings, patient activities, etc.)

Talent: Organize a patient activity; Help with office work; Sponsor a clothing or food drive; Bake and deliver cookies; Play board games with patients, etc.

Treasure: Contributions will help offset the cost of medical supplies, kitchen staples, and more
  Provide the cost of a meal (average $150)
  Provide the ingredients for a meal (casseroles, etc.)
  Donate men’s clothing and/or toiletries

To volunteer, contact DaveLong@christhouse.org
For information on volunteering, contact jcjohnston38@msn.com

For information on Christ House visit www.christhouse.org
Serving All Souls

Celebrating with Heifer International

During Lent, All Souls held a fundraiser for Heifer International, with the goal of purchasing at least one ark of animals. On Sunday, May 22, it was announced that the congregation raised $8,000, which was matched by the All Souls Endowment. Heifer had raised matching funds to double our $16,000 gift. This meant that the total raised was $32,000, enough to buy three arks of roughly 24 animals per ark! In part because this much money has never been raised before for Heifer in such a brief period of time, they sent out a representative to make a special presentation of a plaque to thank us for our generosity. Photos of this celebration can be found below.

Read below for more information about Gift Arks from Heifer International’s website:

Gift Arks Change the World Two by Two

A Gift Ark donation includes two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep, and two goats, along with bees, chicks, rabbits, and more. Donating a Gift Ark helps:

- Care for entire communities with milk, eggs, honey, and wool
- Provide income by supplying an abundance of goods to sell
- Sustain farming by providing livestock to work the land
- Improve the lives of families for generations by multiplying and Passing on the Gift

From Left to Right: Jim Lewis, a representative from Heifer International, Jeff Wells, Charlie Boone, Dale Lewis, and Melissa Barrett celebrate All Souls’ support of Heifer International.
Honduras Conservation Project Update

This has been a busy, productive year for the Trinidad Conservation Project (TCP). Through the Endowment, All Souls has supported the organic agriculture and reforestation projects of TCP for about six or seven years. TCP is a group of mostly Episcopalians from five churches, plus other friends who are active in social justice missions. Our model is to affiliate with an organization that engages in organic agriculture, environmental enhancement, and health and leadership training to improve the lives of poor subsistence farmers in Santa Barbara, Honduras.

Last year, TCP changed its affiliation from Sustainable Harvest International to Vecinos Honduras because of the more holistic approach Vecinos Honduras offers. Vecinos has hired Roy Lara, the Honduran agriculturalist we have been working with for years, to head up the program in Santa Barbara. Four members of TCP were able to travel to Honduras this past March to meet with Roy and the Executive Director of Vecinos Honduras, Edwin Escoto, and to visit some of the communities being served under the new program.

Already, the group witnessed major changes in some of the poorest communities. Trees have been planted to protect the watersheds, fuel efficient stoves have been built, and efficient water usage methods have been employed. More importantly, the farming families are learning to train others to do the work and building self-esteem at the same time.

Experienced facilitators give workshops in the communities on topics such as making wood-conserving stoves, growing and preparing food for a balanced diet, and conservation and reuse of water for gardening. These are just some of the workshops that are offered to the communities.

Honduras is facing severe challenges, not only from violence and drug-trafficking, but also from several years of devastating drought, plagues destroying pine forests and coffee plants, and lack of infrastructure, such as roads, water, and sewage. Despite these challenges, the families we meet are smiling, hopeful, and strong in their faith. Their faith and love for each other empowers them to keep striving, hoping for a better future for their children.

If you would like to learn more about TCP, go to https://trinidadconservationproject.org/.

Melissa Barrett

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TCP is named after the town of Trinidad in the department of Santa Barbara, Honduras. The town is surrounded by the mountains, where the farming families sponsored by TCP live.

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Left: Anibal Rios, a farmer from El Cabilotal, shows farmers in El Puente how to build a chicken coop. Predators kill hens and eggs if left unprotected overnight; Right: Farmers learn to use an A-frame tool to plant seeds. This is often the first new agricultural practice that participants want to adopt.
Garden Guild

All Souls’ Gardens

Some twenty years ago the front garden was being maintained by a professional gardening service at such a cost that it was decided to save money and handle the garden ourselves. And the back garden did not yet exist – it was a patch of weed grass with a center bed of giant canna lilies, bordered by an asphalt barrier.

Chris Lethbridge and I decided we would dig this up and design a proper garden. Trips were taken to an equipment center in Rockville to rent a pneumatic drill which several shirtless young men were more than willing to man to remove the asphalt. A rent-a-truck trip to Shimens Garden Center in Maryland garnered Crepe Myrtles, laurels, weeping cherries, roses, and various evergreen plants. Our thanks to Pat Dresser, among others, who made donations to the garden fund.

Home Depot was the source for the pavers which we repurposed for our current back garden. Charlie Boone and I dug a 2” deep pond which was filled in due to the supposed danger to young children. It became the center raised bed.

Tom Mabon, Greg Ramsey and Jim Gasser, Arlin Winefordner and Stephen Jacobs, and recently Terry Adlhock have served as heads of the garden guild. And during their tenure many positive changes have been made – the day lily bed in front of the tower was dug up, the dying Mugo pines that bordered the main bed were removed, trees were planted along the alley garden, and knock-out roses and azaleas now flourish in the front beds. Due to the increased sunlight and the rain the Hostas in the front garden have ‘grown like topsy’. The new Weeping Cherry, donated by Ralph and Catherine Braun, does not supply shade enough to keep the Hostas from growing into bushes! Those hostas are going free to anyone who wants them! The azaleas and even the knock-out roses are in danger of being choked to death. With a cleaner bed I hope to plant Nandina bushes to provide year round color and they are easy to keep in check.

With the construction of the accessibility addition our old garden had to be demolished entirely and all the plants and shrubs had to go. There is no guarantee that transplanted trees and shrubs – a very costly business – would survive in a holding nursery or a new home. So John Shorb Landscaping designed the new terraced garden – the pavers saved from the original back garden have been used as the base for the new lower patio and the left-overs cut and placed on the terraces. This provides good walking and weeding space. The garden is composed of many and various perennial evergreen shrubs with crepe myrtles at the top of the garden. Once again we thank Pat Dresser for her generous donation.

Anyone working in the gardens will attest to the many people who comment on the beauty of the space, the pleasure they get from being able to walk through and sit in the gardens, or enjoy the view from their balconies.

But the gardens do not maintain themselves – the knock-out rose need to be dead-headed (cut off the dead blooms) a chore that Jan Clayberg accomplished for many years; there is much weeding in the front garden and along the Woodley side garden, although I can weed the back garden in about an hour. Therefore we welcome anyone who would like to help keep our garden beautiful. No experience is needed (Dale Lewis will attest to that – he is now an expert on identifying Hostas)! We do not meet every week as we used to, but we meet on at least one Saturday a month. There is always the opportunity to pop over during the week, as do Jeffrey Hunter and Terry Adlhock, who regularly mows the lawn (saving us a lot of money). My thanks to them and Fernando Moran Arce, Christopher Broad, Matt Cohen, Jamie Finch, Rob Gibbs, Ross Heath, Terry Horan, Debby Kelly, Kevin LeGrand, Katherine Nordal, Ed Ramos, Will Tatterson, Rick Taylor, Lisa Watson, and Jeff Wells. Thanks also to Steve Jacobs and Arlin Winefordner, who donated the beautiful Luytens Bench that now adorns our back patio.

I am hoping to work with the Oyster School garden club and especially welcome our parish children to enjoy our back garden and the herb garden set in the corner of the back garden between the undercroft and the addition.

Contact Jennifer “Scissorhands” Johnston at jcjohnston38@msn.com.

Jennifer Crier Johnston, garden guild chair
Around All Souls

Above & Below: Parishioners relaxing on the patio during the 20's & 30's Barbeque on May 26, 2016.

New Junior Warden Daniel Callis celebrates his birthday with the Episcopal Men’s Fellowship.

An updated version of the Windows of All Souls: A Self-Guided Tour brochure is now available at the back of the nave and on our website at https://is.gd/AllSouls_Windows.
Around All Souls

Members and staff of All Souls (Debby Wynne Kelly, Rory Morrison-Smith, Art Warren, Ben Hutchens, Cameron Soulis, Jennifer Crier Johnston, and Derek Drummie) attend former rector John Beddingfield’s installation at The Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City. Also pictured: Erwin de Leon, Fr. John’s husband and former All Souls member.

Jennifer Crier Johnston relaxes in the back garden during a meeting of the All Souls Legacy Society.

The 2016 Easter Egg Hunt in the front garden, with Marcia Anderson as the Easter Bunny.

Episcopal Men’s Fellowship meets on the back patio. Shown are (L-R): Tony Domenico, John Hall, and Bill Sanders.
Calendar Highlights

Capital Pride June 12

The 2016 Capital Pride Festival will take place on Sunday, June 12 from noon to 7 p.m. All Souls is planning to have a big presence again this year. We will have a double booth, new stuff to hand out, and a story to tell, but we need your help to do all that. We need volunteers to staff the booth from set-up to tear-down. We will have a sheet on the table at the foot of the stairs in the undercroft for you to sign up for a shift or two. This is always a fun day and an opportunity to show our welcoming spirit in the community. Please join us. For more information, contact Dale Lewis at dalealewis@aol.com or Greg Lebel at lebelgreg@gmail.com.

4th Annual Festival of Music at All Souls

It’s time to celebrate! In June, All Souls will host our 4th Annual Festival of Music. Each of the four Sundays in June will feature choral and instrumental music using “Mostly Mozart” as our theme. Our music festivals draw a crowd — in past years, attendance at the 11 a.m. Mass was nearly double! Because of the timing of this festival, churchgoers — musicians & non-, Episcopal & others — found their way to our fine parish. Invite your friends and neighbors — the Music Festival is a great time for outreach and community engagement. Each Sunday will include a Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m., wine & cheese in the garden at 6 p.m., a concert in the undercroft at 7 p.m., and candlelight compline in the nave at 8:30 p.m. More details can be found on our website at www.allsoulsdc.org/music.

This music festival would not be moving forward without the support of some generous donors. Many thanks to those who have already contributed. If you have time, talent, or treasure to contribute to our festival, please be in touch with Ben Hutchens at music@allsoulsdc.org. The festival choir is comprised of many of our regular singers and is open to other singers as well. If you are friends with singers (and I hope you are!) please encourage them to be in touch. Most church choirs do not sing in the summer, so there are a host of fine singers who would likely appreciate the invitation. Ben Hutchens, director of music

Have You Signed Up for Our Email List?

To view the full All Souls event calendar, visit www.allsoulsdc.org & click “Parish Calendar” under the “Connect” tab.

Subscribe to All Souls’ email list at https://is.gd/ASC_Email to stay up-to-date on the latest news from All Souls!

Cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham
From the Membership Database – as of May 5, 2016

The Parish Register

Baptisms
- None

Burials, Interments, & Memorial Services
- None

Confirmations, Receptions, & Reaffirmations
- None

Marriages & Blessings
- April 30, 2016 - Clare Reid Barnett to Marcos Huerta

Transfers In
- None

Transfers Out
- Wallace Babington to St. Paul’s K Street, DC
- Steven Kerchoff to The Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Have a relaxing summer!

Ingathering Sunday is September 11