



The January Fridge Sheet

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Annual Congregation Meeting

You Might Be Asking: Why Should I Attend?

Each year we have an annual meeting. It is a chance to look back at where God has taken us and to look ahead to where we are headed. It's a time to elect new leadership for our vestry. We also share our budget for the coming year and talk about where we will focus as we move ahead. You should be here.

It's important to be here because we are a family. It's hard to inform the family properly if y'all aren't here. It's important for us to share together in the challenges and blessing that we face so that together we can talk about the solutions and celebrations we will share. It is most important for us all to be together because it is a symbol of our unity, being of one mind for our future as we seek to do Jesus' kingdom work. Please join us January 7, just after the 10:30 service. I look forward to seeing you!

Blessings,



Vestry Nominees' Biographies Online

In preparation for next week's annual meeting, please visit our vestry page online at www.allsaintswoodbridge.org/vestry-bios and read about the nominees for the 2018 ASC Vestry and pray about how the Lord would lead you to vote. Election ballots will be distributed for voting at the beginning of the meeting to ensure sufficient time for counting and, if necessary, a run-off vote.



Newcomers' Class

Even if you've been coming to All Saints' for a while, the whirlwind of activity and opportunities surrounding your new church can sometimes create more questions than answers. Are you searching for ways to plug in? Explanations about why we do what we do? About what we believe? Where to turn for

assistance? All this and more can be answered by attending the Newcomers Class, a four-part program that will be held on Sunday mornings. This is not a membership class. It is simply an opportunity to learn a little about our history, ways to get involved, hear about the many opportunities we have available here, and most importantly, to ask questions. Classes will be held on three consecutive Sundays: Jan. 21, 28, and Feb. 4, 11, during the adult Sunday School hour. Please RSVP: Call Naomi Iber (703)670-0093 ext.106 or email niber@allsaintswoodbridge.org. Childcare will be made available upon request.

Ministry Fair: How Can You Serve?

 *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace —1 Peter 4:10*

The Lord has given each of us a skill, a gift, or a talent uniquely suited to serving His people. What has He given you? Are you musically inclined? Great at computers? Can you speak before a crowd, as our Lay Readers do on Sundays, or do you prefer to serve behind the scenes, like those who set up our Altar before each service? Whatever your strength or interest, consider that a part of our body. We need all parts in order to operate as a whole. Unsure about your gift? Then come to the Ministry Fair, January 14, which will be held in the Atrium between services. Under our banners of Love, Grow, Serve and Go, we will highlight opportunities to serve in different ministries at All Saints'. As you read about the different areas, pray for guidance as to where the Lord would have you serve. We're not asking for a lifetime commitment, but that everyone try *something*. If your first choice doesn't "fit," keep searching until you find a role that fits you perfectly. While most typically volunteer for a year, many decide to stay for much longer because service can become joyfully rewarding. On the other hand, some prefer to try something new each year. Whatever you choose, your help will be a great blessing to others.

 LOVE  GROW  SERVE

First Friday Night of Worship

Start the New Year in song at our monthly First Friday Night of Worship, January 5, in the All Saints' Church multipurpose room. Music starts at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

If you are distressed by the news around the world and want to do something to help, please consider this prayer opportunity. We meet the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the All Saints' Prayer Center.

Breakfast With The Bishop

Men of All Saints', save the date: Saturday, January 27 for Breakfast with Bishop John Guernsey. We will meet in the Multipurpose room downstairs. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 9:30 a.m.

Pledge Envelopes Ready

For those who have submitted their 2018 pledges, thank you! Boxes containing your weekly contribution envelopes are available on a table in the Atrium.

Stephen Minister Training

Stephen Ministers are the "after people" who come alongside



people to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement and listening please contact Julie Tilton, our Stephen Ministry Leader, for more information and an application. Training begins Jan. 8, and will meet from 6:30-9 p.m. every Monday for 20 sessions. Not sure you're ready? Take the training anyway. You will learn invaluable skills in relationship building!

Women's Worship & Prayer

Ladies, please mark your calendars! We will meet twice in January (the 9th and 23rd), from 7-9 p.m., at Kelly Mine's house for worship, prayer, and fellowship. All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join in this lovely and encouraging gathering. Hope to see you there! Address is 14713 Parson Weems Loop, Woodbridge, VA 22193.

A Place to Belong...

Weekly Fellowship/Learning Opportunities

- Sundays**
- 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.: **Discipleship for All Ages** (continuous and varied classes.)
 - 6-8:30 p.m. in multi-purpose room: **Consumed!** Youth activities and Bible Study
- Tuesdays**
- 10 a.m. - noon: **Women's Bible Study** in the multi-purpose rm
 - 7:30-9 p.m.: **Bible 101.**
- Wednesdays**
- 7:30 p.m. **Koinonia** - Young Adults meetings
- Thursdays**
- 9:30-11:30 a.m.: **Women's Bible Study** in the multi-purpose rm - current focus is Twelve Women of the Bible.
 - 7 p.m. in the Sandoval home: **Youth Bible Study**
 - 7:15 p.m. **Choir rehearsal** (Resumes Feb. 8)
- Saturdays**
- 8-9 a.m. **Men's Bible Study** - current focus is Nehemiah: Principles of Leadership.
 - 8:30 p.m. Into Action (AA support)

Cornerstone Series Starting in January

In Paul's letter to the Romans (1:1-2), he describes the "Gospel of God" as having been "promised through [God's] prophets in the Holy Scriptures concerning His Son." Zechariah delivered prophecies to encourage the people of Israel when they were rebuilding the temple after the exile in Babylon. The prophecies Zechariah recorded in this book are full of images and promises regarding the coming of Jesus as Messiah, both Servant and King. In this exciting study, we will discover many connections between the Old and New Testaments -- the promises, the fulfillments, and the future fulfillments at Jesus' second coming. We still need this encouragement to persevere today. This study is intended for those who have completed the Foundations for Ministry course and would like to study at a deeper level. There will be about 2-3 hours of homework in preparation for each week's class. The group will meet in the children's wing on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning January 21. Register online at www.allsaintswoodbridge.org/cornerstone.



Twelve Women of the Bible

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Class will be starting Twelve Women of the Bible, a new 12-session study beginning January 11. Join Lysa TerKuerst, Elisa Morgan, Naomi Zacharias, and other prominent teachers as they examine the lives of Mary Magdalene, Rebekah, Hannah, and nine others whose trials were not unlike many we face today. Be challenged, encouraged, and empowered to face trials in your own life by following their examples and drawing nearer to God. Workbooks cost \$8 and will be available at the first class. Childcare can be made available upon request. We meet Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the main conference room. Contact Connie Odems at (703) 583-0391 with any questions. Registration is available on the All Saints' website.

New Tuesday Morning Bible Study Starts Jan. 9

Are you seeking a deeper connection with Jesus; aware of hardened defenses that keep you from accepting God's healing touch; hoping for a way to turn your struggles into strengths; or looking for fellowship and Bible study with other women who desire a deeper walk with the Lord? If so, please join us for Sheila Walsh's 6-week DVD based Bible study, *In the Middle of the Mess: Strength for This Beautiful, Broken Life*. We meet each Tuesday in the multipurpose room 10 a.m. - noon. The cost for this DVD based series and workbook is \$7.50. Contact Chloellen@comcast.net for more information, to order a workbook, or for childcare during Bible study.

Protecting God's Children Class

Protecting God's Children at All Saints' Church, a required workshop for all those age 14 and older who volunteer with youth and children (nursery, Sunday school, Children's Church, Youth Group, etc.), will be offered on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the Children's Wing. Nursery and child care for children third grade and younger will be made available upon request by Jan. 3. Please register for the workshop at <http://www.allsaintswoodbridge.org/pgc>.

Elevate! & Consumed! Annual Ski Trip

The Annual Youth Ski Trip will be January 27-28. Check our website for updates, costs, and permission/medical forms. For more information, contact Mario Sandoval.

Event Planner

January

(New Year's Eve service-10:30 a.m.)

- 5 First Friday Worship 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Needlework Ministry 9:30 a.m.
- 6 Protecting God's Children 9:30 a.m.
- 7 Annual Meeting (one service)
- 9 Prayer for the Persecuted 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Elevate! 6-9 p.m.
- 14 Ministry Fair
- 15 MLK Day - Offices Closed
- 18 Law of Life Summit (Washington, D.C. -- see site online.
- 19 March for Life
- 21 Newcomers Class Begins
- 21 Cornerstone Series Begins
- 27 Breakfast w/the Bishop 7:30 a.m.
- 27-28 Youth Ski Trip Weekend

February

- 2 First Friday Worship 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Needlework Ministry 9:30 a.m.
- 4 SOUPer Bowl Sunday
- 4 Youth Meet at Sandoval's to play football and watch the Superbowl
- 9 Elevate! 6-9 p.m.
- 11 ASC Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- 13 Prayer for the Persecuted 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Supper)
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Presidents Day: Offices Closed
- 22 Protecting God's Children 7 p.m.
- 25 Children's Eucharist Class

March

- 2 First Friday Worship 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Needlework Ministry 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Elevate! 6-9 p.m.
- 11 Daylight Saving Time Starts
- 13 Prayer for the Persecuted 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Protecting God's Children 7 p.m.
- 25 Palm Sunday
- 25 Children's Seder
- 28 Seder Meal
- 29 Maundy Thursday
- 30 Good Friday

Way Far Out

Easter: April 1

CVBS 2018: June 25-29

Aliquippa July 15-22