



Living Waters

Renewal for our Second Century

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS FROM ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH



Upcoming Campaign Events

Informational Gatherings

March 25 - April 30

Easter Prayer Vigil

April 14 and April 15

Children's Sunday School Activity Day

February 27 and April 24

Advance Commitment Gathering

May 14

All Church Banquet

May 21

Commitment Worship

May 22

Celebration Sunday

June 5

Committing to Our Space

BY JENNIFER AKIYAMA

Online worship has brought to stark relief how important physical sacred spaces are to holding and nurturing thin places where we can encounter the Spirit, rest from strain, rejuvenate our hearts and re-engage our community. The care of these physical spaces where we encounter ourselves and one another is not only important for this moment but for future generations who will inhabit the corner of Cedar and Spruce.

This is why I am committed to the Living Waters Capital Campaign. It may seem like an odd thing- to commit our hard-earned dollars to a building and place that is not our own. We don't own this place we call All Souls Parish any more than we own the Episcopal Church or our individual spirituality. But perhaps that is exactly why it is so important. We are responsible for the care, growth and maintenance of this place for the next generation to inherit. We have the opportunity to lift up and pass forward a great gift to those who will follow in our spiritual footsteps.

I'm committed to taking care of this space for ourselves, our community and for future All Soulsians. I'm asking you to join me.

Excerpted from an article currently available on the Living Waters pages at allsoulsparish.org

Living Waters Capital Campaign — The Pillars

The Vestry has identified four pillars – four goals – for the Living Waters Capital Campaign. The projects that support these pillars will renew our church for our second century. The Vestry will decide which projects to undertake based on the amount raised during this campaign, but all these projects are identified needs for All Souls. In addition to these projects, the Vestry will give a portion of the funds raised by the Living Waters campaign to organizations and projects in the broader community.

Complete Accessibility

Our buildings and programming need to be open and available to all bodies. We can make our space and community more welcoming by:

- Installing an elevator that serves the Undercroft, the Parish Hall Foyer, the Nave and the Crow's Nest
- Installing an audiovisual system for the Parish Hall
- Making ADA modifications to stairways, doors and railings

"Accessibility is like a big welcome mat. Better access will help me and a lot of other people participate more fully."

–JENNY KERN

Communal Flexibility

Gathering together and hosting the broader community is at the center of our Christian mission. Our space is a precious resource and we can put it to better use by:

- Reconfiguring the Undercroft for additional meeting spaces
- Expanding/remodeling/reconfiguring the Parish Hall kitchen
- Building a storage area in the Parish Hall for tables and chairs
- Reconfiguring 3rd floor Crow's Nest rooms
- Creating a kitchenette adjacent to the Common Room
- Landscaping the sidewalk areas from Jordan Court to the Courtyard

"We host a fair number of recovery meetings. Making more space available for our groups is part of our mission and builds a bridge into great new communities."

–JOE GARRETT

Carbon Neutrality

As stewards of God's creation, we have a duty to protect the earth given to us. We can move toward replacing our fossil fuel use by:

- Replacing our old gas and electric boilers with an efficient electric boiler
- Installing additional solar panels
- Adding batteries to store the energy from the solar panels for later use.
- Installing radiant heat in Parish Hall floor
- Installing radiant heat in the Chapel floor

"I appreciate that the church is working to become a better steward for our environment by minimizing, and eventually removing, our contribution to climate change and global warming."

–LORENA GRUNDY

Continued Vitality

Like any well-loved and well-used home, All Souls needs some updating to stay fresh and inviting. We can care for our church and make it more welcoming by:

- Replacing Parish Hall Floor
- Repairing Parish Hall window, replacing curtains
- Improving Parish Hall lighting
- Refreshing the Chapel with new paint, flooring and lighting
- Upgrading the electrical panels
- Adding a stain-glass overlay to the choir skylight
- Adding new chairs for the Nave

"The crew from the 7:30 service has missed the Chapel and we are eager to get back. With improved heating, lighting and acoustics it will feel more comfortable."

–MARTIN ORTEGA



FELLOWSHIP

INFORMATION

DIALOGUE

Join Us!

Living Waters Informational Coffee

If you are unable to attend Soup & Story this year, we encourage you to attend one of several small-group gatherings for our Living Waters campaign listed below. These meetings will offer fellowship and information, with time for dialogue and questions. No financial commitments will be asked for or received at these gatherings. Signups are available via a link in the Pathfinder and by phone/mail invitation. Contact Cathy Thompson for more information.

- Saturday, March 26, 3:30-5:30, North Berkeley
- Sunday, March 27, 3:30-5:30, El Cerrito hills
- Wednesday, March 30, 2:00-4:00, Berkeley Claremont
- Saturday, April 2, 3:30-5:30, Kensington
- Sunday, April 3, 3:30-5:30, Central Berkeley
- Saturday, April 9, 3:30-5:30, Central Berkeley
- Saturday, April 9, 3:30-5:30, North Oakland
- Saturday, April 23, 3:30-5:30, ASEP with childcare
- Saturday, April 23, 3:30-5:30, Central Berkeley

*Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

Psalm 1:1-3