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# The Ache for Home

from Rector Mike Kinman

*"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned."*

Maya Angelou wrote those words in *All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes*, the fifth of her seven autobiographical works.

For her, the "ache for home" led her to Africa ... Ghana, specifically ... and the call of the ancestors. It was a search, she said, that "brought me closer to understanding myself and other human beings."

The ache for home lives in all of us.

The safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.

The place where we meet our source, our past ... and where we know ourselves and one another just a little bit better.

This month, we celebrate Homecoming. For us, it is an opportunity to celebrate that All Saints Church aspires to be and is at our best that safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned. Where we feel the presence and hear the call of the ancestors as we come together at the table. Where we are brought just a little bit closer to understanding ourselves and other human beings.

All Saints is an extraordinary community. We come from so many different homes. Some of them have been places of safety and some of them have been places of great danger. Some of them have been places where we have heard messages of love and joy ... and some of them have been places where theology, scripture and faith has been weaponized against us and those whom we love.

And yet, wherever we come from, whoever we are and wherever we find ourselves on our journey of faith, that "ache for home" ... that yearning for that safe place where we can be as we are, and become what we are becoming, lives in us all.

And we "come home" to All Saints Church in celebration and in hope. Knowing that All Saints has been that place for generations of our ancestors, it is that place today and that, through us and God's grace, it will be that place in the future.

I cannot begin to describe the excitement I have as I look forward into this coming year.

In October and November, we will be launching a new formation experience called The Table: Gather/Engage/Grow. For five Sunday afternoons, we will be gathering together for community, a shared meal, and exploration of a topic central to who we are. The first group of five sessions will look at the Bible – not just what it is, but how we read it and what it says about God, about us, about power, about love. What does it mean for us to look to the Bible for wisdom and authority? And what about how often and how terribly the Bible has been and continues to be weaponized against so many of the human family?



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Future iterations will look at the spiritual practices that sustain our common life, how we can reframe key theological concepts in liberating ways and more.

This fall, we are also rebooting the small group ministry at All Saints Church. Small groups provide opportunities for us to create smaller communities within the large, vibrant All Saints community where we can support and sustain one another, build trust that allows for vulnerability, and deepen our relationships with God and one another.

Small groups are the "tiny houses" of the church ... where we can go as we are and become what we are becoming ... together.

We are taking a fresh look at the Rector's Forum this year ... and in addition to having old friends like Ken Turan and new friends like Kelly Brown Douglas returning, we are identifying themes that we will carry throughout the year so the forums can build on one another and deepen our understanding of issues central to our common life.

We are looking at how we can bring increased depth and focus to our ministries beyond our walls. How we can, in the words of Fr. Greg Boyle, "gather together at the margins until the margins disappear under our feet." How we can disrupt binaries and move from us/them thinking into truly becoming God's Beloved Community – where all races, ethnicities, genders, socioeconomic classes, sexual orientations, generations and more come together in love. Where our "ache for home" is finally met with the celebration of homecoming.

Maya Angelou said that "ache for home ... impels mighty ambitions and dangerous capers." And we will not shrink from either of those.

Be a part of homecoming at All Saints Church.

Not just this month, but all year round.

Not just yourself, but with others whom you bring along.

Come with mighty ambitions for dangerous capers.

Come as you are and become what you are becoming.

Together.

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## Spotlight

# Minisingers

Wyatt Lyon-Hartley, Eden and Olivia Hernandez

by Nancy Naecker

The Minisingers is a unison ensemble for children in Pre-K (4-year-olds) through Kindergarten.

These choirs are an important part of our congregation's worship experience during morning services. Like the other choir levels, the Minisingers focus on vocal production, choral beauty, music reading, team building, leadership and forming a community.

Wyatt, Eden and Olivia are three members of the Minisingers

**Q: How old are you?**

Wyatt: (Four fingers shoot up.)

Eden: I'm four.

Olivia: Six! (Olivia just graduated from Minisingers and is moving into Mastersingers)

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

Wyatt: Gelato. (That's pretty sophisticated for a four year old!)

Eden: I like grapes.

Olivia: Pizza!

**Q: What do you love to do in your free time?**

Wyatt: Going shopping at Pavilions for food. I also like to play Shoots 'n Ladders with my parents.

Eden: Swinging on my tree swing in my yard.

Olivia: Going to the park.

**Q: You all sing in Minisingers. Can you tell me something about that?**

Wyatt: (Wyatt buries his head in his Dad's shoulder and whispers) I like Ms. Jenny.

Eden: I love the music storybooks that Ms. Jenny reads to us.

Olivia: We sing and practice singing in the church. Then I like to play on the playground with all my

friends after choir practice.

**Q: Do you have a favorite song?**

Wyatt: All of them! (Wyatt's dad says that Wyatt sings all the time at home.)

Eden: (Eden starts to sing "Hope of God.")

*The hope of God comes close, where stands an open door,*

*To let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor.*

*The hope of God is here to stay for those who walk the way.*

Olivia: (Olivia whispers in her mom's ear that her favorite song is "De Colores.")

**Q: Tell me what you like about Minisingers.**

Wyatt: When it's done! I get a little scared when I sing in the big church but it all goes away when we are done. (Then Wyatt talked about the nice cross he gets to wear and that he likes his red choir robe.)

Eden: I like the singing! (Eden also said she likes her cross and she said she is waiting to get her participation beads.)

Olivia: I like the robes. I have four beads on my cross now!

**Q: Do you all know that you give a great gift to the church by singing in Minisingers?**

Wyatt: (Looks at me with a puzzled expression and nods his head yes.)

Eden: Yes, Ms. Jenny tells us that!

Olivia: (Smiles with a sweet little grin and nods her head yes.)

Indeed!





# The Trifecta of Don't-Miss Sundays

by Susan Russell

The 2018/2019 Program Year launches with a trifecta of don't-miss Sundays: Homecoming, Celebration of Ministries and the Blessing of the Animals. Mark your calendars and make your plans ... you're not going to want to miss a moment!

## Homecoming 2018: Bring It Home (Sunday, September 16)



Join the All Saints community for our annual Homecoming celebration as we launch the new program year with a baseball themed outdoor festival. Enjoy ballpark food (franks and all the fixings with gluten free & veggie options available!) under the shade of canopies over tables on the lawn and in community with old friends and new. Photo booth, balloon animals and face painting — games for kids and adults, music and fun for all. Wear your favorite baseball team attire as we celebrate another new year of mission and ministry together as All Saints Church! For more information about everything Homecoming contact Amanda Perez at 626.583.2732 or [aperez@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aperez@allsaints-pas.org).

## Celebration of Ministries (Sunday, September 23)

Looking to make a difference ... to meet new people ... to deepen your faith journey ... to discuss a great book ... to have a good time ... to serve others? Whoever you are and whatever you're looking for the chances are it will be on display on our quad lawn during our annual Celebration of Ministries — after the 9:00 service and between the 11:15 and 1:00 services! This is the day the All Saints lawn becomes a veritable sacrament (outward and visible sign) of all the rich, inward and spiritual graces of the multitude of ministries that make up All Saints Church. Find ways to get connected and to serve the community and God through our work in the world. For more information contact Jamie Hebert at [jhebert@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jhebert@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2765.



## Blessing of the Animals (Sunday, September 30)



"Whoever you are and wherever you are in your journey there is a place for you here" includes pets of all descriptions at our annual Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Animals service on the lawn at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30. All pets — and their owners — are asked to please arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. to participate in the procession. (Photos or even a stuffed animal also welcome!) All pets are invited to process in the Church and then adjourn to the outdoor worship service on the quad lawn which includes a blessing of animals. For photos from last year's St. Francis Day extravaganza visit our [flickr page](#). For more in contact Melissa Hayes at 626.583.2725 or [mhayes@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:mhayes@allsaints-pas.org).

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# Our Campus Is Getting Better!

PHOTOS BY KEITH HOLEMAN

*The All Saints campus is getting some improvements. From the playground to room in Regas House and more, here are some highlights. Check them out:*



comfort improvements.

## Playground:

Hey kids – put your climbing clothes on! Among the changes to the playground area will be the addition of a 13-foot tall “Spacenet,” a refurbished tire swing, and other



north driveway, quad area, and by the parking lot.

## Bike Racks:

Bicyclists can rejoice. The old bike rack with a capacity of only 3 bikes has been removed and new bike racks have been installed in four areas of the campus:

## Seminar Room:

Say goodbye to the bright orange walls of the Seminar Room. A fresh coat of paint will provide a much-needed facelift for one of our most heavily used meeting spaces.



## Small Lounge:

Just like the Seminar Room, the Small Lounge will have a fresh coat of paint, and new window treatments will replace the aging metal blinds.



## Kitchen:

The kitchen freezer has already moved against the wall, and additional countertops will make it easier to prep everything from our Monday morning homeless breakfasts to Wednesday afternoon youth dinners.



## New Member Class

PHOTO BY TAGGART LEE

*“The New Member Class was not only my introduction into the life of All Saints as a congregant, but also the first ministry I became involved with on a continuing basis as a small group facilitator. Many years and even more friendships later, it continues to offer a space in which new or returning members can learn more about our communal life at All Saints, share narratives, develop lasting relationships, and get to know staff. It continues for me to be one of the most vital, dynamic, and integral ministries in the church.”*

**-Edna Trigg, New Member Class Ministry Co-Leader**

We invite you to enroll in our New Member Class! We radically welcome you to learn about the Church’s mission and ministries, grow spiritually, and meet new friends, whether the language of your heart is Spanish or English. Classes include small group discussions and culminate in an official Welcome into the Church at a service followed by a reception, on Nov. 18th. For more info or to sign up visit <https://allsaints-pas.org/more/new-members-class/> or visit the Sign Up Center starting Sunday, Sept 23rd.

Te invitamos a inscribirte en nuestra Clase de Nuevos Miembros! Te damos una radical bienvenida a conocer la misión y los ministerios de la Iglesia, crecer espiritualmente y hacer nuevos amigos, ya sea que el idioma de tu corazón sea el español o el inglés. Las clases incluyen discusiones en grupos pequeños y culminan con una bienvenida oficial a la iglesia en el servicio seguida de una recepción, el 18 de noviembre. Para más información o registrarse visita <https://allsaints-pas.org/more/new-members-class/> o visite el Centro de inscripción a partir del domingo 23 de septiembre.

New Member Class/Clase para Nuevos Miembros – 5 Sunday evenings from Oct. 14th – Nov. 11th / 5 domingos por la tarde desde el 14 de octubre hasta el 11 de noviembre, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Spring 2018 New Member Class

# Leaving a Legacy at All Saints Church

The Giving Office recently announced the "Heritage Society" has been rebranded as the "Legacy Society," recognizing both our illustrious past and bright future. You can be part of the future when you leave a planned gift to All Saints Church. Such "legacy" gifts will help All Saints continue transforming lives of all ages by bringing the love of God to future generations.



PHOTO BY KEITH HOLEMAN

information about planned giving, or contact the Giving Office with any questions. They can even refer you to estate planning professionals. Contact them at 626.583.2753 or [stewardship-mailer@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:stewardship-mailer@allsaints-pas.org).

Leaving a legacy gift to All Saints can be as easy as naming it as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, life insurance policy or savings account, or including a bequest in your will or living trust. Some may even name All Saints as the beneficiary of a charitable remainder or lead trust.

Everyone who includes All Saints in their estate plan is welcomed into the Legacy Society, remaining anonymous if desired. The Legacy Society's recognition display in the lobby of Regas House will be updated early this fall with a brand new look, and a special reception will be hosted as a small way to express our gratitude as the new display is unveiled.

Visit [allsaints-pas.org/donate/planned-giving/](https://allsaints-pas.org/donate/planned-giving/) for more

## Endow Your Annual Pledge

A great way to ensure All Saints benefits from your generosity in perpetuity is to endow your annual pledge. Since All Saints typically draws 5% from its endowment, leaving a planned gift of 20 times your annual pledge amount will ensure your pledge lives on past your lifetime. For example, if your pledge is \$3,000, you would leave a planned gift of approximately \$60,000 ( $\$3,000 \times 20 = \$60,000$ ). This can guarantee that all of the ministries and programs you care deeply about will thrive in future generations.

## Budgeting for 2019

By Gloria Pitzer and Scott England, Finance Committee co-chairs



PHOTO BY SUSAN RUSSELL

In the interest of keeping the parish fully informed regarding the financial health of All Saints, we wanted to report on our budget planning and process as we move towards 2019.

As some may have noticed, our budget often isn't passed by the Vestry until well into the calendar year each year, even though our fiscal year begins on January 1. This is often as a result of delays in receiving pledge commitments making it difficult to accurately estimate and project income. We are making some changes in our process towards the goal of being able to present a balanced budget for adoption by the Vestry in January.

Several things will help us achieve that goal. First, to educate the Vestry on program and department spending

so they gain a fuller understanding of our budget and the impacts on those programs, we are adopting a series of "deep dive" presentations for the Vestry for each department area.

The staff has also been working to identify key priorities for their budget areas in 2019, so we can adequately plan for future expenses. The Giving Office is also going to emphasize the importance of having 2019 pledge commitments by December 31 so the Finance Committee can present a finalized budget to the Vestry in January.

You can help. Your generosity sustains the transformative work of every department and program area. By sending in your 2019 pledge early – before December 31 – we will be able to adopt a timely, balanced budget that will let All Saints thrive in the new year.



# Congregational Development @ All Saints

*Here are four programs the Congregational Development Department is putting special emphasis on for the Fall*

## Small Groups

The Small Group Ministry provides an opportunity for friends and members of All Saints church to develop deeper connections and wider service with the church and community – with a primary emphasis on caring



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for each other.

By creating open, supportive, and nurturing environments small groups facilitate individual spiritual

growth and foster a network of mutuality. Additionally, small groups offer an opportunity for individuals to search and grow at their own pace and in their own way, learning together and supporting one another.

Small Groups meet a minimum of once a month at church or at a member's home. All Groups have trained facilitators, use a regular format and covenant together about how they will relate to each other and how they will serve the congregation. Groups are always open to new members and are developed around topics of interest to members and friends of All Saints.

Please watch for the Small Group Ministry Launch in October!

## Feast & Friendship

Seventy-nine new friends got acquainted in seven different groups that gathered together over the summer in our new



PHOTO BY LIZA BILLINGTON

Feast & Friendship ministry. Those seven groups will be gathering for a second time this Fall to deepen those friendships, while five new groups will come together to build community, including a weekend lunch and pool party. Signups for the new Fall groups are currently under way via the All Saints

website at <https://allsaints-pas.org/sign-up-center/>. All gatherings are informal, and some welcome children as well as adults. For more information, visit ASC's website or contact Jamie Hebert at [jhebert@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:jhebert@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2765.

## Help Strengthen Our Community by Using the Newly Improved My All Saints

My All Saints is an online interface that helps the church stay connected with you. This summer it was updated to improve your experience and provide access from mobile devices.

You can log into the the new My All Saints to:

- Enjoy the new mobile-friendly interface
- Keep your profile up-to-date so that All Saints can reach you
- Connect to your groups and share important information and documents
- Access your giving statement and pledge information



Look out for more information about the My All Saints upgrades in coming weeks! If you need help logging in, please contact Amanda Perez at [aperez@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:aperez@allsaints-pas.org) or 626.583.2732.

## The Table Gather | Engage | Grow

You are warmly invited to attend the new spiritual formation series starting this Fall called The Table. At The Table, we gather together as a parish body to engage both new ideas and each other in order to grow in understanding of our community, ourselves, and our faith. The Fall session of The Table will focus on understanding the basic shape of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. The Table starts on October 7 and runs for five consecutive Sundays.



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Session 1 - Where's the Power: In One Book, Thousands of Interpretations  
Session 2 - Where's the Power: Who Speaks for God?  
Session 3 - Where's the Power: Made in Whose Image?  
Session 4 - Where's the Power: Do I Have Any?  
Session 5 - Where's the Power: In Love!

**Calendar of events for the month.** Please check our website at [www.allsaints-pas.org](http://www.allsaints-pas.org) and the weekly *This Week At All Saints* for details and contact information.

# September

**1** — Saturday, **Jean Fleming Memorial Service**, 2:00 p.m., Church

**2** — Sunday, **1PM Service Convivio**, 2:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

**6** — Thursday, **Senior Saints**, 12:30 p.m., Sweetland Hall

**8** — Saturday, **Free Legal Clinic**, 9:00 a.m.-noon., Jackie Robinson Center, 1020 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena 91103

**9** — Sunday, **Children, Youth & Families Registration Day**, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall and Guild Room

**11** — Tuesday, **Vestry Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

**14** — Friday, **Not So Bored Game Night**, 6:00 p.m., Sweetland Hall

**15** — Saturday, **Homecoming Volunteer Preparation**, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide

**16** — Sunday, **Homecoming**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Campus-wide

**23** — Sunday, **Celebration of Ministries**, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Campus-wide

**Interfaith Study Group**, 5:00 p.m., Islamic Center of Southern California

**25** — Friday, **Transformational Journey to Homeboy Industries & Learning Works Charter**

**School**, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Off-campus

**Fiction Fun!**, 7:30 p.m., Guild Room

**29** — Saturday, **Laura Aguilar Memorial Service**, 1:30 p.m., Church

**30** — Sunday, **St. Francis Sunday, Blessing of the Animals**, 9:00 a.m. Church, Quad Lawn

## Adult Ed in September, 10:15 a.m. Sundays

• **Adult Education will resume on Sunday, October 7**

### Save the Date:

#### Rectory Reception!

**Friday, October 5, 2018**

All are invited to the Rectory to help launch the 2019 pledge campaign. Activities for children and youth, inspiring remarks about the year ahead, and delicious food for everyone will all come together for one festive evening. Check your email and the liturgies soon for more details.

## Interested in Joining an Adult Choir?



PHOTO BY CAM SANDERS

The mission of our music ministry is to lead the All Saints community in liturgies that glorify God, move the heart and challenge the mind—all with great variety, color and reverence. We know there are many of you who sing in the pew rather than the chancel. Your musical gifts and experience are needed to lead this great congregation in exuberant song. If you've attended a Sunday service, it's likely that you've noticed our two adult choirs: Canterbury and Coventry. They rehearse weekly to prepare and offer the finest music in a variety of styles and expressions, ranging from gospel, jazz, and world music, to traditional Anglican repertoire and full-scale orchestral/choral works. For more information about joining an adult choir, please contact Debbie Daniels in the Music Office at 626.583.2750 or [ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org](mailto:ddaniels@allsaints-pas.org)

## Planning Ahead for Advent



PHOTO BY GARY LEONARD

The first season of the church year, Advent, begins with the fourth Sunday before Christmas (this year December 2) and continues through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming" and it is a season of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of Jesus' birth. In keeping with the spiritual focus of Advent, during the month of December we limit the number of meetings, programs and events on our All Saints calendar. This policy supports the reflective nature of the season and respects the capacity of our Buildings & Grounds staff as they take on the added tasks associated with Advent Services and preparations for Christmas. In lieu of attending meetings, we invite you to attend the many liturgies and events throughout Advent.



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