Peace be with you All Saints’!
We are Louisa and Danny Johnson and are pleased to serve as your chairs for Canvass 2021, Lifting Through Generosity. We’ve been regulars at All Saints’ since 2011 and are the parents of Maddy (9 years old) and Harlan (6 years old). We live in Morningside with our new puppy, Arthur and an under-appreciated fish named Henry. Louisa is an employment lawyer who grew up in the small eastern North Carolina town of Kinston. Danny is a water resources engineer and long-time metro Atlantan from Snellville, where “Everybody is Somebody.”

Recent times have been far from normal for all of us. Many are struggling, whether it be due to illness from the coronavirus, a lost job, anger or fear over the ongoing racial inequality in our country, or general fear and anxiety about what our future holds. We are proud to say that the All Saints’ church community is doing a lot to address these societal challenges and lift up those who are struggling. And, even more than that, All Saints’ is exploring what is essential to our worship together and the building of our spiritual community during a pandemic.

The Annual Canvass will kick off on September 20 and we will be taking a look at what “Lifting Through Generosity” means to all of us. This church is full of positive and generous parishioners, clergy and staff who all share the vision for us to be a church that is a beacon of hope in the lives of so many. All Saints’ needs the support of its parishioners. Thanks to a finance team that is second to none, pledge dollars continue to be wisely appropriated to the ministries, parish involvement, Sunday worship, and community assistance programs that make us All Saints’. Think deeply about what this community means to you. Be ready to pledge when your card arrives in the mail. We need you to join us. The lifting is easy if we do it together.

Danny and Louisa

Canvass 2021, Lifting Through Generosity, begins on Sunday, September 20.
For more information, contact Ellen Hayes at ehayes@allsaintsatlanta.org

All Saints’ Episcopal Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Saints,
What has lifted you these past months? I do hope that in these challenging times answers come to mind: family, friends, faith. I also hope that our beloved All Saints’ community has offered that too.

Church is indeed a place in our lives where we are called to lift one another with abundant care and deep generosity. This strangest of years has provided us with fresh opportunities to lift others up, and All Saints’ has been doing that in so many ways, making a Herculean effort to reach out to and care for one another, and expanding our circle to offer our love, care, and service to those most in need in this city.

I invite your commitment this Fall to this church and our mission to lift up the lives of others, and I give thanks for your giving hearts in this season of the world’s great need.

Peace,
Grace Notes

Thank you to a dedicated team of August callers for the Annual Canvass, Lifting Through Generosity: Mose Bond, Briley Brisendine, Kathy Compton, John Frazer, Darren Gaynor, Charlie Henn, Danny and Louisa Johnson, Susan McClure, Charlie Ogburn, Debbie Wilson, and Bill Woolford.

Many thanks to Todd Bouldin and Keith Hollingsworth for their dedicated efforts to equip and to support our All Saints’ Connects small group facilitators.

Great thanks to Michael Asmussen, Yameque DaCosta, Justin Averette, Megan Wyman, Mark Kolojejchick-Kotch, and Mary Brennan for your labors of love on behalf of All Saints’ Young Adults!

Thanks for the amazing creativity, great enthusiasm, and person-power getting ready for Vacation Bible School: Lindsay Vicens, Jamie Vicens, Elliott Mainwaring, and Euan Mainwaring.

Top: Director of Children’s Ministries Kathy Roberts and crew know how to make vacation bible school fun, even in a pandemic! This summer we have a record 50+ children (and their families) participating in and enjoying the Bolt curriculum at home!

Left/below: Our saints are so creative! We loved all the lanterns you made and sent us photos of for Homecoming Sunday!
Week One
Tuesday through Thursday, September 1–3
Noonday Prayer
12:05–12:20 p.m., online
Wednesday, September 2
Jezebels: Women’s Book Study
5:00–6:00 p.m., online
On Reflection
6:00–6:10 p.m., online
Art for Justice and Peace
6:30–7:30 p.m., online
Thursday, September 3
Jesu as a Radical Revolutionary
7:00–8:00 p.m., online
Young Adults
Compline Prayers
8:00–8:30 p.m., online

Week Two
Sunday, September 6
14 Pentecost
Adult Formation: Hold on to Hope with the Rev. Natasha Reid Rice
The MICAH Project: One Step Beyond Caution: the Ministers’ Manifesto of 1957
Threads and Refugee Ministries: Serving the City 9:00–9:55 a.m., online
Sunday Worship
10:00–11:00 a.m., online
Ask the Clergy
11:00 a.m., online
Saints & Service Canned Goods Collection Competition
12:00–1:30 p.m. drop off in the parking lot
Monday, September 7
The church office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday
Tuesday through Thursday, September 8–10
Noonday Prayer
12:05–12:20 p.m., online
Wednesday, September 9
Jezebels: Women’s Book Study
5:00–6:00 p.m., online
On Reflection
6:00–6:10 p.m., online
Thursday, September 10
Saints in the Light: Faithful Leadership in a Time of Pandemic
11:00 a.m., online
Young Adults
Compline Prayers
8:00–8:30 p.m., online

Week Three
Sunday, September 13
15 Pentecost
Virtual Brunch and Bible Study
9:00–9:55 a.m., online
Jesus on the Front Page
9:00–9:55 a.m., online
Sunday Worship
10:00–11:00 a.m., online
Faith in the City: Moral Leadership
11:00 a.m., online
Monday through Thursday, September 14–17
Noonday Prayer
12:05–12:20 p.m., online
Wednesday, September 16
Jezebels: Women’s Book Study
5:00–6:00 p.m., online
On Reflection
6:00–6:10 p.m., online
Novel Theology
7:00–8:00 p.m., online
Thursday, September 17
Saints Untapped
7:00–8:00 p.m., online
Young Adults
Compline Prayers
8:00–8:30 p.m., online

Week Four
Sunday, September 20
16 Pentecost
Adult Formation
9:00–9:55 a.m., online (see page 6 for details)
Sunday Worship
10:00–11:00 a.m., online
My Faith, My Story
11:00 a.m., online
Monday through Thursday, September 21–24
Noonday Prayer
12:05–12:20 p.m., online
Wednesday, September 23
Jezebels: Women’s Book Study
5:00–6:00 p.m., online
On Reflection
6:00–6:10 p.m., online
Thursday, September 24
Young Adults
Compline Prayers
8:00–8:30 p.m., online

Week Five
Sunday, September 27
17 Pentecost
Adult Formation
9:00–9:55 a.m., online (see page 6 for details)
Sunday Worship
10:00–11:00 a.m., online
Blessing of the Animals
12:00–3:00 p.m., parking lots
My Faith, My Story
11:00 a.m., online
Monday through Thursday, September 28–October 1
Noonday Prayer
12:05–12:20 p.m., online
Wednesday, September 23
Jezebels: Women’s Book Study
5:00–6:00 p.m., online
Safeguarding God’s Children
5:30–9:00 p.m., online
On Reflection
6:00–6:10 p.m., online

To keep up to date on rapidly changing plans and information due to the pandemic, and to find answers to frequently asked questions, please continue to monitor this page of our website.
allsaintsatlanta.org/covid-19/
All Saints’ Note Cards

All Saints’ beautiful new note cards are here! Each package contains 10 note cards with envelopes; two each of five different photographs from around our campus. Your purchase will help support our four core ministries: Threads, Refugee Ministries, Covenant Community and MAC.

Note card packages are $12 each and will be mailed to you.
To purchase note cards, please visit allsaintsatlanta.org/all-saints-notecards/.
For more information, Jill Gossett at jgossett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

On Reflection

Join All Saints’ clergy weekly for a short piece of theologically informed social commentary. We’ll think about God and the world, and what it is like to live faithfully in it.

Wednesdays, 6:00–6:10 p.m., on Zoom
For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Art for Justice and Peace with Ariel Fristoe

Our baptismal covenant calls us to strive for justice and peace. Art has the power to open hearts and minds, and to turn strangers into friends. How can artists use the tools of theater to build a more just and peaceful world, and create the kingdom of heaven?

Wednesdays, September 2 and 9 6:30 p.m., on Zoom
Please visit allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation/ to sign up for this Zoom gathering.
For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Formation Series: Jesus as a Radical Revolutionary

Join us for a lively discussion on racial and social justice, leveraging Ibram X. Kendi’s book, How to be An Antiracist. Excerpts to springboard our conversation will be available for those who may not have the book. Kendi’s text kicks off our Young Adult fall formation series, held on the first Thursday of each month, exploring topics of revolution, dissent, disruption, and change in society and the church.

Thursday, September 3 7:00–8:00 p.m., on Zoom
Please visit allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation/ to sign up for this Zoom gathering.
For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah C. Stewart at sstewart@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Saints & Service: Canned Goods Collection Competition

This year our annual Labor Day service event will provide canned goods and non-perishables to the Atlanta Food Bank, currently in need of all the donations they can get. Here’s how you can help:
• offer to pick up canned goods from your neighbors
• purchase BOGO items while you are grocery shopping
• bag up your donations and make a “drive-and-drop” at the church

Donations will be weighed and a winner will be declared and a prize awarded for the heaviest donation made!

Drop off on Sunday, September 6 12:00–1:30 p.m., in the church parking lot
For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

All Saints’ Connects: Small Groups
See page 8 for the full story.
Sessions begin Sunday, September 6

Monday Night Dinners at Covenant Community

It will be a while longer before we will be allowed to join the men to break bread, but your help is still needed to provide Monday dinners for Covenant Community. Dinner can be dropped off at CCI’s front door any time during the day. Join the men after dinner via Zoom so everyone can virtually get together.

Available dates are:
Mondays, September 7, 14, 21, 28
623 Spring Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
For more information, call Barbara Blender at 404-520-2479 or bblender@bellsouth.net.

Saints in the Light: Faithful Leadership in a Time of Pandemic

Join public health experts Dr. Arjun Srinivasan and Dr. Joe Bresee for a conversation on faithful leadership. Learn how their faith has informed their work and how responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has shaped their faith.

Thursday, September 10 11:00 a.m., on Zoom
Learn more and register at allsaintsatlanta.org/saints-in-the-light.
For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

All Saints’ Episcopal Church
Concert Series Returns Online

The All Saints’ Concert Series returns for another season, this year with a twist. The Series kicks off with a virtual program featuring members of our choir and instrumentalists from our congregation and the city, including: Greer Lyle and Samantha Frischling, sopranos; Frank Timmerman, Cody Galyon, and Jamie Clements, tenors; Cain-Oscar Bergeron, flute; Kirk Rich and Giles Brightwell, organ; and Ray and Beth Chenault, duo organists.

Friday, September 18
7:30–8:30 p.m.,
on Facebook and Vimeo
For more information, contact Dr. Kirk Michael Rich at krich@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Virtual Brunch and Bible
Gather ’round our virtual/communal table the second Sunday of each month, starting September 13, for a lively bring-your-own-brunch conversation with peers and mentors. You only need a posture of respect and generosity (and a suitable mobile device) to be in the “Zoom Where It Happens” as we explore God’s Living Word in scripture and in the unfolding texts of our lives.

Sunday, September 13
9:00–10:00 a.m., on Zoom
Please visit allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation to sign up for this Zoom gathering.
For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah C. Stewart at sstewart@allsaintsatlanta.org.

Faith in the City: Moral Leadership
See page 7 for details.

Moving Up Ceremony for Children’s Ministries
Milestone Moments are important transitions in life that we mark as sacred; we take time to bless and celebrate kids as they reach them. Rising Kindergartners will move up from the Little Saints’ program; rising 4th graders will join Club 45, our tween program; and rising 6th graders will move up to the youth community for their teen years. We will send more information about this ceremony to the participants, but ask your prayers on this day for each of these children as they continue their faith journey.

Sunday, September 13
11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.,
in the church parking lot
For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.
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**Novel Theology:**
*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
*A Lesson Before Dying* is a deep and compassionate novel about a young man who returns to 1940s Cajun country to visit a black youth on death row for a crime he didn’t commit. Together they come to understand the heroism of resisting.

**Wednesday, September 16**
7:00–8:00 p.m., on Zoom
Please visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation) to sign up for this Zoom gathering.
For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.

**Blessing of the Animals**
We are working hard to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi at All Saints’, including a drive-through Blessing of the Animals! We are going to pray God’s blessing on all creatures during Sunday worship on September 27, so get your animal pictures ready. Send us your favorite photo of a pet or stuffed animal and know that Mrs. Kimmell’s choirs will have a virtual anthem to share as well. Following worship we’ll host a drive-through Blessing of the Animals in the parking garage at the church. As ever, please know that your health and safety are at the front of our minds as imagine ways to be the church during a pandemic.

**Sunday, September 27**
10:00 a.m., on Facebook and Vimeo
**Drive-Through Blessing**
12:00–3:00 p.m., church parking garage
Email photos of your pets to jcassada@allsaintsatlanta.org.
To sign up for the Drive-Through Blessing, please visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/pet-blessing](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/pet-blessing)
For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.

**Adult Formation: Session 2**
We are excited to announce our second session of Adult Formation, which will run on Sundays, September 20, September 27, and October 4. As ever, our purpose is to invite the Holy Spirit’s transformation in our lives, deepening our Christian faith for the sake of the world.

In our Spiritual Practices series, the Rev. Sarah Stewart will “explore practices that strengthen us to reconnect, recreate, and rejoice in God’s miraculous works of wonder, ever unfolding in the holy borderlands wherein we are sojourning.”

Our Racial Equity and Healing series will feature distinguished speakers Dr. Michael Gomez, Dante Hudson, and Elliot Watts. The MICAH project continues to host this important conversation.

The Church Life series invites you to a faithful conversation about money and generosity with Ellen Hayes and Bert Clark.

*Jesus on the Front Page* continues their weekly reflection, and our Arts and Theology series explores religious themes in contemporary short fiction.

“God in short stories” might be a good shorthand for this class with Emory University professor emeritus Clark Lemons.

Finally, our 11:00 a.m. forum continues with the All Saints’ clergy, and I draw your attention especially to our second installment of *Faith in the City*.

**Sunday, September 20 through October 4**
9:00 a.m. classes on Zoom
11:00 a.m., on Facebook and Vimeo
For details and more information about Adult Formation and to register, please visit [allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/online-adult-formation/) and invite your family and friends to join us:
[allsaintsatlanta.org/invitation-center](http://allsaintsatlanta.org/invitation-center/).

For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.
Vestry Notes
From the meeting on July 22, 2020

All Saints’ vestry met on July 22 via Zoom. Natosha Reid Rice offered a meditation inspired by Isaiah, inviting the vestry to prepare a way for God. Sheldon Taylor offered an update on the endowment in the Treasurer’s Report, noting a positive second quarter return. Simon introduced draft guidelines for resuming in-person worship in a preliminary stage. The vestry reviewed the plan and had an opportunity to ask questions of Simon and members of the Public Health Taskforce in attendance.

No decision has been made at this point when these guidelines would be adopted. The vestry also reviewed a draft Plan for Parish Engagement in Racial Justice and Healing for the 2020-2021 program year. There was a call for inclusivity in leadership and operation of this parish engagement. The vestry concluded the meeting in executive session.

All vestry meetings are open to all. Please check our online calendar for our next meeting.

Transitions

Births
Patrick Wayne Wendt, son of Chris and Caroline Wendt

Transfers In
Diane and Billy Edwards from Grace Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Georgia
Kathryn Folk from St. Benedict’s Episcopal Church in Smyrna, Georgia

Transfers Out
Ben Dyer to Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta
Anne Partlett to St. Martin in the Fields in Atlanta
Benjamin Gaines to The Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta
Lucille Clarkson to The Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, North Carolina

Deaths
Frank Whitney White

Faith in the City: Moral Leadership

Join Revs. Dr. Simon Mainwaring and Natosha Reid Rice of All Saints’, in conversation with Dr. Robert M. Franklin Jr., James T. and Berta R. Laney Professor in Moral Leadership at Emory University and former President of Morehouse College, Atlanta. In the words of Cornell West of Harvard University, ‘Robert Franklin is a towering figure in higher education who exemplifies so much of the integrity, courage, and imagination he analyzes. He stands in the great tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Benjamin Mays! And we either heed his words or we perish!’

Sunday September 13
11:00 a.m., on Facebook and Vimeo

The Faith in the City series invites leaders and thinkers from our city and national life to help the church be people who answer the call to love, serve, and transform the world.

For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew K. Barnett at abarnett@allsaintsatlanta.org.
All Saints’ Connects: Small Groups

Communities of transformative love center around Jesus Christ, whose Spirit stirs people to care for one another and our vibrant city. Even during a pandemic, All Saints’ invests in life-giving relationships and conversing about topics that truly matter. God’s love is our catalyst, sparking nourishing connections within and beyond this communion of saints.

Our small groups are designed to offer fresh windows of engagement where we can listen, share, and explore faith in a dynamic environment that nurtures belonging and celebration, even while our currently unconventional journey of faith continues online.

Join us in this communal adventure for one (or more) of our four week virtual sessions this fall, which will take place in September, October, and November, respectively. When you register, simply indicate dates and times that work for your schedule. You will be notified once groups are assigned, including Zoom access links and your small group facilitators. Since eliminating traffic-filled commutes across Atlanta is a blessed upside to our by-now-less-than-novel circumstances, we hope you all will plan to participate in this opportunity to grow together!

September Session: begins the week of September 6
October Session: begins the week of October 4
November Session: begins the week of November 1

(A variety of meeting days and times are available.)

For more information and to sign up, please visit allsaintsatlanta.org/all-saints-connects-small-groups/.

For more information, contact the Rev. Sarah C. Stewart at stewart@allsaintsatlanta.org.

The deadline for The October issue of Monthly is Monday, August 31. Please make your submission via our website, at allsaintsatlanta.org/news-and-events/announcements/. Thank you!