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*Creating
a diverse,
spirit-growing,
justice-seeking
community.*

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A Season of Growth

A Letter From Rob Hardies, Senior Minister, All Souls Church, Unitarian

“**B**ut we have only begun to love the earth. We have only begun to imagine the fullness of life ... So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture, so much is in bud.” —Denise Levertov


These words from the poet remind me of All Souls Church. Having completed two years together as minister and congregation, I feel as

though we’ve only just begun. So much is in bud.

Over the next month and a half I will be out of town. First, I will attend our denomination’s General Assembly with 30 or so All Souls members. Then I travel to California for study leave and vacation, preparing myself intellectually and spiritually for the coming year.

I look with excitement to the next church year. Rev. Shana Goodwin will bring her gifts and talents to our ministry team. Opportunities for spiritual growth will multiply as new covenant groups form and religious education for adults and children begins.

In my mind, the most important event of next church year is the Social Justice Retreat. I want to personally invite each and every one of you interested in building a powerful social justice ministry at All Souls to mark your calendars now for the Social Justice Retreat: It happens on Friday evening, October 3, and all day Saturday, October 4. This facilitated retreat is designed BOTH to strengthen existing justice ministries AND to start exciting new ones. Please join us as we chart the future of All Souls’ prophetic ministry.

Love, 



Summer Schedule & Homecoming Sunday

Remember that during the months of July and August we will operate on our summer schedule: **Sunday services will begin at 9:50 a.m.**, an hour earlier than usual.

Lunches will not be served. We will resume our regular schedule in September.

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming Sunday, September 7th. Homecoming Sunday is

always a glorious celebration of the new church year. This year’s service will be extra special, because we will welcome our new associate minister, the Rev. Shana Goodwin.



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Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Who Should Decide?

submitted by Tom Fox for the Board of Trustees

At the tail end of the June 8 Town Hall meeting to discuss the prominence of the Jefferson portrait in our church, several members raised the question of who should make the decision — the Board or the Executive Team. I want to explain why our answer is unequivocally the Executive Team, led by Rob with Mel Hardy and soon Shana Goodwin.

The basic framework the Board has been developing in the past year and a half — policy governance — calls for a sharp distinction between the making of policy and the implementation of policy. Believing that the latter is best left with staff and committees who are actually doing the work, the Board has deliberately delegated to the implementors the responsibility for interpreting and carrying out the policies the Board and/or the congregation have established.

In the current case, our new Ends statements/goals give the implementors plenty of guidance as they consider the Thomas Jefferson portrait's place in the church: seeking the source of love in our lives; nurturing diversity and eliminating the barriers that divide us; ensuring that our building welcomes all; nurturing a culture of generosity; witnessing to UU values; etc.

*Empowerment
with accountability;
not micromanagement!*

We also tell Rob and the rest of the Executive Team that it is their responsibility to confer with committees and other relevant and interested members of the congregation to help interpret and then carry out those goals. I am confident that the Executive Team's decision will reveal that they are following our guidance, and that this governance structure provides the best use of the Board's time: ensuring that there is policy guidance for the Executive Team and other implementors; monitoring how well the church is doing in meeting our goals; and delegating the responsibility for using their own judgment and creativity to carry out the policies.

Empowerment with accountability; not micro-management!

Welcome Back, Reverend Meg Riley

The Rev. Meg Riley, affiliated minister of All Souls Church, returns to the pulpit to preach during the month of July. She will fill the pulpit while our Senior Minister is away on study leave.

Meg Riley is director of Advocacy and Witness for the Unitarian Universalist Association, helping build political coalitions among religious progressives here in our nation's capitol. She is widely known as an outstanding preacher in our movement, and has been an affiliated minister with All Souls for many years now.

Meg will preach during the month of July, and Reverend Hardies will return to the pulpit in mid-August. Welcome, Meg.

The Thomas Jefferson Portrait

by Robert Hardies & Mel Hardy,
All Souls Executive Team

The Executive Team has met to discuss the fate of the Thomas Jefferson portrait that has hung for several years above the mantel in the church library. In March, members of A Dialogue on Race asked whether it was appropriate to accord Jefferson this place of honor. Granting his many accomplishments and his Unitarian connection, they asked if a slaveholder's portrait should hang in such a prominent location with no explanation.

After church on June 8th, the Committee on Ministry and Dialogue on Race co-sponsored a Town Hall meeting to give members the opportunity to speak their conscience. Some wanted the painting removed once and for all because of Jefferson's moral failings and the unwelcoming message it sent to some people of color. Others wanted the portrait to remain where it was because of Jefferson's many contributions to the country and to our faith.

However, even more congregants voiced their concern for both sides of the issue, and supported a solution that in one form or another put Jefferson "in context." For example, putting his portrait in a less "prominent" location, including it with other historic portraits, and adding a plaque to the frame that briefly describes why his actions were both a testament and an affront to UU values.

After consideration, the Executive Team finds itself in accord with those who seek a contextualized solution. We believe that such a solution can assure a welcoming environment for all, as well as provide an historical context for our current dialogue on race. In July, Jefferson's portrait and the poster of the African general (also in the Library) will be removed and placed in the safe. The Executive Team has asked a talented team of designers — Judith Bauer, Ralph Belton and Ruth Jansson — to formulate over the summer a policy on art and aesthetics for all of the church's wall coverings. Once they create a policy and vet it with the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Executive Team will find an appropriate solution for the Jefferson portrait that is in accord with this policy and with the spirit of the "contextualized solutions" described above.

The church is a place where we try hard to speak and act from conscience. That process is not always easy, but it's what a Unitarian church tries to teach us to do. Thanks to everyone who carefully weighed this issue and spoke from their conscience, we were all enriched in the process.

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Emergency Assistance in DC

by Darwin Fishman and Helen Rose

Recently at a DC community clinic, a vibrant and happy senior citizen suffered a stroke because he could no longer receive prescription assistance benefits from the District of Columbia. He is now in a wheelchair, unable to speak. A diabetic patient sought emergency food assistance at the food bank, but was told that the only food available was doughnuts and cheese danishes. He was reduced to eating hot dog buns.

Stories like these are why All Souls Church has had a community aid fund in place for many years. Due to high demand, we recently reviewed how funds are disbursed.

The social justice committee has completed its review of our Community Aid Funds program. Out of town hall meetings and group discussions, we have developed a limited Emergency Assistance Program for this summer.

Given the dire need for prescription drug assistance while prescription drug coverage is being phased out and the current strain on food banks, we will start reviewing requests for emergency medical and food assistance on July 12. Our hours will be 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning July 12.

To make this program a success, we need volunteers to review requests for assistance. We are asking members of All Souls to volunteer. After training, you will be able to meet with clients during our regular service hours. Training sessions will be on July 12 at 10 a.m., and July 15 at 5 p.m. These sessions will continue throughout the summer.

There will be a limit of \$300 for medical assistance and \$50 for food assistance per household per year. We will work with local health providers in Ward I and will continue to operate by referrals and by appointment.

As we begin to develop a dedicated base of volunteers, we hope to expand this program in the fall. We will establish an Emergency Assistance Program Committee. This committee will be responsible for the development, oversight, and maintenance of this program.

Please contact us if you are interested in being a part of our new Emergency Assistance Program: Helen Rose, Senior Volunteer at henierose@yahoo.com and Darwin Fishman, Social Justice Coordinator at 202-332-5266 x18 or darbfish7@hotmail.com.



Adult RE Continuing in Summer

by Archene Turner, Student Minister

The adult religious education (ARE) planning team is happy to announce two summer classes starting in July. The first, "Articulating Your UU Faith," starts July 13 and continues for the next four Sundays. To sign up, contact Nick Manicone at nmanicone@cwa-union.org. The second, "Visiting the Works of Emerson," starts July 16 and continues for the next five weeks. Rev. Cynthia Kane, a UU chaplain, was so inspired by Rob's Emerson sermon that she has offered to lead this study group. To sign up, contact archenehome@starpower.net

Summer Childcare Available

Summer childcare is available from June 29 - Aug. 31 on Sunday mornings in the Tupper Nursery for all ages. Several parents have offered to run an older child activity area in the Longfellow room (across from the childcare room), but this will probably be on an ad hoc basis. There is no RE programming during the summer.

Only Four Teachers Needed ...

Only four teachers are still needed for next year's RE program! Join 30 of your fellow congregants by working 17 Sunday mornings throughout the year. Love, humor, growth, and learning are all probable. Training and great support are readily available. Call the Religious Educator, Gabrielle Farrell, 202-332-5266 after July 4th or contact her by e-mail at gmarrell@aol.com.



Middle Souls News

Hello from the Middle Souls! We are up and running with an e-group mailing list and are seeking new members. What is a middle soul? We don't have age restrictions — if you are middle-aged, too old for Young Souls and don't fit into the Silver Souls — then Middle Souls is for you! For more information, contact Vanessa Lowe at 301-445-0168 or vaness32@earthlink.net or e-mail Karen Williamson at keekat@starpower.net.

Sign Up Now for eScrip Program

Safeway shoppers can register starting July 1 for next year's eScrip program, which produces donations to All Souls equal to 1-3 percent of the value of your purchases each time you swipe your Safeway card from October 1 through May 31. So far this year, with data from April and May yet to come in, the program has generated \$613 for the All Souls bank account.

Even if you participated this past year, eScrip requires that you register again. The fastest way is on-line at www.escrip.com. If you're registering this summer, you can also do so at your local Safeway store.

By March 2003, we had 160 All Souls members and friends signed up with eScrip, and that month alone our purchases produced \$146.71 for All Souls. If that many people sign up from the beginning this fall, Safeway will donate more than \$1,000 to All Souls — at no cost to us.

Spirit-driven Community Dialogue

by Carol Minder

Interested in community living? Do you have a desire to live more intentionally? So do I, and I would like to dialogue with others about creating a Spirit-driven Intentional Community in DC. Interested? Contact me at 202-431-0160 or e-mail car_mind@yahoo.com. All faiths, ages, genders, races, sexual preferences, income levels, singles, and families are invited. I am an ASC member and am active in the Buddhist Meditation Covenant group, Jubilee singers, ADOR, and Social Justice groups.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Cocoa

The 7th Principle of Unitarian Universalism is "respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part." To further that, the 7th Principle Committee of All Souls Church offers fairly traded coffee, tea, and hot chocolate mix on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

This month that will be on July 6 and 20. Assorted whole-bean and drip-grind coffees are available from \$5.50-\$7.50 for 12-oz. bags; four varieties of tea are available for \$3/25 bags, and 12-oz. tins of delicious cocoa mix cost \$4.50.

Savor the flavor of justice!

Give Shana an ASC Welcome

Our new Associate Minister, Shana Goodwin, will be arriving in Washington early in August with her beloved dog, Mia. The Committee on Ministry (COM) wants to assure that we enfold her into our community with hospitality and thoughtfulness. Anybody who's ever moved knows it's one of the most stressful things we humans do—it's exciting, even adventurous, but it also means leaving a lot behind. There are many things we can do to help Shana get settled and feel welcome at All Souls.

Besides the welcome wagon-type activities, we are planning neighborhood meeting opportunities for members to meet Shana, much as we did when Rob arrived in 2001. These will take place from mid-August through the fall.

The COM will be organizing settlement activities through the month of July in preparation for Shana's move. Be part of this fun, time-limited project! If you have ideas, are willing to volunteer, or could host one of the neighborhood meetings, please e-mail Judy Leaver at jleaver@mindspring.com.

Always Time for Social Justice ... *by Darwin Fishman*

What's your vision of social justice work at All Souls Church? What social justice projects would you like for our Church to work on? These are the types of questions we will address in our Fall Social Justice Retreat, October 3-4, 2003. You don't have to wait until then to get involved in social justice work. As we continue to grow, and as we expand our horizons, my job as the Social Justice Coordinator will become even more vital.

Our plans for a very large Fall Retreat will provide everyone with an excellent opportunity to learn about the depth and the variety of social justice work being done here. It will also provide everyone with an opportunity to form bonds and make connections with those individuals and organizations that contribute to our social justice work.

Whether it is well-established organizations, newly formed organizations or someone with a brilliant idea, there will be many ways for everyone to learn about and from each other. I encourage everyone to join us and participate in this process. If you would like more information about the Fall Retreat or the Social Justice Ministry, contact me, Darwin Fishman, ASC Social Justice Coordinator, at darbfish7@hotmail.com or 202-332-5266 x18.

Member News

A warm welcome to **Skyler Hynes McDonald**, son of **Bob and Ingrid** and brother to **Roscoe**. We hope he'll visit ASC before the family returns to Jordan.

Best wishes to **Gary Lipscomb** on the adoption of his son, **Ashton**. Congratulations to **Allison Blakely** on his appointment to the George and Joyce Wein Chair in African American studies at Boston University. His wife, **Shirley**, and friends **Rob and Polly Wright** were there.

We join with **Veronica Triana and Mark McKevezit** in celebrating their marriage on May 25.

We are truly a wandering congregation. This month we've heard from **Jenn Sleboda** in Tasmania, **Douglas Glick** in Williamsburg, Va., **Sandy Fried** in Pennsylvania, and from former members, **Beth Brockland** in Guatamala and **Alan Truslow** in Richmond, Va.

Best wishes to **Betty Mullendore** as she settles into her home in Gaithersburg, and to **Mark Flood, Rebecca Dalton and Grayson**, at their new Silver Spring home.

Several of our members have had serious hospital stays and are on the mend. **Jessie Bakeman** is off to New Hampshire for the summer. **Emily Dyer** is elated that she does not have cancer, but is in pain from the very intrusive exploratory surgery. **Pat Eaton** is at home again. **Peter Sailer** is recovering from back surgery.

We send sympathy to **Carol Fisher** on the loss of her mother; to **Anne Casey Bryant and her husband, Cal**, on the death of her aunt, **Augusta A. Moore**; to **Jeff Richardson's partner, Jim Nahady** on the loss of his father; to **Claudia Brown** on her mother's death; and we join **Ralph Belton** in celebrating the life of his aunt, who died at 103. We're sorry to hear that **Sam Crawley's** father is critically ill. We report with sorrow the death of three members and good friends of All Souls Church. Our Senior Minister emeritus, **Rev. Duncan Howlett**, died at age 97 in Maine. **Daisy Corprew**, beloved mother of our Board Vice President, **Barbara Corprew**, died after a long illness. **Cora Grannis**, another longtime member, was remembered at a memorial service on June 18.

We also learned this month of the death of **Rev. John Papandrew**, our Interim Minister following the death of Rev. David Eaton. He will be remembered for his sermon on "My Personal Trilogy: The Three Stooges."

The Caring Table is closing for the summer. If you want to join a group sending notes this summer, call Molly Freeman at 301-656-0948 or mollyfreeperson@aol.com.

Ahimsa & the Sign of Jonah

by Peter Mosher

Ahimsa Practices are life skills developed from yoga, tai chi, qigong and meditation taught at All Souls Church to help people live healthy, centered lives. The Sign of Jonah is a clinic down the street from the church that serves the community by providing acupuncture, herbal and massage therapy, and holistic lifestyle coaching to people without the means to pay.

In September, Ahimsa Practices will make its classes available to the staff and clients of the Sign of Jonah. Ahimsa Practices will begin anew on Sept. 8, exploring Buddhist and Taoist spirituality and practices to pursue wholeness, healing and spiritual growth.

Then, on Sept. 27, Ahimsa Practices and the Sign of Jonah will co-sponsor *Bountiful Bowls*, a celebration and fund-raising event with live music, pottery from local artisans and delicious soups from local restaurants. If you would like more information about this event, are interested in Sign of Jonah programs or would like to volunteer, call Ken Yamaguchi Clark at 202-667-9195.

For more information about Ahimsa Practices, call Peter Mosher at 202-332-5266, ext. 19.

A Word from Becky Johnson

Becky Johnson is an All Souls Church member who is serving a prison term for her protest of the continuation of the School for the Americas. The School for the Americas is our country's training center for terrorists in other countries.

She writes, "Thank you for your kind cards of support. I am so new to All Souls, and so new to most members, that I am sure I am a stranger to many who write kind notes. It is a comfort and a joy that our newly formed connection can result in such outpouring of love so quickly. The church community buoyed my spirit as I made the decision to do this witness, and it continues to do so as I rest among the incarcerated women I chose to join. I hope that this note gets to all of you at All Souls. My heart is there with you and my soul flies free. In peace, Becky."

Rain Didn't Affect Plant Sale

The May 11 plant sale was a resounding success. Many bought plants, vegetables and herbs. Despite the weather, the church gained a large amount of money.

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UUMAC Meets in Late July

Looking for a UU-oriented summer vacation? Consider attending UUMAC 2003: *Lives That Speak and Deeds That Beckon* this July 27- Aug. 2. UUMAC is an inter-generational, inclusive community of UUs from the Joseph Priestley District and Metro New York Districts who meet each summer for a week of worship, learning, and recreation. UUMAC conferences are held at DeSales University in beautiful Center Valley, Pa. To learn more about UUMAC 2003, visit www.uumac.org or call Darrell Duane at 202-667-8728 or dduane@duane.com.

Silver Souls Plan Busy Summer

The Silver Souls decided at their June 8 meeting that they "don't need a vacation." The next meeting will be July 13, and the time will be announced.

Final details are being completed for attending the Marine Parade in July. Family and friends will be guests of the members at a picnic at Grove 14 in Rock Creek Park on August 17. The Summer activities will end with dinner beforehand and attendance at the spectacular "Spirit of America" at the MCI in September.

Tickets for the Marine Parade and "Spirit of America" are limited, so contact Cathy Long at 202-625-2895 soon to indicate your interest. Admission is free.

Fulfilling Your Dream of AV ...

Perhaps you've always wanted to be an AV person. Here's your chance: people are needed to tape the Sunday services. You can work the sound system to help others. Call Bob Freeman at 301-656-0948 for a tutorial.

TALENT SHOW WRAP-UP

If you missed the talent show on March 16, you missed a great show — from Jillian Keller-Jackson singing the alphabet to Anna Russell playing an original piano piece. Other performers were Corrie Ernst, Libbie Buchele, Brennon Howell, Tracey Zorpette and daughter, Bob Freeman, and Kitty Vander.

Monthly Highlights

ASC Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be Sunday, July 13, at 4 p.m. at Pat McGovern's house. The book will be *The Same Sea* by Amos Oz. Contact Pat with questions at 202-364-8760 or pmcg3401@aol.com.

The book selections for upcoming months will be: Aug. 10: *Their Eyes were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston; Sept. 14: *The Glass Palace*, Amitav Ghost; Oct. 12: *Lead me to the Exit*, Ellen Moore; Nov. 9: Any selection by May Sarton; Dec. 14: A movie, hopefully "The Heiress." Join us for any book that interests you. For info, call Nancy Simon at 301-588-8299 or whittsimon@aol.com.

July Young Souls Potluck

Young Adults (ages 18-35+) will gather Sunday, July 20 at Kristina Watts' house at 6 p.m. for their monthly potluck dinner. Check www.all-souls.org/community/youngsouls for details. Newcomers are welcome, and bring a friend! For questions or directions, call 202-253-5914 or e-mail kristina_watts@yahoo.com

SMYAL Event Hosted by Interweave

On July 19, All Souls' Interweave will host the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League July BBQ. SMYAL's barbecues are chances for local GLTB youth to get together, have a meal, and some fun in a safe environment. SMYAL holds events several times a year. To join in this one, provide a dish, or help fund it, contact Jennifer Cranford at 202-462-2357 or jlcranford@aol.com.

Neck & Shoulders Workshop

Saturday July 19 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Fee: \$15 (includes massage ball & 18 page handout)

During this workshop you will learn to: bring neck muscles into balance so they aren't overworked and straining; use simple movements to release tension; work with a partner to open the neck and shoulder area; work with a small ball to release neck and shoulder muscles. Register at deborahd@cpcug.org or call 202-462-6234.

Coed Dialogue on Street Harassment

Pierce Hall, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, July 26th

The Columbia Heights, Mt. Pleasant and Adams Morgan communities are invited to a discussion on street harassment and how to make public spaces safer and more comfortable for women walking alone. There will be
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facilitators from organizations that combat street harassment and support women. We will discuss what happens, why, and what we can do to stop this behavior. For the background, go to www.hiddentracksmag.com/stopstreetharassment.htm Contact Darrell Duane at dduane@duane.com for more details.

A Meeting on the Future of Sunday Lunches

There will be a meeting on Tues., Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. to discuss the future of Sunday lunches and how we can facilitate them. If you want to attend, contact Lorie Allion at asclorie@yahoo.com or 202-529-9227.

Let's Sit Down Together

by Archene Turner, Student Minister

After last month's board meeting where presentations were made around the Second End statement, I decided to facilitate an after-church workshop around tackling racism. This topic overlaps some existing ASC groups, but there needs to be a venue where we all can sit down together and discuss programming. I am looking at August 10 or 17 to get together after church for a potluck and some work in Pierce Hall. For more info., contact me at archenehome@starpower.net or 202-543-4340.

Getting Started at All Souls

The Welcoming & Membership Committee invites those interested in learning more about and/or joining All Souls Church to the following sessions.

Step 1 Introduction: Join our minister, Rob Hardies, to learn more about UUs and the history of All Souls.

Step 2 Orientation: Those interested in joining All Souls are invited to this three-hour session, where you will have in-depth conversations about spirituality, learn about opportunities to connect with our community, and tour the church building. Those who choose to become members of All Souls can sign the book of members at this meeting.

Step 3 New Member Ingathering Sunday: New members are formally introduced and welcomed to the congregation during this special Sunday service.

All are welcome to attend these sessions. Attendance does not constitute a commitment to join All Souls. For additional information, contact Nancy Gist at 202-544-0639, or nancygist@netscape.net

Introduction Sun., 8/17 & 9/14, 12:30 p.m.

Orientation Sat., 8/23 & 9/20, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Ingathering Sunday 9/21 during service

The Allure of Covenant Groups

Covenant groups received much fanfare in June. Rev. Hardies delivered an inspiring sermon on homesickness requested by the Going Deeper covenant group after they purchased the opportunity at the auction. The following Sunday, the men's covenant group shared their views on fathers and brotherhood in a People's Voices service.

"When are more covenant groups going to be available?" people started asking. A new group of facilitators will start covenant groups in September. Each group will have a theme woven into the regular practice of listening and sharing. The following themes are being considered, and suggestions and ideas from members are welcome.

1. *Parenting as a Part of the Spiritual Journey*: For parents and prospective parents. How do we articulate our beliefs AND convey these lessons to children?
2. *In Search of the Sacred*: This group will pursue a spiritual path collectively and personally using traditions from various religious and spiritual sources.
3. *Sharing Dreams*: This covenant group will explore symbolic archetypes and ways we can heighten our spiritual awareness through dreams in this modern time.
4. *Symbolism and Ritual in Our Everyday Lives*: We will explore the role of symbols and ritual in our modern world, as we consider new rituals to enrich both our private and shared worlds.
5. *Men's Group on Wisdom*: A gathering of wisdom-seeking men to study the ancient practices outlined in Roger Walsh's book, "Essential Spirituality."
6. *Sacred Listening*: We will seek to deepen our awareness of one another and the world around us by practicing attentive listening.
7. *Society-Social Action-Self-Spirituality — the 4 Ss*: We long to make a difference in this broken world, but may feel despair about knowing how to be effective, how to find the time, etc. We will seek to balance our inner soul and the outer world of service and action.
8. *Starting/Restarting*: For those who did not grow up in with religious or spiritual traditions, or whose traditions don't "speak" to them. We will explore how we "get started" on this new journey to a spiritually full life.

If you are interested in participating in a covenant group or have questions or comments, write to Elaine Clisham at eclisham@earthlink.net and Meredith Higgins-Hargrave at higginsrhp@aol.com. If one of us is traveling over the summer, the other one will respond.

Covenant Group News

As the summer approaches, the Covenant Group Program has a few items to share:

The ASC Covenant Group Program will be expanding in September under the leadership of Shana Goodwin, our new Associate Minister. New facilitators are meeting to establish the groups and prepare to accept members. If you've been looking for a great way to get more connected at All Souls, think about joining a covenant group! More information about these new groups will be available in the fall.

Although several groups are taking a intermission for July and August, several groups are also continuing to meet. Two of the women's groups are in the process of merging and we expect some additional changes and openings in September. Stay tuned for more information about existing groups as well.

The "Words of the Spirit" writing covenant group is seeking the shy and the bold, the good, the bad, and the yet undiscovered. This group will be open to guests over the summer to gain new members before closing again in the fall. The group provides a critique-less venue for sharing writing within a private circle. For more information, or to join the group at a member's home, please call Robin Kropf at 202-434-3710 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m. weekdays), or Wendy Anderson (evenings) at 301-263-9096. Men and women of every perspective are warmly invited.

SPECIAL CARING LIST

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation who are unable to get to church any more:

Frances Adams, Mildred Edgerton, Mary Jane Fisher, Nancy Freeman, Virginia Gray, Ruth Logue, Mary Louise Robbins, Marianna Sewell, Marietta Sharp, Larry Stone, Marjorie V. Wheatley, and Emilie Wiggins.

Notes or cards would be welcome.

Addresses are in the church directory (available in Pierce Hall after church). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for those who are homebound. If you are interested in visiting shut-in members, contact Jane Pfeiffer of the Caring Cluster at 202-337 5637.

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Remember All Souls In Your Will

When you think about providing for the future of your loved ones, think about the future of All Souls as well — and how important it will be to your family and friends in years to come. In the meantime, if you're considering drafting or revising your will, please keep All Souls in mind. You don't have to be rich; even a small bequest is valued. The church can also be named as a contingent beneficiary in a will, a life insurance policy, or a retirement account. For more information, contact Gail Hughes at gmhughes01@yahoo.com or 202-785-2020.

Eaton Scholarship Awarded

Each year, the UUA awards the David Eaton scholarship, created by long-time All Souls member Maurine Mulliner, who died last year at age 96. Mulliner established the scholarship to be given to a woman of color studying for the UU ministry and dedicated to creating an anti-racist, multi-cultural society. Our Associate Minister, Shana Goodwin, was a recipient in the past. This year, the award was given to Cathy Chang, who grew up in the Paint Branch UU Church in Adelphi, Md.

ALL SOULS

The deadline for *All Souls* is the third Friday of each month. Notices, articles and letters may be submitted anytime in manuscript or computer file form. Leave submissions in the newsletter box in the church office, or e-mail *All Souls* editor, Elizabeth Preston, at elizabeth_mae_preston@hotmail.com.

All Souls editorial team includes: Lorie Allion, Gillian Evans, Elizabeth Preston. Editorial policy: articles and letters about church activities and programs submitted by church members and friends of ASC will be published in *All Souls* in a timely manner. Due to space constraints, lengthy articles may be edited, and articles not time-sensitive may be held for subsequent issues.

Publication Deadlines:

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October issue - September 19

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All Souls Unitarian Church ...

From July 6 - Aug. 31, Services will begin at 9:50 a.m.

July 6: **Let Freedom Ring!** *Rev. Meg Riley*

Camus said, "I should like to be able to love my country and still love justice." On this fourth of July weekend, we shall try to do both.

July 13: **Let It Begin With Me,** *Rev. Meg Riley*

Peace can feel so abstract. Yet we each make many choices each day for a more peaceful world. Tales of inspiration about a few who dare.

July 27: **Number Our Days,** *Rev. Meg Riley*

We often acknowledge that our days on earth are numbered, but are we learning to number them ourselves to turn our hearts to wisdom?

July 20: **Topic TBA,** *Rev. Don Robinson*

Rev. Robinson is an ASC member, and the founder of Beacon House.

August 3: **Topic TBA,** *People's Voices Service*

August 10: **Topic TBA,** *People's Voices Service*

August 17: **"Questions of Faith"** *Rev. Robert Hardies*

Rev. Hardies will answer YOUR questions about ... whatever you choose! Join us for this interactive service and submit your questions.

August 24: **Topic TBA,** *Rev. Robert Hardies*

August 31: **Topic TBA,** *Archene Turner, Student Minister*

MISSION & ENDS STATEMENTS

Mission Statement of All Souls Church

To create a diverse, spirit-growing, justice-seeking community that transforms ourselves and our world into one great family of all souls.

Ends Statements: *By 2008 we will be able to say of our congregation:*

1. Church members of all ages discover and articulate the source of love in their lives and cultivate the ability to act on that love in ever-expanding circles.
2. All Souls is an ever-more diverse congregation, overcoming the barriers that divide the human family.
3. Our building and grounds are welcoming, comfortable and accessible to all who seek their use in congruence with our mission.
4. All Souls Church is a congregation where members generously share human and financial resources to support our growing mission and ends.
5. All Souls Church is a leader in the Unitarian Universalist movement, by witnessing to UU values in our nation's capital.
6. The Columbia Heights/Adams Morgan/Mt. Pleasant neighborhood is a more just and compassionate community because of All Souls' prophetic leadership.
7. All Souls Church is a vibrant and joyful community of communities where all seekers find connection, support and spiritual growth in groups large and small.

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