



All Souls

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

Spending More Time Listening to the Community

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

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Last Sunday after church I walked over to Sacred Heart Catholic Church to attend a forum on gang violence in our neighborhood. Parents spoke of fears that their children would be victims of violence, and youth spoke eloquently of the need for more recreational facilities to provide alternatives to gangs. I was delighted to see several All Souls members present and taking leadership roles.

Then on Wednesday, I went to the wall-raising for

a Habitat for Humanity house being built in Northeast D.C. by the local interfaith community. I ran into more folks from All Souls, and a team from our church will help pound nails at that work site.

As we strive to be a voice for justice and compassion in our neighborhood, I am realizing the importance of showing up and listening. Listening to the struggles and concerns of our neighbors' lives. Listening so that we can discern how to respond.

During my first two years at All Souls, I've been concerned primarily with the internal demands of a dynamic, growing church. Now that Rev. Goodwin has joined the staff, I will spend more time in the community, listening and lending a voice for justice and compassion.

As I do so, I'm delighted to be joined by so many All Souls members doing the same.

Love,

Forming an Exciting Community Partnership

The Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) organizes people in churches to create change and build political power in their communities. In D.C., WIN is organizing the immigrant Latino community to fight gentrification and substandard housing. WIN hopes to bring predominantly middle-class

churches into this campaign and build coalitions for decent, affordable housing across racial, ethnic, and class lines in Columbia Heights, Mt. Pleasant, and Adams Morgan.

Rev. Hardies and some All Souls members have met with WIN to explore our participation. All members are welcome at

the next meeting on Wed., Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., particularly if you live in these neighborhoods.

WIN is also holding a Neighborhood Walk to identify substandard housing on Sun., Oct. 5 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are organizing a group to participate. To learn more about WIN, call Rev. Hardies at 202-332-5266.



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BUILDING HOURS

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

News from the Board of Trustees

by Board President Tom Fox

This fall will be busy for the Board of Trustees. In addition to actively supporting the Social Justice retreat and the important Celebration Sunday pledging process, we will be working with the Church's Executive Team to ensure that we close out this year in the black, with no deficit; and we will work with the Executive Team and the Development Ministry team to start the planning process for a capital campaign to start sometime in 2004. Final resolution of how to pay for air conditioning in the sanctuary is also high on our agenda.

We will also continue our review of the church's plans and progress in meeting the goals laid out in the seven Ends Statements approved last December. The Sept. 24 Board meeting will feature a discussion of the seventh Ends Statement: "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." Then, at our October meeting, we will review plans for the sixth

Ends Statement: "The Columbia Heights/ Adams Morgan/Mt. Pleasant neighborhood is a more just and compassionate community because of All Souls' prophetic leadership."

How to pay for air conditioning for the sanctuary is high on our agenda.

From these reviews of each of the seven Ends Statements, and from a congregational survey we will ask members to complete later in the fall, the Board will develop a written and oral report to the congregation on the church's progress toward meeting the goals in the seven Ends Statements for the December 7 Annual Meeting. We also expect to propose a few changes to Church's Bylaws at the Annual Meeting, to reflect the Board's adoption of "policy governance."

It will be a busy fall. Please contact me at FoxThomasH@aol.com or any other board member for further information or discussion of any of these items.

Beckner Advancement Fund is Back!

The All Souls Beckner Advancement Fund is back! Just in time to coincide with the Social Justice retreat, the fund is accepting applications from internal and external applicants for funds to support social justice work in and around our church. The fund committee will host a mandatory Orientation and Information Session for all internal applicants. Internal applicants include people from All Souls Church, Unitarian committees and working groups. At least one representative from a group must attend to be eligible for the 2003 funding round. The internal applicant training will be Sat. Nov. 1 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and the application deadline is Wed., Dec. 3.

Attention All Souls Committees and Working Groups

Funds Are Available to Support Your Social Justice Work!

The *All Souls Beckner Advancement Fund* is back! Just in time to coincide with the Social Justice retreat, the Fund is now accepting applications from internal and external applicants for funds to support social justice work in and around our church.

The Fund committee will host a mandatory Orientation and Information Session for all internal applicants (All Souls Church, Unitarian committees and working groups). At least one representative from your group must attend

in order to apply for the 2003 funding round. Feel free to bring a draft application to the session for feedback.

Internal applicants will find complete application guidelines in the church lobby.

External applicants must submit letters of interest by October 16, 2003 per instructions available on the Web site at www.all-souls.org.

Questions? Call 202-332-5266, x18 or e-mail becknerfund@yahoo.com.

Background and Internal Applicant Criteria

The All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund was established through a generous donation from Earl and Meta Beckner in 1973. Their intent for the fund, as documented in the Deed of Gift, was to:

- Enhance the influence of All Souls Church in the Washington Metropolitan area;
- Help to make the immediate community where the Church is located a more cohesive, attractive and forward looking community; and
- Foster human rights and dignity.

Historically, internal grants have ranged from \$250 to \$4,000. Smaller and larger grants may be considered. All internal applicants must demonstrate the necessary internal leadership to complete the proposed projects as evidenced, for example, by past successful initiatives.

The committee will accept applications to fund new or special activities/programs offered by any of the church's committees as long as there is a sound and achievable implementation plan in place. Additionally, funding will be considered for on-going activities (such as a speaker series) that addresses a particular issue important to the congregation (i.e., racial tensions caused by gentrification).

Priority will be given to those groups that:

- Offer new and innovative strategies for educating All Souls members about social justice activities;
- Offer new and innovative strategies for engaging members and others in social justice activities;
- Bring All Souls church members together with neighborhood members for dialogue, socializing, education and/or social justice activism.

Mark Your Calendars:

Internal Information Session: Sat., Nov. 1, 2003; 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Application Deadline: Wed., Dec. 3, 2003, 5 p.m.

REflections

by Gabrielle Farrell, Religious Educator

Two years ago, just days before church started and immediately after being hired, I was told, “We have a few teachers to start the year, but not enough.” A few more were recruited and the next year, even more. Even then there were not enough.

A few Saturdays ago, twenty-five or so adults, almost two-thirds of the ASC teaching staff, assembled themselves around a table in the Dining Room to learn more about the educational ministry to which they had said yes. It was the Saturday amid Isabel and more importantly, the second Saturday that month they had gathered. Indeed, gathered is the perfect word; it relays more appropriately than “met” or “grouped,” a deeper and larger purpose.

Since that time two years ago, by way of much dedication and intention on the church’s part, its staff, the Board of Trustees, the RE Committee, lunch providers, (the list is endless), I saw that Saturday morning, a teaching community. These twenty-five individuals ostensibly came for the learning offered but I suspect they had really come for each other.

That morning we lit a chalice, said words to mark our time together, broke bread, and sang, a bit more than usual. As the morning ended, a bit more ragged than expected, folks gathered up their newly charged cell phones and laptops and returned home hoping to be surprised by electricity. I left an hour after most, leaving behind a few dedicated stragglers. On the way home, I realized that although I had just led my 14th teacher training and had attended my 20th, I had never been inspired more.

With love and admiration,
Gabrielle

DC Poets Against the War

An Evening of Classical Guitar and Antiwar Poetry, featuring guitarist Francesc de Paula Soler of Barcelona, Spain and several Washington D.C. poets, will be held Sunday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church.

The concert is free; donations to the sponsor, D.C. Poets Against the War, which works for peace and economic and social justice, will be appreciated. For more details, visit dcpaw.mahost.org or call Dan Logan at 703-768-1234.

All Souls October 2003

Parental Alert

- **Registration**—All children, Nursery through High School, must newly register for the Religious Education program this church year. RE Prospectus are available at tables outside the church office, through RE greeters or by contacting the Religious Educator, Gabrielle Farrell.
- **Classroom Information**—is in the mail! Information details curriculum description, discipline and illness expectations and policies, and parent-helper dates and responsibilities.
- **Photo Directory**—Please sign up to have your family’s photo taken so it can be included in our All Souls Directory. Additional photos are available for purchase (you can use them for holiday cards!)

New Family Coffee

For those families new to All Souls, join me and other RE Committee members at a specially reserved table in the Dining Room after church on October 12 for coffee and/or lunch.

KUUMBA Players Reading Group

Kuumba Players, in conjunction with the Adult RE Program, is sponsoring a play-reading group open to everyone who is interested in contemporary drama as it reflects issues in today’s society. We will be reading and discussing provocative plays by authors whose work is being produced in the metropolitan area this year.

Our first reading will be *In the Bones* by Suzan-Lori Parks whose play, *Top Dog, Under Dog*, is currently at the Studio Theater. *In the Bones* is a modern day riff on *The Scarlet Letter*. We’ll follow this with *How I Learned to Drive*, by Paula Vogel. Her play *The Mineola Twins* recently opened at Woolly Mammoth.

We will be reading and discussing provocative plays by authors whose work is being produced in the metropolitan area.

The group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call Judith Bauer at 202 364-4917 or e-mail jbauer2939@aol.com.

Begin to Imagine: Canvass 2003

As we approach Celebration Sunday, we invite you to join us in this year's annual Canvass and help us realize this year's Canvass theme—"Begin to Imagine." During the past year, we developed the mission and vision of All Souls, and we shared our dreams for the religious community we want to create. During the coming year, we will begin to imagine the changes in our lives and our community that we can achieve through our generous financial support of All Souls and its mission. As Reverend Hardies has said, "Imagine if our generosity were such that money were never a barrier to the ministry that we are called to do in the world."

During this Canvass season, we also celebrate the many reasons we have chosen to make All Souls our faith community. We recognize how our church helps to shape our lives, which then resonate with its values and ideals. Each of us participates in and supports the church through the annual Canvass for many reasons—so that we can have a place where worship touches the soul, where children grow up loved and generously educated, where adults find solace and friendship in a diverse community, where we can begin to imagine a world where social justice is more than the labors of a few, and where we can celebrate a progressive, liberal religion.

In celebration of our journey of imagining, we invite you to join us for Celebration Sunday on October 26th, during our regular 10:50 a.m. service. After the service, there will be a free, catered brunch in Pierce Hall and entertainment for the children, allowing us an opportunity to fellowship with our All Souls' friends.

On Celebration Sunday, we ask for your pledge of generous financial support for 2003. How much is generous? While you alone know your personal circumstances, we believe that a generous pledge is a pledge that makes a difference in your life—as well as in the life of the church. Many of our members contribute in the UUA's recommended range of three to five percent of their gross incomes. We invite you to join these Leadership Givers and begin to imagine what our deep and dynamic UU community can achieve with your support.

We thank you for your gifts and look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 26. Janet Randolph, Joseph Summerill, and Wesley Bizzell, 2003 Canvass Co-Chairs.

Safeway Will Donate to ASC

Safeway shoppers can generate 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. This is an easy way to raise money for the church at absolutely no cost to us. Last year this "eScrip" program earned over \$915 for All Souls and, since we're starting earlier this year, we should be able to raise much more.

If you participated last year, eScrip requires that you renew. Contrary to what we were told earlier, you do not have to go through the entire registration process. The system will tell you you're already registered, but renewing is essential. You can register or renew on line at www.escrip.com. Both the "renew" box and the "sign up" link are on the home page. Alternatively, you can renew by calling 1-800-801-4973. The renewal deadline is Oct. 31, but new participants should sign up as soon as possible because the program starts Oct. 1. You'll need your Safeway card number to register or renew.

Sign-up opportunities will be available after Sunday services in Pierce Hall for those who don't have Internet access. If you have already designated another recipient, such as a school, for your eScrip dollars, the donations produced will be split evenly between them; up to three beneficiaries per person are allowed.

Passion for Justice in Mt. Vernon

On Sunday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., go to the chapel of the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church for an evening of intellectual stimulation and fun. They are sponsoring a production of *A Passion for Justice: the Clarence Darrow Story* with nationally known actor Paul Morella. The *Washington Post* review calls it: "impressive, absorbing ... the material is legendary, and Paul Morella plays Darrow impeccably: his fluidity in the role seems natural, almost effortless."

The number of tickets will be limited. To reserve your tickets in advance for this one-night performance, call Barbara Al-Turki at 703-799-4642. This is sponsored by the Aesthetics Committee of Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church.

Monthly Highlights

All Souls Social Justice Retreat

The All Souls Social Justice Retreat will take place Fri., Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Even if you haven't signed up, please come. It will take place at the National Baptist Memorial Church, one block north of the church, at the corner of 15th and Columbia. See you there.

Ethical Dialog All Souls Unitarian

Upcoming discussions in the Ethical Dialog will be:

October 5 *Is the United Nations Relevant?*

Discussant: George Garland

October 12 *Open Discussion*

Moderator: Ted Thomas

October 19 *Gangs in the District*

Discussant: John DeTaeye

October 26 *Fundamentalism #2*

Moderator: Bob Myers

Young Souls Update

Young Souls is All Souls' Young Adult Group (ages 18-35). Their monthly potluck will be at Darrell Duane & Jen Cook's place on Sun., Oct. 19. Pumpkin carving starts at 6 p.m., and eating around 7 p.m. Contact Darrell at 202-667-8728 or dduane@duane.com if you'd like a pumpkin. Call or go to www.duane.com/3110-13th for directions.

Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be at 4 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the home of Nancy Simon. The book will be *Lead Me to the Exit* by Ellen C. Moore. The author is the mother of Meredith Higgins.

Selections for upcoming months will be: Nov. 9, *Journal of Solitude* by May Sarton, if you can find it, or make any selection by this author. In December we will have a movie; in January we will read Mahatma Gandhi's *An Autobiography; the story of my experiments with truth*.

In February, we will have Tom Hargrave tell us about his new book: *Twenty Miles from Yesterday, the Saga of Anthony Bowen*. Join us for any book that interests you. Contact Nancy Simon with questions at 301-588-8299 or Whittsimon@aol.com.

JPD Interweave Fall Retreat 2003

Come join us for the fall retreat at Hashawha Nature Center in Westminster, Md. on October 17-19. Our theme for this year is "Dual or Dueling Identities?" It is a beautiful environmental reserve with a lake and nature trails. For more information, contact Margaret Albamonte at 202-882-1874 or Priscilla Ryder at cillamae_53@yahoo.com.

Silver Souls Update

The Silver Souls resumed their regular schedule with a meeting September 14. They will continue monthly meetings each second Sunday, 10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m., and the next meeting will be on October 12.

At the October meeting, plans will be made for activities for the rest of this year. Tentatively to be included are a Christmas Luncheon to benefit the church, and consideration of a social services project at the L'Arche residential community. This community is described as being committed to "spreading the vision of hospitality, acceptance, tolerance, and inclusion of all individuals, particularly those with developmental disabilities." A L'Arche representative will be our guest at a future meeting. Group members are encouraged to suggest other activities.

There are Silver Souls volunteers needed for folding the All Souls newsletter in preparation for distribution.

Anyone who would like is welcome to join the group at 10:30 a.m. each third Thursday.

Persons who took part in the group's summer activities thoroughly enjoyed them, especially the socializing. Not every member can attend every meeting or activity, but you owe it to yourself to make the effort. Some of the Silver Souls are 'retired', but this bunch can hardly be called 'retiring'. Come on — let us help you "get your groove back."

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Middle Souls News

Middle Souls is up and going! We went out to lunch after church at the beginning of the summer, went down to visit an exhibit at the Smithsonian and went to Screen on the Green on the Mall this past summer. We are seeking new members. If you feel you are enjoying your middle age years — too old for The Young Souls and not old enough for The Silver Souls — then Middle Souls may be for you. We are primarily a social group but are open to other activities. We're kicking off fall with a luncheon outing after church on October 12 to a nearby restaurant. Hope you can join us! For info, call Karen Williamson at 202-483-1680 or keekat@starpower.net or Vanessa Lowe at vaness32@earthlink.net or 301-445-0168.

Intentional Community Living Meeting

Interested in Intentional Community Living? Join us on Thursday Oct 16. Linda Leeks, co-founder of Ella Jo Baker Intentional Community for Community Activists, right around the corner on University Place, will share her experiences creating and living in an urban intentional community. Meet with others at 6:30 p.m. to share in the cooking or join us for the dinner in the dining room at 7:30 p.m. Contact Carol Minder at car_mind@yahoo.com or 202-431-0160.

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 Minister Shana Goodwin to learn more about UUs and the history of All Souls.

Step 2 Orientation: Those interested in joining ASC are invited to this three-hour session, where you will learn about spirituality and the All Souls community, and tour the church. Those who 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. Attendance is not a commitment to join All Souls. For more information, contact Nancy Gist at 202-544-0639, or nancygist@netscape.net

Introduction	Sundays, 10/5 & 11/16, 12:30 p.m.
Orientation	Wed., 10/15, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Ingathering Sunday	10/19 during service

Roots & Wings Classes this Fall

Sign up today! All Souls is offering three new Roots and Wings classes this fall. Roots and Wings offer ASC members and friends the opportunity to engage in spiritual exploration while learning more about All Souls and Unitarian Universalism. The groups are informative, thought-provoking and fun!

Roots and Wings consists of six sessions, a class project, and a social gathering. To sign up, contact the lead facilitator for the class you are interested in:

Sunday September 28: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Kevin Kissinger at kkissinger@aol.com

Wednesday October 22: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meredith Higgins-Hargrave at higginsrhp@aol.com or Steven Newburg-Rinn at stevennr@erols.com.

Sunday November 9: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Libby Turpen at eturpen@stimson.org

Your facilitator will provide more information to you as your class time approaches. Roots and Wings classes provide All Souls members (new or long-term) and prospective members with a deeper understanding of our faith tradition; help members become integrated into the activities of All Souls; and encourage friendship and community.

SPECIAL CARING LIST

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation who are unable to get to church any more: Mary Jane Fisher, Nancy Freeman, Virginia Gray, Carolyn Howlett, Ruth Logue, Mary Louise Robbins, Marianna Sewell, Marietta Sharp, Larry Stone, Emilie Wiggins.

Notes or cards would be welcome. Addresses are in the church directory. You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for those homebound. If you are interested in visiting shut-in members, contact Jane Pfeiffer of the Caring Cluster at 202-337-5637.

Michael Servetus, Early Heretic

by Paul Pfeiffer

Often cited as an early Unitarian, Michael Servetus will be honored by many UUs in October on the 450th anniversary of his death. In honor of this occasion, here are some interesting facts about the life this heroic man led.

Many original thinkers over the centuries have contributed to our liberal religious heritage. One of them was Michael Servetus, who for his religious beliefs was burned at the stake in Geneva on October 27, 1553.

In commemoration of the 450th anniversary of his death, the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists is planning a weekend of events in Geneva on October 25 through 27. Immediately following, the World Congress of Faiths will hold a conference to explore the significance of Servetus in the struggle for religious freedom and tolerance.

Michael Servetus was a Spanish physician and theologian whose views in the fields of both medicine and religion were so far ahead of the times that they were strongly rejected by his peers. His theories about the circulation of blood were not accepted until many decades after his death and his religious views threatened the Christian hierarchy.

Servetus challenged the doctrine of the Trinity and the concept of original sin; he once referred to the Trinity as a sort of Cerberus, the three-headed dog guarding the gates of Hades. He incurred the enmity of John Calvin, Reformation leader in Geneva, who called him a “villainous cur” and vowed to have him killed.

He was denounced as a heretic, refused an advocate and condemned to death by both the Protestant Council of Geneva and the Catholic French Inquisition.

At the age of 42, he was burned at the stake over green wood, so that it took three hours for him to die. The cruelty of his death and resulting public revulsion played a significant role in the eventual abandonment of the violent tactics of the Inquisition and in the development of religious tolerance.

Thanks to Garden Caretakers

by Meg Staines

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers who faithfully tend the gardens and courtyard at All Souls Church.

Some members of the congregation might not know how the courtyard stays looking so beautiful, and who keeps the colorful blooms around the sign and at the front steps. It takes dedication and time, and it's all volunteers.

I would like to thank Judith Bauer, Bill Boteler, Matt Cohen, Molly Freeman, Steve Godwin, Lynne and Jim Heltman, Janis Knorr, Laurie Lester, Max Lockwood, Barb McCann, Susan Milner, Margery Myers, Michael Ralph, Bonnie Schrack, Kathie Shahan, Clark Weaver, and Geri Weinstock who have contributed to the beauty of All Souls greatly over the years through tending the flowers, trees, and greenery around the church.

Also, two Roots & Wings groups have completed landscaping/gardening projects: one group was led by Kurt Fernstrom and Bob Wollom. The other was led by Randy McClure, Alan Abramson, and Denise Anderson and included Janice, Stacey, Shawn, and Sharon.

Additionally, I want to thank the Buildings & Grounds committee and participants in the Cleanup Days, and the staff, who I thanked in an article in June.

As you can see, there are a lot of people who take care of the landscaping and flowers, as nobody can do it on their own. Luckily, it is also quite enjoyable and even fun to garden at All Souls. Thanks to all of you. And if anyone else is interested in participating, I can be contacted at 202-238-0044 or mstaines@starpower.net.



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Caring News

Bob and Ingrid McDonald write that they are happily re-settled in Jordan.

After a severe inner ear infection, Edna Lingreen can hear, and therefore communicate, once again. Three cheers!

We report with sorrow the deaths of long time members Mildred Edgerton and Frances Adams.

Charlie Mason has been in the hospital.

We wish Matt Berube and Brooke Hafner well on their move to the West Coast.

Congratulations to Norm and Wini Williams who have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

All Souls Hires Office Assistant

The next time you call All Souls, you may notice a new person answering the phone. Tracy Butler was hired last month as the new office assistant at All Souls. She is a wonderful addition to our staff; so be sure to welcome her next time you call. We send our best wishes to Nesta Berlin, our former receptionist, who is continuing her studies at UDC.

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.

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All Souls Unitarian Church Services

Services at All Souls begin at 10:50 a.m.

Oct. 5 • *Forgiveness* • Rev. Shana Goodwin

As we acknowledge the High Holy days of Judaism, we look at the many layers of forgiveness of others, ourselves, and our sense that the Divine forgives us.

Oct. 12 • *The River of Life* • Rev. Robert M. Hardies

From African-American spirituality to Taoist traditions, the river has been a powerful metaphor of the religious life. We will explore how various traditions have used the image of the river, and learn what the river can teach us about the way Spirit moves in our life.

Oct. 19 • *Faithful Over a Few Things* • Rev. Robert M. Hardies

When we come to the end of our days we will not be asked whether or not we frantically juggled the many commitments of our lives, but whether we tended to the important things.

Oct. 26 • *Yes and No* • Rev. Robert M. Hardies

Celebration Sunday!

“Yes” and “no” are perhaps the two most important words of the religious life. To what or whom do you say, “Yes”? When and why do you say “no” in your spiritual life? This Sunday is Celebration Sunday, the day when we say “Yes” to All Souls Church by making our annual pledge to support the many ministries of this church.

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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