



# All Souls

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

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## Holiday Musings

*A Letter From Shana Goodwin, Minister, All Souls Church, Unitarian*

One of these years I will not be caught off guard by the arrival of the holiday season—but not this year. How can it be that the stores are already erecting holiday displays? More significant, however, is not the fact that the winter holidays catch me off guard, but the fact that I find I still struggle to remember the meaning behind all of the commercial trappings. In fact, I think that what has become the most significant part of

this time of year for me has been setting aside time to meditate or reflect on the messages and lesson of Christmas, Hanukkah, and the winter solstice.

Often it is my childhood memories that evoke the spirit of the season in a way that my adult self is too hurried to notice. I remember riding in the back seat of my grandparents' car looking out at the night sky in wonder and awe. I remember the neighborhood caroling

parties our friends used to throw and the responses we would get as we sang in the local nursing home and tavern. Most of all, I remember my hopefulness, my prayers that all people would feel happy or content or at peace. May we all remember that this season can and does hold meaning, and may that meaning bring back the refrain of "peace on Earth, good will to all." Many blessings,  
Shana

## All Souls Holiday Calendar of Events

Don't miss these opportunities to catch the Holiday Spirit at All Souls!

Nov. 30: Toy Collection begins!

Dec. 07: Annual Meeting and *Free to Be You and Me* tryouts!

Dec. 14: Tree Trimming and All Church Xmas Party

Dec. 17: Councilmember Jim Graham Holiday Party

Dec. 18: La Posada with La Clinica del Pueblo

Dec. 20: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Dec. 21: Christmas Pageant

Dec. 21: Silver Souls Holiday Luncheon

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services @ 7p.m. and 11pm

Dec. 28: Kwanza Celebration





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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

*Tom Fox, Board of Trustees President*

As the year draws to an end, your Board of Trustees has several preoccupations:

- Reviewing and approving for presentation to the congregation next year's budget;
- Preparing and presenting a report to the congregation on the Board's assessment of how the Church is doing in pursuing the goals we set a year ago and the policies the Board has developed to guide our implementation of the programs that flow from the goals;
- Presenting certain Bylaw revisions to the Annual Meeting; and,
- Doing everything possible to avert a possible budget deficit for the current year.

*The Annual Meeting is open to all members.*

Along with the election of new Officers, Trustees and a new Nominating Committee, all of these will be items for discussion at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, so we will have a full agenda.

**Please, please review carefully the documents we will send you before the Annual Meeting,** so that the meeting can proceed smoothly.

**The Annual Meeting is open to all members. In order to vote, however, the member must have signed the book before November 7 and made a financial contribution of record to the Church in the preceding twelve months.**

We should also call attention to the fact that several Officers and Trustees have completed their terms. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude:

**Barbara Corprew**, Vice President of the Board for the past three years;

**Claudia Liebler**, a Board member for the past three years;

**Matthew Weinstock**, a Board member for almost two years;

**Mark Flood**, Treasurer for the past two years;

**Dave Kerlina**, Secretary for the past two years;

**Ed New**, Assistant Treasurer for the past year; and,

**John Knotts**, Assistant Secretary for the past year.

Each has made a great contribution to the church. *Thank you!*

Please contact Board President Tom Fox (FoxThomasH@aol.com) or any other Board member for further information or discussion of any of these items.

## The Youth Club & the Church

by Carol Minder and Rev. Rob Hardies

We wanted to clarify for the congregation recent developments regarding the Columbia Heights Youth Club (CHYC) and the Church. The CHYC has been located in the basement of All Souls Church and serving neighborhood youth since 1954 when Rev. Davies and the congregation offered space because black youth were segregated out of the Police Boys club.

Last June, CHYC director Gail Oliver secured a promise of \$250,000 for capital improvements in the Youth Club, in exchange for a long-term lease. The All Souls Executive Team, in consultation with the Board, declined

the funding because of upcoming plans for a major renovation of the entire church building.

Being told that the future of the church space was uncertain, Oliver vowed to look for new and improved space that better suits the needs of the Youth Club.

This decision does not al an end to the 50-year nship. Rather, as gang violence increases in our neighborhood, there is even MORE need for meaningful activities for neighborhood youth.

While CHYC seeks more appropriate space, a group of All Souls members are exploring ways for the church to assist the Youth Club. One opportunity for cooperation may be a 50th Anniversary Celebration which church members help host and plan. Are you interested in helping with this or other activities that serve the youth of our neighborhood? Contact the All Souls Youth Task Force at [asc-youth@yahoo.com](mailto:asc-youth@yahoo.com). You can further support the youth club by pledging through the CFCH 8060.

In addition, as the church moves forward with plans to renovate our building, we will always look for ways that our space can best serve our neighborhood.



## Are You on the Church Council?

Attention coordinators, chairpersons and other leaders at All Souls: You are members of the Church Council, the organization of lay leaders at All Souls. The Council sponsors a winter leadership development workshop where we share practical information about how to get things done (e.g. how to publicize events, budget for projects, etc.) and develop our skills as effective leaders at All Souls. And in the spring, the Council hosts the leadership planning retreat, where all the church organizations share and coordinate plans for the year.

So ... make sure you are on the Church Council membership list. Send your name, organization, number and email to John Knotts, [knotever@aol.com](mailto:knotever@aol.com), 202-232-1166. Outgoing leaders, send your replacement's contact information. For more information, contact Bill Kules, [wmk@takomasoftware.com](mailto:wmk@takomasoftware.com), (301) 270-4325.

## Activism Requires Awareness

Can we truly bring about sustainable change without thoroughly understanding the issues? In February 2004, ASC will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of WEB DuBois' "The Souls of Black Folk." All members are encouraged to read this book in preparation for a church-wide discussion that will include the following questions: How can you sustain your volition, your dignity or your connectedness while the larger culture is labelling you as the "problem?" What sacrifices or compromises must you make when you can't conquer your own pain because of the energy spent dealing with how others perceive you? In this magnificent publication, DuBois' challenges us to honestly examine "the veil" that Blacks (and other oppressed peoples) live with everyday. **Educate to agitate!** Presented by the Book Club, ADORE, and People of Color Committee.

## Special Caring List

Keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation who are unable to get to church: 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 (available in Pierce Hall). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for homebound. For more info, contact Jane Pfeiffer at 202-337 5637.

## REflections

by Gabrielle Farrell, Religious Educator

The most frightened I have ever been was the Christmas Eve when my daughter, my husband and I arrived home from the hospital after her birth. We laid her in the crib, closed the door, sat on the sofa and said, "Now what? Do we sleep? Ever again?"

"Fear not," the angel hails, "For I bring you tidings of great joy." Both Luke and Matthew tell of angels individually conveying such to Joseph, Mary and the shepherds. Like today it was a time when fear persisted.

Since that Christmas eve, our seventeen years of parenting have brought moments of fear and more of unimaginable joy. Living between the two teaches me that my daughter and your son were not the only ones born at their birth.

This year, in a time when the pages are full of sadness and fear, it is the angels' declarations in the Christmas story I hear most clearly.

This year, by way of a child borne in a manger or by one born in a crib, I am also reminded that what the angels proclaim is true: "Each night a child is born is a holy night. No angels herald their beginnings. No prophets predict their future courses. No wise men see a star to show where to find a babe that will save humankind. Yet each night a child is born is a holy night."

## Toy Collection Begins!

On November 30, the toy collection begins! Each Sunday, look for collection receptacles outside or inside the reception areas. Toys and other needed gifts will be distributed to our across-the-street- neighbor, La Clinica del Pueblo and our own Don Robinson's Beacon House.

## Free to Be You & Me Tryouts

On Dec. 7, the church will hold its Annual Meeting and *Free to Be You and Me* tryouts. All families registered in the religious education (RE) program have received information about this about this February presentation. Tryouts for children's solo and group parts will be held during the Annual Meeting. Contact Elizabeth Andrews for more information.

## All-Church Christmas Party

On Dec. 14, come to an all-church Christmas party sponsored by the Religious Education program. Tree trimming, church decorating, ornament making, present wrapping, lunch eating (as cooked and served by the High School class and eighth graders). (Proceeds benefit a challenge program for these children to be held in the spring!) Plan to stay afterwards and celebrate with your church family. Homemade Christmas cookies to share will be welcomed.

## Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

The Christmas Pageant will be held on Dec. 21, and the rehearsal will be held on December 20. Attendance at the rehearsal is required for participation, and the rehearsal will take place from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. All registered children have received information in the mail. If your child is not yet registered and wishes to participate, please contact Gabrielle Farrell at the church.

## Fulfilling Financial Commitments

All Souls folks are a generous bunch, supporting our church as well as other worthy causes. As the end of the year approaches, please be sure to fulfill your 2003 annual financial pledge to the church. **We make our annual budget based on what members promise to contribute to the church, and as of this writing we are behind in our expected contributions. We need to make up the difference in December to avoid a budget deficit!** So please pitch in!

Due to a sluggish economy, there are some in our community who have said they are unable to give all that they had pledged. We appreciate the difficult financial situation that some of us are facing, and encourage those of us who can afford to, to consider a special year-end gift to help make up the difference.

If you need more information about how much you owe on your pledge or how to make a special year-end gift, please contact the church office.

And again, thank you for your generosity.

## Get Your Chocolate Here ...

by Marc Ferrera, 7th Principle Committee

**T**he 7th Principle Committee, which has been offering you fairly traded coffee, tea, and hot cocoa mix since last March, introduces new organic Fair-Trade Certified baking cocoa powder from Equal Exchange. This high-quality, organic-certified, dutch-process cocoa powder carries the Fair-Trade Certified label, granted by TransFair USA, an independent non-profit certifying organization, which guarantees consumers that the cocoa was produced and sourced in a socially responsible manner.

Under Fair Trade consumers know that: the cocoa was grown and exported by a democratically organized cooperative of small-scale farmers; the cooperative was paid a fair, above-market price for its crop; and that high labor standards, including those for work safety, child labor, and the freedom to organize are followed.

Equal Exchange's cocoa products from farmer cooperatives in the Dominican Republic give Americans an immediate, positive way to respond to the reports of chronic poverty, exploited child labor and slavery on cocoa farms in West Africa — the origin of 70 percent of the world's cocoa. Americans spend \$13 billion a year on cocoa products, but low prices paid to farmers have kept them poor and vulnerable. Thanks to recent pressure the cocoa industry has begun to study the labor problem, but it will not produce voluntary standards for cocoa trading until 2005. These products enable consumers to support a more sustainable and just cocoa economy today.

In addition to being Fair Trade Certified, Equal Exchange's cocoa is organic-certified and cultivated on small plots under a shade canopy that preserves critical elements of the native Dominican forests. Biologists have determined that this gentle, chemical free method of farming helps to maintain bio-diversity and protect the winter habitat of millions of migratory songbirds.

CONACADO, a democratically managed cooperative of 9,000 small farmers in the Dominican Republic, grows and exports this cocoa after careful, post-harvest processing, including a special 3-day fermentation of the cocoa nibs. Thanks to their reputation for quality, CONACADO has become one of the leading cocoa exporters in the Caribbean.

So when you're making your holiday fudge and cookies, go organic, fair-trade, and delicious! Stop by the 7th Principle Committee table on first and third Sundays.

*All Souls* December 2003

## Raise Money for ASC at Safeway

**S**afeway shoppers who use their discount cards can generate donations to All Souls equal to 1-3 percent of the value of purchases through May. This is free money for the church, but you must sign up. If you participated last year and did not renew by Nov. 1, you'll have to re-register. The fastest way is on line at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). If you prefer, you may bring your Safeway card number (phone number won't do it) to church and sign up at the Information Table in Pierce Hall.

If you have already designated another recipient, such as a school, the donations will be split; up to three beneficiaries are allowed. Please note that we are not urging anyone to shop at Safeway who would not otherwise do so; we simply want the church to get the benefit if you do shop there and have not already designated a school or other charity. In particular, if Safeway workers here should mount picket lines as a result of the labor dispute currently involving West Coast units of the company, we would certainly not encourage anyone to cross those lines. Questions? Contact Carol Falk at 202-483-5607.

## Sign Up Now for Holiday Lunch

**T**he Silver Souls will sponsor the holiday lunch on December 21. The special menu will feature traditional holiday fare. This event

is a fundraiser for the church refurbishment project. Tickets are now on sale in Pierce Hall every Sunday following the service, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. You are urged to buy tickets in advance as there will only be a limited number. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the lunch, so please sign up at the ticket-sales table, or contact Planning Committee Chair Dorothy Bledsoe at 301-805-7721, or e-mail [Dot.Bledsoe@verizon.net](mailto:Dot.Bledsoe@verizon.net).



## Monthly Highlights

### Saturday Morning Yoga

Active yoga class combining balance, flexibility, Pilate's-style strength training and yoga flow (Vinyasa). Saturdays 9:30 - 11:00 in the carpeted Eaton Room. Per class fee \$10.

There is no need to pre-register—just show up with your yoga mat. If you would like information on this or other nearby classes please contact [deborahd@cpcug.org](mailto:deborahd@cpcug.org).

This class is suitable for new and experienced students.

### Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be at 4 pm, Sunday, Dec. 14, at the home of Nancy Simon: 2211 Washington Ave. Apt. 102, Silver Spring MD. We will watch a video, hopefully "The Heiress". Please bring your ideas for books to read in 2004.

For our Jan. 11 meeting we will read Mahatma Gahndi's autobiography, and for February, we will host Tom Hargrave, who will tell us about his new book "Twenty Miles From Yesterday". Also in February we will be part of the all-church reading of "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. Du Bois.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. Join us for any book that interests you. The contact person for the group is Nancy Simon, 301-588-8299.

### Potluck with Rev. Goodwin

All members are invited to attend a potluck in Pierce Hall on Thursday, December 11th, hosted by the Committee on Ministry. Rev. Shana Goodwin will be our guest as we eat, drink and merrily tell stories about our past experiences at All Souls and our dreams for its future. The dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with personal introductions and greetings. Bring a dish and a story to share! For more information, contact Denise Anderson at (202) 291-7718 or [denise.anderson@eoc.gov](mailto:denise.anderson@eoc.gov).

### A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity

A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity (ADORE) meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Plan to join us on December 3 at 6:45 pm as we discuss what an accountability structure within All Souls Church would look like. Newcomers are always welcome — bring a friend!

## Worship Committee Plans Ahead

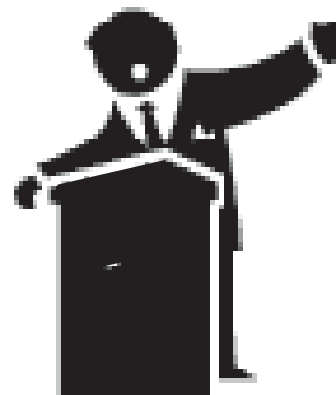
The Worship Committee warmly welcomes our new associate minister, Rev. Shana Goodwin. It has already been a joy to experience her participation and leadership in our worship services thus far and we look forward to her continued involvement and leadership with worship here at All Souls.

Our ministers bring such vitality to our worship experiences at All Souls that is also coupled with our dynamic music ministry and our friendly ushers and greeters. We anticipate having some outstanding guest ministers this year as well. Worship at All Souls will continue to be a full and enriching experience.

People's Voices Services have become a treasured part of worship at All Souls. Providing lay members an opportunity to minister to the All Souls and greater DC communities through our services enriches us all. The Worship Committee would like to continue to provide any and all assistance to groups interested in participating in People's Voices Services this year.

This year, our People's Voices services will be held on May 30, 2004, July 4, 2004 and August 8, 2004. To help facilitate this process, the Worship Committee would like to ask any groups interested in participating in a People's Voices service this year to complete a short information sheet describing the service they would like to prepare. We would like to have these information sheets returned by **January 15, 2004** to help us prepare for this year's worship services. You can obtain a copy of the information sheet by contacting Shawn Strout at [sstroutDC@yahoo.com](mailto:sstroutDC@yahoo.com) or (202) 288-6442 or Jana Owens at [jana\\_owens@hotmail.com](mailto:jana_owens@hotmail.com).

Thank you for being a vital part of worship at All Souls.



## Order Your Christmas Poinsettias Today!

Orders are now being taken to donate Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary. The plants may be taken home following the 11PM Christmas Eve Service. The price this year (drastically reduced) is a mere \$12 per plant. Deadline for orders will be December 15.

Please call Gillian at the church office 202.332.5266 x 14 or email [gevans@all-souls.org](mailto:gevans@all-souls.org)



## New Members in 2003

This year has seen growth of All Souls in many ways, including new members. We would like to welcome:

**JANUARY:** Pablo Benavente, Jennifer Bowser, Dave Dickson, Shelly Dryden, Laura Faist, David Jones, Minneh Kane, Barb Lucas, Richard & Laura Patrick, Melinda St. Louis, Yorick Uzes.

**FEB.:** Trudy Ann Mitchell-Gilkey, Lauren Gilkey, Brenda Barron, Matt Berube, Wesley Bizzell, Richard Buford, Kenneth Byers, Lily Eskelsen, Ruel Eskelsen, Brooke Hafner, Mark Hicks, Steve Marshall, Laura Mills, Mark Mitchell, Sarah Raymond, Joe Summerill, Peter Talbot, Amy Tarasovic, Peter Trent, Eiko Tubridy

**MARCH:** Doug Belling, Elaine Clisham, Allison Denny, Sarah Hoyt, Barry Johnson, Topher Kandik, Mark McKeivitz, Josephine Nieves, Alice O'Brien, Tod Preston, Matthew Roberts, Veronica Triana, Catherine Long, Jerry Lucas

**MAY:** Mary Bonner, Robert Bonner, Elizabeth Coit, Christopher Crouch, Jon Hertzke, Peter & Trisha Meyer, Shannon Quesada, Caroline Stites, Kim Vitelli, Micah Watson, Bailey Whiteman, Bill Kane, Gregory Ford, Kim Hedge, Katherine Jacobs, Michael Ralph, Peter Rivenberg, Jose Luis Sanchez

**JUNE:** Adam Arends, Tom Baroody, Rod Fiorito, Tom Donelson, Mindy Galoob, Peter Hensch, Holly Lorenz, Deborah Maher, Lauren Manly, Lynn Rosellini, Ann Steinecke, Erica Tubbs, Mya Wilke.

## Holiday Volunteers Needed

If you are looking to spread "hope to a troubled world" we welcome your assistance with most of the activities mentioned in our Calendar of Events. Contact the person mentioned or Gabrielle Farrell at the church office at [gmarrell@aol.com](mailto:gmarrell@aol.com) or Gillian Evans [gevans@all-souls.org](mailto:gevans@all-souls.org) if you are interested in serving.

## Great Big Thank You

To our wonderful and amazing front desk volunteers who tirelessly work to make our jobs less stressful. On behalf of the entire staff at All Souls Church we take this time to thank you. Thanks to Molly, Elizabeth, Jon, Nancy, Emily, Jackie, Robert, Jose Luis, Rose, Penny, Betteye, and Carol. And a very special thanks to Bailey Whiteman who does such an amazing job of keeping track of the schedule of volunteers. You folks are the best!

## Audio Tapes of Services

The Sunday service is audio-taped almost every Sunday. Copies can be made. Donation of \$3 if tapes are picked up, \$4 if you wish them mailed. Contact Bob Freeman 301-656-0948 for info.

## Do You Love Weddings?

How about planning them, or simply coordinating details for a beautiful wedding ceremony? Well we are in search of a Wedding Coordinator for the church. The Wedding Coordinator position is commission based and flexible. You must be available on Friday evenings and anytime on Saturday & after service on Sunday. This position will open as of January 3, 2004. Please send a brief letter detailing your qualifications (no special skills needed) to Gillian Evans [gevans@all-souls.org](mailto:gevans@all-souls.org).





## Member News

Congratulations to **Diane Schwartz** and **Victor McMahan** on the adoption of their daughter, **Sofia Ruth**; for **Bonnie Manwell** on the birth of her grandson, **Joseph**; for **Rob** and **Mandy**, formerly **Cavanaugh** and **Jacobsen**, on their marriage; for **Pat McGovern** on her acceptance to the Peace Corps; and **Rebecca Johnson** for her release from prison; and to **Chris Herman** and **Wendy Webb**, who just joined households in late October.

We're sorry that **Mel Hardy** is in pain, sorry to learn that **Pam Coukos'** father is seriously ill, and that **Phil Barringer**, a former board member has been critically ill.

The better news is that people are recovering, **Bob Bonner** from a bike accident, the **Cormiers'** daughter from meningitis, **Rose Kurland** from a broken finger, **Georgia Mulholland** from foot surgery, **Veta Harrison** from eye surgery, and **Ralph Belton** from flu.

**Jenn Sleboda** says from Tanzania that she misses us.

We report with sorrow the death of **Charles Gardner**. He was a long-time member and Jubilee Singer.

## La Posada

Once again All Souls and our neighbor La Clinica del Pueblo join forces for this special holiday celebration to benefit the children and families served by La Clinica's free health clinic. The religious procession will begin at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and culminate at All Souls with food, a brief program, and a visit by Santa who will pass out toys to all the children. Santa needs bilingual helpers to help provide hospitality at All Souls. Evening of Thursday, December 18. To volunteer, contact Catalina Talero of the Latino Initiative at [ctalero@yahoo.com](mailto:ctalero@yahoo.com).

## All Souls! All Vote!

The ASC voting group "All Souls! All Vote!" will welcome Bill O'Field, from the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics on Tues, Dec 2, at 7 pm. O'Field will present on such topics as the importance of voting, voting statistics in the District, voting equipment, registration, and the need for poll workers. Everyone is invited. For info, contact Mario Cristaldo at [cristaldo.mario@verizon.net](mailto:cristaldo.mario@verizon.net) or Gretta Goodwin at [goodwing@gao.gov](mailto:goodwing@gao.gov).

## 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 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 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](mailto:nancygist@netscape.net)

**Introduction** Sun., 12/14, 12:30 p.m.

**Orientation** Sat., 12/20, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.,

**Ingathering Sunday** 12/21 during service

### 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](mailto: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:

January issue — December 12

February issue — January 16

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# All Souls Unitarian Church Services

Services begin at 10:50 a.m.

## December 7 • *Power—Its Uses and Abuses* • Rev. Hardies

We live in the most powerful city in the most powerful nation in the world. How can we use power to increase the good and confront evil?

## December 14 • *Season of Miracles* • Rev. Hardies

As a rule, Unitarians are a rational bunch. But in this season of miracles, I invite you to sit back, relax, and listen to the closest thing that we have to a miracle story. We will also listen for what good news might be awaiting us during this season of miracles.

## December 22 • *The Christmas Pageant* • Ministers and Friends

On this Sunday before Christmas, Revs. Hardies and Goodwin will be joined by some very special guests to tell a very special story set to some very special music. Please join us.

## Christmas Eve at All Souls

### 7 p.m. • *Family Candlelighting Service*

A special service catered to families with children, as well as others who prefer an earlier service. This service will include a children's story and will end with the lighting of candles and *Silent Night*.

### 11 p.m. • *Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols*

Join our ministers and our choirs in welcoming Christmas into the world and into our hearts during this candlelit service of readings and carols.

## December 28 • *Kwanzaa* • Rev. Goodwin

In this service we will honor the African-American community celebration of Kwanzaa. How do its principles (faith, self-determination, collective economics, etc.) speak to our spiritual lives?

## 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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