



# All Souls

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

## Growing and Stretching Together

*By Rob Hardies, Senior Minister, All Souls Church, Unitarian*

It feels like we're stretching a lot at the church this Spring. On Easter Sunday, our sanctuary was overflowing. At the March for Women's Lives, we provided hospitality to hundreds of fellow Unitarian Universalists from around the country. The church calendar is packed with opportunities for worship, music, social

justice, and fun. Sometimes stretching feels uncomfortable, like when your muscles are sore. Sometimes stretching feels invigorating, like when you first wake up in the morning. The stretching at the church feels like a little bit of both to some of us. And that's o.k.

I believe that any church named "all souls" is

a church that is called to stretch, to welcome the stranger, to make a place at the table (and in the pew) for a new friend.

I hope that as we continue to grow and stretch we will learn more fully what it means to love in ever-expanding circles.

Love,

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## The Importance of Being Pensive

*By Shana Goodwin, Associate Minister, All Souls Church, Unitarian*

We have reached that time in the church year when we are both feverishly busy with exciting activities to be involved in, and starting to think about future plans.

One of the things I appreciate most about life in a spiritual community is that it is a place where we are asked not just to do, but take time to *be* and reflect on all that we do. How much more rich and meaningful are the mo-

ments of our lives when we can absorb them without always rushing to what's next?

I invite you, as you attend (in the deepest sense of that word) the many conversations and events of All Souls this spring, to reflect. What does All Souls mean to you? What do the people you know here bring to your life? How does what you believe impact your whole life?

As we grow in faith and depth as a community, may we never rush through opportunities to pause, give thanks, and remember what gives substance and sustenance to our days. So may it always be.

Many blessings,

**Don't forget to attend the All Souls Auction!**

**New Date: June 12**

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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.

## ASC Annual Auction: Rescheduled!

*New Date: Saturday, June 12 — 6 p.m.*

Whoa! May was getting too busy. So we'll do it in June. This event comes around only once a year, so don't miss it! Doors and silent auction bidding open at 6 p.m.; the live auction begins with the 50-50 raffle drawing at 7 p.m. This is a fun opportunity to mingle with church friends on a Saturday night, but be prepared for an element of good-natured competition! Check our Web site (linked to [www.all-souls.org](http://www.all-souls.org)) to view a partial list of items up for auction. Attend even if you don't have much to spend ... there will be a wide variety of price ranges. Even if you go home empty-handed, you'll be glad you came. For more info, e-mail Gail Perry and Clair Null at [allsoulsauction@yahoo.com](mailto:allsoulsauction@yahoo.com).

## Last Chance at the Chesapeake

*What a Weekend!*

The sign-up list is rapidly filling. Headliners Rob Hardies and Shana Goodwin will spend the whole weekend with us at our first annual retreat "Weekend by the Bay" — May 21-23. Sources say that Rob has promised to captain or coach softball. For a small extra fee, 50 courageous climbers—or cowardly clingers, as the case may be—will maneuver through the challenging Ropes Course with trained supervision. If this all sounds far too energetic for an May afternoon, bring your own paperback and chocolates, and loaf under the leafy umbrellas of fine old trees on green lawns. WARNING: Enticing workshops and intriguing activities for all ages will make choosing a hammock difficult.

All of this will be in a pastoral setting an easy two-hour drive from the city, where you will be surrounded by friends—new and old. Prices for two nights and six meals start at only \$100 per adult, less for kids, and go up according to your choice of lodging. Registration closes on May 9! Financial aid is available. To register, print the form from our Web site, or pick one up at church.

## Claiming Thomas Jefferson

*by Ann Ross*

An article in the March newsletter said, "we UUs have a tradition of claiming Thomas Jefferson as one of our own, even though he never declared such an allegiance." In a letter to Benjamin Waterhouse, Jefferson said, "The population of my neighborhood is too slender, and is too much divided into other sects to maintain any one preacher well. I must therefore be contented to be a Unitarian by myself." Of course it is also true that, like many Unitarians, Jefferson believed in a God (Rob Hardies' "God of many names"), but he also strongly believed that Jesus was human. To speak with me about this further, e-mail me at [anciens@aol.com](mailto:anciens@aol.com).

# Changing and Growing

by Archene Turner, Student Minister

May marks my last month with you as student minister. A part of me feels like a child — wanting to cry and pitch a fit because I don't want to leave the church — but the adult side of me knows I have to go.

I can recall many experiences serving this congregation, but they do not compare to the new-found confidence I have in ministry because of you. I feel I have grown up in front of your loving parental eyes. Not all the way into a full-fledged minister, but with enough grounding to be on my way. This congregation has nudged me forward by encouraging me in your words and deeds to be a more compassionate, more attentive, more courageous, more listening minister. I have felt confident to try out different styles of leadership or different topics in the pulpit knowing that through it all, I am loved. And when I made mistakes, I learned from them, readjusted, and tried again.

Halfway through this process, some church members questioned whether it was a good idea to have me do this ministerial development in my home congregation, but I have to tell you, I am really glad that I did. I don't think there is a place quite like your home congregation that knows you and loves you, in spite of yourself.

It is a scary thing to change your whole identity — to become a minister. The transformation makes you fragile; it made me fragile. I needed a community of care and concern for me, the person. What is a creature when it is neither a butterfly nor a caterpillar? Neither a layperson nor a minister? I have a better understanding of what parts of myself I will keep because they serve me well as a minister, and which ones that I have to replace or enhance. For example, most people know me as an energetic person. I have another side to me that most people rarely see. I have learned to show more people that side, so when I am with people, my stillness does not come as a surprise. As a result, I've been less visible to some, and more accessible to others.

In an almost opposite scenario, I have learned to step up and lead. My comfort zone is to work in groups to lead, but I am trying other ways. I have been elected to the board of trustees at Meadville Lombard Theological School as the modified residential program student representative, starting in October. This opportunity lets me lend my voice to another institution that is growing and changing to become anti-racist and multicultural. After May, I will

still be a student taking classes locally and in Chicago, but I will be looking for another local UU church to do an extended internship in the fall of 2005. Before my internship, I hope to preach in other UU churches, coordinate a project on the David Eaton legacy, and work on sexuality issues with teens in the Columbia Heights Youth Club.

I will still write an article now and again to keep you abreast of my progress and you will still see me in and around the church. Hopefully, you will see me change some more into the UU chaplain for the UU boarding school I still want to create, because after all, All Souls Church is still my home congregation and family.

## Saying Goodbye, Looking Ahead

by Marinda Harpole

As this year's convener of Archene Turner's Transitional Support Team, I have been asked to convey a few of our thoughts as Archene prepares to take off and leave our slender branch behind. Before we commit our thoughts about Archene to paper, we invite each member of All Souls who would like to comment on her performance as a student minister to forward comments to the Transitional Support Team, in care of Alan Johnson at [falkjohnson@netscape.com](mailto:falkjohnson@netscape.com).

## Leadership Development

by Brenda Barron

In March, the church hosted a Leadership Development Workshop to help orient church leaders to the upcoming strategic yearly planning process. That process is underway, as committees and groups in the church complete the Planning Forms for accomplishments during the next church year. If you need forms, contact me at [bb0911@yahoo.com](mailto:bb0911@yahoo.com) or 202-667-7422.

The next step in the strategic planning process is the Leadership Retreat on June 6, 2004 at the church. During this meeting, plans that are submitted by May 31 will be discussed, consolidated and tentatively put on the calendar for the church year that kicks off in September 2004.

If you are a leader of a group, please complete your planning forms and attend the Leadership Retreat if you plan to use any resources of the church. These include financial resources, church space, staff time, or church member volunteers. Also, we ask that each person represent only one group at the retreat. If you are chair of two committees or groups, please designate someone to represent the interests of one of the committees/groups and focus on one of the committees/groups yourself.

## REflections

by *Gabrielle Farrell, Religious Educator*

I can't write it plainer — your spiritual and religious development is inextricably dependent on working with the next generation or the one after that. Check with any “expert;” Fowler, Kohlberg, Harris. There are few, if any, ways to adult wholeness without turning around and holding out a hand to those growing up.

Although Unitarian Universalism has a store of adults who need this hand as well, they come with the “forgetfulness” or “amnesia” with which we as adults grapple. This amnesia can be a barrier to wholeness, and children have not a drop of it, though by high school they are beginning to learn it. And so we need these children. And they need us.

However. Where to find the time? How to handle the extra responsibility? I share the following anecdote from another church: “A woman committed to teach for the following year shared it with her children, telling them that she would be teaching in the ‘church’ next year. They were ecstatic. Indeed the next Sunday when bringing the youngest to the classroom, he was disappointed that mom was not beginning that day. This woman had trained as a medical doctor and was working on a graduate degree in biomedical research. She had teaching responsibilities at the University for undergraduate and graduate students, yet her four children saw her upcoming role as a Sunday school teacher as the important one. She was as busy as anyone, perhaps more so, but accepted the invitation to be part of the church’s teaching ministry as an honor.”

My colleague asks, “Is there a message here?”

## Join the Teaching Ministry!

On May 2 and May 9, visit the Teaching Ministry tables in Pierce Hall and the Dining Room to sign up to teach next year. Quickly, as some of the 24 spots are already taken. Next year’s program focuses on UU history and practices, sharing specific stories, including a social justice module. What exactly are the responsibilities?

You teach in a team of four adults, always with a co-teacher in the room, often with a third as a parent helper. All the lesson plans, materials and scheduling are provided. We offer an excellent training refresher mid-year. You teach 20 weeks (generally every other week), allowing you to participate in worship the other weeks. In addition, tapes of the service are provided free and there are worship opportunities in the Chapel. See you at the tables!

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## Special Thanks

Thank you to Peter Mosher and Buddy Adams for ensuring that lead-removing filters are affixed to all drinking water sources, including the water fountain on the main floor and the faucets in the kitchen.

## Coming of Age Returns ...

Coming of Age programs are a Unitarian Universalist practice most closely mirroring a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a Christian Confirmation. The year-long program for adolescents reintroduces our faith practices and traditions while at the same time recognizing and supporting their emotional and spiritual growth into adulthood. Ten participants are expected and ten adults are needed as mentors for our program beginning next September. If you are interested, please visit the Teaching Ministry table.

## Social Justice News

by *Louise Green, Social Justice Coordinator*

I had a wonderful first six weeks at All Souls, and met individually and in groups with many of you who are currently involved in Social Justice ministries. I work with 12 different clusters of people, and also continue to touch base with some folks outside the official social justice list. There is no shortage of talent, energy, and good ideas in this church — the challenge is to continue to focus and coordinate all our many activities, and to communicate well along the way.

To this end, there will be a **Social Justice leaders meeting on Monday, May 3**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Eaton Room. Each group should send one or two representatives, and give me a short report ahead of time about upcoming activities and issues. We will spend some time getting to know each other, and do some strategic planning in preparation for the **church-wide June 5 Leaders Retreat**. Pizza and beverages will be supplied. Be sure you have someone in the mix from your group!

I also urge as many of you as possible to join me in taking the **Jubilee II Anti-Racism Workshop** at ASC. It will be the weekend of **June 11-13**, and promises to be an intensive and powerful experience. This workshop takes you through a power analysis of racism and will help orient your vision for opposing racism in many contexts. No matter where we each are in our experience, we can use more tools and skills for action.

## Reaching Out, Finding Help

by Lorie Allion

Last June I put an article in the All Souls News asking for help with lunches. As the congregation grew and the number of people eating each week increased, Wendy, Buddy, and I were feeling overwhelmed. I had a fantasy that people might volunteer to help more and gradually see what fun it is and be trained to eventually take responsibility for a lunch. Never let it be said that All Souls doesn't make miracles! Since that article, several people have appeared to help, with much less effort and time on our part than I ever thought possible.

Stacy Jarboe saw my dire need for help organizing, and put herself in charge of rounding up and keeping track of the several helpers we need each week.

Ernie Cormier came to help one day, said he had put himself through college cooking for his fraternity, brought his wife Jan the next week, his children over the next few weeks, and he and Jan took over one Sunday a month!

Trisha Stotler helped one week, and dove right in by recruiting her husband Pete Meyer and friends Nick and Becky Manicone to try a lunch on their own (lots of delicious homemade lasagna – remember?).

The Young Souls have taken responsibility for providing the help one Sunday a month – I haven't been able to keep track of them all; they appear, chop, cook, serve, clean, and disappear with great reliability, and although often in the rush I don't even learn many of their names, their presence has been much appreciated!

Many other people have been frequent and/or regular helpers – without trying to be comprehensive, there are a few that stand out: Jose Luis Sanchez, Clark Weaver, Kim Vitelli, Micah Watson, and Robert Foster in particular. Thanks also to All Souls for hiring Julette. She's great!

I can't adequately express how much difference all of you have made in the workload. Thank you, thank you!

None of this is to say we can't use more help – if you'd like to add your name to the list of people Stacy contacts for help, e-mail her at [sejarboe@starpower.net](mailto:sejarboe@starpower.net).

## Don't Sweat the Small Stuff ...

On May 16 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Eaton Room you can learn how to make a significant positive impact on the environment by focusing your personal daily living decisions in a few areas. Learn what the Union of Concerned Scientists recommends as the most effective use of your time, energy and resources.

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## Seventh Principle Committee

by Marc Ferrara

The 7th Principle of Unitarian Universalism is “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” To implement that principle, All Souls Church has a 7th Principle Committee, whose mission is to educate, inspire and organize opportunities for members of All Souls Church to lead more environmentally sustainable, just and spirit-filled lives. Here are some ways in which we aim to do this:

1. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, we sell fair-trade coffee, tea, and cocoa. Producing these materials is generally friendlier not only to the earth but to the humans who produce them, by giving them a fair price for their products, enabling them to send their children to school, and fostering democratic principles in their communities. And now we offer fairly traded chocolate bars as well—milk chocolate, milk chocolate with hazelnuts, and dark chocolate, in 1.5-ounce bars for \$1 and 3.5 ounce bars for \$2. Stop by our table on Sundays.

2. We also promote reduction of solid waste by holding “Zero-Trash Sundays,” when permanent dishes are used for lunch, instead of disposable ones. We are enrolled in the EPA's Waste-Wise program and setting goals for further reduction of solid waste and reuse of materials...

3. Which leads to the next topic for this month of recycling printer inkjet cartridges. All Souls receives from \$2-\$5 per cartridge, as well as preventing it from ending in a landfill. Bring your empty cartridges to church with you.

4. Please look for the blue paper recycling bins as you leave the sanctuary on Sundays to recycle the orders of service and other announcements that you do not need to take with you.

We have a lot going on, and we can use volunteers to help us keep going. Choose an activity that satisfies your sense of mission, and help us out every couple months. Everyone will benefit.

## Trash Talking ...

On May 2, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the library, find out what the 8th graders and High School RE students have been investigating this spring about the Seventh Principle! See the first phase of a photo exhibit documenting where All Souls Trash goes and its impact on people and the environment!

## Friends of ASC Launched

Senior Minister Rob Hardies launched the *Friends of All Souls Church* on April 25 when hundreds of guests from across the country joined our congregation for worship before the March for Women's Lives. The *Friends of All Souls Church* will provide an official way for people who care about our work to connect with and support All Souls Church.

Recognizing the importance of a flagship church in our nation's capital, Unitarian Universalists from around the country have partnered with us over the years to build a strong church and a lasting witness to our liberal religious values. They have supported the church financially and visited All Souls on their trips to Washington. Support from nearby UU churches that we helped establish, and from other friends across the country, has been an important part of our history.

The *Friends of All Souls Church* will provide us with an organized way to engage our friends, show them how much we appreciate their help and cultivate their ongoing support. Help from the *Friends of All Souls Church* will ensure that there will always be a place for Unitarian Universalists to gather, organize, worship, and put our beliefs into action at the seat of the U.S. government.

Invite your friends to join! Brochures will be available every Sunday at the welcome table, and information about the *Friends* will soon be placed on the church website.

## Book Group for Spiritual Growth

A UU Reading Group has formed from the Adult Spiritual Development program.

Our May 16 meeting will discuss the book: *Out of the Flames: The Remarkable Story of a Fearless Scholar, a Fatal Heresy and One of the Rarest Books in the World* by Lawrence & Nancy Goldstone. This book is the story of Michael Servetus, who many consider a Unitarian martyr due to his criticism of the concept of the trinity as unscriptural, for which he was burned at the stake in 1553. The Goldstones also describe the history of Servetus' book *The Christianismi Restitutio* and its influence on historical figures such as Leibniz, Voltaire, and Jefferson.

The group meets the third Sunday of the month at ASC, immediately after service in Pierce Hall for lunch. Our format is round-table open discussion. For info, contact Ruel Eskelsen at 202-986-9416 or [ruel.eskelsen@verizon.net](mailto:ruel.eskelsen@verizon.net).

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## Interfaith Dialogue

by Kat Liu

In 1999, the UUA released a statement of conscience titled "Beyond Religious Tolerance: The Challenges of Interfaith Cooperation Begin With Us." In it, the UUA declared our need to move beyond tolerance to religious pluralism. But what is the difference between tolerance and pluralism? ASC is a religiously diverse congregation. However, that rich diversity does not mean that members of different faiths and philosophies feel equally at home. Religious pluralism requires that we actively learn about one another's faiths, try to view each other's faiths in the best, most sympathetic light, and find our common values.

Interfaith Dialogue meets on the third Wednesday of the month to share perspectives on religion and faith. The next meeting is May 19, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. For info, call Kat Liu at [kali8@mindspring.com](mailto:kali8@mindspring.com), 202-486-6737 or Marcia Noble at [noble\\_marcia@yahoo.com](mailto:noble_marcia@yahoo.com), 703.370.7068.

## All Souls Annual Family Picnic

On Sunday, June 20 the ASC Family Picnic will be held at Rock Creek Park, Lot #1. We are getting the word out early so that you can all plan to be there. We plan on this being an annual event where the entire church family can attend. Look for our flyer around the church and details in the Sunday Bulletin.

## A Personal Note ...

Dear Church Family: We would like to express our gratitude for the support you shared with our family this winter as we mourned the loss of our beloved parents and grandparents, church members Wanda and Abbott Washburn. Your love, expressed in so many ways, reminded us how important ASC is in our lives. With love & gratitude — Julia Washburn, Bill, Genna, & Ruby Kules

## Special Caring List

Keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation who are unable to get to church any more: Mary Jane Fisher, 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 (at the Information Table in Pierce Hall). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for homebound. If you are interested in visiting, contact Rev. Shana Goodwin at church (202-332-5266).

## Spotlight on a Beckner Grantee

The Central American Resource Center, CARECEN-DC, is now located in the Casa Del Pueblo Methodist Church basement a block away on Columbia Rd. However, if you look at the green building under construction just across the street, you will see the new home of the organization by December.

CARECEN offers affordable housing assistance to 70 tenant groups, education, health promotion, and civic participation classes, as well as low- or no-cost legal and immigration services to 6,000 people a year. Next fall they will also offer Spanish classes for non-native speakers.

The Beckner Fund has given \$8,000 to support the *Campaña de 500 Votantes Latinos en el 2004*. Through registration, outreach, and educational events, CARECEN wants to build a block of 500 active Latino voters in this area who will consistently participate in civic activities, and vote in upcoming elections. Workshops and outreach efforts are taking place at schools, tenant meetings, unions, construction companies, Spanish-speaking congregations, soccer games—anywhere prospective voters can be found and motivated. October will bring Candidate Forums and get-out-the-vote organizing for Election Day in November.

Volunteers are needed to help in teaching citizenship classes, to be English as a Second Language partners, and for assistance in filling out the 10-page citizenship application. All Souls! All Vote! is also discussing ways we can work on the *Campaña* voter turn-out efforts in the Fall. For info, contact Ivette Iraheta, at 202-328-9799 or carecencd@aol.com. The website is carecencd.org

## BTU Study Group Forms

A BTU study group has formed to explore the philosophies spirituality and practices of Taoism and Buddhism, how they relate to Unitarian-Universalism, and what meaning they have for our daily lives. Last month, we discussed Thomas Merton's version of the Taoist text, *The Way of Chuang Tzu*. In May, we will look at how these ideas fit with Buddhist ideas expressed in *The Heart Sutra*. Whether you're a Taoist sage, a Buddhist Arhat, or a just someone interested in learning more, come join us for some "enlightening" communion.

The next meeting will be at All Souls from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. Bring snacks to share, if you wish. For more information contact Peter Mosher at pmosher@all-souls.org.

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## Ahimsa Launches New Program

Ahimsa Practices has taken on new dimensions in 2004 by being part of the Sunday Evening Meditation and incorporating the Health Preservation system of Prof. Zhang Guande into its program. We are working with the Sign of Jonah Acupuncture Clinic Community Outreach Program (COPE) to make these healing practices available to people in our neighborhood who are coping with AIDS. Now we are beginning the *Ahimsa Practices Health Education and Training Program*

*Ahimsa* means "non-harm." The *Ahimsa Practices Health Education and Training Program* proposes to teach skills, and give guidance and support to people from our diverse community so they will be able to improve and maintain their health without being entirely dependent upon health care professionals and costly medication. Beside Qigong exercises, other lifestyle elements, such as nutrition and rest, are also stressed. It is a very holistic approach to the total well-being of the individual. Spiritual development is also stressed as essential to total well being.

We are continuing our Tuesday evening classes at All Souls Church as well as being part of the Sunday Evening Meditation. In addition we are planning weekend workshops and will be teaching at the Weekend on the Bay. There will be a Health Preservation workshop May 29, taught by Lin Lin Choy, lead Dao Yin Health Preservation teacher in the U.S. These classes and workshops are open to everyone.

For more information contact Peter Mosher at 202-332-5266, ext. 19, or email ahimsaqi@yahoo.com.

## Thanks to Fair Trade Volunteers

The All Souls Economic Justice Committee would like to thank those who helped make the Fair Trade Fair such a huge success. Special thanks to the Economic Justice Committee members, the Seventh Principle Committee, the volunteers, Co-op America, our co-sponsors, the musical entertainers, the maintenance staff, and Mother Nature for smiling on us that day.

## Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be Sunday, May 16 at 4 pm at Rose Kurland's: 3251 D Sutton Place, NW. The book is *Pobby and Dingan*, by Ben Rice. Contact Rose if you have any questions: Tel. 202-243-3184; Email rbkurland@aol.com.

## Member News

Congratulations are the name of the game for **Libbie Buchele** and **Eric Hoy**, and **Blessed ChukSORji** and **Edward Keefe** who have announced engagements; for **Bob Wittig** and **Mike Giordano** who've finalized the adoption of **Kayla**; for **James** and **Mika Hicks** who welcomed **Ethan Joey** on March 29; for **Pam Coukos**, **David Wiley**, and **Ben** who welcomed **Jamie Annette Coukos Wiley** on April 12; for **Erin McVadon Albright** who is a new grandmother, and her son **Eduardo** who is a new uncle; and for **Doug Belling** who has a new job.

**Bob Neuman** has moved to Georgetown. We wish him well in his new environs.

Congratulations to **Clair Null**, who was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which she'll use for her studies in development economics at the University of California at Berkeley. Congratulations as well to these Young Souls who've accepted offers from graduate or professional schools: **Elizabeth Andrews**, New York University; **Philip Johnson**, Berkeley; **Amanda Poppei**, Wesley Theological; and **Wells Wulsun**, Stanford.

We send warm wishes to **Peter Sailer**, who is recovering at the Washington Hospital Center from triple bypass surgery; to **Barry Johnson**, our church Treasurer, who is recovering from painful sinus surgery; and to **Bob Bonner** whose broken leg has been painfully slow to heal.

Our thoughts are with **Marian Wheeler**, who is facing eye surgery; with **Gabrielle Farrell** whose father is seriously ill; with **Bob Myers** who is dealing with cancer; **Trellis Waxler** who is facing renewed chemotherapy; and **Patricia Eaton** who awaits a lung transplant.

We send sympathy to **Sandra Asante**, whose husband's mother died; to **Don Franks** on the death of his mother; and to **Ann Casey Bryant** on the death of her aunt, **Rebecca Cavanaugh**. We continue to think of **Dorothy Bledsoe** as she mourns the sudden death of her husband, **Raymond**.

We report, with sorrow, the death of **Ruth Logue**, a long-time member of All Souls and an active member of the Wayfarers. She died in her sleep on April 11.

Thanks to the many members and friends who responded to our request for additional caring cards. At the moment we're well stocked.

## Interweave

by *Shawn Strout, Interweave Chair*

Interweave, our gay, lesbian, bisexual and/or transgender concerns group, is in the midst of pride season. In this area, Pride is more than a month: It's a season! Memorial Day weekend, we will celebrate Black Pride. In June, we will be celebrating Capital Pride.

Check out our *calendar of events* on the Interweave page at [www.all-souls.org](http://www.all-souls.org). Whether you want to march for marriage equality, meet some new people or talk in a safe space, Interweave and Lambda Souls provides an array of opportunities. This year, All Souls has the privilege of hosting our Capital Pride Interfaith service on Tuesday, June 8. I hope you will consider coming to the service. We will be joined by many other faith groups in the community ranging from Christian to Jewish to pagan to Buddhist and more. It will be a dynamic and spirit-filled service!

If you would like more information or to get involved, contact me at [sstroutDC@yahoo.com](mailto:sstroutDC@yahoo.com) or 202-288-6442.

## Living with Integrity in Community

In a time of individualism and self-centeredness, we often find ourselves in need of some deeper level of connectedness. What would a community look like if we began to pay as much attention to the needs, wants, and preferences of those around us as to our own needs?

At All Souls, we can rise above the self-centeredness of our culture to treat each other the way we want to be treated. This is part of our spiritual lives, an acting out of our deepest values. As Desmond Tutu said, the church can be "a laboratory to show how the world ought to look."

One way many churches have found to foster this process is to enter into a "covenant of right relations." A covenant of right relations involves an articulation of how members of the community will treat each other, and then the daily living out of what was promised.

How do you want to be treated at All Souls? What do you hope that we would do differently from the rest of the world? What do we already do well? What are we having trouble with? This year, the Committee on Ministry will be hosting a series of workshops to explore these questions. By the end of the year, we hope to propose a covenant.

Plan now to join our first conversation at All Souls on the Bay, or contact any member of the Committee on Ministry: Judy Leaver, Ralph Belton, Elizabeth Hargrave, Bill Rice, Claudia Liebler, or Sharon Groves for more info.

## Springtime Gardening at ASC

by Meg Staines

The bulbs are in full bloom and everything is green again — spring is so exciting. There is always much to do to keep up with the landscaping at All Souls, and it is a fun and rewarding activity to be involved with.

Many volunteers work hard at keeping the flowers looking so vibrant, and we are always looking for new volunteers to get involved. It requires minimal time commitment and no meetings; just gardening and camaraderie.

If you are interested, contact Meg Staines at 202-238-0044, or [mstaines@starpower.net](mailto:mstaines@starpower.net). In May, the church is very busy most Saturdays, but we have scheduled two Gardening Days, on May 15 and May 29 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. May 15 is the Auction, so we will be staying outside and in the Courtyard; May 29 is Memorial Day weekend. Hope you can join us for gardening and good company.

## Plan Now for the Plant Sale ...

The Plant Sale is May 9. Wonderful flowers, vegetables and herbs will be available. All proceeds go to All Souls. Raffle tickets are available for garden prizes and trips! For info, call Bob Freeman at 301-656-0948.

## ... And Don't Forget Rhubarb

by Carol Falk

I'd like to get rhubarb started in our garden, so if anyone has a clump that's ready to be divided, please bring it to the ASC Plant Sale on May 9, and I'll buy it!

## New Book by All Souls Member

by Virginia A. View

In concert with the 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme court ruling, a new book has been released, co-edited by lifelong All Souls member Jenice View. The book, *Putting the Movement Back into Civil Rights Teaching*, has been described by Congressman John Lewis as "a wonderful journey into our collective identity as an American people." Designed primarily as a resource guide for teachers, the book is described by other reviewers as "a distinguished roster of authors" and "a unique collection of urgent voices who remind us that true and lasting movements for social, economic and racial justice begin with you and me." Arrangements are being made to make the book available through our All Souls book nook.

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## 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 more information, contact Nancy Gist at 202-544-0639, or [nancygist@netscape.net](mailto:nancygist@netscape.net).

**May Introduction:** May 16 and June 6  
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Orientation:** May 15, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
June 16, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Ingathering Sunday:** June 20

### 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).

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# All Souls Unitarian Church Services

Services begin at 10:50 a.m.

## May 2 • *Welcoming the Prodigal that is You* • Rev. Robert Hardies

In the story of the prodigal son, a forgiving father welcomes back a disgraced and humbled son. Sometimes the prodigal that we each need to welcome back is the part of us that we are ashamed of. Sometimes the person we most need to forgive is ourselves.

## May 9 • *Life Overflowing* • Rev. Robert Hardies

Someone once defined spirituality as a “thoughtful, passionate love of life.” Nietzsche admonished us to live life “overflowing.” How do we live and love out of a sense of abundance?

## May 16 • *Pursuing Happiness* • Rev. Shana Goodwin, Associate Minister

The Declaration of Independence speaks of our inalienable right to pursue happiness, and pursue it we do. But what if happiness is to be found not by striving for it but by slowing down? What is it that makes for true happiness? How do we know when we’re happy?

## May 23 • *Reconciliation* • Social Justice Coordinator Louise Green

How do we have the conversations that are so hard and so important, with those who have hurt us, and between the experiences of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and class? It is part of our spiritual work to try, to improve, and to stay in it for the long haul.

## May 30 • *People’s Voices Service*

## 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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