



All Souls

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

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All Souls
Summer
Services begin
at 9:50 a.m.
from July 3
until Labor Day.

Ongoing Spiritual Exploration

Shana Goodwin, Associate Minister

This summer will be the second in our new tradition of a more year-round church community (as well as our first full summer with an air conditioned sanctuary). Although the pace of life at All Souls will certainly be less hectic, there will still

be opportunities to reflect, connect, and grow.

I will be here throughout July—preaching five Sundays in a row, leading an adult spiritual development class, and co-facilitating a covenant group. When you are in town this summer I hope you will make a point of coming to

church to be refreshed and renewed. May summer serve as a time for us each to experience the blessings of rest and companionship (with family, friends, and All Souls). See you at church!

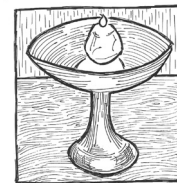
Many blessings,

Awareness & Perspective

Every religious tradition has an emphasis on the importance of a practice that helps adherents pay deeper and greater attention to the spiritual dimensions of life. During this three-session class

on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on July 6, 13, and 20, Rev. Shana and participants will explore practices that can encourage us in bringing greater awareness and intention to our life experiences. How

does seeing our lives more clearly help bring balance and a sense of wholeness? Please call the church office to register.



Exploring Covenant Groups

Have you been curious about covenant groups? Do you want an opportunity to participate before deciding to join a group full-time? Here's your chance! Rev. Shana and Meredith Higgins-Har-

grave will be facilitating a four-week covenant group throughout July—Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. on the 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Covenant groups are spiritually centered small groups that explore ques-

tions of meaning, purpose, hope, and other central questions of existence. Call the church office to sign up and be sure you can come to at least three of the four sessions. Questions? Call Rev. Shana at the church.



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BUILDING HOURS

Note Change: Summer Hours
Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Covenanting for Transforming Growth

by Dorothy Holmes, Vice President

Greetings to all in our beloved All Souls Church community! As you may know, there is a deliberative process afoot to identify needed areas of growth for the Church. Your Board of Trustees is working with the Church Officers and the Executive Team so that we can assume appropriate responsibility for the Church's emerging targeted growth initiatives. We will lovingly embrace them. Among our various preparatory efforts, we are renewing our Board and Officers Covenant. The Board has engaged this task with enthusiasm as we recognize its importance in binding ourselves together in faith, hope, and love to work for transforming growth of the Church.

As growth always has challenges along the way, our new Covenant will recognize and affirm our responsibility to pursue growth that is in keeping with the collective good of the Church. In all that we pledge to do to promote growth in the Church, we will aim for the highest level of problem resolution and redress of suffering. The Board's covenanting efforts are a complement to the ongoing wider church covenanting process. Both are ways to make our growth as a spiritually loving community a lived reality.

We are heartened by the strengths of the All Souls Church Community. As our Church pursues growth, the Board of Trustees pledges absolutely to do our best to represent your interests with humility and gratitude for the trust you place in us as your elected representatives. We will share our Covenant with you upon its completion.

Congregational Meeting: June 19

On May 25, 2005, the Board of Trustees approved the proposed ordination of church member Manish K. Mishra, based on a recommendation from the Committee on Ministry. The congregation must also approve Mishra's ordination. The Board of Trustees is therefore calling a congregational meeting on June 19, after the service. The purpose of the meeting is to request congregational approval to ordain Manish K. Mishra on October 16, 2005. Mishra will be graduating from Harvard Divinity School in June 2005, and has been accepted into Preliminary Fellowship by the UU Ministers Association. He is a past member of the All Souls Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees has established an ordination committee to be co-chaired by Thomas Fox and Meredith Higgins-Hargrave, past Presidents of the Board, to coordinate planning and execution of the ordination and related events. This is an exciting opportunity to participate in UU congregational polity and to learn more about what ordination and ministry mean in our liberal faith.

Reach Out to Children & Families in Need

Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters is a congregation-based mentoring program for children of incarcerated parents. The program asks that you provide three to four hours of support weekly for at least a year, and staff provides orientation and ongoing comprehensive support services to Amachi volunteers and the families of the children. Our goal is find 20 adults at All Souls who will be mentors, and help break the cycle of intergenerational incarceration for children who live right in our community.

The Refugee Ministry Network is an opportunity for All Souls to live out our faith by welcoming the stranger. We will be matched with an individuals or family who are being reunited with family already here in D.C. A team of 10-20 ASC congregants will go through training together and then meet our refugees at the airport, accompany folks to appointments, help gather donation and materials, mentor families, and tutor children and adults. A Catholic Charities social worker will provide ongoing support.

To sign up, or learn more, call Louise Green, director of social justice ministries, at 202-332-5266 x114.

Speak Up to Help End Genocide in Darfur

Join area churches for five Sundays of public religious worship and political witness in Washington, D.C., with the goal of ending the genocide in Darfur by calling on our institutions to give meaning to the words “never again.”

Speakers will include Rev. Brian McLaren, Rev. Jim Wallis, Rabbi David Saperstein, and Rev. Wallace Charles Smith, among others. The meetings will be Sunday, June 12, 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial; Sunday, June 19, 1 p.m. at the Capitol Reflecting Pool; Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m., Freedom Plaza (14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW); Sunday, July 3, 1 p.m., Sheridan Circle (23rd St. and Massachusetts Ave. NW); Sunday, July 10, 1 p.m., Lafayette Park (16th St. and H St. NW).

For more information, visit www.sojo.net/darfur.

Bright Lights At All Souls

News from the 7th Principle Committee

To raise awareness of the church’s contribution to energy consumption and the air pollutants associated with electricity, we conducted a drawing in Pierce Hall in May. The winner of the “Guess How Many Light Bulbs in the Church” contest was Mike Giordano, who had the closest guess to the actual number, 783 bulbs. The prize was a brand new compact fluorescent light bulb that uses only one-fifth the electricity of an incandescent bulb. As part of the 7th Principle Green Sanctuary Certification, the committee is measuring how and where we use energy and using that information to reduce our consumption.

We are doing a demonstration in the church of substituting compact fluorescent bulbs in light fixtures around the church. You can see the first demo in the chandelier outside the library. Previously, there were six incandescent bulbs using 20 watts each. They were replaced with CFLs that use three watts each. Since the majority of light bulbs in the church are incandescent, we could save on electricity by switching to CFL bulbs wherever practical. Do this at home too!

The church has also begun work on UUA’s Study/Action Issue through the 7th Principle Committee’s Global Warming Task Force, led by Heather McGray and Norm Williams. Over the coming months, the Task Force will be hosting educational activities for all ages, screening films, and helping the church and its members reduce their impact on global warming. We can all do simple things every day to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Being more aware of our contribution to greenhouse gases is the first step to reducing emissions. As part of the Green Sanctuary process we are looking at such things purchasing renewable energy, which does not contribute to greenhouse gases, as well as practical things like insulating the attic spaces and weathersealing windows and doors.

For more information about how you can help, contact Doug Belling at 202-722-7575 or dougbelling@hotmail.com. Stay tuned for more bright ideas from the 7th Principle Committee and the Global Warming Task Force as we work on our Green Sanctuary Certification.

Congregation Performs on All Souls CD

The very first All Souls Church CD will be released this summer. All Souls Staff, choir and Music Committee members are working hard to finish it — if not for General Assembly, then soon afterwards. The CD will reflect the broad range of music performed at Sunday services by the All Souls Choir, the organ, and two hymns sung by the congregation.

We're hoping that this recording will add to the spiritual life of our own church as well as that of the denomination. We're also hoping that sales from the CD will raise funds for the church! Stay tuned for information on how all of us can obtain copies of the recording later this summer and fall. For more information, contact John Strang, 483-6172, johnstrang@aol.com or Erika Landberg, 986-0728, elandberg@dcvoice.org.

Leaders in the UU Movement

This month, we have the opportunity to act out All Souls' fifth end statement—to be a leader in the Unitarian Universalist movement by witnessing to UU values in our nation's capital—when our delegates attend General Assembly and vote on the social justice issue on which the UUA will focus over the next two years.

One of the ways that UUs live their social justice principles is to empower the UUA Washington Office for Advocacy to represent our beliefs and perspectives to the U.S. Congress and Administration. The Washington office acts on issues and positions articulated in the Statements of Conscience, which are presented, debated, and passed at General Assembly each year. Statements of Conscience begin their lives as Study/Action issues, which congregations and all Unitarians are encouraged to pursue, study, and act on over the next two years, at which point a resolution about the Unitarian position on the issue will be drafted and passed by popular vote at General Assembly.

At General Assembly this June, five possible study-action issues will be presented for debate, and delegates will

choose one of these issues to undergo the period of review over the next two years before drafting a Statement of Conscience on the issue.

This year's issues are: Women's Rights Worldwide; Safety of All Children and Youth; Peacemaking; Need for Affordable Housing; Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society.

Visit the UUA's website (www.uua.org/ga) to read about these issues and their relation to UU values, as well as study questions and actions. You can also read a description at the GA table in Pierce Hall or in the office. All Souls will be sending 12 voting delegates to GA this year to vote on these issues, and we would like to hear from you. Let us know how you feel by attending the GA Planning Meeting on Sunday, June 19, or by dropping your opinions off at the GA table in Pierce Hall on Sundays.

Rewarding Leadership Opportunities

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill Board of Trustee and church officer positions for next year. At the December annual meeting three new trustees will be selected along with the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Moderator and Membership Secretary. Trustee positions are for three years; officers' terms are one year, although incumbents can stand for re-election. Any leadership-minded members seeking rewarding and spirit-filled opportunities to represent the shared vision of the All Souls congregation are urged to contact Chris Hunt, Nominating Committee Chair at 202-588-1118 or jhunt@pgcc.edu.

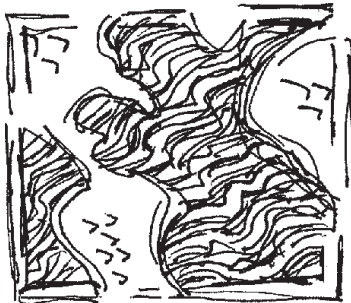
Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be Sunday, June 12, at 4 p.m. at the home of Bill Geary. The book will be *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*, by Anne Lamott. For more information, email djrathman@yahoo.com. The book for July 10 is *The Optimist's Daughter*, by Eudora Welty; the book for Aug. 14 is *Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*, by Catherine Clinton. The Book Group meets on second Sundays. Join us for any book that interests you.

Sixty Years After Hiroshima ... Aug. 1945

On November 10, 1946, All Souls Senior Minister Rev. Dr. A. Powell Davies denounced from the pulpit the obscenity of featuring an angel-food cake in the shape of an atomic bomb explosion at a celebration honoring the atomic bomb task force. The newspapers carried a photograph of two smiling admirals in full regalia and a well-dressed wife cutting a three-foot mushroom-shaped cake topped with “angel-food puffs.”

The sermon received publicity throughout the world and was seen in a Japanese newspaper by Dr. Howard Bell, an official with General MacArthur’s provisional government. Dr. Bell wrote Rev. Davies of



his frustration in trying to get the American authorities to provide school supplies and athletic equipment to the children of Hiroshima who were trying “to learn democracy” with pencil stubs and scraps of torn paper. Bell suggested that the children of America clean out their desks and send used pencils and spare notebooks to the Japanese children.

On February 13, 1947, Dr. Davies presented the challenge in his sermon, *In Reply to a Letter from Japan*. Over half a ton of pencils, crayons, paper, paste, and paper clips were collected by All Souls Church and shipped to Japan. They arrived before Christmas of 1947 and were distributed to the children of two schools and an orphanage.

To express their appreciation, Japanese children sent back gifts to the children of All Souls: books of watercolor paintings, rag dolls, colored comic books and 75 letters of appreciation written by the children themselves. Every letter was answered by an All Souls child and the gifts were displayed at the Church, and in other parts of the country. (These materials have recently been wrapped and protected, and color photographs of them are in the possession of Archivists Bob and Molly Freeman for viewing.)

In 1949, All Souls also sent recreational equipment for a new school in Hiroshima — coveted baseball bats, mitts

and balls, as well as ping-pong and tennis equipment. This donation was featured on August 8, 1949 in a ceremony at the Children’s Cultural Hall of Hiroshima, one of the first major buildings to be constructed among the ruins. The ceremony was attended by the Emperor of Japan, and Hiroshima Mayor Shinzo Hamai expressed appreciation in a September 15, 1949 letter to All Souls.

In 1945, Rev. Davies helped organize and chair the Emergency Conference for Civilian Control of Atomic Energy, which persuaded Congress to take control of atomic energy out of the hands of the military and rest control permanently in civilian hands.

UU Buddhist Convocation

Did you know that All Souls Church has a part in the history of Buddhism in the United States? The first Buddhist temple incorporated in this country started out meeting here at All Souls in 1966. After a year, the Buddhist Vihara was able to move into its own building, and is now located up 16th Street near Carter Barron.

Six members of the All Souls Buddhist meditation covenant group learned this bit of history while attending the first-ever Unitarian-Universalist Buddhist Convocation. For a weekend in late April Buddhist UUs (or UU Buddhists?) meditated and learned from one another at the Garrison Institute, overlooking the Hudson River in New York. The weekend featured worship services that combined Buddhist chants and Unitarian hymns, small group discussions, and mediation practice in three Buddhist traditions. Scholar Jeff Wilson gave a presentation on the century-long links between Buddhists and Unitarians.

About 150 people attended the gathering, most from UU congregations in the Northeast. Many people spoke about how meditation provides them with a daily spiritual practice that compliments the community and worship offered in their churches. About 100 UU congregations now host some form of Buddhist practice group. In addition to the covenant group, All Souls sponsors two open meditation sessions, on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. If you are interested in learning more, visit www.uua.org/uubf.

Summer Sermons

June 12: Deliver us From Email

Rev. Rob Hardies

Do you spend too much time doing things that are soul-deadening? Is your day “busy” but unfulfilling? Time is our most precious asset, and we have a religious obligation to use it well. This Sunday we explore how.

June 19: Moving to Forgiveness

Rev. Louise Green

Why does moving to forgiveness often feel like the hardest spiritual practice? A look at generosity, ways to forgive, and the stumbling blocks that keep us from getting there.

June 26: Loosening Up the Self-Image

Rev. Alida DeCoster

In mid-life, most of us are beginning to experience the first signs of aging. It is a time of transition, perhaps transformation, as losses give way to new possibilities.

July 3: Room for Grace

Rev. Shana Goodwin

We each have moments in our lives in which we experience something “soul opening”. How do we create space for these moments to reach us? What are the places and times that beckon to us to be receptive to the calling of the Spirit or admonitions of the heart?

July 10: The Need for Wonder

Rev. Shana Goodwin

Often we find ourselves searching for something more rather than appreciating the blessings we have. How can we be less jaded and hold on to child-like wonder?

July 17: Community and Covenant

Rev. Shana Goodwin

We have been focusing a lot of attention on how we relate to one another in the All Souls community. What does it mean to be a member of a community? How do we treat each other when life is going well? When we disagree? What does all of this have to do with our spiritual ideals?

July 24: Know Thyself

Rev. Shana Goodwin

In this culture, we are pushed to define ourselves over and over again in sometimes less than productive ways. How do we hold on to a sense of self while remaining open?

July 31: Learning and Growing

Rev. Shana Goodwin

As we move through school we see that learning is more than just memorizing bits of information, and that there is a distinction between knowing and understanding. How do we learn what we most need to know? Why are some of life’s greatest lessons those learned outside of a classroom?

August 7: Seeking Justice in Our City

Ayize Sabater

A dynamic speaker, Mr. Sabater is founder and director of MOMIES, TLC an Afro-centric child development program based at All Souls Church.

August 14: Questions of Faith

Rev. Rob Hardies

The fourth annual opportunity to ask the minister what’s on your mind. Rev. Hardies will field questions about ethics, the spiritual life, religion, Unitarian Universalism and All Souls Church are all appropriate. Questions must be submitted on the two previous Sundays.

August 21: The General Assembly Sermon

Rev. Rob Hardies

Rev. Hardies is the keynote preacher at the UUA GA of the this June in Fort Worth, TX. This Sunday he shares his GA sermon with us at All Souls.

August 28: Generosity

A Peoples’ Voices Service

Join Dorothy Holmes, vice president of the Board, and other lay leaders as they share about the important role that generosity plays in their spiritual lives.

Member News

Congratulations to **Erica Johnson**, daughter of **Alan and Carol Falk**, on her graduation from the University of Wisconsin, to **Mark Hicks** on achieving tenure at his university, to **Beth Darrough and Rusty** on their forthcoming marriage, and to proud grandparents **Peter and Lydia Mosher** on the birth of **Kano Yee**, and to **Joe Hamner** on the birth of **Elise**.

We send loving get-well wishes to **Tracy Butler** who is recovering from a detached retina, and to **Bill Kerlina, Sheila Gobes-Ryan and Lafe Brackenridge**, all of whom are hobbling on painful feet or ankles. We're glad to see that **Doug Belling** has recovered from a mugging, that **Elizabeth King** has healed from a bad fall, and that **Al Howlett** is moving smoothly after a hernia operation.

A fond farewell to **Matt, Brooke and Seamus Berube**, to **Audrey Egan and Michael Johnson**, and to **Betsy Shepard**, all of whom are moving out of the Washington area. They'll be missed.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Marcia Johnson** and to **Jim Williams** on the deaths of their fathers.

Finally, it is with a great sense of loss that we announce the death of **Jesse Price**. A memorial service will be held at the Church on Saturday, June 11, at 10 a.m.

Wishing the Tates Well

Join us for a potluck lunch after church on July 24, to say goodbye to **Henry and Sarah Tate**, who are leaving the area. The ushers, in particular will miss them. To contribute to the lunch, email Nancy Simon, at whittsimon@aol.com to tell her what you would like to bring.

Special Caring List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation who are unable to get to church anymore: Mary Jane Fisher, Virginia Gray, Mary Louise Robbins, Marianna Sewell, Marietta Sharp, Larry Stone, Emilie Wiggins. Notes or cards are welcome. Addresses are in the directory (available in Pierce Hall). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for those homebound. If you are interested in visiting shut-in members, contact Rev. Shana Goodwin at church (202-332-5266).

All Souls Summer 2005

Getting Started at All Souls

The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites those interested in learning more about and/or joining ASC to the following sessions during June.

Step 1. Introduction. Join our Associate Minister, Rev. Shana Goodwin, to learn more about UUs and ASC. After service on June 5, from 12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Step 2. Orientation. Those interested in joining ASC are invited to this three-hour session, where you will explore your spirituality, learn about ASC, and tour the church. Those who wish to join can sign the book of members. Wednesday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Step 3. New Member Ingathering Sunday: New members are formally introduced to the congregation during this special Sunday Service on July 24, 2005.

All are welcome to attend these sessions. Attendance does not constitute a commitment to join All Souls. It is not necessary to pre-register for these sessions. Questions? Contact Lynne Heltman at (202)363-1478 or asc-newmembers@verizon.net.

ALL SOULS

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

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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Summer Hours:

IMPORTANT TIME CHANGES

From July 3 – Labor Day

Sundays

Sunday Worship Service will begin at 9:50 a.m.
The church will be open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Weekdays

Starting June 27, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The church will be open for activities and meetings until 9 p.m. on Thursdays only

Saturdays

The church will be closed on Saturdays except for special events.

Due to space constraints, the summer sermons are on page 6.

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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