

# The Spirit of All Souls

Newsletter



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

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*Two Services  
beginning  
Sept. 9  
9:15 & 11:15!*



## Moving Forward—Together Shana A. Lynngood, Acting Senior Minister

In October, I attended an Alban Institute workshop (the Alban Institute is a congregational consulting organization) during which the subject of ministerial sabbaticals came up. A question was asked about how they impact the congregation. Our facilitator said that one of the ways in which a sabbatical can be good for a congregation has to do with the fact that it serves as a reminder of the leadership and ownership that every person in the church has in keeping shared communal life vital. The longer a minister's tenure, he said, the more their credibility increases and the more likely for members to be less clear about what role they play in making church work. When the minister returns, the congregation and minister re-covenant and think together about how to prioritize the work ahead in light of what was learned by each while they were apart.

I write all of this to say that while we will miss Rob's presence with us in the months ahead—we will be doing our own sabbatical work. We will be keeping the home fires burning and doing our own growing and changing. In Rob's absence we have the great fortune of hosting an all-star line-up of guest preachers who will provoke, inspire, and touch our spirits. We will still have all of the aspects of our community life which we hold dear—the music of our talented choirs, our prayers, our singing each week of *Spirit of Life*, our connections to one another (in covenant groups, classes, meetings, and worship). I, for one, am looking forward to discovering what the sabbatical period has to teach us.

With many blessings and deep faith,  
*Shana*

## An All-Star Lineup to Fill ASC Pulpit Through June

The Sabbatical Committee enthusiastically announces an All-Star lineup of guest preachers/teachers who will fill the All Souls pulpit in the next five months. You will be inspired and challenged by theologians, activists, and scholars, combined with the superb music and worship experience that you've come to expect on Sunday mornings. Here's a brief snapshot of just three of thirteen stellar guests:

February 11 gets our series off to a rousing start with Rosemary Bray McNatt, Minister of The Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York, former editor of the *New York Times Book Review*, and author of a memoir, "Unafraid of the Dark."

On March 4, Dr. Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton joins us. She

is author of *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought*.

Dr. Forrest Church, the Senior Minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in Manhattan, will be in the pulpit May 6. He has written or edited 22 books. Eight of his addresses are included in the annual anthology, *Representative American Speeches*.

Rev. Shana Lynngood, Rev. Louise Green, and other members of the All Souls staff will continue preaching and leading worship. Rosters and calendars are in the pews. Detailed bios of each of our guests will be provided.

This lineup of headliners has been underwritten by grants from the All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund, and the A. Powell Davies Memorial Fund. We are grateful for their generosity and support.

*The Sabbatical Committee*

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# Board Corner

*from Janet Randolph, President, Board of Trustees*

Dear Friends at All Souls,

Enhancing communications between the board, the executive team and the congregation is very much on my mind right now. The topic came up at December's annual meeting, and we heard loud and clear that people want more communication with the board. That was an important subject at our annual board, ET and officers' retreat in January.

Our board meetings are open to anyone to attend; we hold them in the evenings at the church once a month and the location will be published with the agenda. We realize, though, that the board meetings aren't convenient for everyone to attend. And because the board meetings don't have much time for unstructured discussions, we've decided to begin a series of gatherings with the congregation when we can talk more fully about what's on your minds.

We're thinking about having the first one on March 11, to talk mainly on the topic of Spiritual Health & Development based on the Reverend Lynngood's sermon that day. You'll hear more as the plans firm up.

We'll have the gatherings after church, as we do our town halls. We're going to experiment with different formats for the meetings, so that we can see what works best. It may be that sometimes the board and ET just need to listen; at other times, we might have a lively interchange with many other lay leaders of the church participating.

It's our plan to hold at least three of these sessions in 2007. I hope you'll plan to come, and also to let us know what you'd like to talk about. This year's events are being planned by Paula Cole Jones, Bradley Taylor, Rev. Louise Green and Sheila Campbell, and any of them would like to hear from you.

If you'd like to come to a board meeting, we begin at 6:30pm with a potluck dinner. Please bring something to share and join us. We sit down to business at 7pm, and – no matter how hard we try – the meetings seem to always go to at least 9:30 or 10pm. I've been trying to get the agenda out ahead of time, but you should know that it may change as things come up at the last minute. So what we actually talk about won't always be what we'd planned a couple of weeks earlier.

Because the agendas are so packed, there's not usually time for us to talk about unscheduled topics. But if you want to get a topic on the agenda, let me know and I'll try to schedule in the next month or two.

You're invited to join us at any meeting. The remaining dates for this year are February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 28, July 19, August 23, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20.

Finally, the board and officers would love to talk with you informally in Pierce Hall on Sundays, or just anytime you see us. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself; we really want to hear your thoughts and ideas.

With warm affection,  
Janet Randolph  
(jlrascdc@gmail.com)

# Guests in the Pulpit

February 11

## Rosemary Bray McNatt

Rev. McNatt is Minister of The Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York, a 168 year old congregation on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. She is the former editor of the *New York Times Book Review*, and author of a memoir, "Unafraid of the Dark." Born and raised in Chicago, she is a graduate of the Yale University Drew Theological Seminary. Her call to ministry includes service to denominational efforts on the environment, religious witness to trauma victims, and a term as chair of the Board of Trustees of Starr King School for the Ministry.

February 18

## Manish Mishra

Rev. Mishra, Minister of the UU church in St. Petersburg, FL, completed his MDiv at Harvard Divinity School under the sponsorship of All Souls, his home church. Manish grew up in India and was Hindu. He came to ministry by way of an earlier career as a US diplomat during the Clinton Administration. He is currently President of Diverse Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM). He received his B.Sc. from Georgetown University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, and was recipient of the Hudson Medal in Arab/Islamic Studies.

February 25

## Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr.

Rev. Crestwell is Minister of Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church in Temple Hills, MD. He is active in a growth plan to assist the church in expanding into a multiracial congregation, which is detailed in his new book "Charge of the Chalice." John is also the author of "Conversations: The Hidden Truth That Keeps the World from Being at Peace," published in 2001. Rev. Crestwell is a native Washingtonian, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Hampton University and a Master's from Wesley Theological Seminary here in the District.



# Social Justice Action

## Annual Conference of the Asian/Pacific Islander Caucus—Feb 16-18

by *Sharmila Khare*

All Souls is glad to host the Fifth Annual Conference of APIC. The Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries was established as a People of Colour organisation within Unitarian Universalism. Within DRUUMM, there are various caucuses including a caucus for those of Asian Pacific Islander heritage (the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus or APIC). APIC endeavors to build a safe and sacred community among UU members who identify as Asian and Pacific Islander, Hapas or Asian Adoptees. The Annual Conference is an important event in the lives of these UUs. In many congregations in the UUA, APIC members are the only non-white members of their congregations. Sometimes, APIC members are part of a small minority (like at All Souls). This can be a difficult and lonely experience for many of us. These annual gatherings reduce the isolation and help members bridge their ethnic identities with their spiritual identities. My first APIC Conference (while I was living in Canada) was an amazing spiritual experience and I began a journey of reconciling my ethnic and cultural roots with my spirituality. This is one of the reasons I asked All Souls to host the Fifth Annual Conference. Delegates are coming from as far away as LA, Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston and small town Minnesota!

Please support the Conference by joining us at two events that will take place on the Sunday morning of the conference. First, as part of the Asian/Pacific Islander Conference, all members of the congregation (middle-school age and up) are invited to an interactive workshop on Sunday, February 18, on the Japanese Internment from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Don't miss this unique opportunity. The workshop will be facilitated by David Yamashita from the UU Congregation of Atlanta. He has a deep interest in the Japanese internment because members of his family were interned in Poston, AZ and Mazanar, CA during WWII. Sign-up through the Adult Spiritual Development Program or e-mail [sharmila.khare@gmail.com](mailto:sharmila.khare@gmail.com). Second, the Sunday Service at 10:50 a.m. will be led by Rev. Manish Mishra, a member of APIC. He will speak on his "Adventures as a Hindu UU". We hope that you can stay and meet conference delegates after the service or over lunch. Finally, the Jubilee Singers are holding a "Soulful Sundown" on Saturday, February 17, 5:30 p.m. (see page 4). Conference delegates will attend the "Soulful Sundown" and the children at the conference are planning to offer a musical selection as part of the program. Join us and welcome our delegates!

# Social Justice Action

## Soulful Sundown Repeats at All Souls Church – Join the Celebration

from Lenard Starks, Director Jubilee Singers

On Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., the renowned Urban Nation H.I.P.-H.O.P. Choir of DC will collaborate with the All Souls Jubilee Singers to bring the second Soulful Sundown celebration to All Souls Church. This lively service will be filled with powerful and uplifting music, dance and oratory aimed at youth and the young at heart.

Talented youth from DC's Beacon House and some visiting young people who will be in town for the Asian/Pacific Islanders Caucus Conference are slated to participate in the program. Of course, there will be some audience participation also. Last year's Soulful Celebration program was received with great enthusiasm. Come on out and help this year's program be even better. A suggested donation of \$10 will help to defray the costs of producing the program and enable future programming of this sort. For advance tickets or more information call 202/332-5266, extension 141.

## Social Justice Movie Mondays!

from Rev. Louise Green, Minister of Social Justice

See the Adult Spiritual Development Catalogue (in paper or on line at [www.all-souls.org](http://www.all-souls.org)) for the upcoming thought-provoking movies to be shown at 6:30 p.m. in Pierce Hall: Monday, February 5: The Ground Truth on the recruitment of soldiers for Iraq; Mondays, February 26 and March 4: When the Levees Broke, by Spike Lee. You can sign up for 1, 2 or 3 nights, bring your dinner, and discuss after with the group. Facilitated by Louise Green, Minister of Social Justice. (The suggested donation is for all three and you may pay as able for fewer nights.) More movies to be scheduled for April/May.

## Ring in Remembrance

from Louise Green



Each Sunday morning, we ring the Revere Bell of Freedom in remembrance of all those who have died in Iraq, military and civilian. To volunteer at 10:45 a.m., email Louise Green at [lgreen@allsouls.ws](mailto:lgreen@allsouls.ws) to ring for 10 minutes.

## A Musical Comedy...About Racism?!

by Anna Hargrave, KUUMBA Players



"I say that we can protest about an unjust situation on an intellectual level by saying that in addition to being unjust, the situation is also ridiculous. And we can show that it is ridiculous and therefore laughable," explains Ossie Davis, the famous African

American actor/playwright/director.

Davis certainly achieved this goal with his play "Purlie Victorious" (1960) which was later adapted into a musical with the help of Gary Geld and Peter Udell.

"Purlie" the musical, which opened on Broadway in 1970, quickly endeared audiences who loved how the musical traditions of gospel, blues, and jazz complemented the humor and social satire of Ossie Davis.

When considering "Purlie" for the 2006-2007 Season, the KUUMBA Players were struck by how the work continues to resonate with people of different ages and backgrounds. Around the country, there have been numerous revivals of "Purlie" in recent years. In addition to drawing theatergoers who experienced segregation firsthand, many younger generations are surprised to find themselves drawn in by the characters' hopes and frustrations, which are still relevant today. Thus, the KUUMBA Players decided to produce "Purlie" with the hope that its charming music and poignant humor will inspire an intergenerational, multi-cultural dialogue about racism.

To help spark these deeper conversations, the KUUMBA Players will work with other church groups to host a sociodrama workshop about the issues raised by "Purlie" and develop a timeline of racism & segregation, which will be on display during the production. In the meantime, the KUUMBA Players are also trying to fill important technical roles including production crew, costume designers, box office staff, ushers, etc.

Performances of "Purlie" will be March 16, 17, 18 and 23, 24, 25 with Friday/Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the research group for the timeline of racism & segregation or wish to volunteer for a technical role, please contact Anna Hargrave ([annaharg@aol.com](mailto:annaharg@aol.com)) or call the KUUMBA extension at All Souls Church (202-332-5266 x 142) to learn more.

# More Social Justice Action

## Catholic Community Services Refugee Center

by Bruce Knotts

The Catholic Community Services Refugee Center would like to form a collaborative relationship with the All Souls Community and our All Souls coordinator will be Bruce Knotts. Most refugees in this program join family members already in the country, but still require support upon arrival. Catholic Community Services provides refugees with English as a Second Language classes, assistance in finding housing and work. CCS needs volunteer ESL teachers, community organizers, and administrative and organizational staff. They would also like to obtain furniture and household items through specific arrangements (general donations are not accepted). We would like to explore the possibility of refugees coming to All Souls to inform us about their experience, as there are many immigrants ready to share their experience. For more information, to volunteer, donate or organize programs, contact Bruce at [bbrucefk@aol.com](mailto:bbrucefk@aol.com) or 703-629-5212.

## Want To Do Your Bit to Help Ease Global Warming? Choose Your Energy

by Marion Connell

Consider getting your electricity from a renewable resource. Few people seem to know about the energy options being offered by PEPCO in this area because they are not receiving the publicity they deserve. Pricing is competitive with fossil fuel but may be a bit higher depending on market fluctuations. Visit the website below to learn more about the program: <http://www.pepcoenergy.com/ProductsAndServices/residentialServices.aspx?MarketCode=Residential>

One can opt for the “green energy” package or for wind power and the entire transaction occurs on line. Those who have made the switch are completely satisfied and, after seeing “An Inconvenient Truth,” it seems the right thing to do.

## Spirited: Affirming the Soul & Black Gay/Lesbian Identity—Feb 18, 1pm

A reading sponsored by Building the Beloved Community

RedBone Press is celebrating the release of *Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity* with a reading/signing by co-editor Lisa C. Moore and Washington, DC area contributors Tony Farmer, Tracee Ford, Monique Meadows, Tonya Parker and H.L. Sudler. The event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1 pm at All Souls.

In *Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity*, more than 40 writers address the question of how same-gender-loving black people affirm themselves as sexual and spiritual people. These sacred narratives are a canon for survival—holy texts proclaiming the divinity of their lives, the righteousness of their love, and the sanctity of their being.

“Conflicts, racism, homophobia, and confusion abound when one has one foot in the black church and another in the LGBT community, and the spiritual narratives from writers, clergy, and worshippers [in *Spirited*] beautifully navigate these waters while celebrating God’s love,” says *Books to Watch Out For*.

“Whatever your religious persuasion—Jehovah’s Witness, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, Wiccan—there’s something [in *Spirited*] for everyone. ... This is a valuable book, especially for members of churches where the war on gays and lesbians is waged weekly,” says *Lambda Book Report*.

*Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity* is \$16.95, and will be available at the signing.

## 16 Coats, 20 Hats, 15 Scarves, 13 Pairs of Gloves—RE Thanks You!

by Trish Savage

The Intermediate B Class wishes to thank all those who donated winter clothing last month. Working with Louise Green and Interfaith Worker Justice, this class discussed immigration problems and social justice issues. Putting its ideas into action, the class of RE students collected winter items to benefit the Latino day laborers who wait for work at 15th & P Streets and at Home Depot on Rhode Island Avenue.

# All Two-gether Now!

## All Souls New Year's Resolution— Two Services in September!

by Julia Sayles, Two Services Committee

All Souls Church, you will remember, resolved to begin two services (9:15 and 11:15) in the Fall of 2007. With only eight months to go, the Two Services Committee, church staff and various programs are gearing up to be ready to go in September. If you resolved in 2007 to become more involved in the life of the church, but have yet to find your place, never fear. To pull this off, we still need Sunday morning ushers, greeters, money counters and food handlers. Religious Education is looking for more teachers and each of the choirs hopes to recruit more singers. Wait for, if you must, a specific recruiting drive or, better still, ask someone doing the task, learn what is involved and be ready, like the rest of us, to share All Souls with many new folks in the Fall.



## Let Your Voice Be Heard on UUA Moral Values Issue

by Peter Rivenberg

Each year the UUA invites comment on a draft Statement of Conscience prior to discussion and voting at that year's General Assembly. This year's draft Statement of Conscience concerns Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society. It recommends actions we can take as congregations and individuals to apply and communicate the moral values of our faith. To facilitate the discussion of the draft Statement of Conscience and consolidate comments, the Denominational Affairs Committee is holding two meetings at the church: Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, February 11 at 9:30 am. This is your opportunity—let your voice be heard on this important issue as a witness for UU values in the nation's capital, and for All Souls to provide leadership through a strong and thoughtful response. Your feedback is welcome and needed, and we encourage you to attend one of these meetings. The draft is available on the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/csw/moralvalues1.htm>. You may also submit comments to Megan Hanson at [meganleighhanson@msn.com](mailto:meganleighhanson@msn.com).

## Thank You Gabrielle!—Feb 25 Party

by Rebecca Dalton

Please join us after the service in the dining room on February 25 to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all those who make our Religious Education program a success. We'll have music, cake, and lots of fun as we commemorate Gabrielle Farrell's five year anniversary here at All Souls as Director of Religious Education Ministries.

## Denominational Affairs Committee Offers Funding to GA

by Megan Hanson

For those who are interested in attending General Assembly, the annual nationwide gathering of Unitarian Universalists ([www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)), the Denominational Affairs Committee is offering scholarship funding. This year's GA will be June 20-24, in Portland, Oregon. Applicants must be members of the congregation and willing to serve as a delegate at the conference. Please contact Megan Hanson ([meganleighhanson@msn.com](mailto:meganleighhanson@msn.com), 202.445.1106) for an application—the deadline to apply is March 12.

## Book Discussion Group—Feb 11

by Nancy Simon

The next meeting of the Discussion Book Group will be February 11 at 4 pm. For location, please contact Denise Rathman [djrathman@yahoo.com](mailto:djrathman@yahoo.com). The book is *Another Country* by James Baldwin. The book to read for March 11 is *Freakonomics* by Steven Leavitt and Stephen Dubner.

We are a welcoming group fully committed to multicultural in-reach as well as reading a broad selection of literature. If you are looking for a book group that is open to your ideas and point of view, we hope you will join us and help shape our future. We usually meet on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Questions? Please contact Denise at the email address above.



## ANNUAL AUCTION—Apr 21

We need donations and volunteers!! Contact Louisa Smith, [smith2griffin@yahoo.com](mailto:smith2griffin@yahoo.com), 202.693.5727.

## Ethical Dialog

by Denise Rathman

- Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: Medically determining the physical size of a severely mentally disabled child – better for her? Or better for her caretakers?
- Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: Has Oprah “dissed” high school students in US inner cities?
- Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>: Is there a UU catechism? If not, should there be?
- Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: Open Dialog

# In Community

by Molly Freeman

Greetings to the new baby boy, **Kai**, who's joined **Cheranne Bennett and Xan Young**. **Kirk Freeman** welcomed a new nephew and **Carol Fisher** welcomed a grandson on Jan. 7.

Congratulations to **Paree Roper** and **Nellie Freeman** both of whom have started new and exciting jobs, and to **Pat McGovern** whose daughter, **Amy**, has been accepted at Starr King to study for the Unitarian ministry.

It was good to see **Denise Anderson** back at Church after her recovery from heart surgery. **Eric Peterson** also had open heart surgery, is doing well, but had a scary roller coaster recovery. We hope **Mrs. Trautman's** back will soon heal, that **Sarah Tate's** hip and leg will become less painful. We're glad **Lorie Allion** is well after foot surgery, and very glad to have **Gabrielle Farrell** back at work. We wish a swift recovery to **Carol Izumi** who had complicated hand and wrist surgery. We hope **Laurie Lester's** cousin will soon recover after an automobile accident. We're sorry to hear that **Kirk Freeman's** grandfather has had a stroke.

Farewell to **Alyssa Alston and Tamesha Eley** who have left the Washington area.

We send our sympathy to **Jay Starr** who lost a friend to suicide, and to **Nikevia Thomas** whose first cousin, **Pierre Williams**, lost his battle with colon cancer.

Finally we report with sadness the deaths of **Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley** and **Marietta Sharp**. Marjorie was a member of All Souls and was ordained in this Church. Marietta was a long time member who moved to Philadelphia to be near her son and his family. Both will be sorely missed.

## Special Caring List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our congregation who are unable to get to church any more: **Jessie Bakeman, Mary Jane Fisher, Virginia Gray, Loretta and Wesley Hanes, Marianna Sewell, Peter Stebbins, and Larry Stone**.

Notes or cards would be welcome. Addresses are in the church directory (available in the office, on-line, or at the Information Table in Pierce Hall). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for those homebound.

# Getting Started at ASC

from Joyce Palmer

Director of Membership & Lay Ministries

The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites those interested in learning more about and/or joining ASC to the following sessions. All are welcome to attend these sessions. Attendance does not constitute a commitment to join All Souls.

**Step 1. Introduction.** Join our Associate Minister, Rev. Shana Lynngood, to learn about UUs and ASC. The next Introduction session will be on **February 11, 12:45—2:00 pm**.

**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. The next Orientation session will be on **Saturday, February 24, 9—noon**.

**Step 3. New Member Sunday.** New members are formally introduced to the congregation during this special Sunday Service.

# ASC Communications



**In an effort to save trees and cut costs, *The Spirit of All Souls* is going electronic!**

Beginning with the March 2007 issue, our monthly church publication will be delivered electronically. The Newsletter:

- will be available on the website AND via email
- will be mailed to persons who do not have access to a computer (please contact the Church Office if you would like this option)
- and, will be available in hardcopy on the display table outside the Church Office

## Three Ways to Communicate:

- *The Spirit of All Souls* monthly e-newsletter: (spirit@allsouls.ws.)
- *The Happenings at ASC* weekly e-bulletin: (happenings@allsouls.ws)
- *The All Souls Weekly* Sunday bulletin: (weekly@allsouls.ws)

Please update your email address books and get the word out about the work you are doing at All Souls.

# All Souls Church, Unitarian February Worship Services

## February 4 • “Our Lives in Context” •

**Rev. Lynn Good**

Amidst the swirl of personal identity, cultural influences, and societal pressures how do we chart a path that is simultaneously authentic and connected? How do we experience the world and not see it as simply the set for the events and happenings of our days?

## February 11 • “What Good is God?” •

**Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt**

How do we of liberal faith develop a theology that works for us? Does it include or wrestle with the concept (and/or reality) of God?”

## February 18 • “Adventures of a Hindu UU” •

**Rev. Manish Mishra**

What might we Unitarian Universalists learn from the Hindu faith? Come hear personal reflections from a UU minister of Hindu background. Manish will explore Hindu concepts such as karma and dharma, relating them to his life experiences as well as current events. Prior to joining the ministry, Manish was a member of the Board of Trustees at All Souls, and was ordained at our church in 2005. He is currently minister at the UU Church of St. Petersburg, Florida. Join us in welcoming him back, and hearing his journey as a UU of Indian heritage.

## February 25 • “Unconditional Love” •

**Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr. •**

Is love unconditional? Is it possible to love others without conditions? What does it mean to love others who are so different from us? Come hear more!

## 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.

The deadline for *The Spirit of All Souls* is the third Friday of the month. Notices, articles and letters may be submitted anytime. E-mail, spirit@allsouls.ws.  
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