

The Spirit of All Souls

Newsletter



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



Springtime in the Soul Shana A. Lynngood, Acting Senior Minister

This time of year when the natural world reminds us of what it looks and feels like when that which has been dormant comes to vibrant life once again, is a good time to look at our souls in that way as well. What aspects of your living have been under wraps due to winter doldrums or lack of motivation? What within you is ready to blossom, to shine forth in new ways? There are moments in our living when we feel more alive than others. There are times when we don't feel as though we are living out or up to our full potential as a human being. In this month when we will honor and celebrate both the Easter story of the resurrection of Jesus and the Emancipation of slavery, it is a good time to reflect on the ways in which we confine our living. How can we live with a sense of freedom and awareness of the preciousness of life? I encourage you to see spring as an opportunity to live with a renewed sense of wholeness.

In encouragement of that spiritual way of being, I hope you will consider some of the programs we are offering this month and next. This month I am leading a spiritual deepening course entitled *Evensong*. *Evensong* is a set of gatherings created by colleague Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway in which a small group of participants both worship together and reflect on central and challenging spiritual questions. I hope you will sign up for one of the *Evensong* sessions (there are 4 being offered). Next month I hope that 200 or more of you will spend a weekend on the Chesapeake at our now fourth annual All Souls Weekend on the Bay. It is a unique opportunity to get to know other members of the All Souls community in a more relaxed environment and beautiful natural setting. Instead of a quick chat after service you can spend an afternoon connecting with someone. We have many workshops designed to suit the many needs of those on retreat, a bonfire and dance on Saturday night, and worship with the sounds of the Bay in our ears on Sunday morning. I hope that all of you who have gone before will come back again and invite a friend, and that those of you who haven't come before will plan to join us (May 18th-20th).

I have been reminded many times over during this sabbatical time period of what a wonderful community this is, and how fortunate I am to serve as one of your ministers. My sincere gratitude to each of you for your continued care for and commitment to All Souls. Your tremendous hospitality toward our guests and support for my leadership serve as a good reminder of how much we are as a community.

With faith and blessings, Shana

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**Two Services
Beginning Sept. 9
9:15 & 11:15
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Board Corner

from Janet Randolph, President, Board of Trustees

During the Annual Meeting in December the Board of Trustees (BOT) committed to communicate more frequently and effectively with the All Souls Congregation and on Sunday, March 11 the BOT and Executive Team (ET) came together with about fifty congregants to discuss Spiritual Health and Development as well as other issues.

Some of the messages from the session were clear calls for better tools to support people seeking deeper meaning as they pursue their spiritual journeys. Other messages included the call for more sacred time and space to absorb the meaning of life's challenges. Discussion of the concerns will be included in the list of topics for the BOT/ET Strategic Planning Retreat at the end of April.

There will be additional BOT/ET sponsored listening sessions throughout the year. Social Justice at ASC will be the lead topic for the next listening session scheduled for May 6 at 1 pm. Details will be published soon.

As I see it, these sessions are valuable because they provide a welcoming space for All Souls people to communicate with the BOT and ET about what is on their minds. If you weren't available to attend the March session, plan to attend the next one and future sessions. If you're a new member or newcomer to ASC, these sessions may be particularly enlightening as you will have the chance to hear the thoughts of other people in the church.

Remember also that you are welcome to attend monthly BOT meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, April 19 in the Eaton Room with a potluck (bring a dish to share) dinner at 6:30 pm. and the meeting at 7:00. The agenda will be published in *The All Souls Weekly* on the Sunday before the meeting.

Warm regards,

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Guests in the Pulpit

Headliners in the All Souls Pulpit for April

from Judy Leaver, The Sabbatical Committee

By now you know, no doubt, we're batting a thousand with our lineup of guest preachers. April's speakers are no exception:

Apr 1: Rev. William Schulz—From the refugee camps of Darfur, Sudan, to the poorest villages in India, from the prison cells of Monrovia, Liberia, to the business suites of Hong Kong to Louisiana's death row, Dr. William F. Schulz has traveled the globe in pursuit of a world free from human rights violations. As Executive Director of Amnesty International USA from 1994-2006, Dr. Schulz headed the American section of the world's oldest and largest international human rights organization. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC; a Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government; and an Adjunct Professor at the New School in New York City. Besides logging tens of thousands of miles in travel, he has written on human rights, including *9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights*, published in 2003. Dr. Schulz is also an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and served in the UUA for fifteen years prior to his work at Amnesty International.

Apr 8: Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell—The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell is an accomplished Unitarian minister, writer and spiritual leader. Raised Catholic and Southern Baptist, Rev. Sewell was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1986 and has since become a noted figure in the Unitarian movement, known for speaking, writing and teaching. She has written and edited numerous award-winning books on spirituality. Her professional awards include being the recipient of the Feminist Theology Award in 1989. She was also named an A. Powell Davies Preaching Fellow for excellence in preaching. Her career has spanned experience as an English teacher, a therapist, a television personality, and now as a minister and spokeswoman. Dr. Sewell has earned the reputation as a dynamic leader – not only in the Unitarian Universalist church, but in the spiritual and political community at large. (And, she happens to be Senior Minister, Rob Hardies,' mentor!)

Apr 22: Rabbi Daniel Swartz—Since August 2006, Rabbi Daniel J. Swartz has been the rabbi at Temple Hesed in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Prior to that post, he provided leadership in many areas including to 500 families at Temple Shalom of Chevy Chase, MD. He recently completed two years as the Coordinator for Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light, (GWIPL), an organization which works with congregations and other religious institutions in the Washington area to address moral and practical dimensions to energy use – including how to save energy and money; how to buy clean, renewable energy; and how to educate congregants about climate change, social justice, and religious ethics. Before coming to GWIPL, Rabbi Swartz was the Executive Director of the Children's Environmental Health Network where he developed and led training programs with scientific, medical, civil rights and faith-based organizations, and spoke widely on children's environmental interests to advisory committees and public forums.

Apr 29: Rev. Scott Alexander—The Reverend Scott Alexander has been Senior Minister of the River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda since 1998. His career as a UU minister has taken him from Maine to New Jersey. In 1989 he was appointed director of the Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns, and the AIDS Action and Information Program of the Unitarian Universalist Association, where he served until 1991 when he was called as the Senior Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, (a "church without walls" for almost 3,000 isolated Unitarian Universalists scattered all around the world). He authored five books, including *The Relational Pulpit: Closing the Gap Between Pulpit and Pew*, a book on preaching in the liberal tradition which is widely used in Unitarian Universalist seminaries, and edited *The Welcoming Congregation: Resources for Affirming Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Persons*, and *AIDS and Your Religious Community*.

The A. Powell Davies Committee has graciously funded Rev. Scott Alexander's honorarium. Expenses for the other April guest preachers are covered by the All Souls-Beckner Advancement Fund.

Social Justice Action

Social Justice Poetry Reading: Jimmy Santiago Baca

from Rev. Louise Green, Minister of Social Justice

On Sunday, April 15 at 1:00 pm, Jimmy Santiago Baca will give a reading of his work at All Souls. He is especially interested in speaking to the youth of the church and neighborhood. After his readings, there will be a question and answer session, and an opportunity to acquire signed copies of his work. Admission is free.

Born in New Mexico of American Indian-Mexican descent, Jimmy Santiago Baca spent most of his first twenty-one years as a ward of government. From being orphaned, to five years of hard time in prison for drug offenses, he learned to read and write. Baca unearthed a voracious passion for poetry, and emerged from prison a published writer. Among his many awards, he is the winner of the Pushcart Prize, the American Book Award, the International Hispanic Heritage Award, and for his memoir, *A Place to Stand*, the prestigious International Award. It has been published in twenty-one languages, and won the European Pulitzer's prize.

His post-prison life has been devoted to writing and teaching others who are overcoming hardship. Baca's themes include American Southwest barrios, addiction, injustice, education, community, love, and beyond. He has conducted hundreds of writing workshops in prisons, community centers, libraries, and universities throughout the country. He is currently producing a two hour documentary about the power of literature and how it can change lives to be aired on PBS.

Don't miss this special opportunity to hear and meet this unique speaker and writer, who is a living inspiration to the power of literature in social justice transformation (www.jimmysantiagobaca.com).

Join the *Spring Green Resolution 2007*

by Lina Parikh



What is it?

A collective All Souls *Spring Green Resolution* that enables you to 'flex your Green muscles' and join our congregation's transformation into a Green Sanctuary.

How does it work?

Simply sign the Resolution Form about environmentally-minded steps you'll take this year in your Personal/Family Life, at All Souls, and in Word & Spirit. The Seventh Principle Committee (Green Souls) will tally and publicize our collective results. The more participants, the merrier, and the greater our impact!

What can I do to be Green?

There are lots of simple options offered on the form – such as trying warm/cold water instead of hot when doing laundry and carpooling in to church at least once. You can also make your own creative resolutions, and a Reference sheet is provided to show the environmental/social justice impact of different options.

Who can participate?

The *Spring Green Resolution* is for All Souls members and friends who are: kids or adults; individuals, families, and/or groups; novices to green experts.

Deadline

To participate, submit your resolution by April 30th (see form for details). Participants have up to 5 months to fulfill their resolutions and we will tally our collective results.

To Join

Go to this link: <http://all-souls.org/socialjustice/7thprinciple/GreenResolution2007.htm>. There is also a link from the All Souls home page.

This project is part of the All Souls Green Sanctuary action plan.

More SJ Action

People of Color Gathering, Sunday, April 15, Emancipation Sunday, 1 – 4 pm

by Mark Hicks

The phrase, “people of color” has widely been adopted as a political umbrella that incorporates the shared history and experience of individuals and groups that are marginalized because of race, ethnicity, or some fusion of language, nationality and/or skin color. While All Souls works hard to dismantle barriers that divide the human family, we also know it is important to acknowledge how issues of cultural difference shape our individual and group lives.

Join other African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Latino/as, Native Americans, Arab, Jewish, or Middle Eastern people, multi-racial people, and others who consider themselves to be members of culturally marginalized groups. We’re going to host a community gathering! The afternoon will be an enlightening chew-n-chat experience. It begins with a one-hour presentation and book-signing by Jimmy Santiago Baca, an exciting Latino voice who works with poetry, prison writing and literacy in transformative ways. At 2:15 pm – around a table of coffee and delicious desserts – those who wish may attend the first meeting of “The Gathering,” a shared space for “persons of color” to meet and support each other on our spiritual journey toward wholeness.

This first gathering is hosted by clergy and lay members of ASC. Contact Mark Hicks, facilitator for Building the Beloved Community, Shana Lynngood, Acting Senior Minister, or Joyce Palmer, Director of Membership for details.

Join the Growing Movement Against Modern-Day Slavery, 4/19, 5/17 & 6/21

by Bradley Myles

All Souls members are invited to join the fight against modern-day slavery by attending the DC Fight Human Trafficking Meet-up held at All Souls on the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. The DC Meet-up is a community group of citizens and All Souls congregants dedicated to combating human trafficking and modern-day slavery in their communities and abroad. Many may not realize all the ways that modern-day slavery has emerged in the world today, but it is true that slavery still exists. It is a disturbing and often over-looked reality that there are individuals within our communities who are held in conditions likened to slavery through force, fraud, and coercion. These individuals may be held in conditions of servitude as domestic workers in homes, they may be forced to work in restaurants or begging rings, or they may be forced to perform commercial sex acts in massage parlors, brothels, escort services, or street prostitution by those with more power to take away their ability to stop or leave. The trade of buying, selling, controlling, and profiting off forced labor or commercial sex is one of the largest and most profitable criminal activities in the world today. However, it is heartening to see a fervent movement growing to fight this scourge. Although the greater DC area is known as a hotbed of human trafficking and modern-day slavery, it is also home to leading organizations in the field such as Polaris Project and Free the Slaves who are fighting these issues. In the spirit of a modern-day Underground Railroad, community members can make enormous contributions to the movement. Come join the DC Human Trafficking Meet-up hosted here at All Souls to learn how you can get involved! The next Meet-ups are Thursday, April 19th, Thursday, May 17th, and Thursday, June 21st.

Earth Day Celebration at All Souls, April 22!

by Kari Rowe

Every day is Earth Day, but ASC will have a special Earth Day Celebration. You will start your day by participating in Green Transport to Church Day as your family walks, bikes, metros or carpools to ASC. Our guest preacher for the morning is Rabbi Daniel Swartz, founder of Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light, (GWIPLE), promoting green energy use and conservation within local congregations. During the nutritious and planet friendly zero trash lunch you can learn more about energy conservation and DC homeowners can sign up for a FREE home energy audit. Fair Trade items, renewable energy offsets, and perhaps compact florescent light bulbs will be available for purchase. If you have not already done so, make your Green Resolution and participate in a variety of other fun activities. Your morning will conclude with a town hall meeting that continues discussion of environmental justice and Building the Beloved Community. Look for further information during the month of April. To volunteer, contact Kari Rowe at rowekari@yahoo.com or (301) 277-5638.

SJ Action cont.

All Souls Volunteers Work with DC Habitat for Humanity in February

by Alan Johnson



An energetic crew of 15 volunteers from All Souls Church spent Saturday, February 24 working on a DC Habitat for Humanity site in northeast Washington, DC. The All Souls Housing Corporation sponsored the project.

DC Habitat for Humanity has a mission “to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation's capital by building affordable, energy efficient homes with God's people in need.” Currently, DC Habitat is working on a 53-home development at 54th and Clay Streets, NE. Nineteen families are already living in their new homes, and construction is ongoing. Habitat sells its homes with no-profit, no-interest mortgages of 25 years. All homeowners must work 300 hours, representing “sweat equity”

in their own homes, in addition to making a \$500 down payment and paying closing costs of \$2,200. Each monthly payment is under \$425. More information about DC Habitat for Humanity is available on the web site www.dchabitat.org.

Our volunteers were split into four teams under the supervision of Habitat for Humanity crew leaders and worked at four different properties in the development. Two teams worked indoors caulking around windows and doorways, or sanding and preparing woodwork for finishing. Fortunately for the two teams working outdoors, the day was bright and sunny (although still below freezing when we started). One outdoor team attached sheathing to exterior walls; and the other team built frames for roofs next door. It was an exhilarating experience that gave volunteers a good feeling – a few more people will have access to affordable housing soon.

ASHC is also planning future volunteer projects in cooperation with other partners. Anyone interested in participating should contact Lee Higgins at Lhiggins@nw.org.

All Souls Housing is a non-profit corporation comprising those members of All Souls Church who are interested in affordable housing issues. ASHC meetings are generally at the church on the third Sunday of the month.

Ethical Dialog—9:15 am Sundays

by Denise Rathman

Ethical Dialogs are intellectually stimulating discussions on religious and civic issues held every Sunday. Please contact Denise Rathman at djrathman@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

- Sunday, April 1: Balancing Act: Social Security or Lower Taxes?
- Sunday, April 8: Ethical Dialog Coordinator, Ted Thomas, just back from Bangladesh, will lead the discussion
- Sunday, April 15: Denise Rathman, just back from Israel/Palestine, will lead the discussion
- Sunday, April 22: TBA
- Sunday, April 29: Open Dialog

REviews

Reflections

from Gabrielle Farrell, Director of Religious Education Ministries

By now many of you have seen the plan to offer two Religious Education programs concurrent with the two worship schedule beginning on September 9, 2007. In the course of this work, by way of discussions here and there, I am often taken aback by questions around our capability to do this. I don't want to underestimate the challenge but am confident in All Souls' ability to meet it. Two services with two Religious Education programs are the norm at all our sister churches not only in the JP District but in all of the UUA. Indeed, I began my call as a Religious Educator to serve my home church as it moved to two services.

Still, this move does ask that more adults consider what their role is as a member of All Souls in regard to raising the church's children spiritually. During each baby dedication each person in the congregation repeats a promise. What do you mean when you repeat those words? How do you live them out here? How do these words become true in your life? I don't mean to imply that by saying them it requires teaching in the RE program, but teaching is the most obvious and consistent way to make real the promise.

That said, teaching is not a giving, but a taking in as well. It isn't about doing good for someone else (the child's parents for instance though surely one does) as much as it is about changing yourself. Here at church we are about changing oneself. Sometimes this is incredibly easy and other times, well, it does require work.— not something any of us need more of. However, it is my most deeply held belief that there is no way but thru. Which means -- if you are coming to church, you want to be changed. And if you wait for it to happen it probably won't.

It happens when you get on the road to do it. Teaching is one of the surest paths. There is no way but thru. And gosh, just like Dorothy, and the lion, the tin man, the scarecrow, and even the wizard, there are some adventures on the way.

Two Services in September 2007: Religious Education—Pre-Registration Begins Apr 1

The ASC RE Committee is committed to ensuring that meaningful, appropriate religious education is offered during two services starting in September. Here is a brief summary of our plan (**please note that the following schedule is based on expected attendance. Changes may be made based on pre-registrations**):

PRELIMINARY RE Schedule for 2007-2008:	
<u>9:15</u>	<u>11:15</u>
Nursery (under 2)	Nursery (under 3)
2 & 3 yrs	3 & 5 yrs
4 & 5 yrs	Primary (grades K-2)
Primary (grades K-2)	Middle School Class
Intermediate (grades 3-5)	High School Class
MS and HS (Asst. Service Program)	

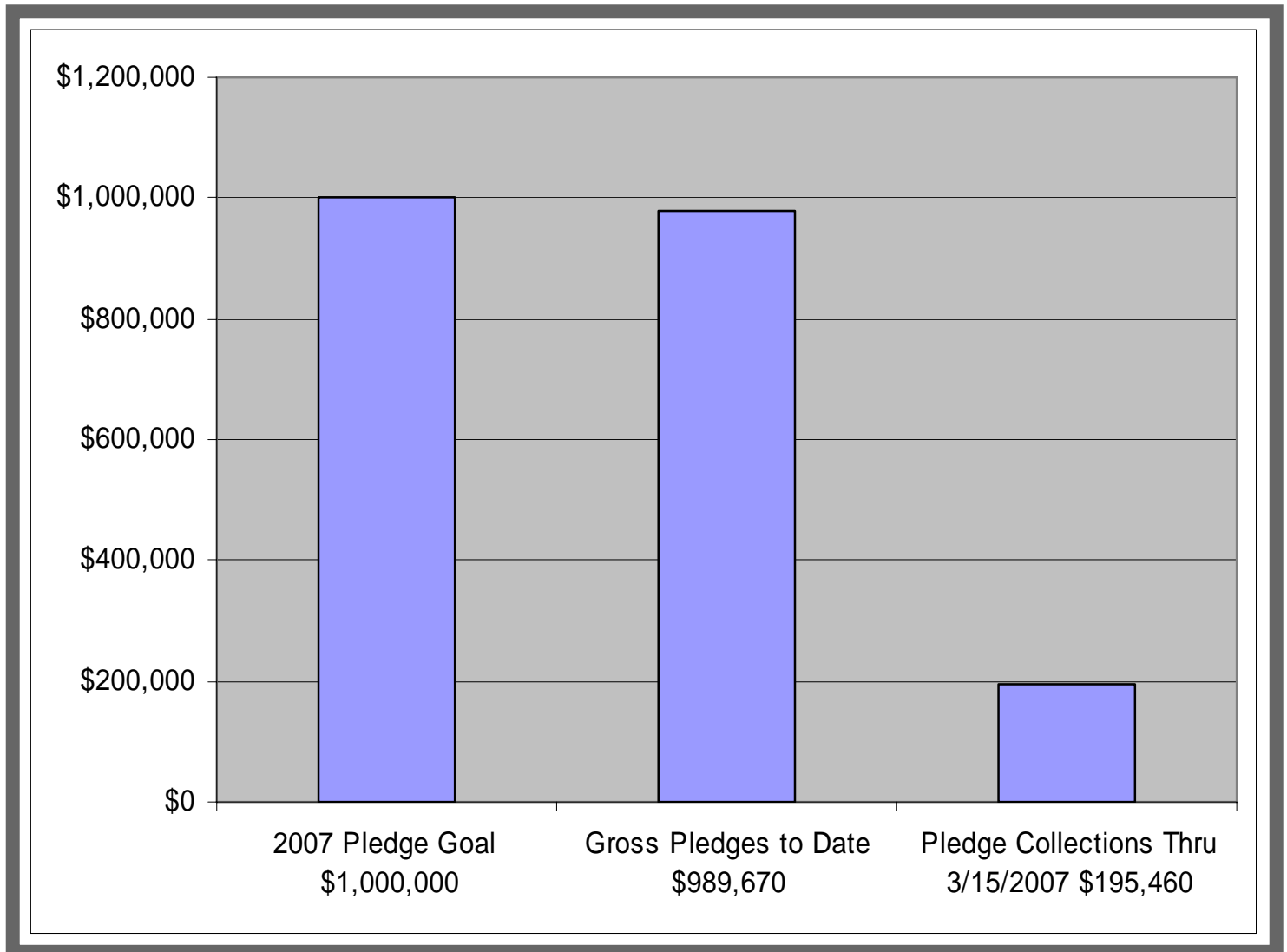
IMPORTANT NOTE: Children must be registered for one service or the other, and will not be able to regularly show up at different times. •We expect that the majority of younger children will attend the 9:15 service in the fall. Therefore, we expect to provide one preschool class (ages 3 through 5) for the second service. With expected growth, we will add another preschool class at 11:15 as soon as enough children are registered. •We do not anticipate that enough middle or high school students will register for 9:15 to warrant holding classes at that time; however, those who want to attend the 9:15 service will have the opportunity to assist classrooms and other activities on Sunday morning. Individual plans will be created after consultations with Gabrielle. Middle and high school students under these plans will have an adult advisor with whom they will meet periodically for reflection and training and fellowship. •Again, if enough people in middle or high school pre-register for a class at 9:15, such a class will be provided.

All parents are invited to a meeting after the service on May 6 to find out more. We will have a recruitment and pre-registration table after service beginning April 1. RE Committee members are wearing "Ask Me" name tags and will be happy to answer questions. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, and we are grateful for the privilege to serve with you in helping our children grow into loving and justice-seeking people.

Financial Page

2007 Pledge Update

from Bob Wittig, Treasurer



For 2007, the Church has a \$1 million pledge goal. Due to the overwhelming generosity of our congregation, gross pledges now total \$989,670! We are approaching our \$1 million goal and are hopeful that gross pledges will reach this target. The above chart also shows that pledge collections through March 15 are \$195,460.

Because we are a bit short of our goal, the Board of Trustees and Executive Team have made modest revisions to the 2007 budget. If you would like a copy of the revised budget, please contact Darryl Clay at DClay@allsouls.ws.

In the May newsletter, first quarter revenues and expenses will be reported.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Our Many Ministries

Two Services Transition Offers New Opportunities for Shared Ministry

by Erika Landberg, Two Services Committee

If you've been thinking about volunteering for the first time, or just getting more involved at All Souls Church, now is the time! The move to two services on September 9, 2007, will open up a whole host of new opportunities for all of us to share more deeply in the ministry of our church.

What can you do? Holding two services each Sunday will require more ushers, greeters, cooks and meal volunteers, worship associates, RE teachers, and musicians of all kinds. In addition, volunteers might be needed to help get the lower level of the church ready to accommodate both more RE classes and music groups next year.

Each Two Service Committee member has a liaison responsibility with entities in the church affected by the move to two services. If you wish to volunteer or have questions about two services, please contact the appropriate Committee member:

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We look forward to hearing from you as we all use our own gifts to help make our transition to two services a huge success.

Report From the Talent Show!

by Bob Freeman

If you didn't make it to the Talent Show March 4, you missed a good show. Zenzi - singing; Jillian Jackson - Hudini (sic) and assistant Reilly; Lisa Sailer on violin and Peter Sailer accompanying on piano "Beethoven's Romance" in G. major; Anna Hargrave and a commercial for "Purlie;" Gina and three original poems; Miranda Schuyler singing and Jackson Miller on piano for "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star;" Jasean playing a variable beat on the drum; Jamari reading an original poem entitled "Success;" Jen and a magic trick turning coloring book to color; Griffin Smith recited a nursery rhyme, "Handy Pandy". Next year could be you!!!!

Book Discussion Group, April 1, 4 pm

by Nancy Simon

Nancy Simon will host. The reading is a short story entitled *The Piano Tuner's Wives*, in the collection, *After Rain* by William Trevor. The book to read for May 6 is *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov.

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 for one book, or for many. We usually meet on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm (April and May are exceptions this year). Questions? Please contact Nancy: Whittsimon@aol.com.

Leaders, Lighters & Learners

Be a Pillar: The Nominating Committee Is Looking for Leaders

by Susan Milner

The Nominating Committee is searching for people with a broad perspective, who are reflective, wise, and fair, to help guide the Church as members of its Board of Trustees and Officers. Successful candidates would begin work on the Board after the annual meeting in December.

Are we looking for you? Or perhaps there is someone you know whom you would like to recommend for a board or officer position? To learn more about these leadership positions, or recommend someone, stop and talk with any member of the Nominating Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee can be identified by the chalice they wear on their lapels at service and are: Hally Ahearn, Judith Bauer, Emily Dyer, Jon Fetter-Degges, Mike Hill, Dorothy Holmes, David Jones, Janiece Kent, Cathy Long, Steve Marshall, Susan Milner, Rahima Rice, Kari Rowe, Ann Steinecke, and Virginia View. You may also e-mail Kari Rowe at rowekari@yahoo.com.

Anyone interested in these leadership opportunities at All Souls Church should plan to attend one of several special events planned for April and May so that they may learn much more about the roles of officers and board members, and to more seriously consider a candidacy.

Leadership Events with the Nominating Committee Town Hall:

- Sunday, April 29, 12:45-2 pm
- Leadership Reception, Sunday, May 7, 12:30-2:30
- Happy Hour, Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8:30
- Weekend on the Bay Leadership Workshop, Saturday, May 19

Childcare is provided for all events held at the church to those who rsvp by e-mailing susanreynolds@hotmail.com.

Chalice Lighters: Add Your Spark to Our Flame!

by Marion Connell, Co-Chair, ASC Chalice Lighters Campaign

April is "Chalice Lighters Month" at All Souls. This is your chance to become a "Chalice Lighter". It commits you to making a contribution of \$20 three times a year or an annual contribution of \$60 -- more if you wish. The funds are used to initiate new UU congregations, help congregations (like All Souls) secure professional religious leadership, and aid in acquiring land or buildings. This remarkable program, sponsored by the Joseph Priestly District (JPD), made two grants totaling \$40,000 to All Souls since 2002 so that we could hire Rev. Shana Lynngood and, more recently, Joyce Palmer. Now we have an opportunity to express our appreciation for JPD's help in a tangible way that will continue to strengthen our denomination throughout the region. You really can make a significant difference and grow our liberal faith within a short timeframe. To join, stop by the Chalice Lighters' table in Pierce Hall after services throughout April or simply take a copy of the bright yellow brochure from one of the literature racks, fill out the application form, and mail it in as directed. Our goal is to double the number of Chalice Lighters at All Souls by the end of the month!

Ever Thought About Taking Seminary Classes?

by Rob Keithan

There are more than 15 Unitarian Universalist students currently taking classes at Wesley Theological Seminary, and we'd love company! Whether you're interested in taking one or more individual classes, or you seek a degree program, such as a Masters of Divinity, (the three year degree necessary for UU ministry) or a Masters of Theological Studies (a two year degree), Wesley is a great option for quality theological education close to home. There are enough UU students that the school provides some UU-specific classes for us, and we meet weekly for lunch and bi-weekly for theological reflection. The schedule for summer and fall classes is now available. Summer class registration for new students starts April 8. See the Wesley website for more details, <http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/>, or email Rob Keithan, first-year Masters of Divinity student, at robcev@erols.com.

In Community

by Molly Freeman

Our numbers continue to grow in many ways. The **Robison** family welcomed **Julie Rose Fox Robison**. **Karla Hayworth and Mike Cuff** welcomed **Calder Augusten Cuff**. Our former Sunday receptionist, **Ursulla** welcomed a baby girl.

Years ago excited families welcomed **Margaret Woodward** and **Meredith's** mother **Ruth Moore**. **Margaret** turned 97, **Ruth** 92 in recent weeks. In addition, **Alberta Henderson** celebrated fifty years of membership at All Souls.

We send loving sympathy to **Gary Mummert** whose father died, and to **Veronica Triana** who lost an aunt. We hope **Michael Milano's** partner **Wayne Sertis** is recovering smoothly from surgery, and that **Anne Marsh** will soon be free of painful migraine head aches.

This month several of our friends and members have started on long roads of recovery. We hold in our hearts, **Mike Giordano** who began treatment for lymphoma, **Andy Taylor** who is in California healing from many years of depression and alcoholism, and **Mary Fleming**, who at 102 broke her pelvis. Our sympathy is with their respective care takers and partners, **Bob Wittig and Chuck Wooldridge** and with **Mary's** son, **Jon**. We think, too, of **Denise Anderson** and **Eric Peterson** who have dealt with weeks of prescribed exercise and diet following open heart surgery.

We send warm support to **Jennifer Cranford** whose mother is in hospice care, to **Julie Agarwal** who is facing first time surgery, and to **Kyla and Greg Bollens-Lund** whose friend and father have been diagnosed with cancer.

If you know of a member or friend of All Souls who would like a card of caring and support, please email Rev. Lynngood at slynngood@allsouls.ws and/or mollyfreeperson@aol.com We welcome volunteers to take a turn at the Caring table in Pierce hall after church on Sunday. Please notify Molly Freeman at the above address.

Special Caring List

by Carol Falk

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

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 **April 22, 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 **Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 pm—9:00 pm.**

Step 3. New Member Sunday. New members are formally introduced to the congregation during this special Sunday Service on **May 6.**

All Souls Church, Unitarian April Worship Services

April 1 • “After Ecstasy, the Laundry”

Rev. William Schulz •

Rev. Schulz’ sermon will address why UU values are so critical at this particular point in American history.

April 8 • Easter Sunday

Rev. Marilyn Sewell •

Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell is Senior Minister at First Unitarian Church of Portland (see page 3 for more information about Rev. Sewell).

April 15 • “Many Paths to Freedom”

Rev. Lynngood •

On this day when we celebrate Emancipation Day in DC we will explore the many ways in which freedom is still elusive. In what way is freedom something we are given? Is it a birthright? When and how do we limit our own freedom?

April 22 • Earth Day

Rabbi Daniel Swartz •

Since August 2006, Rabbi Daniel J. Swartz has been the rabbi at Temple Hessed in Scranton, Pennsylvania (see page 3 for more information about Rabbi Swartz).

April 29 • “Golfing With Monkeys”

Rev. Scott Alexander •

By way of a curious-but-true story from Calcutta, India, Rev. Alexander will explore the spiritual value of having an adaptable heart.

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.

Editorial policy: articles and letters about church activities and programs submitted by church members and friends of ASC will be published in *The Spirit of All Souls* in a timely manner. Due to space constraints, lengthy articles may be edited, and articles not time-sensitive may be held for subsequent issues.

Publication Deadlines:

May Issue: April 20

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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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