

The Spirit of All Souls



How Things Change Shana A. Lynngood, Acting Senior Minister

It is hard for me to believe that it is already May. I don't know what is more surprising, that Athena recently turned one, or that Rob's sabbatical is half over. It is remarkable how the constant change and growth of those around you can serve as a reminder to reflect on where and how you have been over the course of several months or years.

We have as a community been very enriched by the many pulpit guests we have hosted since February (and still have 3 more to enjoy). Each has brought us their unique spirit, style, presence and perspective. Many of you have told me that this experience has been deeply gratifying—thought-provoking and spirit-stirring in very meaningful ways. I hope that this sabbatical time has also served as a reminder of who we are as a congregation, that you have seen yourselves (the whole of what we stand for and seek to embody, our sense of mission) in the mirror held up to us by our guests. We are each in our own way stewards and caretakers of a very special institution.

I fervently hope that this sabbatical time period will end with each and every one of you feeling your pride and commitment to All Souls stronger than it was six months before. If nothing else, it can serve to call us each to remember that a church is only as vital and life-affirming and justice-making as its membership (not just its ministers). This is your congregation—and I, for one, am deeply honored and proud to serve you—now more than ever.

With gratitude and faith,
Shana

Reverend Forrest Church Comes to ASC Pulpit, May 6

The Rev. Dr. Forrest Church is a familiar name among Unitarians, and All Souls Church is pleased to host him as guest preacher on Sunday, May 6. Rev. Church is serving his twenty-ninth year as Senior Minister of All Souls Church (Unitarian) in Manhattan. He has written or edited 22 books including: *Father and Son: A Personal Biography of Senator Frank Church of Idaho*; *Our Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism*; and *God and Other Famous Liberals*. Harcourt will publish his next book, *So Help Me God: Religion and the Presidency* in the fall of 2007. Mayor Giuliani appointed him Chairman of the Council on the Environment of New York City in 1995. Serving in his tenth year in that capacity, he directs, among other programs, the city's 44 Greenmarkets. He is a riveting and provocative speaker who is sure to challenge us when he joins us in May. His appearance is made possible through the generosity of the A. Powell Davies Committee.

Our in-house talent, Rev. Shana Lynngood, Rev. Louise Green, and Director of Membership & Lay Ministries, Joyce Palmer, will round out the remaining Sundays in May.

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

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Launching Two Services
September 9
9:15 & 11:15



ASC's Prophetic Leadership

The Strategic Planning Retreat

from Janet Randolph, President, Board of Trustees (jlrascdc@gmail.com)

The Board of Trustees (BOT) and the Executive Team (ET) participated in the first annual Strategic Planning Retreat on April 28, in compliance with the Policy Governance Framework of the Church. The theme of the retreat was *Memoirs of the Future*.

The objective of the retreat was to allow the Board and Executive Team to jointly develop and agree upon a set of strategic initiatives for the coming year. The three strategic initiatives, which involve Financial Planning, Spiritual Deepening and Denominational Learning are designed to address broad areas of church intention. For each initiative, the BOT and ET began the process of drafting specific, measurable, achievable, results-oriented, time bound goals that each member of the Executive Team will be responsible for completing in the next twelve months. The status of progress towards achieving the goals established for the ET during this year will be reviewed at next year's spring BOT/ET Strategic Planning Retreat.

To facilitate the examination of the progress made over the past twelve months towards meeting each of the church's seven Ends Statements, the ET developed and submitted to the BOT an Ends Statement Report. BOT members and ET members engaged in a spirited discussion and Q&A session to explore the effectiveness of initiatives that supported the Ends Statements.

Policy Governance is a concept that requires ongoing support and monitoring. The BOT and ET are committed to following the tenets set forth in the framework document. A focused planning process like this helps as we work to make good choices for key initiatives and ensures that we are able to measure our progress towards meeting the needs for our growing congregation.

Task Force to Review Church's Bylaws

by Thomas H. Fox

The church's Board of Trustees has established a task force to review All Souls' bylaws, which is the official document that outlines how we carry out our program and govern the church's business. The bylaws were last reviewed and amended (by congregational vote) in December 2003, as we instituted our adaptation of policy governance, so this is an opportune time to "check in" and determine if any further changes are needed or desirable. The task force is determined to give interested members of the congregation every opportunity to participate in this review, including one or two town hall meetings. But first we would welcome suggestions from any member in the next few weeks. Please review the bylaws (clearly presented on the church's website) and then send an e-mail to either Minneh Kane at mkane@worldbank.org and/or Tom Fox at FoxThomasH@aol.com, the co-chairs of the task force. The other members are Cal Bryant, Sheila Campbell, Carol Falk and Anna Hargrave.

In June we will compile the issues raised by members as well as those the task force and the board have identified as worthy of discussion, and then seek additional ways for the congregation to express their opinions. We expect to complete our work by the fall, in time for the Board to manage a possible congregational vote at the Dec Annual Meeting.

Church Council Meeting, Saturday, June 9

from Joyce Palmer, Director of Membership & Lay Ministries

The All Souls Church Council is meeting to plan and coordinate our collective activities for the next church year. At this meeting we will map out the church year and look for ways to create community by collaborating on church events. We have lots to cover in preparation for Two Services, review of key church initiatives, identifying candidates for next year's nominating committee, overview of the budgeting process and announcement of a new Council structure. All Church leaders are encouraged to attend and prior to the meeting each group will complete a Council Planning Form and enter the dates of meetings and events on the church's shared calendar. Directions and forms are available by contacting Jody Feldman at jodyfeldman@verizon.net or Joyce Palmer at jpalm@allsouls.ws and on the Church Council listserv.

The day will begin with coffee and light fare at 9:00 with the program for the day beginning at 9:30. We'll have lunch and end the meeting by 2:00. We hope to see you there!

Social Justice Action

New Orleans Trip Report: Sunday, May 6, 1 pm, Sanctuary

from Louise Green, Minister of Social Justice

You heard how All Souls sent almost 70 folks on an intergenerational service trip to New Orleans during Easter Week. Now come see pictures, hear stories, and learn what we plan to do to continue our congregational relationship to the area! We want to share the trip with you.

Hold the Date for Social Justice Movie Monday, June 4, 6:30 pm

SJ Movie Monday will present a film on human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

***A Gentle Revolutionary*—A Recently Written Booklet on Rev. David Eaton**

by Sean Sanford

Reverend David Eaton (1969-1992) was the first African-American senior minister at All Souls, and was a crucial leader in race relations, social justice, and civic affairs both within the congregation and in the broader community of Washington, DC. You can learn more about Reverend Eaton in a recently written booklet, *A Gentle Revolutionary*, or in a longer thesis paper, both soon to be available at All Souls and online. For details, please contact Rev. Louise Green, Minister of Social Justice (lgreen@allsouls.ws), or member and researcher, Sean Sanford (lemondragon2003@yahoo.com).

Historically Important Collections in the Archives

by the Archive Internists

The School of Library and Information Science at Catholic University has established an Archives Fieldwork course project to assist institutions whose work has been in the area of social justice and human rights in the processing and assessing historically important collections in their archives. Seven graduate students from the SLIS Department are participating in this first semester Fieldwork project at All Souls, focusing primarily on the inventory and preservation assessment of the Rev. David H. Eaton papers.

The Rev. David Eaton was an influential Church and civil rights leader whose influence and efforts extended beyond his immediate congregation to embrace the lives of the Washington DC community at large. The archiving and preservation of his papers will provide a valuable resource on Rev. Eaton as an important historical figure in the social and civil rights movement.

Other members of the group are working on the processing and arrangement of documents reflecting the history of the Unitarian and Universalist Church in the eastern United States. The on-site institutional archives include valuable documentary evidence of the role of All Souls Church in the establishment and history of Unitarianism.

Dr. Mary Edsall Choquette, assistant professor and Archives Fieldwork faculty, with a student assistant, is documenting the project on film. We would like to invite the members of the congregation to the film's grand opening. The film, entitled *Archives in the Field: Social Justice and the All Souls Church* will premiere on Wednesday, May 2, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Information Commons (Rm. 132) in Marist Hall at the Catholic University of America. Refreshments will be served. For directions, please log on to <http://welcome.cua.edu/directions.cfm>.

More SJ Action

FAITH AND FREEDOM CONVOCATION: An Inquiry on Torture and Just Treatment

**Saturday, May 5, 2007
8:30 am—4:00 pm**

To All People of Faith and Conscience:

Acts of torture, terrorism and denial of basic civil rights are violations of human dignity.

Yet we hear and read about these practices:

**Extraordinary Renditions, Torture, Secret Prisons, Hearsay Evidence, Indefinite Detentions,
Elimination of Habeas Corpus and Denial of Counsel**

How should we respond?

LEARN

Expert voices will outline the legal, executive and legislative landscape in the United States and throughout the world.

REFLECT

Inspiring voices will help us explore our responsibilities, as people of faith and conscience, and move us toward action.

ACT

Guiding voices will help us develop effective ways to raise our voices in our own communities. Participants will leave this event with new contacts and improved skills and strategies for engaging friends and associates in conversation about these abuses and ways to prevent them.

Speakers include:

Rev. Cedric Harmon, Americans United For the Separation of Church and State, (Religious Outreach)

Jumana Musa, Domestic Human Rights and International Justice, Amnesty International USA

Prof. Margaret L. Satterthwaite, Director, NYU Center of Human Rights and Global Justice

Shaker El Sayed, Imam of Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center

Rev. Carol Wickersham, Presbyterian Minister, NO2Torture.org

Stephan Xenakis, MD, Physicians for Human Rights

Registration Fee: \$25 (\$10 for students), includes materials, continental breakfast & lunch

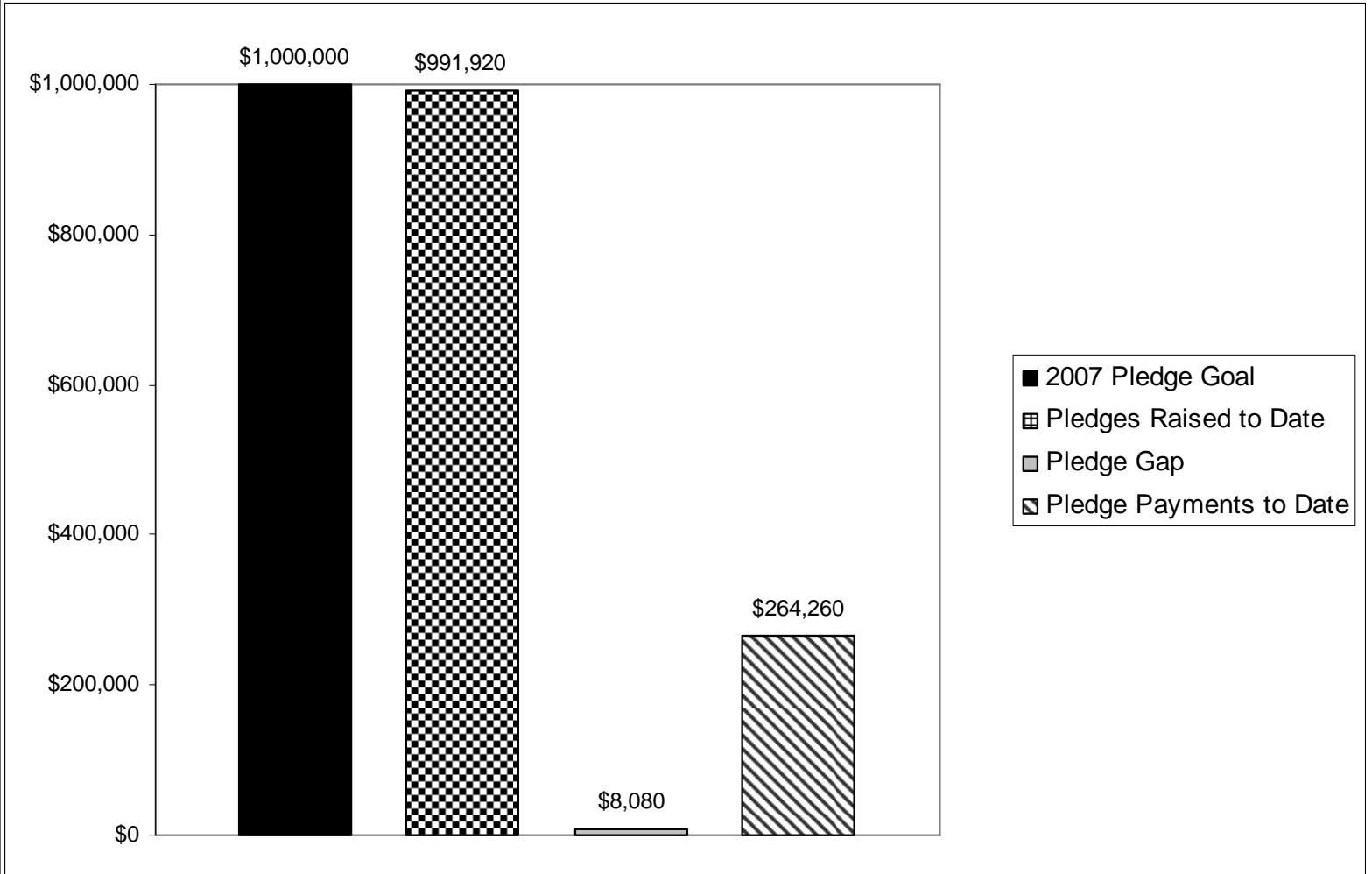
Information & registration: <http://uusj.org/>

Sponsors include All Souls Unitarian Church, Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, Friends Meeting of Washington Peace & Social Concerns Committee, Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International, Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice, Washington Region Religious Campaign Against Torture

Financial Page

2007 Pledge Update

from Darryl Clay, Director of Finance and Administration



As of April 16, we are **\$8,080** from reaching our 2007 pledge goal of **\$1,000,000**.

For the three months ended, March 31, 2007, we have received **\$264,260*** in pledge payments. This amount represents 26%** of our total pledge goal.

Thank you for supporting All Souls Church!

*Includes \$35,631 from the January 21 special collection

REviews

REflections

from Gabrielle Farrell, Director of Religious Education Ministries

In the hallway beside the Harvard Street stairwell is a children's religious education (RE) bulletin board – this month highlighting teacher recruitment. The Board is lovingly and creatively designed by Laurie Lester, mother of Carlos Lester Nall (Middle Schooler), and a member of the RE Committee, in addition to her many other roles. She offers us the following wisdom:

Top 10 Reasons to Teach Religious Education (RE) at All Souls:

- 10—Now that there are two services, you can't use the excuse that you'll miss the sermon or the music. You can spend ALL Sunday morning in church—go to service AND teach!
- 9—You're closer to the dining room for lunch.
- 8— It's fewer hours than being on a committee.
- 7— You can scope out the best partner for the intergenerational balloon toss at the All Souls Retreat on the Bay.
- 6—If you teach RE, you may get away with not coaching soccer or baseball.
- 5—You can't sleep in anyway!
- 4—You can finally stop faking it and learn the words to *Siyahamba*.
- 3—Shana's & Rob's best stories are told in Chapel.
- 2—Working with kids, contrary to your fears, can be fun...and exasperating...and rewarding...AND give you new management techniques to use with your boss.
- 1—You'll be helping to grow the community of a free and liberal faith by teaching the younger generation—join us!

On one of the handful of listservs I participate in professionally, a colleague gave this answer to the query, "Why should *I* teach?" which elaborates on the #1 answer above. She wrote "*Because teaching is part of your faith development as well as that of the children you will be teaching. Faith development as a Unitarian Universalist is a life-long process and includes handing down your faith to the next generation.*" I would make it even clearer and stronger by saying that until you teach about your faith, your faith development is incomplete. As I write often, "you can't get there without going thru here."

Here is your opportunity. We have classes at both services. We provide the lesson plans, next year we have an exciting set of lessons specifically addressing Unitarian Universalist values and history, and training and materials. You don't do this alone. We are always here to help. The teaching ministry at All Souls continues to develop and is integral to who we are as a faith community. The questions we will be teaching to are many. What do I believe? What gifts do I have that I can share to make my life and the world better? How do we collectively change the world so that all are loved and justice reigns? My question to you is *Do we value the next generation enough to teach them who we are and what we can become?*



REviews cont.

Two Services Changes to Religious Education Program

By now, everyone knows that we are asking families to pre-register children for next year's RE program so that we can best plan a terrific year. Information can be found on the website and will be made available at the RE tables in both Pierce Hall and the Dining Room.

Another change to next year's programming for children is that Children's Choir Rehearsal will move from Thursday night to Sunday morning. We do this for various reasons, one of which is to make it a more viable option for larger numbers of families of getting here. Weeknight's are untenable for many. A second reason is that the Children's Choir program will help support Children's Chapel worship on a regular basis while also giving the Choir more performance experience.

Members of the RE Committee and Children's Choir and Music have been working to structure a program that meets this and other goals and we are unsure, at this time, exactly when the Sunday morning rehearsal time will be. That said, the 9:15 session (for children 3rd grade and older) will be designed to support Children's Choir. For instance, it is likely that rehearsal will at least begin in this time frame and the activities related to the lesson will often be musical ones chosen to reinforce both the lesson and choir needs. Children older than Intermediate Age who wish to participate in Choir can register for a 9:15 option and we will accommodate their RE needs as well. If you have further questions, please contact Gabrielle Farrell, Director of Religious Education Ministries,.

Important Dates in Children's RE

- 5/6 Intermediate A Bake Sale to Raise Money for La Clinica.
- 5/13 The Plant Sale—always a favorite for the kids.
- 5/20 No RE here but plenty going on at the Weekend on the Bay; childcare available thru age 5.
- 5/27 Memorial Day—Classes will be combined.
- 6/3 Story for All Ages, Regular RE, Teacher Appreciation, Primary and Intermediate Classes combined.
- 6/10 Regular RE Classes, Special Programming.
- 6/17 RE classes at the Park—Getting Ready for the All Souls Picnic! Drop your children off at the picnic site.
- 6/23 Summer RE begins. One class for children Kindergarten and older. Nursery Care with activities for those younger. For those older than 5th Grade interested in being a classroom aide, see Gabrielle as soon as possible.
- 9/9 The new church year begins with services at 9:15 and 11:15. No RE that day as its all about us being together at church. Come see the Hamele Wing refurbished after church!
- 9/17 RE for Children opens anew with classes at 9:15 and 11:15. Pancake Breakfast before each service. Children's Choir begins.

A Lesson Plan for ASC

submitted by Joyce Palmer for Allison Boals

Three graduate students of History at American University--Allison Boals, Lindsay Flanagan and Cigdem Pakel--have spent the semester on a project to create a lesson plan for middle schoolers using the rich history of All Souls. The lesson plan, which will be completed by May 3, is based on the model set by the National Parks Service's Teaching with Historic Places program (www.cr.nps.gov/nr/twhp/).

The objective of Teaching with Historic Places lesson plans is to offer teaching supplements that bring the study of history to life by using places or objects to tell not only compelling, but also historically relevant stories. The lesson plans use images, maps and short primary source readings, as well as the place itself, to help students develop the skills to "read" these important resources. The plan also intends to raise students' awareness of preservation issues and appreciation for historic sites and documents.

Many thanks to the members of the committee, Erin Albright, Tom Hargrave and Waahida Mbatha, who offered great insight on the history of the church, as well as advice on preparing effective lessons. Special thanks also to Joyce Palmer for her continued support and leadership, and to Molly Freeman for generously offering her time and hard work to help us navigate the archives. Our group has thoroughly enjoyed working with the All Souls community and learning about the church's important history.

Services Support



New Space to Support Two Services

by Carol Falk

Work is getting underway this month on the lower level of the church to prepare new space for use when All Souls launches two Sunday services on September 9. The area formerly occupied by the Columbia Heights Youth Club will be converted into additional Religious Education classrooms as well as a room where the choirs will be able to warm up and rehearse before services. In addition, two small restrooms in that area will be made usable and an office created for Jubilee Singers Director Lenard Starks. (The Youth Club has moved to new facilities in the recently constructed city recreation center at the corner of Girard and 15th Streets.)

Aside from essential repairs, the project mainly involves sprucing up and connecting the space to the rest of the church, guided by the following goals:

- To repair and make ready the area formerly used by the Columbia Heights Youth Club in order to make functional and safe the additional space needed to support two services.
- To refurbish the space within a budget of \$40,000, keeping in mind the proposed plans for a capital campaign to finance rehabilitation of the entire church within five years.
- At a minimum, to improve the area so that it conforms to commonly practiced and mandated safety and aesthetic guidelines used in the church.
- To consider and employ “green” solutions where possible.
- To consider ease-of-maintenance in choices of materials.
- To equip the rooms to support their use.

All are invited to tour the redone area and come to a celebratory party following both the 9:15 and the 11:15 services on September 9.

Serve as a Pastoral Associate

from Rev. Shana Lynngood

This year for the first time we have had eight members of our community serving as Pastoral Associates. This is a lay ministry which helps me and the Care Steering Committee in visiting and following-up with those in the All Souls community in need of care and support. Each Pastoral Associate has been “assigned” to no more than 2 people at a time and we have met as a group monthly to check-in about the best ways to offer care based on particular needs and status of those we are keeping track of.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to give back to others at the church, please consider filling out an application or contact Rev. Lynngood, slynngood@allsouls.ws or 202.332.5266 ext.106, or Kathy Ferger, Chair of Care Steering Committee, dstreet@rcn.com, with questions. Applications are available on the Church Office door.

Books & Plants

Book Discussion Group, Sunday, May 6, 4 pm

by *Nancy Simon*

Denise Rathman will host. The book for discussion is *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov. The book to read for June 10 is *Democracy Matters* by Cornell West. We do not meet in July or August.

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. (May is an exception.) Questions, please contact Denise: djrathman@yahoo.com.

Recent Donation to ASC Library

by *The Archives Group*

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has donated several books on Islam to the All Souls library. All Souls church and its members thank CAIR and hope the books help to further American-Islamic relations and contribute to world peace and understanding.

ASC Annual Plant Sale, Sunday, May 13

by *Bob Freeman*

If you've never attended an All Souls Plant Sale on Mother's Day, here's what you have missed: a large array of houseplants, flowers, vegetables, and herbs; a sweets table that has yummy things; May Wine prepared with sweet woodruff; music; the ambience of the Courtyard and milling people.

Proceeds go to All Souls Church and everyone wins. Plant Sale Raffle tickets are available and the prizes are garden things, knick knacks and garden trips. Don't miss it May 13!



UU Points of Interest

The United States & Iran: Conflict or Collaboration?, Sunday, May 6, 7:30 pm, River Road Unitarian Church

Bob and Carol Waser, members of River Road Unitarian Church, have recently returned from Iran as members of a civilian diplomacy delegation organized by the international interfaith peace group, Fellowship of Reconciliation.

They visited four cities and met with many Iranians, working to develop bridges of understanding between our two countries. They believe that a resolution to the standoff currently between the United States and Iran is essential to create peace in the Middle East.

Come to hear their stories, see their pictures, and participate in an important discussion. For further information, call the Wasers at (301) 680-2291.

Self-Defense Course at UU in Arlington, Saturdays, June 9 - July 7

A basic training course will be taught at the UU Church in Arlington this summer. The course introduces women to the basics of self-defense and provides an opportunity to practice effective techniques in a safe, supportive environment. Professionally trained instructors wearing special padding enable you to practice w/full power. Anyone can learn how to do it--you don't have to be young or physically fit. Participants gain confidence knowing that they have a variety of verbal and physical skills to keep themselves safe. The course is offered five Saturdays, June 9-July 7, 2:30pm-7:30pm at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington. To register, call DC IMPACT at 202-332-0765.

UU for Social Justice, Inc. of the Baltimore Washington Northern Virginia Region, Presentation, Saturday, June 9, 8:30 – 10:00 am

Attend two special presentations the morning of Saturday, June 9 on how staffing, structure, relationships and vision can support what we do in organizing our congregations for social justice ministry.

Rev. Louise Green will offer a reflection on the joys and challenges of congregational life in this field, and how we might support one another in the long haul for more effective action.

ASC BOT member Paula Cole Jones will be working with The UUSJ Board in assessing our organization. She is a management consultant specializing in group facilitation, diversity and quality improvement processes.

The event is free, but we do need to know numbers for planning, so please register: 301-588-1951; www.uusj.org.

UUSC Announces 2007 Civil Rights Journey, July 7 - 14,

UUSC is excited to announce the 2007 Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey, a JustWorks camp that will take you to the most significant sites of the civil rights movement.

Join UUSC for the fourth annual Civil Rights Journey to Atlanta, Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham. During this intergenerational trip, we will travel by bus to visit historical sites that were significant to people who worked, often at great personal peril, to register new voters during Freedom Summer 1964. We will also hear inspirational stories of people who were there.

The Civil Rights Journey will conclude with electoral-related skills training that will equip participants to return to their communities and campuses as activists. The Freedom Summer 2007: A Civil Rights Journey (intergenerational 14 and over) fee is \$500. Join us for this or one of our other JustWorks camps, meaningful social justice experiences and action opportunities for people of all ages. For more information, visit www.uusc.org/justworks.

In Community

by Molly Freeman

Good news in the spring air: **Jim and Lynne Heltman's** daughter, **Elizabeth**, has announced her engagement to **Paul Dell**. Our **Board President** celebrated her 60th birthday AND announced her engagement to **Herb Lowery**. **Betsy and Andy Rosso** welcomed a daughter, **Zoe Susannah**, **Sara Edwards and Colin Boffan** welcomed a son, **Asa Max**. Congratulations to the loving grandmother, **Joyce Edwards**. We wish **Sara and Colin** well as they head to his ministry in Cleveland. Congratulations, too, to our industrious **Stacey Cosey** who graduated from Jones International University and to **Paree Roper** who has found an interesting and challenging permanent job.

It's good to see our members on the mend. Ran into **Andy Taylor** at the Giant hauling an impressive bag of cat litter. Hope to see him soon at All Souls. **Julie Agarwal** still tires easily but is recovering from surgery. We hope **Stacey Jarboe's** brother's hip replacement went well, and that **Charlie Barnett** will soon recover from hernia surgery. We're sorry to hear that **Jean Porter** had to face medical tests. **Meredith Higgins'** mother, **Ellen Moore**, who is in nursing home care is reported to have asked her son-in-law quite sternly whether or not he's handling his retirement well.

Clarence Davenport is struggling with cancer, but continues to send out thoughtful and funny emails. **Jen Cook** has moved to Connecticut to be near her mother who's been diagnosed with Alzheimers. We send loving thoughts to **Mary Wheeler** whose mother died after a long illness, to **Jennifer Smith** whose mother suffered a heart attack and died during the family's spring visit, and to **Micah Watson** who lost his aunt. Finally, we report with sadness the death of long time member **Francis Leighton**.

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.**

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 (jpalmer@allsouls.ws)

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.

Step 1. Introduction. Join our Associate Minister, Rev. Shana Lynngood, to learn about UUs and ASC. The next Introduction session will be on **May 20, 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, June 2, 9:00 am—noon.**

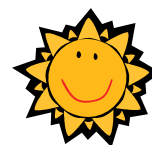
Step 3. New Member Sunday. New members are formally introduced to the congregation during this special Sunday Service on **May 6 and June 10.**

ASC Summer Schedule

Summer Building Hours
(Sunday, July 1 through Sunday, September 2)

- **Sunday**—9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Monday—Wednesday & Friday**
10 am - 6 pm
- **Thursday**—10am - 9:00pm
- **Closed Saturdays**

Normal office hours will resume
Tuesday, September 4



May Worship Services

May 6 • "Taking Care of Unfinished Business" • Rev. Forrest Church

Last fall Rev. Church found himself battling esophageal cancer. Although he now appears cancer free, his initial prospects for recovery appeared slim, and his life expectancy, short. This morning he will recall his journey through the valley of the shadow, offering hints that may guide us all in living more abundantly.

May 13 • "What Holds Us Together?" •

Rev. Shana Lynngood

Two years ago this spring we adopted a covenant of right relations for our congregation. This morning we will look at how we are doing in agreement and disagreement—what this has to do with spiritual practice and how we see our role at the church.

May 20 • "Why Are We Here?" • Joyce Palmer, Dir. of Membership & Lay Ministries

We Unitarian Universalists often affirm our openness to walking a variety of spiritual paths. How is it that we create a sense of inclusivity in the midst of so much difference? What lessons do we have to teach and to learn about maintaining identity-in-difference?

May 27 • "Living with War, Working for Peace" • Rev. Louise Green

The work of mending the world in our times must include a response to U.S. policies and global violence, as people of faith.

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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.
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