



# All Souls

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

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## Good Morning, Sunshine!

*A Letter From Rob Hardies, Senior Minister, All Souls Church, Unitarian*

I'm making a change in my life this New Year. A change I'd like us all to consider. It's about how I awake each morning. I believe that how we greet each day sets the tone for the next 24 hours.


Here's how I used to get up. (Tell me if any of this sounds familiar.) At 7 a.m. my radio alarm greets me with the day's news headlines, which inevitably feature stories of global despair and violence. Of course, lots of times I never even get to the alarm. I can't tell you how

often my day begins long before dawn with my mind making a panicked to-do list of all I have to accomplish. Instead of starting the day with a sense of possibility and gratitude, I begin mired in anxiety and busy-ness.

So now I've changed my alarm to a station that plays soothing music. I try to make my to-do list before I go to bed, so the anxiety doesn't plague me in the morning's wee hours. I'm more consistent with my morning prayer practice, which includes

meditating on the possibilities of the day. The possibilities of encountering grace, living my life according to my values, ministering to others. Then and only then am I prepared to face the challenges that the world and the day will bring.

Emerson said that the days are like gods, sacred opportunities to participate in life. Every morning we have a chance to greet this god anew. How do you begin your day?

Love, 

## Welcome Rev. Goodwin at Installation Ceremony

Plan to attend the Service of Installation for our Associate Minister, Rev. Shana Goodwin, Sun., Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. A rousing reception with a Mardi Gras theme will follow in Pierce Hall. Although Shana is already deeply immersed in her ministry, this service formally

acknowledges her position and gives us an occasion to pledge support to her success. Rev. Yielbonzie Johnson will issue the Charge to the Congregation. Rebecca Cohen, UU Minister in Burke, Va., will give the homily. Don't miss this event at ASC! Limited child care provided — call office.

### Kids of All Ages

On Feb. 1, at 12 p.m. in Pierce Hall and the dining room, children of all ages and their parents are invited to make Mardi Gras masks. These masks will be a featured part of the decorations for the reception following Rev Goodwin's installation service.





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Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## News from the Board of Trustees

*Christopher Hunt, President, Board of Trustees*

**H**appy New Year from your Board of Trustees! With our new governance structure firmly in place, and our Executive Team fully fleshed out with the addition of Shana Goodwin, 2004 looks to be an exciting year of promise for All Souls.

I'd like to use this opportunity to highlight three items currently on the Board's radar:

First, the Board of Trustees, Executive Team, and church officers will be having a day-long retreat on Jan. 31. Goals of this retreat will include team building with the new Trustees and Officers; charting out our calendar and goals for the year; and discussing and brainstorming issues facing the church, such as the challenges and opportunities posed by our membership growth and changing demographics. We have secured the services of the Rev. Dave Hunter as facilitator of the retreat. Rev. Hunter, a Wesley Theological Seminary graduate, is the consulting minister for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Greater Cumberland and the planning consultant for the Joseph Priestley District.

Second, here is an update on the air conditioning situation: As many of you know, the Board of Trustees, acting on the advice of the Investment Committee, has voted to finance air conditioning for the church sanctuary by means of an internal loan from the Shively fund principal—an action explicitly approved in John Shively's deed of gift to the church. Under the able stewardship of Administrator Mel Hardy, and with the help of various lay leaders, we have signed a contract with an engineering firm and are on track to have AC in place by summertime.

Third, and finally, there is good news on the 2003 budget deficit. Though final numbers are not tallied yet, it seems that our projected deficit is much smaller than originally thought. Whereas at one time we envisioned an \$80,000 deficit, the current figures indicate something more along the lines of only \$8,000! Again, I stress these numbers are not finalized yet, but if the tracking is accurate, this is a significantly improved situation. Kudos to Treasurer Barry Johnson, Treasurer Emeritus Mark Flood, Development Ministry Chair Mark Ewert, Administrator Mel Hardy, all those who made phone calls and those who responded to our pleas to make an extra year-end contribution.

Finally, a personal note: I was honored and humbled to be elected president of the Board in December, and look forward to listening to and working for the congregation over this next year. Parishioners should feel free to contact me—or any Trustee—with any questions or concerns.

## All Souls Weekend on the Bay

*We Need Your Talents, Skills, & Fresh Ideas*

The first ever All Souls Weekend on the Bay will be held May 21-23 at Camp Tockwogh on the Chesapeake. We're hoping to have over two hundred All Souls people there, and Rob and Shana will celebrate our Sunday worship there as well. (There'll be a guest minister in town for those who can't make it.) Be sure to put the dates on your calendar.

Meanwhile, planning for the Weekend is getting started, and you can help make it a memorable event in the life of the church. Here are just a few of the ways you can help...



- Organize an intergenerational activity for adults and kids.
- Sign up to offer to a craft workshop.
- Lead a discussion group on a topic of spiritual, environmental, or social justice interest.
- Volunteer your experience in boating and water sports.

- Organize a scavenger hunt or evening bonfire.
- Help plan our sports program.
- Share ideas for an all-generations evening of dance or skits.
- Be part of a publicity or hospitality team.
- Or serve as one of the program coordinators!

Interested? Attend a fun meeting with the planning group after church at 12:30 p.m. on Sun., March 7. If you'd like more information, contact Sheila Campbell at 301 587-4555 or [scampbell@wildblueyonder.biz](mailto:scampbell@wildblueyonder.biz), or Claudia Liebler at 301 270-4132 or [claudia@claudialiebler.net](mailto:claudia@claudialiebler.net).

See you there!

## Seeking More Finders

Once again, the Covenant Group Ministry has connected many members and friends of All Souls in spiritually rich and meaningful ways. Covenant groups are small ministries in which 8-14 people gather to explore a spiritual subject in depth. This way of connecting has become very significant for many among us. As we look ahead to beginning more groups next fall, Rev. Goodwin would like to invite anyone interested in facilitating a group or even just looking into that possibility to contact her and plan to attend a training session on March 7 after church.

## Working to End Hunger

The DC chapter of RESULTS, a grassroots citizens' lobby dedicated to influencing policymakers in order to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty here in the U.S. and globally, will be holding an outreach meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. at Ben's Chili Bowl on U Street. Nationwide, over 800-RESULTS volunteers commit to take an action each month on a specific and strategic piece of federal legislation, and learn how to develop powerful speaking skills and ways to engage their elected officials.

Our current domestic campaigns include supporting Head Start, a comprehensive preschool program for low-income kids, increased childcare funding for working parents who receive welfare, and Individual Development Accounts, a federal program that helps low-income people save money towards owning their own home, pursuing higher education, or starting a small business.

DC RESULTS is a great way to get involved and inspired by our political system—it's time to take our democracy back to the grassroots! Contact Amelia Rose at [arose@uua.org](mailto:arose@uua.org) for more info.

## Special Caring List

Keep in your thoughts and prayers the members of our congregation who are unable to get to church any more: Mary Jane Fisher, Virginia Gray, Carolyn Howlett, Ruth Logue, Mary Louise Robbins, Marianna Sewell, Marietta Sharp, Larry Stone, Emilie Wiggins.

Notes or cards would be welcome. Addresses are in the church directory (in Pierce Hall after church). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards for homebound. If you are interested in visiting shut-in members, contact Jane Pfeiffer of the Caring Cluster at 202-337-5637.

# REflections

by Gabrielle Farrell, Religious Educator

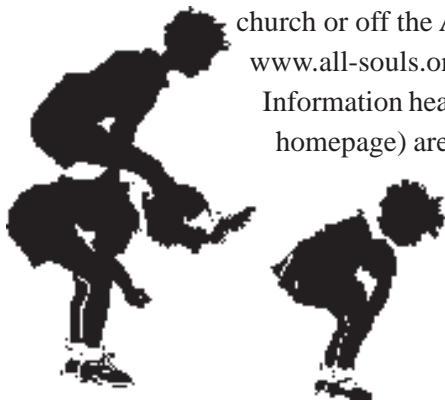
As the New Year begins, so does the Church's work in developing an Association-wide multiracial/multicultural religious education curriculum for children generously supported by a Beckner grant. This curriculum will include worship, social justice, pedagogy, community building, and prayer/advocacy. It will utilize many learning modalities; musical, artistic, physical, cognitive and emotional intelligences, and more. It will include teachings from World Religions, including Unitarian Universalism, Judaism, and Christianity. Our primary focus will be how religious teachings (including, of course, Unitarian Universalism) help develop an individual religious identity with which one acts on in the world. It will be intergenerational throughout.

Religious education, even that labeled "children's religious education" involves the whole church by way of its mission and covenants, and we need your input! Your responses to this questionnaire are vital to developing a ASC curriculum of excellence.

Second, we are building an ASC Curriculum Development Team which reflects who we are as a church — diverse in all demographics: age, gender, sexuality, ability, race, theology, parenting status, etc. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please indicate this on the questionnaire and I will call you. We are committing to assembling a representative Development Team and will consider a variety of experiences in selecting candidates. However all persons demonstrating an interest in serving will be used in some capacity.

We can only do as good a job as you help us to do. Please participate with your thoughtful responses to the questions and/or an indication of interest in serving on the ASC Curriculum Development Team. Your responses to this questionnaire (copies available at church or off the All Souls website [www.all-souls.org](http://www.all-souls.org) under the Information heading on the homepage) are vital to developing a ASC curriculum of excellence.

Looking forward to hearing from you!



# RE Committee Needs Your Help

Interested in Family Education and Fun? Or perhaps you might want to help develop and support RE Teachers? Might it be that you have a special idea to make beautiful and more welcoming the RE space? If so, we are interested in you! The RE Committee is organizing itself into REsource groups, i.e. Family, Teaching, Welcoming. We are looking for folks who are interested in a single facet of putting together a leadership Children's Religious Education program.

Meetings are fluid, with activity to be determined by REsource group. Creativity encouraged and rewarded. If interested, please talk with the Religious Educator, Gabrielle Farrell 202-332-5266 or [gmarrell@aol.com](mailto:gmarrell@aol.com) or REsource contact: Family—Jennifer Keller, [keller.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:keller.jennifer@epa.gov); Teaching—RE Vice Chair, Erin McVadon Albright, [mcvadonalbright@aol.com](mailto:mcvadonalbright@aol.com) or Rebecca Dalton, RE Chair, at [redalton@starpower.net](mailto:redalton@starpower.net).

## RE Bits & Pieces

### Bring Your Republic of Tea Cans to Church!

Needed: Republic of Tea cans to make musical instruments! Please leave in church office, with RE noted on them!

### Kid's RE Committee Forming

Emma Gorin's inspired idea begins organizing this month on February 8 directly after church. If you think your 3rd-8th grader might be interested, encourage them to attend this meeting in Intermediate A classroom at 12:15 p.m. on Feb. 8!

### Religious Education Snow Policy

Although still in process at the time of this publication, please check the All Souls Website in late January for the snow policy regarding RE Sunday morning classes and/or RE sponsored events.

### Community Sing & Potluck

On Jan. 31, come to the Community Sing and Potluck sponsored by the Music and RE Committees: All ages are invited to come in out of the cold from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., with a dish that serves six, and treat yourself to some wonderful singing (rounds, freedom songs, gospel, etc.) and fellowship. If you are interested in playing an instrument or leading a song, contact Jennifer Keller at [keller.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:keller.jennifer@epa.gov).

# Joseph Priestley, Renaissance Man

February 6, 2004, is the two hundredth anniversary of the death of Joseph Priestley, founder of the first Unitarian church in America and namesake of the UUA District in which All Souls Church is located.

The event will be recognized with special services and colloquia in the United States and Europe, primarily in the United Kingdom at Leeds, near his birthplace, and Birmingham, scene of a violent riot that led to his departure for America.

Priestley was a man of tremendous intellect whose contributions to the world were many. He became a close friend of Benjamin Franklin, whom he met in London in 1766 and who inspired his interest in electricity and the sciences. Although he never took formal science courses, he conducted extensive research on gases, starting with the fumes from a nearby brewery, and is sometimes referred to as the “father of chemistry.” He isolated oxygen and carbon dioxide and created the first seltzer water.

Through his discovery that the “Indian gum” brought from America by the Spanish conquistadores could “rub out” pencil-lead marks, he invented the eraser, and went on to logically name the gummy substance “rubber.” He found that graphite conducts electricity and, by applying chemistry to biology, discovered photosynthesis.

Born into a Calvinist family on March 13, 1733, Joseph was raised from infancy on his grandfather’s farm near Leeds and at the age of nine was adopted by a maiden aunt. During his teens, his formal education was interrupted by a long seige of tuberculosis but he continued his education on his own with the help of tutors. A brilliant student, he became skilled in mathematics, physics, philosophy and nine languages.

Priestley as a boy had decided to become a minister, but, in the liberal religious environment of his aunt’s home, soon found his thinking in conflict with Christian orthodoxy. Instead of attending one of the universities, which required adherence to orthodox beliefs, he chose Daventry Academy in Northamptonshire, one of the “dissenting” centers of liberal education.

Following graduation, he was ordained a “Dissenting Minister” and served several congregations but, hampered

by a speech defect that affected his public speaking, he became more of teacher and writer than preacher. He finally settled in Birmingham, where, while serving as minister at the New Meetinghouse, he authored numerous publications questioning Christian orthodox beliefs, especially the Trinity and the divinity of Jesus.

Priestley’s and the Dissenters’ unpopularity with the conservative religious and political majority (including George III) came to a head when the Dissenters announced plans to celebrate the “Emancipation of Twenty-six Millions of People from the yoke of Despotism” on Bastille Day. On July 11, 1791, a mob, inspired by Tory rhetoric and fortified by strong liquor, burned not only the Meetinghouse but also Priestley’s home, his library and his laboratory. His manuscripts and records of years of research were lost.

Warned in advance, Priestley and the members of his family escaped to London. They coped with public antipathy and discrimination for several years, but Priestley’s having been declared an honorary citizen of France, with which Britain was at war, was a continuing liability. Priestley’s two sons, blackballed in England, had fled to America to find work, and in 1794 he and his wife joined them.

In 1796, he founded the first openly Unitarian church in America, the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, which was attended by John Adams. He also became friends with Thomas Jefferson, who consulted him on the curriculum for the new University of Virginia. He and his wife had built a home in Northumberland, PA, where he devoted the last years of life to his writings, even dictating revisions the day he died, on February 6, 1804, at the age of 71.

The Joseph Priestley District is one of the 20 districts of the UUA in the United States and Canada. It includes 65 congregations in Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and northern Virginia.



## Monthly Highlights

### **Kuumba Players Presents: “Free to Be ...”**

Mark your calendars for February 21, 22 and 28, 29. Those are the dates for KUUMBA Players production of *Free to Be... You and Me*. With a cast of over 40 children, women, and men; a production group that will involve at least another 25 people and an opening night reception sponsored by the Silver Souls, this is truly an all-church event. Our own Elizabeth Andrews and Lenard Stark are director and music director, respectively.

“Free to Be” pushes aside all those gender and age-related stereotypes that still after all these years are ingrained in our society. Why shouldn’t William have a doll? Can your dog really be a plumber? Are there ways to hold on to the joy of childhood? Come out and see.

### **Book Discussion Group**

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the home of Pat McGovern: 3401 Porter Street, NW. We will hear Tom Hargrave talk about his new book *Twenty Miles from Yesterday*, the saga of Anthony Bowen. Also, please read *The Souls of Black Folk*, by W. E. B. Du Bois in preparation for the all Church discussion Feb. 28. Call Pat if you have questions: Tel. 202-364-8760; Email [pmcg3401@aol.com](mailto:pmcg3401@aol.com).

Book selections for the following months are:

March 14, *The Road from Coorain* by Jill Kerr Conway

April 18, *Ever is a Long Time*, by Ralph W. Eubanks

May 16, *Pobby & Dingan*, by Ben Rice

June 13, *Lost in the City*, by Edward P. Jones

July 11, *School of Dreams — Making the Grade*, by Ralph W. Eubanks

August 8, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, by Azar Nafisi

The Book Discussion Group normally meets at 4 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (we are skipping Easter and Mother’s Day this year). Please join us for any book that interests you. The contact person for the group is Nancy Simon. Tel. 301-588-8299, e-mail [whittsimon@aol.com](mailto:whittsimon@aol.com).

### **All Souls Talent Show**

This year’s All Souls talent show will be held on March 14, after church, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. All ages are welcome. If you are interested, or want to learn more, contact Bob Freeman at 301-656-0948.

### **Turning the Mind Into an Ally Talk & Signing**

A special talk by the Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche on meditation and the teachings from his book, *Turning the Mind Into an Ally*, will be held in the Sanctuary Friday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The newly released paperback (Riverhead Books) will be available at the talk. Son and dharma heir of Chögyam Trungpa, a pioneer of Buddhism in the West, the Sakyong is spiritual director of Shambhala International, a global network of meditation and retreat centers. \$10 donation requested at the door.

### **Quilting Group Welcomes New Members**

The Quilting Group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, at a new time, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We welcome new members or those who just wish to stop by once. Knowing how to quilt or sew is not a prerequisite ... we will even thread your needle before telling you where to put your stitch! We meet in the Longfellow Room (2nd floor), at A.S.C. For further info: Rose Kurland, 202-243-3184 or e-mail [rbkurland@aol.com](mailto:rbkurland@aol.com) or Kathie Shahan, 202-483-8284 or e-mail [kathie.shahan@usdoj.gov](mailto:kathie.shahan@usdoj.gov).

### **Exploring Religious Pluralism**

On Wednesday evenings, Jan. 28 to March 17, from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., the All Souls Adult Spiritual Development Program is offering *Exploring Religious Pluralism Within Our Community*. This course will provide brief introductions to some of the main spiritual traditions represented at All Souls (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Humanism, Islam, Judaism, Paganism). The emphasis will be on personal experience within these traditions rather than history and doctrine, and guest speakers will be announced for each week. Participants will discuss the differences and commonalities between these faiths and their relevance to the UU community. Reading for the course will primarily be from Huston Smith’s “The World’s Religions,” available at most bookstores including the UUA’s. We will begin the first week off and running with a discussion on Hinduism. For further information, contact the facilitators, Kat Liu ([kali8@mindspring.com](mailto:kali8@mindspring.com)) or Marcia Noble ([noble\\_marcia@yahoo.com](mailto:noble_marcia@yahoo.com)). The fee for this class is \$15, which goes towards church expenses. Scholarships are available for those in need.

## Beneath the Rhetoric: Theologies of Choice

How does our theology guide our decisions and beliefs on issues of family planning? How do religious people address the pro-choice/pro-life debate? What can we as people of faith add to deepen this discussion? Join the ASC Women's Task Force as we present Beneath the Rhetoric: Theologies of Choice- a panel discussion on the theology of reproductive choice. The Rev. Meg Riley will be moderating the event, which will include theologians and ministers from several religious traditions, including our own.

The panel will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 18. It will be the second event in a series at All Souls leading up to the National March for Women's Lives, which will be in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 2004. Watch the church bulletin for updated information including speakers and location.

## Planning Begins for All Souls Auction

The annual All Souls Auction is still several months away (mark your calendars for May 15), but it's already time to start the preparations. The first meeting is on Feb. 22 at 12:45 p.m. — please join us! The Auction is at once classy and boisterous, an event that draws our community closer together on that special night and throughout the year as connections are established between donors and the lucky bidders who win them. And we'll raise a pile of cash in the process — we're hoping to top last year's \$30,000. This is one of the major events of the church year, and it takes many people to put it together. We're particularly recruiting people who can help with our online database management and desktop publishing, but we'll also need plenty of hands to help with the less technical aspects of planning this event. Joining the Auction Committee is the perfect solution for those of you who

want to help out with something at church but fear long-term commitment — our

work will be over in just four short months! Even if you're not able to join us for our first meeting, it's not too early to start thinking about what you might donate (tennis lessons, theater tickets, hand-made jewelry, molasses cookies, wine-tasting



parties, you name it!). For more information, or to express interest, contact co-chairs Clair (clair\_null@yahoo.com) and Gail (perry\_gail@msn.com).

## Ahimsa Practices for 2004

We began the new year by launching Sunday Evening Meditations with a wonderful response. We gather at 5 every Sunday for Ahimsa Practices' moving meditation led by Peter Mosher and Ken Yamaguchi-Clark followed at 6 by Insight Meditation led by Hugh Byrne and Kevin Birrell of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington.

We are looking forward to more classes and Saturday workshops including:

Feb. 21: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: An Introduction to Taiji/Qigong practices and philosophy.

March 13: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Taiji/Qigong Foundation exercises and meditations.

April 24: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Qigong/Dao Yin Health Preservation system taught by Lin Lin Choy director of the Red Lotus Taiji/Qigong studio in N.H.

May 29: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Qigong/Dao Yin Locomotor system for muscular/skeletal health taught by Lin Lin Choy.

Ahimsa Practices are exercises and meditations that help relieve the body and mind of pain and stress and cultivate awareness and stillness to bring peace into our hearts and the world. Through Ahimsa practices we find skillful means to relieve suffering and gain understanding of ways to enhance the quality of our own lives and all souls around us. This includes study and discussion in community. Thus we will have Taoist-Unitarian-Buddhist (T-U-B) Study and Practice Circle meetings monthly after the Saturday workshops. We will share food for the body, mind, and spirit. If you are interested in any of this please let us know - write or call: ahimsaqi@yahoo.com or 202-332-5266, ext. 19.

## Ethical Dialog Discussions for February

Feb 1 "What is there beyond 'Community' in UU?"

Feb 8 Work Permits, Green Cards and Illegals.

Feb 15 A Living Wage: The Ethics of Exploiting the Exploitable. Presenter: Mark Fowler, Associate Professor of Philosophy, William and Mary

Feb 22 A Free Press? Or, a Biased One? The Ethics of Reporting.

Feb 29 Open Discussion

## Mental Illness Group Forming

A member is interested in starting up a group that promotes mental health in Washington, D.C., especially for people of color and those living off of Social Security for one or more mental disorders (i.e. manic depression or schizophrenia).

Suggested work of this group might focus on researching disorders (i.e. bipolar depression or post-traumatic stress disorder) or investigating the efficacy or use of various complementary therapies. It would furthermore be helpful to have the participation from people who possess either education or background in the mental health field or complementary therapies (for example: yoga, massage, acupuncture, naturopathy/integrative medicine, Reiki, etc.).

Contact Shelley Dryden to discuss this further, and plan our first meeting! You may call her at 202-248-9364 or e-mail her at smariedryden@hotmail.com.

## 2004 Canvass Update

by Carol Falk, Development Ministry Team

Many thanks to all who pledged for 2004 on Celebration Sunday in October and in the months since. So far we have 304 pledges totaling \$465,301, which puts us well on the way toward our budgeted goal of \$601,000 in contributions needed to support Church programs and operations in 2004. You will receive personal thank-you letters by early February. We apologize for the delay. After Celebration Sunday our focus shifted temporarily from 2004 to closing the contributions gap we were facing for 2003. (Final figures aren't yet in, but it appears we were largely successful.)

If you haven't had a chance to pledge, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. You may complete a pledge card at Church; the blue cards are available in the pews and also on the rack on the office door opposite the Harvard Street entrance and can be left either at the office or in the collection plates. If you have questions or want to discuss your pledge and don't want to wait to be called by a member of the Canvass or Development Ministry Teams, call Wes Bizzell or Joe Summerill at 202-237-6960 or Janet Randolph at 202-396-3182.

## Member News

Congratulations to **Jon and Jan Fetter-Gettes** on their recent marriage, and to **Jack and Selette Pearce** on the forthcoming marriage, in California, of their daughter **Gale**.

Congratulations to members **Kat Morgan & Daena Petersen**, who celebrated their tenth anniversary together in January.

Welcome home to **Aline Prentice** who has returned from Siberia because her mother had a serious fall.

We're delighted to hear that **Rob Wright** is safely home after quadruple by-pass surgery, and that **Caroline Fowler Smith's husband** is recovering.

We send sympathy to **Debbie McKnight** on the sudden death of her husband, and to **Pablo Benevenete** and **Melinda St. Louis** on the death of his younger sister.

We report with sorrow the deaths of Church members **Abbott & Wanda Washburn, Walter Hobby** and **Phil Barringer**. The latter was president of the board during Rev. Howlett's ministry.

## Scent-Free Request

For individuals who have problems with allergies and asthma, breathing in the smells of perfume, cologne, hair spray and aftershave is often difficult. While there are a few rows in the Sanctuary designated as Scent Free, this is not a perfect solution. Please try to refrain from wearing strong (although pleasant) scents in church. Thank you.



## Save on Fair Trade

Pssst. Word on the street is that All Souls fair trade coffee prices go up in March. You know, that delicious gig they got goin' on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. Tea and cocoa too. Even mugs! I'd stock up during February if I were you. And remember, this year the short month has five Sundays, so you'll need to buy three weeks worth on the 15th. Notice has been given!

## February Calendar

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- Feb. 18:** Beneath the Rhetoric: Theologies of Choice  
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- Feb. 15:** New Family & Kids Coffee  
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## Getting Started at All Souls

The Welcoming & Membership Committee invites those interested in learning more about and/or joining All Souls Church to the following sessions.

**Step 1 Introduction:** Join our minister, Rob Hardies, to learn more about UUs and the history of All Souls.

**Step 2 Orientation:** Those interested in joining ASC are invited to this three-hour session, where you will learn about spirituality and the All Souls community, and tour the church. Those who become members of All Souls can sign the book of members at this meeting.

**Step 3 New Member Ingathering Sunday:** New members are formally introduced and welcomed to the congregation during this special Sunday service.

All are welcome to attend these sessions. Attendance does not constitute a commitment to join All Souls. For more information, contact Nancy Gist at 202-544-0639, or [nancygist@netscape.net](mailto:nancygist@netscape.net).

**February Introduction:** 2/8 after church

Orientation: Sat. 2/21 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**March** Introduction: 3/14 after church

Orientation: Wed. 3/17 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Ingathering Sunday** March 28

### ALL SOULS

The deadline for *All Souls* is the third Friday of each month. Notices, articles and letters may be submitted anytime in manuscript or computer file form. Leave submissions in the newsletter box in the church office, or e-mail *All Souls* editor, Elizabeth Preston, at [elizabeth\\_mae\\_preston@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabeth_mae_preston@hotmail.com).

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# All Souls Unitarian Church Services

Services begin at 10:50 a.m.

**Feb. 1** *A Momentary Stay Against Confusion* Rev. Rob Hardies

When asked to discuss the traits of good poetry, Robert Frost commented that poetry should provide people with a clarification of their lives. "Not necessarily a great clarification," he said, but at least "a momentary stay against confusion." We gather together on Sundays to do just the same.

**Feb. 8** *Installation Sunday: Expecting Nothing* Rev. Emily Gage

One of my favorite phrases of Alice Walker is: "Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise." In *The Color Purple*, Celie writes of God or the world: "It always making little surprises and springing them on us when us least suspect." This morning we'll sing for joy and reflect on surprises. Rev. Gage is a UU minister in Joliet, Ill. and a friend of Rev. Goodwin's.

**Feb. 15** *Afraid of the Dark* Rev. Shana Goodwin

In many places the image of darkness carries with it a negative connotation. During the midst of winter, how might we see dark as a positive? How does the dark vs. light dualism keep us from embracing a more whole view of both?

**Feb. 22** *Giving Our Lives* Rev. Hardies

It seems like the saints and prophets get credit for paying the ultimate price for their cause: they gave their lives. But more important than dying for what we believe in is living for what we believe in. How do we give the best of our lives to the highest good?

**Feb. 29** *The Conspiracy Against Vulnerability* Rev. Hardies

Our culture conspires against vulnerability. From the national halls of power down to the private lives of individuals, it seems everyone projects toughness, invincibility, competence. Yet the reality is very different. Why this fear of revealing our vulnerability? What are the consequences of our denial?

## 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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