

# The Spirit of All Souls



## Slowing Down

Shana A. Lynngood, Acting Senior Minister

This is the time of year when all of us on staff are assessing how this church program year has gone. We look at our individual goals and where we are in terms of the larger All Souls mission and ends statements in an effort to gain some perspective. We frequently find that in the day-to-day busy pace of life at the church it is hard to keep the big picture at hand and harder still to feel balanced in our living.

As we enter the summer months it is a welcome opportunity and invitation to move at a more languid pace (who wants to move quickly in the heat and humidity of a DC summer, anyway?). I have spoken with many members frequently in my office about feelings of too full, too fast lives. I encourage you to see the summer not just as an opportunity for respite, but as a chance to reflect on what the pace and strain of a hurried existence do. Do you find at times that your quick pace leaves you at a loss to remember the sense of purpose and meaning in what you do? Do you spend enough time at rest or play with family and loved ones?

The moments this summer with family and friends on getaways or at backyard BBQs can serve as times of reflection on the pace of our lives. Take a journal with you and ponder how aligned your time is with what matters most to you. Make sure to carve out time for being as well as doing. May this summer be refreshing for us all. May we be grateful for times that nourish and sustain us in our living. Amen.

Blessings and thanks, *Shana*

## June Brings our Final Two Pulpit Guests

The Sabbatical Committee is gratified by the positive feedback we've received regarding the impressive roster of guest preachers we've had during Rob's sabbatical. They have challenged, flattered, energized, amazed and amused us. June brings our final two:

**June 3: Tara Brach, Ph. D** is the author of *Radical Acceptance—Embracing Your Life with the Heart of a Buddha* (Bantam, 2003.) She is founder and senior teacher of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington which sponsors meditation at All Souls on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm. Tara teaches Buddhist meditation at centers in the United States and Canada. A clinical psychologist, she has taught extensively on the application of Buddhist teachings to emotional healing. Many people in the All Souls community have attended her mesmerizing meditation class on Wednesday nights at River Road Unitarian. Her honorarium is provided by the Beckner Fund.

**June 10: Neil Chethik** is a UU from Lexington, Ky, and author of two books about men's lives: *VoiceMale: What Husbands Really Think About Their Marriages* (Simon & Schuster 2006), and *FatherLoss: How Sons Deal With the Deaths of Their Dads* (Hyperion 2001). He is a co-founder and past president of the UU Men's Network, a national organization of liberal religious men. He is married to the Rev. Kelly Flood, vice president of advancement for Starr King School for the Ministry. On Saturday, June 9 Neil is leading a couples workshop entitled, "Love for the Long Run" and after the Sunday service he will lead a men's workshop--a dialog between straight and gay men. Neil's expenses are underwritten by the A. Powell Davies Committee.

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

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**We're Beginning  
Two Services  
September 9,  
9:15 & 11:15!**



# Board Talk

from Janet Randolph, President, Board of Trustees

There has been ongoing buzz around ASC for some time about launching a capital campaign. At this time, we haven't set a date for launching a capital campaign; it's probably at least two or three years away. But the leadership of the church is taking positive steps toward preparing to expand our stewardship.

The Board of Trustees recently applied for and voted to accept a UUA Forward Through the Ages (FORTH) Demonstration Project Grant, which is a multiyear financial stewardship development program. In some of our healthiest congregations, stewardship is an attitude reflecting the way we live our lives. While fundraising emphasizes the need of the recipient, stewardship addresses our spiritual need to give. Stewardship is much wider than the narrow definition of fundraising. In healthy congregations, generous giving becomes an act of worship; including the joyful sharing of gifts, call, and spiritual vocation – recognition that giving is an investment.

During the term of this project, September 2007 – June 2010, All Souls will begin the journey of enhancing our stewardship and determining our potential readiness to launch a future capital campaign. There are five phases:

- Receiving and accepting – Learning to receive gifts, unapologetically
- Growing and investing
- Returning and restoring
- Giving generously
- Applying recent learnings

Each phase is designed to take approximately one church-year to complete, with some overlap. Each phase has five components: stewardship education, joyful giving, ministry and good works, the annual budget drive, and planned giving. Here are five helpful definitions:

- Stewardship education. Developing formal programs and informal opportunities to expand the congregation's understanding of stewardship.
- Joyful giving. Helping congregants discover their own personal generosity by focusing on the joy of giving, self-giving rather than self-serving.
- Ministry and good works. Promoting the programs and ministries of the faith community to depict the ways in which the mission is being fulfilled.
- The annual budget drive. Using stewardship conversations, Generosity Sunday, small gatherings or special events to gather financial commitments in support of the annual operating budget.
- Planned giving. Creating and maintaining an active program encouraging congregants to financially support the long-term fiscal stability of the faith community.

All Souls is a healthy, growing congregation that is on the brink of better understanding and expanding our stewardship; steps that will prepare us to launch a successful capital campaign in the future.

Best regards,

Janet (jlrascdc@gmail.com)



Oops! Wrong Tom—last month's article, *Task Force to Review Church's Bylaws*, incorrectly listed Thomas Hargrave as the author. That article was actually submitted by Thomas H. Fox.

# Social Justice Action

*from Rev. Louise Green, Minister of Social Justice*

## **Jazz and Poetry Benefit for ASC Social Justice Ministries, Friday, June 1**

Join us at the Potter's House, 1658 Columbia Road for an evening of original poetry, compositions and percussive madness from New York poet Golda Solomon aka "The Medicine Woman of Jazz," All Souls regular percussionist Tom Teasley, and saxophonist Saco Yasuma. Homemade dinner and desserts for sale at 7 pm. Show starts at 8 pm. The suggested donation of \$10 will benefit All Souls Social Justice Ministries.

## **What is WIN, Washington Interfaith Network, Up to Now?, Sunday, June 3, 1 pm**

For folks with any level of WIN experience, and those newcomers who would like to know more. Learn about All Souls congregational involvement in WIN affordable housing strategy city-wide, WIN Neighborhood Investment Fund politics, and monthly WIN negotiations with Mayor Adrian Fenty on the nuts and bolts of bringing policy into action. This session is to learn where we are as a Ward 1 team, and where we are going. This is also in preparation for a Monday, July 16 assembly in Ward 8 at Covenant Baptist Church. At this July event, Mayor Fenty will lay out his neighborhood investment strategy for WIN member institutions.

## **All Souls Social Justice Movie Tuesday, June 5, 6:30-9:00 pm**

Don't miss the showing of the HBO documentary "Ghosts of Abu Ghraib." Bring your bag dinner, watch the film, and discuss with other congregants. This compelling film shows the U.S. policy framework which made the abuses of the Iraqi prison Abu Graib possible, and gives voice to a number of military personnel who decided to say no. Come be inspired by those who took a risk in following their conscience. Special guests will be present from two area Islamic mosques to join in the dialogue. (Note: Date change from June 4.)

## **Sign up for the 7th Principle (Green Souls) Ride Share Program**

Want to reduce your carbon footprint and make new friends at All Souls? The 7th Principle (Green Souls) Committee is initiating a Ride Share Program so any member who commutes to church in a single occupancy vehicle may be able to find an alternative means of transportation through an electronic or hardcopy database of like-minded individuals. This database will list persons categorized by area, so someone who can provide or wants to receive a ride to church can contact members who live near them. The 7th Principle (Green Souls) Committee wants to emphasize that signing up for this program does not obligate you in any way (or at any time) to ride share. What we are trying to create is a flexible resource to connect people; whether you are interested in ride sharing every week, a few times a year, or anywhere in between, we want to give you the tools to reduce your impact on the planet and get to know a few new souls at church. To sign up, please contact Alex Hirtle at [ajhirtle@co.pg.md.us](mailto:ajhirtle@co.pg.md.us) or leave a message at 301-927-2105.

## **Incarcerated in Iran: An Iranian-American Scholar Is Unfairly Jailed**



Haleh Esfandiari was arrested in Tehran on May 8 and incarcerated in Evin Prison. While visiting her ailing mother last December, she was robbed of her passports by masked gunmen. Esfandiari was denied new travel documents and endured many hours of interrogation by the Ministry of Intelligence. Despite diplomatic efforts by countries, organizations, and individuals, Esfandiari was forbidden to leave Iran. Upon refusing to make a false confession, Esfandiari was jailed and remains imprisoned despite intensified efforts to secure her release. To learn more and sign a petition supporting her release, please visit [www.freehaleh.org](http://www.freehaleh.org) and [www.wilsoncenter.org](http://www.wilsoncenter.org).

# REviews

from Gabrielle Farrell, Director of Religious Education Ministries

## Appreciation and Recognition

On June 3, during the Story for All Ages, those who have taught in our children's Religious Education program will be recognized. These 35 adults spend a significant part of the year away from the Sanctuary and they do this both for their faith development and also for OUR children's. You are encouraged to join us in recognizing and honoring them on this day.



## Play Area Blessing



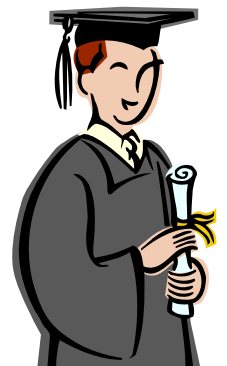
It took a year, but finally we are ready to open Phase One of the play area on the South Lawn. The play-set, generously donated by Bill, Minneh, Cynthia, Veronica and Gabe Kane, will open on June 3 after its blessing by the Rev. Shana Lynngood and Gabrielle Farrell.

It sits on a 9" bed of engineered wood fiber to cushion all falls (paid for by RE Shares offered at this year's Auction). The new border was designed, assembled and installed by the Keller/Jackson family. The Children's Choir will sing and light refreshments will be served.

We have added picnic tables, and benches as well as another play piece or two. The butterfly garden seeded in the old sandbox is coming along nicely and the RE program has plenty of ideas for using and beautifying the planter beds in cooperation with the Gardening Committee.

## High School Graduation Recognition

On June 17, those graduating from High School will be recognized in the service as we take this opportunity to mark this important life stage. No less important than welcoming children into our midst, is our congregational joy to congratulate them when they are older and have crossed this threshold.



Did you know that Gabrielle (gfarrell@allsouls.ws) can help if you have suggestions for inter-generational programming at the church?

# REviews cont.

## All Souls Church Picnic on Father's Day, June 17

This annual event, added back into the church calendar a few years ago, is sponsored in a partnership between the Silver Souls and Children's Religious Education Committee. It meets in Rock Creek Park, Grove 6 (right off of 16th street – follow signs) after church. (Note: This year the last RE classes of the year will take place in Rock Creek Park at 10:50 at this location – drop the kids and go to church).

Meat and veggie hot dogs and hamburgers are provided along with watermelon, condiments and paper products (all will be there by the time church is over). Folks are encouraged to bring something to drink, blankets and a dish to share – the food is always great!



The grove and our site are complete with some tables and a covered area in case of rain and BBQ – the site is quite large. A small shallow stream is nearby and provides lots of shade and a place for stonethrowers to engage. This year we will also provide sports equipment and perhaps a small child's moonbounce! The frisbees, bubbles, etc., will all be there as usual. It's fun for all and a great way to get to know folks that spend their church lives on different floors!

## One Room Summer RE Schoolhouse

*from Nikevia Thomas, RE Program Assistant*



Lions and tigers and bear--OH MY! ...and spiders too! This summer at our "one room" schoolhouse RE program we will use lessons from "Nurturing the Spirit-Nature Connection". The class will meet in the Longfellow Room and the class will follow a format not unlike the program which runs concurrent with the school year.

There will be a small worship service which will include story and prayer followed by discussion, community building and integrating environmental activities. We are using a curriculum specifically designed for a multi-age group. A principle of the program is to "learn about environmental stewardship by sharing information and exploration". Nikevia Thomas, the Religious Education Program Assistant will lead the class each week with help from one of our High Schoolers. Dates are still available so, sign up in the RE Office or email Nikevia, [nthomas@allsouls.ws](mailto:nthomas@allsouls.ws). Childcare with activities for children younger than Kindergarten will be offered by paid caregivers.



Did you know that Nikevia ([nthomas@allsouls.ws](mailto:nthomas@allsouls.ws)) can help if you are a congregant and wish to work in partnership with Religious Education on a project?

# Financial Page

from Darryl Clay, Director of Finance and Administration

## A (Not-So-Subtle) Friendly Reminder...

*Your Summer Planning Checklist*

- Go to the beach*
- Plant a garden*
- Travel abroad*
- Pay your pledge*

Let's face it, when summer arrives it's easy to forget about paying your pledge—either because you are away on vacation or because you brought your sunglasses to church in lieu of your checkbook. In any case, summertime can be a notoriously vexing season when it comes to sustainable Sunday collections.

In 2006, All Souls took a bold step. In that year, the church partnered with Parish Pay.

Parish Pay is a financial services company whose goal is to help churches reduce financial risks caused, in part, by the dreadful phenomenon known as “summer flight.” Their service enables congregants to give regularly and easily.

In fact, in the time it takes you to read this article, you can set up a personalized Parish Pay account. This account will allow you to make automatic pledge payments via credit card or automatic bank withdrawal. You can even select and modify your preferred payment frequency (eg, monthly, quarterly, etc).

And in case you're wondering, you pay NO transaction fees and will receive full tax credit for your contributions.

Today, nearly 190 All Souls donors use Parish Pay as their primary method of giving (that's 33% of total donors). This figure represents \$300,000 in “guaranteed” annual income and 30% of our current year pledge goal.

By July 1, 2007, we'd like to increase the number of participants to 250.

Here are three ways you can sign up for Parish Pay and, in turn, help us avoid another sluggish summer:

1. Go to <https://www.parishpay.com/donor.asp> OR
2. Call Stacey Cosey, Financial Assistant, at 202-332-5267 OR
3. Call Parish Pay at 866-727-4741

Have a wonderful summer and—as always—thank you for supporting All Souls Church!

Darryl



Did you know that Darryl (dclay@allsouls.ws) can help if you have questions about church policies, procedures, operations and contracts?

# Two Services Update

by Susan Ellis, Two Services Committee



In preparation for two services, progress is continuing on the refurbishing of the area formerly occupied by the Columbia Heights Youth Club and recruiting additional volunteers to support two services.

The Two Services Committee is working with the Executive Team of the church to insure that the refurbishment of the lower level continues despite the loss of the Building Manager who was to have overseen the improvements. The committee has secured bids and arranged to have painting and electrical contractors to do the work and will continue with the plan. Providing initial supervision will be Gabrielle Farrell (Director of Religious Education Ministries) who is serving in Rob's role while he is on sabbatical and then the supervision will be shared by the Executive Team members, as necessary, due to study leaves and vacation. Although this is not an ideal situation, the staff feels that it is a job within their capabilities and will allow the process to move forward. The refurbishment tasks are minimal and much is expected to be started prior to the end of June.

Other issues the Two Services Committee and other church committees are working on to prepare to move to two services on September 9 are:

## Volunteers

Joyce Palmer has been working on the recruitment of the additional volunteers needed to support two services in the areas of ushers, greeters, counters and lunch helpers and has implemented the "In CommUUnity" program in which everyone is asked to volunteer for four Sunday services a year. Information and sign-up sheets will be available in Pierce Hall on June 3. Additionally, plans are underway to support the lunch providers to insure there are enough lunch volunteers and to provide staff and volunteers to setup, serve and clean up food that will be available between the two services.

## Religious Education

Two services will allow the Children's Choir rehearsal to move to Sunday and help make it a more viable option for a larger number of families. Pre-registration of children has been going well and has assisted greatly with the planning and configuration of RE classes for two services. Teacher recruitment for both 9:15 and 11:15 has been very successful, with only 9 unfilled teaching slots to date.

We look forward to continued support from the congregation in filling the volunteer needs for two services.



Did you know that the Office Manager, Tracy Butler (tbutler@allsouls.ws) is a member of The Two Services Committee and can answer questions about Two Services?

# Group Affairs

## Book Discussion Group

by Nancy Simon

On June 10, at 4 pm, the Book Discussion Group will meet at the home of Nancy Simon to discuss *Democracy Matters*, by Cornel West. The Group will not meet in July or August. The book to read for Sept. 9 is *White Teeth*, by Zadie Smith. In the Fall, we will move our meeting time to right after the church lunch, about 1:30 pm, at the nearby home of Gretchen Goodrich or someone else who lives near the church. Beverages will be served, but no food. It is hoped that this change will appeal to new people. 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. Questions, including address of next meeting, email Denise Rathman at [djrathman@yahoo.com](mailto:djrathman@yahoo.com).

## Young Souls Bowling Night, Wed, June 20, 6:00 pm

by Grant Smith

Calling all Young Souls (18-35+)! Come out for an evening of bowling, dining and great fellowship! For more information and to receive an Evite invitation with more details about the event (including cost and location), please contact Grant Smith at [romerodep2@yahoo.com](mailto:romerodep2@yahoo.com) or (202) 421-5031.

## Summer Gardening Days at All Souls

by Meg Staines

During the Summer and Fall of 2007, there will be several opportunities for those who like to be outdoors, to help out with tending the flowers and trees around the church building and in the Courtyard. One Saturday per month a Gardening Day is scheduled for volunteers to come and work on the landscaping. Also, one weekday evening per month, there will be opportunities for smaller efforts such as weeding, watering, edging, planning, etc. The Saturday Gardening Days for the remainder of 2007 are June 2nd, June 30th, July 28th, August 25th, September 15th, October 20th, and November 17th, from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Weekday evening scheduled times for 2007 are Wednesday June 13th, Thursday July 19th, Thursday August 16th, Wednesday September 19th, Wednesday October 17th, and Wednesday November 14th, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. All are welcome. For more information, feel free to contact Meg Staines at [mstaines@starpower.net](mailto:mstaines@starpower.net) or (202) 238-0044.

Many thanks to those who participated in the April 14th Gardening Day, including Lou Avenilla, Lori Giblin, Nyota Immaculee, Eliza Klose, Jean-Claude Luhere, and Patricia Wojnas. No Gardening Days occurred in May due to an injury that kept me completely out of commission all month. In June, I will still be hobbling and weak, so I will be relying on everyone's patience and help in this effort and I thank you in advance for that.

## Chalice Lighters April Campaign

by Marion Connell

The Denominational Affairs Committee wants to thank all those who became "Chalice Lighters" during the April campaign. Eighty members and friends became new Chalice Lighters. This brings ASC's total membership up to 173, or 25% of the congregation. Your support will help grow our liberal religious faith throughout the region.

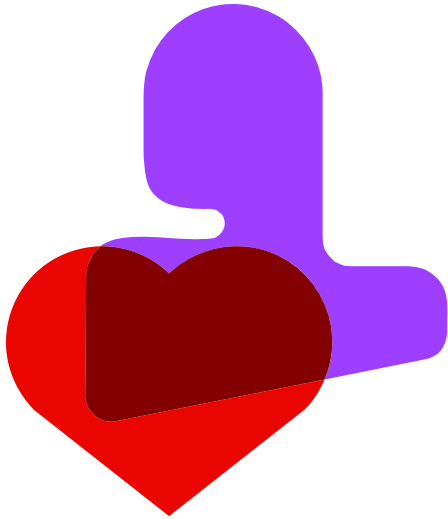
## JUUbilee: Saturday, October 13

All Souls will host a JUUbilee celebration for Unitarian Universalists in the Baltimore Washington region. On this day, Unitarian Universalists from around the region will join together in worship to celebrate the social justice legacy of A. Powell Davies and the last 50 years of UU growth in the region which he initiated. Members from 27 area congregations will join to honor and commemorate this rich past, and rejoice collectively in our faith and its future promise. Please mark your calendar now so that you can join us in song and worship, rejoicing as a united Baltimore Washington community. It will not be a complete JUUbilee without you! Details will follow in the coming months.

# Congregational Feedback

## Rev. Lynngood's Evaluation on Worship & Pastoral Care

by Rebecca Dalton



The Committee on Ministry is charged with evaluating our ministers every year. As part of the current evaluation, we invite you to share your brief and thoughtful comments about two *\*specific\** areas of Rev. Lynngood's ministry: *\*worship\** and *\*pastoral care\**. We'll use the comments to assemble a written evaluation. Your comments will always be kept confidential, although in some cases we may encourage you to speak directly to Rev. Lynngood in keeping with our Covenant of Right Relations.

When responding to the area of *\*worship\**, you might consider these questions: Are sermons interesting and/or relevant for you? Are they intellectually stimulating? Spiritually empowering? Do messages from services stay with you after you leave church? How so? What do you think of our communal prayers? What do you think of the stories for all ages? The child dedications? What would you suggest changing or emphasizing more? What other aspects of worship matter to you?

When responding to the area of *\*pastoral care and counseling\**, you might consider sharing a personal experience of Rev. Lynngood's approach to pastoral care. For example, you might describe her responsiveness during times of crisis, or her ability to provide empathy and support.

We need to hear from both new and long-time members, no later than June 25. Please contact the committee members listed below. Your contribution is important and appreciated.

### Worship

Claudia Liebler

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### Pastoral Care and Counseling

Rebecca Dalton

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Did you know that Rev. Lynngood ([slynngood@allsouls.ws](mailto:slynngood@allsouls.ws)) can help if you have questions or need information on Adult Spiritual Development courses or participation in covenant groups?

# About All Souls

## Prologue of All Souls

by Paul Pfeiffer

Shakespeare's "What's past is prologue" rings true at All Souls Church as our newly invigorated congregation forges forward into the 21st century. As we reach new heights, we remember the rich heritage of the great institution of which we are a part.

A dozen panel displays remind us through narrative and picture of All Souls history: its buildings, its treasures, its secrets, its symbols, its inspiration, its dedication.

The panels are on display in the 15th street Cloister opposite the Courtyard. They are shown on a rotating basis, usually two at a time for a period of several months each. Among the subjects covered are the Revere Bell, the Davies Bust, the Rieger Organ, the three church buildings, the Steeple, St. Martin's in the Fields (model for our building), the Hiroshima Children's Drawings and their Kanji Messages, and the history of the Flaming Chalice.

If you have an idea for a new panel subject or if you would like to prepare a panel yourself, your help is not only welcome but needed: call (202) 337-5637 or email paulpfeifferjr@verizon.net.

## Membership is Growing

from Joyce Palmer, Director of Membership & Lay Ministries

The Welcoming and Membership Committee is growing to meet the needs of our vibrant congregation. The Welcoming and Membership Committee is dedicated to welcoming visitors and guiding newcomers during their assimilation into our congregation. We provide information about Unitarian Universalism and All Souls Church through printed materials, informative sessions and classes, and one-on-one contacts with new members. Our goal is to help potential new members find their niche in our community, allowing them to be personally and spiritually enriched, and helping them decide if membership is right for them. In addition to newcomer support, the Welcoming and Membership Committee strives to offer support to current members; assisting in deepening member involvement and personal connections at All Souls Church by connecting members to volunteer opportunities and spiritual growth programs. The Membership and Welcoming Committee is also working toward establishing a "Shared Gifts Ministry," a database of personal profiles, skill sets and interests in helping to match members with involvement opportunities. The Membership and Welcoming Committee is seeking new members and will begin meeting to plan next year's activities. Our first meeting is Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30. If you are interested in the contributing to the work of the Welcoming and Membership Committee please contact:

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Veronica Triana [veronica triana@hotmail.com](mailto:veronica triana@hotmail.com)

Alberta Henderson [albertahenderson@hotmail.com](mailto:albertahenderson@hotmail.com)

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

### Step 1 Introduction

Join us to learn about Unitarian Universalism and All Souls Church, **July 15 and August 26 from 11:15 – 12:30**  
(Change due to summer hours)

### 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, **September 19 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

### Step 3 New Member Sunday

Members are formally introduced to the congregation during this special Sunday Service on **September 23**.

# In Community

by Molly Freeman

Congratulations abound: to **Russell Samuels**, elder son of **Vera**, brother of **Fred**, who received his Associate Graduate degree from Montgomery College, to **Brandi Walker** who received her master's degree in International Development, and to **Jenice View** who earned a tenured position in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University.

**Elizabeth Andrews and Ben Zitelli** were married in late April. We wish them many happy years together, and we're glad they're safely back from their honeymoon in Peru. **Brenda Barron** welcomed a new nephew, and was much involved in his and her sister's care. We're glad, too, to welcome **David and Cynthia Jickling** back from their long winter in their beautiful home in Antigua, Guatemala.

We wish for speedy recoveries for **Meg Staines**, who was run over and suffered serious breaks in her ankle and foot (her toes were saved by steel tipped shoes), to **Al Chambers**, husband of **Bettye**, who had an event with kidney stones complicated by monumental hospital inefficiency, to **Jean Porter** who had major surgery on May 21, to **Anne Marsh** who continues to suffer migraine pain, to **Emily Dyer** whose back is misbehaving, and to **Tom Hargrave** who had a bad spring cold.

We've learned this year that recovery is a family affair so we wish **Goldia and John Hodgdon** well as he recovers from a hip replacement operation, and we think of **Bob Wittig and Mike Giordano** as the latter continues chemo for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Our loving thoughts are with **Clarence Davenport** who is now in hospice care for pancreatic cancer. His birthday is this month and we wish him well on that day and every day.

We're sorry to learn that **Ken Langer's** mother has broken her hip and that **Brenda Barron's** mother has been ill. **Meredith Higgins** reports that her mother, **Ellen Moore**, is adjusting to nursing home care, singing, cracking jokes and is much beloved by the home's staff.

Our loving sympathy goes to **Barbara Corprew** on the loss of her aunt, and to **Teresa Svart** on the death of her grandfather.

We report with sorrow the death of long time member **David Scott**. David was an active member of Wayfarers, an early environmentalist and a loyal supporter of All Souls.

## 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.

**Summer Building Hours**  
**Sunday, July 1 (9:50 am Service)**  
through  
**Sunday, September 2**

- **Sunday**—8:00 am – 1:00 pm
- **Monday—Wednesday & Friday**—10 am - 6 pm
- **Thursday**—10 am - 9:00 pm
- **Closed Saturdays**

Normal hours will resume Tuesday, September 4



## JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

**June 3 • “Radical Acceptance: Embracing Your Life with the Heart of the Buddha” • Rev. Tara Bach**

**June 10 • “Fathers and Sons: The Surprising Bond” • Rev. Neil Chethik**

In honor of Father's Day next week, UU author Neil Chethik pulls back the veil on the powerful and often mysterious connection between fathers and sons. Based on his original research for his book, *Father-Loss*, Neil explores how fathers (and other men) shape boys, and what mothers (and other women) can do to support boys as they grow into men. Neil's stories will touch and inspire.

**June 17 • “The Importance of Nurture” • Rev. Shana Lynngood**

On this Father's Day and Juneteenth we'll explore what we need from those who care for us in order to thrive and grow. Where can our freedom take us when it is grounded?

**June 24 • “No Equal Opportunity Disasters” Environmental Justice Sunday • Rev. Louise Green**

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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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