

April 2018

# All Souls News

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## **April Services**

### ***Worship Service starts at 11 a.m.***

*Children and Youth are dismissed during the service for Religious Education.  
Nursery care is available during Adult RE (9:15 a.m.) and till the service ends.*

**April 1** - It's Easter Sunday, and we welcome back Rev. Barbara Jarrell for our Easter Service and Communion. While reflective of our Christian roots, this service is also reflective of the fact that our Christian roots are Universalist, and thus is open to and inclusive of all, without regard to theology or affiliation. An Easter Egg Hunt for the children and the continuation of the Plant Sale will follow the service.

**Board Persons of the Day: Cindy Mandarino and Nicki McLain**

**April 8** - "The Right to Go to Hell" by Jim McCollum. 70 years ago, on March 8, 1948, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down an 8-1 decision in favor of Vashti McCollum vs. the Board of Education of Champaign, Illinois. Mrs. McCollum, an atheist, objected to so-called "voluntary" classes in religious instruction in her young son James's elementary school. She objected on the grounds that they were not only inappropriate for public school, but also that they were not voluntary at all, considering that the children who did not wish to participate were ostracized by their peers and even coerced by their teachers to attend. Justice Hugo Black wrote the majority opinion, and the American Unitarian Association was one of several religious groups supporting the decision. We are honored to welcome Jim McCollum to our pulpit today to talk about this historic decision, still all too timely in many ways, from the eyes of the child at the center of it.

**Board Persons of the Day: Jeff Gauger and Cindy Mandarino**

**April 15** - Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning.

**Board Persons of the Day: John Allen and James Peck**

**April 22** - This is Earth Day, and this morning's service is a celebration of our place in the interdependent web of all existence, and our responsibility to all life with which we share that home. **Board Persons of the Day: Phil Boswell and Bennett Upton**

**April 29** - Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning.

**Board Persons of the Day: Nicki McLain and Alice Normand**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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# Membership Matters

## Newcomers Welcomed to Information Session

The Membership Committee will be facilitating an Information Session following the church service on April 15. These sessions are held monthly to provide visitors and guests with a better understanding of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We will watch a

short video from our Boston Headquarters providing some history of our movement with a focus on our Principles and Purposes that we Covenant as a Denomination. Questions are encouraged and a sharing of spiritual growth journeys is welcomed as we get to know each other

in a safe and supportive environment. Should you have any questions regarding Membership, please see me in the church foyer or give me a call.

Thanks,

Ron Thurston  
Membership Chairman  
318-300-9509

## Volunteer of the Month – Bob Jordan

This month, the Board unanimously selected Bob Jordan as Volunteer of the Month for April. Once again this year, he donated his time and immense talent to provide us with a great early St. Patrick's Day celebration. Teaming up with Jim Huckabay and Sandra Odom, he played a great selection of Irish, Scottish, and American songs for a party where the Guinness flowed and even the nun in attendance gave her blessing!

We are always grateful to Bob for all he does for the church, all the time, from providing his great tenor voice and True North pitch to the choir (seriously, Bob, we drift way worse when you're not there!), to the many ways he shares his generous spirit, whether working regularly at the Highland Blessing Dinner, helping out at Building and Grounds, or furnishing rides to several of our members at times when they've been without transportation. In past years, he has served on the Board, on the Worship Committee, and has taught Religious Education. He is also a trained facilitator of the Alternatives to Violence Project and has co-facilitated several workshops at the church.

This year, our St. Pat's party was a week early since Bob and Jim had a gig at the Port Grill on St. Patrick's Day. I was glad to see several of the Souls show up for that, and I encourage all of you to get out and hear our resident musicians when they play around town. Thanks again, Bob, for all you do and all you are!

## DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS April 2018 & Beyond

**6-8 April 2018 Men's Retreat U-Bar-U Camp (near Kerrville TX).** Come and enjoy fellowship in the Texas Hill Country. Rest, relax, enjoy delicious meals and use the time as a break from your normal routines and schedules. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Josh Snyder (First UU Church of San Antonio) who brings his unique set of experiences to the retreat to facilitate spiritual growth and community building. For more information, go online to [www.ubaru.org](http://www.ubaru.org).

**13-15 April 2018 Women's Retreat U-Bar-U Camp (near Kerrville TX).** This will be a weekend with no responsibilities other than to be your own true beautiful authentic self. This is a weekend where you can deepen your relationship with old friends and also build new friendships. This is a weekend to sing, meditate, dance, take a walk in the hill country, visit the labyrinth or do whatever else your spirit needs. Rev. Erin Walters will facilitate this retreat. For more information, go online to [www.ubaru.org](http://www.ubaru.org).

**25-27 May 2018 Louisiana YRUU Youth Rally (Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge LA).** This date is tentative. For youth ages 14 to 18. For more information, contact the church office.

**20-24 June 2018 UUA General Assembly (Kansas City MO).** For more information, go online to <http://www.uua.org/ga>

*Submitted by Steve Caldwell, Denominational Affairs*

# REsources for REsistance

*"Our Unitarian Universalist communion shares roots in all of our springtime celebrations. and in our own history of struggle for religious freedom."*

Spring is here...it finally, maybe, really is here, and on Easter morning, as in many of the congregations of the Christian church where we have our roots, we will celebrate communion. As in many of those churches as well, ours is an open table, open to all – all religious paths and none, all ages, all people. As the name suggests, our communion celebrates our community.

At this time of year, we as Unitarian Universalists honor the holidays of three traditions we embrace as a part of our history and as a part of our faith now, through our six sources: The word Easter comes from the Earth-Based celebration of the Goddess Ostara, who felt guilty one year when she was late bringing back the spring, and so she brought back to life a poor, frozen bird, only she could not restore his gift of flight, so she made him a lightning fast rabbit, who could still lay eggs, if only once a year. Modern Pagans celebrate her holiday as one of their Sabbats, which usually includes a ritual meal of cakes and ale.

The Jewish celebration of Passover honors the journey of Moses and the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. The journey is celebrated each year in Jewish households and congregations with a ritual meal known as the Seder.

Jesus himself was a Jew, and though probably not yet as ritualized and structured as the Seder, the Last Supper he ate with his disciples was the Passover Meal. When we look for the common thread here, we find the idea of new life, whether it's new life coming up from the Earth, a new life of freedom in the Promised Land, or the new life promised in the resurrection of Christ, which our Universalist forebears maintained was meant for all, regardless of belief or lack thereof. However we may celebrate, and whatever ideas we may have about all the stories, we see them played out in nature and in our own lives, every day and every year. In some way or another, we must all experience ends that bring new beginnings, and leave behind an old life for the freedom of a new one, even when that is not an easy thing to do.

In present day America, the people so valiantly try-






ing to lead us to a new life of freedom are our youth. Refusing to let death have the final word, they are marching, organizing, and soon they will be *voting* for their very lives, and the lives of all young people, who are sick and tired of the death toll not only from mass shootings, but from the day-to-day brutality of gun violence in cities where that has become the norm. I could not be more proud of Ash McLain and his companions who organized and spoke at the recent March for Our Lives, and I know that sentiment is echoed by many members of our congregation who were there that day.

So, our Unitarian Universalist communion shares roots in all of our springtime celebrations, and in our own history of struggle for religious freedom. Our Flaming Chalice has its deepest roots in that struggle and in the celebration of communion. The original chalice symbol, first designed by Hans Deutsch for the Unitarian Service Committee, was inspired by the early Czech Christian reformer, Jan Hus. Hus spoke out in defense of an open communion table, in a time when communion was only for the priests and such protestations were cause for execution. The Flaming Chalice became a symbol of his movement...the chalice for the communion ritual he sought to open to all, and the flame to honor those who had lost their lives at the stake in the cause of religious reform. Much later, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the chalice lived into its legacy of freedom as a symbol stamped onto forged passports to help Jews and other refugees escape Germany and other nations in the grip of the Third Reich. We can honor our Jewish, Christian, and Earth-based Sources and the power of their stories as we celebrate our own evolving, Living Tradition.



*By Susan Caldwell,  
Director of Lifespan Religious Education*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Easter / April Fool</b> <b>9:15AM Adult RE</b> <b>11AM Worship/RE</b>  1:30PM LTA 5PM Course in Miracles	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6PM Together Tuesday Under the Texas St. Bridge  7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5PM Support Group 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner 5:45PM Yoga	<b>6</b> 7PM Game Night  	<b>7</b> 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
<b>8</b> <b>9:15AM Adult RE</b> <b>11AM Worship/RE</b>  1:30PM LTA  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	<b>11</b> 5:30PM Choir	<b>12</b> 5PM Support Group  5:45PM Yoga	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>9AM to 1PM Building &amp; Grounds Work Day</b> 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF  
<b>15</b> <b>9:15AM Adult RE</b> <b>11AM Worship/RE</b> <b>12PM Newcomer Session</b> see pg 2  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM—Board Meeting  7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	<b>18</b> 5:30PM Choir	<b>19</b> 5PM Support Group  5:45PM Yoga	<b>20</b> 7PM Game Night  	<b>21</b> 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF ritual
<b>22</b> <b>9:15AM Adult RE</b> <b>11AM Worship / RE</b> <b>12PM Newcomer Info Session (Page 5)</b>  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	<b>25</b> 5:30PM Choir	<b>26</b> 5PM Support Group  5:45PM Yoga	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF 7 PM Annual Gala
<b>29</b> <b>9:15AM Adult RE</b> <b>11AM Worship / RE</b>  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>30</b>					



## 2018 Pledge Drive

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## Easter Plant Sale

Easter Sunday,  
April 1, 2018  
Before and after  
the service



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## All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Hosts Annual Gala and Silent Auction

Largest Fundraiser of the Year Invites Public to Enjoy Live Music, Food, and More

(Shreveport, Louisiana, April 2, 2018)

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church is pleased to announce their Annual Gala and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 6 to 10 p.m.

The church's largest fundraiser of the year will be held at the church, 9449 Ellerbe Road. Live music will be provided by Jim Huckabay and Sandra Odom. Exceptional items will be auctioned off in both live and silent auctions and include gift certificates, art, event tickets, and much more.

The theme for this year's event is "Buy Buy Birdie," inspired by the beloved 1963 musical. Attendees are encouraged to dress to impress – poodle skirts, saddle shoes, cardigan sweaters, and wingtip shoes.

Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door and are available for purchase Sunday mornings before and after the 11 a.m. church service or by calling the church office at (318) 868-3313. Raffle tickets are available for \$1. Raffle tickets include a free Strawn's pie, potted plants from Lex's Plant Farm and Akin's Nursery, and more.

At present, All Souls is home to a variety of ministries, including religious education for children and adults, Eastern meditation, and many social groups. All Souls also provides a meeting place for many area groups, including Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith, support groups, Louisianans for Prison Alternatives, Ár nDraíocht Féin, Louisiana Trans Advocates, and more.

Originally founded by an interfaith couple, All Souls has been home to liberal religion in Northwest Louisiana for more than 70 years. All Souls continues to affirm and promote core principles, such as the inherent worth and dignity of every person. All Souls believes that we need not think alike to love alike.



# Annual Gala & Silent Auction 2018

A Benefit for All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

Saturday, April 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. at 9449 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, LA, 71106

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