



All Souls News

A newsletter for the members and friends of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Shreveport, Louisiana

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JULY SERVICES

Worship Service starts at 11 a.m.

*Children and Youth are dismissed during the service for Religious Education.
Nursery care is available during the service.*

July 3—Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit. *Board Persons of the Day* are Melissa Gibson and Diane Bundy.

July 10—This is **Artist Sunday**, an All Souls annual tradition in which every element of the worship service is some kind of artistic performance, and we also feature a visual art show and sale in the Religious Education Wing. The visual art show and sale opens at 10 a.m., the service is at the regular time of 11 a.m., and the visual art show and sale continues after the service until 1:30 p.m. Please join us for this very special service, featuring our members and some very special friends. *Board Persons of the Day* are Jocelyn Lanham and Jax Schmidt.

July 17—**Companions for the Journey.** Join us for another installment in our well-loved series of Member Reflections, this one featuring **Jennifer Russell, Neill Normand, and Ron Thurston** sharing their personal spiritual journeys, how they came to All Souls, and why they stay. **Cherie Groves Moussaoui** is our Worship Associate this morning. *Board Persons of the Day* are Eric First and Jax Schmidt.

July 24—**Rev. Barbara Jarrell** returns to the pulpit. *Board Persons of the Day* are John Allen and James Peck.

July 3—**Alan Prater** is our guest in the pulpit this morning with **"The Contemplative Journey."** Alan is a teacher of the Christian meditative practice of Centering Prayer, having been commissioned as a teacher by Contemplative Outreach. Centering Prayer is both a relationship with God or Spirit and a discipline by which to develop that relationship. *Board Persons of the Day* are Nicki McLain and John Allen.

Reincarnation Workshop Offered by Local Mentors

If you're curious about reincarnation, Suzanne Peyton and Gary Tiemann, LCSW will share their experiences with you at "Reincarnation: The Journey of Our Soul" at All Souls on Saturday, July 16 from 2 to 5 p.m.



Suzanne Peyton



Gary Tiemann, LCSW

Peyton is a Shreveport author whose groundbreaking book, *Virginia's Diary*, details her discovery and evidence that she is the reincarnation of her great-grandmother. Her story is so compelling that Hollywood filmmakers are in conversation with her about telling her story. She will be available after the workshop to sell and sign copies of her book.

Tiemann is a local psychotherapist who has been in private practice for more than 25 years. He has been teaching colleagues about the history and evidence of reincarnation for the past five years. His presentation will include a theoretical framework for understanding the role of reincarnation in our emotional and spiritual lives.

If you would any questions or need to reserve on-site child care for the event, please contact Susan Caldwell at (318) 465-3427 or dre@allsoulsuushreveport.org.

Admission to the workshop is \$10 at the door. All proceeds benefit All Souls.

Submitted by Susan Caldwell, DLRE

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FROM THE MINISTER

A Prayer for All after Orlando

By Rev.

Barbara Jarrell



For my newsletter article this month I've decided to use something I wrote earlier.

Following the Orlando shooting several of the local LGBTQ nightclubs and organizations organized a vigil that we held on the Caddo Parish Court House steps on June 15.

I was asked to provide the closing prayer. At the event, I added a little that seemed important in the moment, but I don't remember what that was—except somewhere near the end I think I said "Grant us peace." So, here is the prayer as it was initially written.

I love you all and am grateful for who we are in this community.

Before that from which all life has unfolded and all that is loving has sprung let us lift our thoughts in prayer.

God of our hearts and many understandings, we are grateful for the capacity to love one another.

Because caring for others opens us to the pain of the world, our hearts go out to all who have been effected by these far too numerous losses.

We pray that all who are bereft and mourning

might come in time to find comfort. We pray that somehow, some way these horrible events may come to have meaning for creating a world more fair.

God, we have gathered this evening with an aching in our spirits for a time we can see, a time we can feel to the depth of our beings though it has not yet arrived:

— A time when the world will be a place where justice lives, acceptance is the standard;

— A place in which love has at long last cast out fear so that every heart beats free from fear;

— A time that fear finds no soil for its cultivation, its subsequent violence, confusion, loneliness and desperation.

We are humbled by how little we know and how short is our sight.

Though we understand the arc of the moral universe is long, we know, too, that it bends toward justice.

Still we hunger to know when.

We would seek now the vision and fortitude to go forward in its service—with strength to rise above the reactive impulses that may come so easily in times like this.

We understand that no balanced individual commits such atrocities.

No one whose path is born of deep understanding and that love that holds life together will choose violent, hostile, aggressive acts as their primary or preferred course of action.

So we pray that those filled with hatred and fear may find light, hope, and the guidance that would lead them back from that abyss.

May we hear your call to higher Good—to what is beautiful, precious, and true.

May each of us here tonight live into ever greater compassion, and more profound understanding of those unlike ourselves—those who may well not understand us.

May we stand always with the courage to speak the truth guided by love, the courage to act for justice grounded simply, solidly, solely in the sacred principles of love.

May this be enough!

Finally.

Enough to make that critical difference.

Holy Mystery and Maker, grant us peace.

As we go from this place may the seeds of change sprout before us.

May freedom ring and echo through every street, in every community, and every land.

May it be so. Blessed be. Amen.

All Souls is a
Welcoming
Congregation.



Tackling Tax Fairness: News and Events from Interfaith

Interfaith leaders recently joined with other leaders of Together Louisiana to attend a historic meeting of the Board of Commerce and Industry, the first ever to be attended by a sitting governor.

Since 1936, the Board of Commerce and Industry has reviewed and approved tax exemptions for the state of Louisiana. They approve exemptions in four categories, 1. Quality Jobs, 2. Enterprise Zones, 3. Historic Preservation, and 4. Industrial Tax Exemptions; they have essentially been a rubber-stamp board for the latter.

Although tax incentives can be an important part of encouraging a state's economic development, Louisiana's exemptions are by far the most generous in the nation, and the Board has been operating with no oversight, accountability, or follow-through. Worse yet, the local cities and parishes in which the industries locate have had no right of approval over the exemptions that most directly affect them. This has resulted in billions of dollars of losses to local governments, hospitals, schools, libraries, etc., with very few jobs created in return. A detailed parish-by-parish report on these losses is available now at www.togetherla.com.

In the course of their research, Together Louisiana organizers and leaders discovered the passage in the constitution that created the board, which includes the phrase that the exemptions are granted "with the approval of the Governor." Governor Edwards has decided to be the first Louisiana governor to exercise that right of approval, so he has issued an executive order that includes a right of review and approval not only for himself, but for local authorities in the affected areas. Corporations seeking exemptions will also need to provide a realistic assessment of the number of jobs to be created, and to be accountable for those jobs. This was the first major victory in Together Louisiana's Tax Fairness Campaign.

What can you do to help?

Sign the Tax Fairness Petition: You can get a copy at All Souls or sign online here: <http://tinyurl.com/zfpq2sy>.

Attend an Interfaith training session on teaching our new Civic Academy on Tax Fairness: The first such training session will be Saturday, July 9th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Church for the Highlands, 520 Olive St. in Shreveport. Then help us brainstorm groups to which we can present it!

Attend the July Interfaith Leaders' Meeting: Thursday, July 21, a lunch meeting from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Location TBA.

Submitted by Susan Caldwell, DLRE



More than 70 Together Louisiana leaders from around the state celebrate at the Board of Commerce and Industry after Governor Edwards issued an executive order bringing common-sense reforms to Louisiana's industrial tax exemption program.

Building & Grounds Work Day



Saturday,
July 23

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All ages and abilities
encouraged to
participate!

Highland Blessing Dinner

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church co-hosts the Highland Blessing Dinner on the first Thursday of every month. On months with five Thursdays, all sponsoring churches are asked to send volunteers.



The intent of the meals is to serve individuals and families who may "fall through the cracks" of social services. Currently, more than 120 meals are being served each Thursday.

Volunteers are needed to host tables, serve, and help in several other capacities—but the cooking is already done.

Sign up with Susan Caldwell or just show up at the Highland Center, 520 Olive Street, at 5 p.m.

Upcoming Meal(s): July 7 and August 4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY						
					1 7PM Game Night	2 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
3 11AM Worship / RE 1:30PM LTA 5PM Course in Miracles	4	5 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	6 5:30PM Choir	7 5PM Support Group 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner 630PM New Thought Group	8 4-6PM Visual Art Submission Deadline for Artist Sunday	9 9AM-3PM Board & Council Retreat 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
10 11AM Worship / RE ARTIST SUNDAY 5PM Course in Miracles	11 10AM-2PM SBC Homeschool Curriculum Sale 5:45PM Yoga	12 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	13 5:30PM Choir	14 5PM Support Group 6:30PM New Thought Group	15 7PM Game Night	16 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF
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31 11AM Worship / RE						

All Souls Seeks Visual Artists, Musicians, and Writers for Artist Sunday

Once a year, All Souls hosts a worship service in which every element is a form of performing art, whether song, instrumental music, dramatic reading, dance, and sometimes even magic, Tai Chi, belly dancing, and hula hooping. No two years are ever the same. We draw on

the talents of our members and friends, adults, children, and youth.

The service also includes a visual art show and sale in the Religious Education Wing.

Visual artists interesting in displaying and/or selling their work, can download the Submission Form avail-

able at www.allsoulsuushreveport.org/forms/2016ArtistSundaySubmissions.pdf. Direct questions to Melissa Gibson at melissainkdesigns@gmail.com or (318) 550-1296.

Performance artists, please contact Rev. Barbara Jarrell at (318) 393-5952.

Join Fellow UUs for 'The Point'

24-29 July 2016 "The Point" Family Summer Camp (formerly the Southwest UU Summer Institute or SUUSI) Hulbert, OK: The Point is five days of UU covenant, community, and relaxation on the shores of Fort Gibson Lake in Oklahoma.

Here you will find opportunities for personal growth, faith renewal, learning opportunities, spiritual practices, community worship, music, excellent cuisine, sustainable practices, social gatherings, outdoor activities, programming for all ages and interests, and an engaging theme speaker.

The Point offers programming for all ages – children, youth, young adults, and older adults. This year's theme speaker is Rev. George Kimmich "Kim" Beach, a UU minister who has served congregations in New York, Massachusetts, Texas, and Virginia. He is also the author of several books on Unitarian Universalist theology and ethics.

AND—our own **Susan Caldwell** is on staff at the event.

For more information, visit www.thepointuu.org.

Submitted by Steve Caldwell, All Souls Denominational Affairs Committee

Phil Boswell Named July's VOM

The Board is pleased to announce **Phil Boswell** as July's Volunteer of the Month. Phil is a dedicated member of the All Souls Choir. He recently acted as worship associate for the Father's Day Service and, along with **Abbas Moussaoui** and **Ken Peterson**, planned the service.



In years past, Phil has whipped up some stellar pancakes for church breakfasts. When is that happening again, Phil?

He has also served on the Board of Directors and on the Nominating Committee.

Thanks for all you do, Phil. [#bringbackthebeard](#)