

All Souls News

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October 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.*

October 1 – The Blessing of the Animals. Our annual celebration of the animal companions with whom we share a home in the interdependent web of all life. This is the Sunday that our members and friends are invited to bring their four-legged, furry, finned, or feathered friends into the sanctuary for the worship service. Most of the animals are amazingly well-behaved for the service, and some even sing along with the hymns! We do require that you bring your pets either on a leash, or in a carrier, as even the most docile animals can be unpredictable in strange circumstances. The service also includes a memorial candle lighting for the pets we have loved and lost. If your pet prefers to stay home and be blessed from afar, feel free to bring a photograph or stuffed animal, and in fact, any child's beloved stuffed animal is absolutely entitled to be blessed in its own right!

Board Persons of the Day: James Peck and John Allen

October 8 – Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning. *Board Persons of the Day: Bennett Upton and Nicki McLain*

October 15 – We are pleased to welcome Caddo Parish Commissioner **Mr. Lynn Cawthorne** as our guest in the pulpit this morning. *Board Persons of the Day: Phil Boswell and Juan Villarreal*

October 22 – Fine and Flawed, Proud and Problematic A service focused on our Unitarian Universalist Identity and heritage, the proud and not-so-proud moments of a faith often at the forefront of racial justice movements throughout history, and yet only recently confronting the ways in which this same tradition has been complicit in white supremacy culture. From the time of slavery to the Jim Crow era to the present day, this honest look at our growing edges is part of the #uuwhitesupremacyteachin, Part II *Board Persons of the Day: Nicki McLain and Cindy Mandarino*

October 29 – Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning.
Board Persons of the Day: James Peck and Alice Normand

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All Souls is a
Welcoming
Congregation.



FROM THE MINISTER

By Rev.

Barbara Jarrell



The Art of Transformation

As our Bearers Of Light and Tradition have been pointing out for the last few weeks, we are in our season (pillar or dedicated 6-8 week period) of focused study on Unitarian Universalist Identity. The lofty ideals that we (and the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations) refer to as our Seven Principles call us to the challenging work of perpetually moving toward a more compassionate, just, and understanding world. Transformation of the world around us can spring from deep commitment to those uncommon virtues and capacities. Our hope is to be a community in which we all inspire one another to continue the journey with clarity, heart, and the deep peace of knowing we are in concert with the direction and power of an ever-unfolding universe.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind us all of several things some of which I touched on this past Sunday.

Unitarianism in America was to a large extent predicated on a belief that the human qualities of one who led an uncommonly influential life, Jesus of Nazareth, proved we were not born into utter depravity but were capable of becoming exceptional, even superlative beings. This was called Salvation by Character. We were not

freed from responsibility for the quality and goodness of our lives but rather had it lain at our feet because we were understood to be capable of such quality and goodness—not perfection, but beauty and transforming love.

Our Universalist for-bearers were not trying to separate us from confidence in the Eternal goodness and love of the universe but from fear of it.

Over time we have learned that we can look to other examples that prove this human capacity for goodness—Gautama Buddha, Gandhi, Their lives therefore encourage and instruct us toward mastering what is admittedly truly rare, but nevertheless both more possible and more needed.

I want to share some cobbled excerpts from Krista Tippet's book Becoming Wise An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living. (Krista was the Ware Lecturer and our 2016 UUA General Assembly.) Sharing insights gathered from John Paul Lederach (globally esteemed conflict resolution and transformation practitioner) Tippet writes: “people, ... have transformed conflicted realities across time and continents, new realities ... envisioned and brought into being before and beyond... [catastrophic] cathartic point[s]—patiently, doggedly, over years and dec-

ades—by a new quality of relationship in small, unlikely groups of people.... [T]hey represent different places on the societal spectrum and embody divergent passions and perspectives. But they see the dead end of the polar opposite conflict in which their lives have become enmeshed, and they step out of fear and into care.” He calls them “yeasty” groups that transform realities and here are qualities they have in common: they refuse to accept a dualist approach---us against you; they are armed with love and courage. Reaching out to enemies, embracing complexity, creativity, and risk add up to moral imagination in action.... They are artists.

Each day may we with intention recommit ourselves to the art of Beloved Community. May we each find the Spirit of Life supporting us to courageously embody compassion beyond our experience and thus transform an aching and desperate world.

Yours in ever-evolving faith.

Barbara

REsources for the REsistance

“Because we don’t know what we don’t know...”

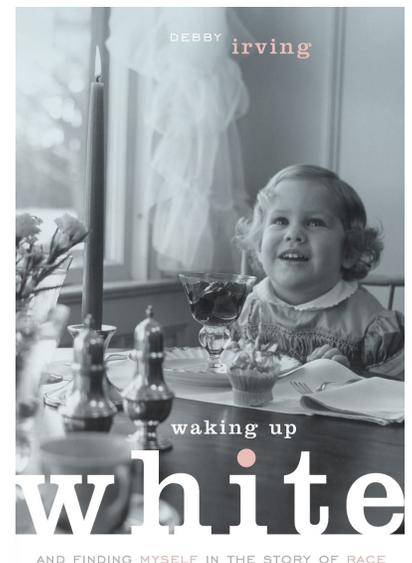


By Susan Caldwell,
Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Welcome back to the newsletter! After a four-month hiatus, we’re grateful to Rovena Windsor for agreeing to take it on. Rovena volunteers every Tuesday in the office. As the Board meetings are now on the third Monday, we’re setting the newsletter deadline for Tuesday of the following week at 10 a.m. (Most months, that will turn out to be the fourth Tuesday.) We’re grateful as well to Melissa Gibson for the years she has spent as editor, and for the beautiful design template she has created for us in the process. Melissa is now finding other ways to be active in the church, currently bringing her vast creative energies to teaching all year in the Middle School/ High School class.

As I write this, we are currently in our first pillar of the Religious Education year, Unitarian Universalist Identity. We’re at an exciting time in our movement right now, having just elected the first woman president of the UUA, the Rev. Susan Frederick Gray, at this past summer’s General Assembly. Throughout the Association, we continue to explore the paradoxical history and current status of Unitarian Universalism around the issue of race. Part II of the #uuwhitesupremacyteachin is coming up on October 15 and October 22. On the 15th, all of our religious education classes will be dealing with the topic in age-appropriate ways, and on the 22nd, we will revisit the theme in our worship service. In light of recent conversations and controversies around our local Confederate monument at the courthouse, and NFL football players taking a knee in protest of injustices to their less privileged brothers across the country, the topic remains acutely relevant.

As Unitarian Universalists, we, too, continue to grapple with our own complicity in white supremacy culture. In our Sunday morning Adult Religious Education classes, we’ve almost finished our common reading of *Waking Up White*, Debby Irving’s very honest account of her own journey from bystander to ally in the fight for racial justice. Because we don’t know what we don’t know, the awakenings can be constant, and we are bound to make clumsy mistakes along the way. Therefore, one addition to our class covenant has been a challenge to “welcome discomfort,” to sit with it, to stay in the difficult conversations, and to learn and grow from the difficult situations. It is hard work, but it is holy work, and the only way we move forward as a congregation, and as a community.



TEACHERS STILL NEEDED – We are still in need of Religious Education teachers throughout the church year. In the next pillar, Jewish and Christian heritage, which begins on October 29, we still have one vacancy in the 2nd-5th Grade class with Sam Normand. Sam is experienced with the class and is staying with them throughout the year, so this would be a great partnership opportunity for a first-time teacher. Check the chart in the social hall or online at <https://tinyurl.com/y95wgxop> for other openings throughout the year.

If you have been a member or regularly attending friend of the church for 6 months or longer, you are eligible to teach religious education. You do **NOT** have to “know everything” in order to teach. You receive a curriculum that you can use like a “cookbook,” or embellish with your own creative ideas. Many people who teach religious education say that it is one of the best ways to learn more about Unitarian Universalism.

Northwest Louisiana Archaeological Society Meeting

October 12, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Red River Wildlife Refuge

150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112

Free and Open to the Public!

Scanning Caddo: 3D Scanning, Modeling, Inspection, and Analysis

Robert Z. Selden Jr., Ph.D., R.P.A.

Research Associate

Center for Regional Heritage Research

Stephen F. Austin State University

This presentation is focused upon the collection, post-processing, inspection, and analysis of three-dimensional (3D) scan data. While the production of 3D scans has signaled the completion of projects in the past, recent developments have demonstrated that 3D data can be used to better characterize those attributes associated with the shape, form, allometry (size), and asymmetry of artifacts. Those scan data used in this presentation include the Belcher Engraved and Smithport Plain Caddo bottles from the Belcher and Smithport Landing sites in Northwest Louisiana. These Caddo bottles were scanned at Northwestern State University and the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. Funding for this project comes from a grant by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.



Membership Matters

Newcomers Welcomed to Information Session

By Ron Thurston,
Membership Committee



The membership Committee will be facilitating an Information Session following the church service on October 8. These sessions are held month-

ly to provide visitors and guests with a better understanding of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We will watch a short DVD 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 encouraged 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

DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS Oct 2017 & Beyond



6-8 October 2017 Mobile Area YRUU Youth Rally (Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, Fairhope AL). For high school youth ages 14-18. Information provided via SW District Youth Advisor Facebook Group. For more information, contact the church office or go online here: <https://sites.google.com/uufm.org/rally>

20-22 October 2017 U-Bar-U Women's Retreat (U-Bar-U Camp - near Kerrville TX). The cost for the weekend is \$130.00 if you register by 1 October 2017 and \$140.00 afterwards. The cost for Saturday only (no overnight stay) is \$65.00. For more information, contact Sheri Phillabaum, dlre@uusat.org, 210-344-2431. To register, go online to ubaru.org.

3-5 November 2017 Heart of Texas YRUU Youth Rally (First UU Church, San Antonio TX). For youth ages 14 to 18. For more information, contact the church office.

3-5 November 2017 U-Bar-U Men's Retreat (U-Bar-U Camp - Kerrville TX). The costs for this retreat is \$125.00. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Mark Skrabacz. For more information, contact Sheri Phillabaum, dlre@uusat.org, 210-344-2431. To register, go online to ubaru.org.

10-11 November 2017 Southern Region Fall Conference (First Unitarian Church, Dallas TX). For more information, go online here:

<http://www.uua.org/southern/calendar/region/tx-southern-region-fall-conference?month=2017-11>

12-14 January 2018 Gulf Coast YRUU Youth Rally (Emerson UU Church, Houston TX). For youth ages 14 to 18. For more information, contact the church office.

Submitted by Steve Caldwell, Denominational Affairs

Volunteer Opportunity

St. Luke's Medical Services, a non-profit agency delivering medical care and outreach to disadvantaged adults and children in Northwest Louisiana.

They are seeking relief drivers for our medical van. Must be able to drive a 33-foot van. Hours vary both weekday and weekend, usually 3 to 4 hours max. Clinics in the city as well as surrounding parishes. We serve homeless, poverty level and rural populations including Spanish speaking neighborhoods. Also, we need office help with scanning and filing and would be overjoyed for some computer expertise. Hours are flexible, pleasant staff, no pay but great rewards. To volunteer, call Betty Johnson at 424-0156 or 518-5343.

For more information, speak to Earlene Venable, an All Souls member.

World Religion Day

The Planning Committee for the annual World Religion Day is having its first meeting and pizza night on Tuesday, October 10th, at 6 PM. Our host will be B'nai Zion and their address is 245 Southfield Rd, Shreveport, LA 71105.

The Committee will meet the second Tuesday of every month through February. Meetings are open to all who wish to be part of this event. If you have ideas but can't make the meetings, please contact Susan Caldwell or Rovena Windsor so they can present your ideas.

A Good Source of Activities for Various Ages

Looking for a new skill or new knowledge? Want to hang out with new people? Try your local library system.

Activities at Shreve Memorial Library System include Genealogy workshops every Wednesday night from 4 until 5:30 PM and Chess Club for ages 5 yrs. and up as well as for all skill level. Activities at the Bossier Library, there is Crafty Monday for kids 6 yrs. to 12 yrs. and Legal Shield Presentation. Bossier Parish Library System has an excellent History Center, for more information on this you could ask our own Pam Carlisle.

For more information and opportunities, visit Shreve Memorial Library at <http://www.shreve-lib.org> and Bossier Parish Library at <http://www.bossierlibrary.org>.

From the Editor

Just wanted to thank Melissa for the great job she has been doing with the newsletter and for the opportunity to continue her work. Thank you to everyone for contributed to this issue.

If you have an idea or an article you would like to see in the newsletter, please pass it on to me. I can't give you a guideline as to the length I need as that will vary with each issue. Send it in and I will adjust it if I need to. The sooner you get it in the better chance I have of using it. You can't send it in too early. You can send it to the church office or to me directly at rovenawindsor@gmail.com.

Volunteer of the Month— Nicki McLain

For the month of October, the Board has chosen Nicki McLain as our Volunteer of the Month. Nicki has stepped up to teach several pillars of Religious Education, and facilitated the 2nd-5th Grade class's bake sale last year to benefit the Red River Wildlife Refuge. She has also been a willing substitute in RE classes and in the nursery.

In addition to her RE contributions, Nicki is serving her second term on the board, having stepped up this year to follow bravely in the footsteps of former treasurer Melissa Gibson. She brings thoughtful mind, a big heart, and a willing and generous spirit to all that she does here

Try Yoga at All Souls

All are invited to join Valarie Loridans for yoga on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. at All Souls.

Bring a mat, if you have one, otherwise Valarie has a few loaners. Class fee is "by donation."

Valarie began her yoga journey in 2007 and is eager to share its benefits with others.

"Yoga has changed my life, strengthened my body and calmed my mind. I have a strong desire to share with others the healing benefits of yoga," Valarie said.

She has attended numerous workshops on yoga and completed a 200-hour Yoga Alliance teacher training with Ally Ford.

She considers yoga a remarkable tool for building a sense of sharing and support among friends and family, and loves to watch others grow, finding strength and balance through yoga.

Valarie also teaches at Aspire Yoga Studio.



Give Away the Plate

All Souls "gives away the plate" on the last Sunday of every month.

Give Away the Plate recipients are selected by the Board of Directions.

Do you have a suggestion? Contact your favorite board member with the name and mission of your selected charity.

Building & Grounds Work Day



Second Saturday of
Every Month

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): Oct 5 and Nov 2

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 9:15AM Adult RE 11AM Worship/RE 12PM Newcomer Info Session (Page 5) 1:30PM LTA 5PM Course in	2	23 6PM Together Louisiana Under the Texas St. Bridge 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	4 5:30PM Choir	5 5PM Support Group 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner (Page 7) 5:45PM Yoga	6 7PM Game Night 	7 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF	
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15 9:15AM Adult RE 11AM Worship / RE 5PM Course in Miracles	16 6:00 PM—Board Meeting	17 7PM Committee on Ministry 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	18 5:30PM Choir	19 5PM Support Group 5:45PM Yoga 7PM Interfaith Leaders' Meeting NOW fundraiser set up in the Social Hall	20 7PM Game Night NOW fundraiser set up in the Social Hall 	21 8 to 1 NOW fundraiser in social hall and parking lot 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF	
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Upcoming Interfaith Events

Large Meeting with Caddo Parish School Board Members

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. , St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Statewide Meeting with Governor John Bel Edwards

Thursday, October 26, 11 a.m. — 4 p.m., University Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA

A Taste of Interfaith Sunday, November 5, 4—6:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Shreveport