



All Souls News

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

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Worship Service starts at 11 a.m.

Children and Youth are dismissed during the service for Religious Education.

Nursery care is available starting at 10:45 a.m.

Activities for Children and Youth will be available during Adult RE.

September 7 – Rev. Barbara Jarrell is back from summer vacation and study break. *Board persons of the day are Ken Peterson and John Ratcliff.*

Adult Religious Education Begins September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

September 14 – Homecoming Service. As the new church year gets underway, we come together to celebrate milestones in our congregation and to welcome back all who have been away, whether for a week or for years. We will have a New Member Ingathering and give special recognition to our members who have reached the 25-year and 50-year mark. Come home to All Souls, even if it is for the very first time! *Board persons of the day are Kathy Osuch and Bennett Upton.*

September 21 – To be announced. A guest speaker will join us. A Newcomer Information Session will take place after the service. *Board Persons of the Day are Bob Jordan and Amanda Lawrence.*

September 28 – “Reproductive Injustice.” Our very own **Melissa Gibson** is in the pulpit. Her sermon explores religious grounds for supporting reproductive rights. *Board Persons of the Day are Melissa Gibson and Eric First.*

Celebrate Phil and Sarah Boswell as September’s Volunteers of the Month

Every group has to have its power couple, right?

A pair that seems to manifest everything that group stands for; the epitome of what is valued and revered.

Admittedly, UUs are a pretty egalitarian group, not prone to holding any person or persons above any other.

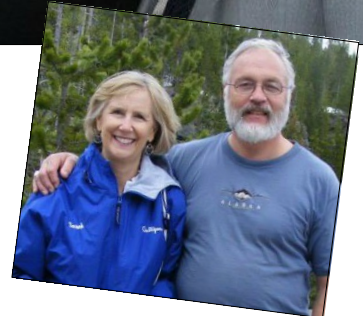
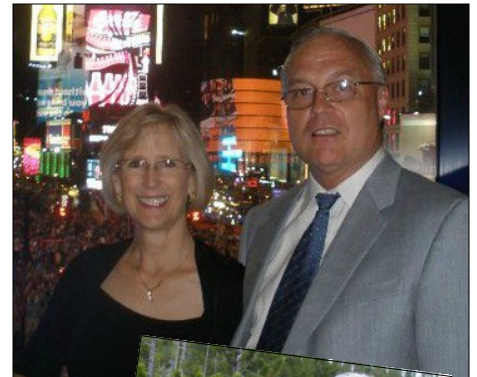
But seriously, sometimes you just have to give credit where credit is due.

Take the Boswells as an example. Well, more than an example. They're who I'm talking about. Specifically. They're the power couple. There's very little in our church that Sarah and Phil don't have a hand in. Potlucks, choir, beard growing (Phil, not Sarah), Building & Grounds Work Day, teaching Religious Education, worship services, having the cutest granddaughters ever, and overall just being awesome and cool in a distinctly UU way.

They do all that. Seemingly effortlessly too. Which is more than deserving of the title of Volunteers of the Month for September and the extremely convenient parking space which is the paltry compensation thereof.

That'll also make it easier for everyone to crowd around their car next time they arrive at church and take pictures and shout intrusive questions, like they're UU Kardashians.

Submitted by John Allen, Communications Committee



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church presents ...

ANNUAL GALA & SILENT AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6 TO 10 P.M.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

www.allsoulsuushreveport.org

COSTUME PARTY

LIVE MUSIC

PHOTO BOOTH

DINNER & DRINKS

More details to follow.

Want to help? Contact Annual Gala & Silent Auction Chair Kathy Osuch at (318) 861-6729 or at kjosuch@aol.com.



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**October Newsletter
Deadline is Tuesday,
September 23 at 8 p.m.**

CLASSES → PILLARS & DATES ↓	PreK/K-1	2nd through 5th Grade	Middle School/High School
UU Identity Aug 24 to Oct 5 Intergen Oct. 12	1. Diane Bundy 2. Sarah Boswell	1. Eric First 2. Megan Bennett	1. Rovena Windsor 2. Ron Hagar
Jewish and Christian Heritage Oct. 29 to Dec. 14 Intergen Dec. 21	1. Jocelyn Lanham 2. Melissa Gibson	1. 2.	1. Pamela Carlisle 2.
World Religions Jan. 4 to Feb 15 Intergen Feb. 22	1. 2.	1. Leigh Anne Chambers 2. Jocelyn Lanham	1. Josh Chambers 2.
Peace, Social Justice and the Interdependent Web Feb 22 to Apr 5 Intergen April 12	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Personal Spiritual Growth and Development Apr 19 to May 25 Intergen May 31	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.

All Souls Welcomes Back The Basic Enneagram Workshop

The Basic Enneagram Workshop is pleased to return to All Souls on September 19 and 20. The workshop is a valuable tool for getting to know yourself and those around you a little better. The word “Enneagram” comes from the Greek word for “Nine” (ennea) and “Points” (gamma).

The Nine Points of the Enneagram offer us a better understanding of what motivates our behavior, an opportunity to examine our triggers and the places where we might get “stuck,” and direction for integrating our three energy systems of head, heart, and gut.

The team consists of three members with a variety of skills and training. **Maria O'Brien** is a Jungian-based psychotherapist and Certified Spiritual Director living and practicing in Fredericksburg, Texas. She is the author of *Beyond the Castle Doors: A Quest for the Holy Grail*. **Matt Woollett** is an Episcopal priest and retreat leader for Men's Spiritual Matters, based in New Iberia. **Peggy**

Hamiter is the administrator for Enneagram for Life, LLC, and a workshop facilitator.

Register by picking up a form in the foyer to fill out and mail or turn into the church with your check for \$85 made out to Enneagram for Life. Lunch is provided on Saturday.

If you prefer to pay over the phone using Visa or MasterCard, 868-3313 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Please note that All Souls will charge a \$5 credit card processing fee. Submitted by Peggy Hamiter and Susan Caldwell

Flying Spaghetti Monster Benefit Dinner



Believers and non-believers alike are invited to a Pastafarian Dinner in the Social Hall on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.

This month we will be exploring the traditions of the Pennecostals.

Need more info? Contact Bennett Upton at (318) 553-7321 or trollgrr@gmail.com.



Pledge Committee is dusting off for the 2015 Pledge Drive.

Anyone interested in helping out, please see Pledge Committee Chair Bennett Upton.

He is available at (318) 553-7321 or via email at trollgrr@gmail.com.

CORNER OFFICE WITH A VIEW

Join Us for Adult RE Starting September 14



By Susan Caldwell,
Director of Lifespan Religious Education

In keeping with our Unitarian Universalist Liturgical Year, we've returned to the beginning of the church year when we focus more closely on the history, heritage and values of our own faith. Our first Adult RE class of the year, Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning September 14, will be a study of the this year's UUA Common Read: *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square* by Paul Rasor. Rasor writes of the need to reclaim the prophetic voice of liberal religion rather than letting the media continue to ignore our message in the interest of framing a simplistic culture war between the "secular left" and the "religious right." History teaches us a different story, for the voice of liberal religion has been a powerful force in every social justice movement that has shaped our nation and brought it, step by step, a little closer to its ideal of "liberty and justice for all."

With all of the issues facing us at present, and the threat of losing ground on so many of the advances we have made, our call to prophetic witness – to speak out as a people called by faith to address the injustices of our time – is louder than ever.

The good news, as James Luther Adams has told us, is that "...the resources (divine and human) that are available for the achievement of meaningful change justify an attitude of ultimate optimism." Rasor supports this with the good news that we are stronger than we realize, and have more allies than we realize. Come and join us to learn more.

"From its beginnings, American religious liberalism has included a prophetic dimension oriented toward social justice. This prophetic impulse is rooted in the tradition of the Biblical prophets, who called society and its leaders to account for injustice, especially on behalf of its poorest and most marginalized members. Religious liberals affirm a vision of a more just society and a religious obligation to speak out against, and work to overcome, conditions that interfere with fulfilling this vision."

- Paul Rasor, *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness*

The children and youth have already begun their pillar on Unitarian Universalist Identity, which resurfaces in every lesson throughout the year as we move through the other four pillars, Jewish, and Christian Heritage (because the roots of our faith are planted in the early Christian church and shaped by the Jewish tradition that gave it birth); World Religions (because we have found wisdom from many traditions that inform and enrich our experience of our own); Peace, Social Justice and the Interdependent Web (because the prophetic women and men who've come before us inform and inspire our own quest for justice, and the fragile Web we share on this planet

needs our care and attention); and finally, Personal Spiritual Growth (because a personal spiritual life and practice may take a different shape for each of us, but is important for all of us). As you probably know by now, we have returned to our original schedule for

Worship and Religious Education, at 11 a.m. in which the children and youth will attend the first 15 to 20 minutes of the service, and will then be dismissed to their classes. We will continue to have services for the whole church to worship together at the end of each Religious Education pillar, and for some of our holiday celebrations. I'm grateful to all the people who have signed up to teach this year, several for the first time. Please thank them when you see them, and talk to them about why they have chosen to serve the church in this way. Then take another look at the chart and think about the pillar topic and age group that would most interest you. Remember that we teach what we most need to learn.

FROM THE MINISTER

Rev. Barbara Jarrell's is currently away on her summer study break. Her column From the Minister will reappear in the fall.



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): September 4




Building & Grounds Work Day

Second Saturday of
Every Month
September 13
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All ages and abilities
encouraged to
participate!



Sun  SEPTEMBER	Mon 1 LABOR DAY	Tue 2 OFFICE CLOSED	Wed 3 8 PM Barbara Jarrell at Noble Savage	Thu 4 5 PM Highland Bless- ing Dinner 5 PM Support Group 	Fri 5	Sat 6 10:30 AM Medita- tion 3 PM ADF
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Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith presents ...

CANDIDATE accountability NIGHT

Invited Guests: Mayoral Candidates, School Board Candidates, U.S. Senate Candidates

An Accountability Meeting is not a forum. Several other organizations are presenting forums, and those are valuable, but this event is a little different. Candidates are not invited to speak at length on the questions, but to answer “yes” or “no” to specific questions about whether or not they will work with Interfaith. They have 30 seconds per question to elaborate on their answers, and then they are given 2 to 3 minutes at the end of the questioning period to lay out their vision for the community. We hear personal stories from people affected by those issues. **TURNOUT IS VITAL.** Please attend and encourage your friends to do so!

Work on an Action Team Preparing for this Meeting: Agenda—This team will plan the agenda and create the questions for the meeting. Media Team—Will make contacts and meet with television, print and online media for coverage. Turnout Team—Will work to get 500 leaders from 35 institutions. Contact Team—Will set up meetings with candidates prior to the event. Get Out the Vote Team—Will target precincts where we want to have neighborhood walks, and use phone banks to increase voter turnout.

Thursday, September 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Paradise Baptist Church, 1706 Hollywood Ave., Shreveport