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# All Souls News

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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 during Adult RE (9:15 a.m.) and till the service ends.*

**Sep 1 - "Someone Else's Truth"** Rev. Barbara Jarrell is back in the pulpit this morning.

**Board Persons of the Day: Rebecca Tuggle and Earlene Venable**

**Sep 8 -** Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning. Following the service, we'll have our **End of Summer Swim Party and Potluck** at the home of Kathy Osuch and Mike Roberts.

**Board Persons of the Day: Ernie Cowger and John Allen**

**Sep 15 -** Our Homecoming service, featuring tributes and gifts to our 25-year and 50-year members, a look back at the history of our congregation, and a look ahead to our future.

**Board Persons of the Day: Rebecca Tuggle and John Allen**

**Sep 22 -** Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning. A Newcomer Information Session will follow the service.

**Board Persons of the Day: Earlene Venable and Bennett Upton**

**Sep 29 - Blessing of the Animals** Just before the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on the Christian calendar, we celebrate the Blessing of the Animals here at All Souls. Members and friends are welcome to bring their pets right into the sanctuary for this service. We do ask that you keep your pets on a leash or in a carrier, as even the most docile animals may behave unpredictably in strange circumstances. However, our experience has been that once the service starts, most of them are remarkably well-behaved. A lot of them like to sing along on "All God's Critters," too! This year, we look forward to our speaker from WERLA, Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation of Louisiana.

**Board Persons of the Day: Bob Jordan and Ernie Cowger**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**is Tuesday, Sep 24th**

Early submissions are  
always welcomed

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All Souls is a  
Welcoming  
Congregation.



# RResources for the RResistance

## *“Love is the Doctrine of This Church...”*

You are finishing it in your head even as we speak, aren't you? The weekly repetition over the years, or even the months or weeks, has settled it into your bones. Next time we are saying our Unison Affirmation together in worship, watch the children, even some of the littlest ones who've been coming for awhile. A few weeks ago, I watched some children who were maybe on their third or fourth visit, already reciting the affirmation without looking at the Order of Service.

*Love is the doctrine of this church,*

*The quest for truth is its sacrament, ,*

*And service is its prayer.*

*To dwell together in peace,*

*To seek knowledge in freedom,*

*To serve human need,*

*To the end that all souls shall grown into harmony with the sacred,*

*Thus do we covenant with each other.*

Repetition is vital to learning, and ritual is vital to a child's spiritual development. This fall, as we turn our focus to our Unitarian Universalist Identity, the children and youth will be taking apart the Unison Affirmation to dig into the meaning behind the words they say every week. If Love is our doctrine, what does teaching that doctrine look like? What is a sacrament, and why would we compare that to our free and responsible search for truth and meaning? If service is our prayer, is prayer also our prayer? How and whom do we serve? Does service ever look different from what we might imagine?

What does it mean to “dwell together in peace?” Does it mean that we never experience conflict or disagreement, or does it mean that we find ways to resolve our conflicts that do not end in harm or violence in action or language? And if we can do that within our walls, how do we then carry that out into the world? In what ways do we serve human need, and what does it mean to a Unitarian Universalist to “grow into harmony with the sacred?” What, indeed, is “the sacred?” These words of our covenant are not rules, for rules come from some top-down authority, and are often non-negotiable. . Like all the covenants we make, in our small groups, our classes, and our congregation, these words we say each week are sacred promises we make to each other about the way we will be together. We should say them not as a rote recitation, but as more of a meditation, with open hearts and an awareness of the connections we are making with the people around us.

The affirmation is credited to an early 20th Century Universalist minister, the Rev. L. Griswold Williams, who included it in his 1933 collection of readings for worship. However, various versions of the affirmation are said to have been in use in congregations prior to that publication, so its original authorship is possibly uncertain. **Want to be part of this great learning experience? One of the best ways to learn is to TEACH, and we are still in need of more teachers for this pillar. Regular classes start on SEPTEMBER 8! Email [dre@allsoulsshreveport.org](mailto:dre@allsoulsshreveport.org) or text 318-465-3427.**



By Susan Caldwell  
Director of Lifespan Religious Education

# Membership Matters

If you are a newcomer to All Souls and you are interested in membership, come to our next newcomer session, immediately after church on **September 22**. There you'll have a chance to talk with

staff and lay leaders about the benefits and responsibilities of membership. If you are so inclined, you can sign the Steppingstones Book, which is an indication of your intent to explore member-

ship. Then for the next 30 days, you can attend services, talk to members and staff, read, and discern if you have found a home here. Still not sure after 30 days? Take all the time you need.

## Upcoming Denominational Events...Long-term planning version...

**8 April 2024 Total Solar Eclipse (Multiple locations including U-Bar-U Camp near Kerrville TX).** No details yet but we expect that U-Bar-U Camp will be hosting an eclipse watching event at their camp. Mark this on your calendars and plan ahead. For more locations, check out the interactive Google Map showing other eclipse viewing locations (courtesy of NASA):  
<https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2024Apr08Tgoogle.html>

*(Submitted by Steve Caldwell – All Souls Denominational Affairs Committee)*

**First Tuesday Book Club** meets at 6:30 in home of Kathy Osuch, 318-658-1107. Books to include philosophy, theology, ethics, history, other non-fiction topics as chosen by members. Y'all come!

**Louisiana Trans  
Advocates  
Monthly Support  
Meeting**

*Every 1st Sunday at 1:30 p.m.*



### *Volunteer of the Month – Mike Roberts*

At its August meeting, the Board unanimously selected Mike Roberts as September's Volunteer of the Month. Mike takes a special interest in a lot of projects around the church grounds, and takes initiative to research the most economical ways to accomplish them. He often gives of his time on Building and Grounds Days, and also on regular weekdays to meet repair people when the staff is unavailable. And while Mike serves as the paid sexton for weddings, funerals, and other special events, he always goes above and beyond to make our renters feel welcome and reassured on some of the most important days of their lives. Thanks so much, Mike, for all you do for our faith community!



## Coming in October! *All Souls Fall Plant Sale*

*Start looking around your house  
and garden to see what you can  
contribute. Date TBA!*

### **Religious Education Calendar 2019-2020**

*Final dates of each pillar indicate multigenerational services.*

**Unitarian Universalist Identity** Sept. 1– October 20

**Jewish and Christian Heritage** October 27– December 22

**World Religions**—January 5– February 16

**Peace, Social Justice and the  
Interdependent Web** February 23– April 19

**Personal Spiritual Growth  
and Development** April 26– May 31 (Affirmation Sunday)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 GREEN BAG SUN.</b> <b>NO ADULT RE</b> <b>11AM Worship</b>  1:30 PM LTA  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>2 Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> 6PM Together Tuesday  6:30 PM 1st Tuesday Book Club	<b>4</b> 5:30PM Choir	<b>5</b> 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner	<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</b>  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6PM Dinner & Discussion Group	<b>11</b> 5:30PM Choir	<b>12</b>	<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</b>  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30PM Choir  7:00 PM—Board Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Interfaith Leaders' Meeting	<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</b> <b>12:30 PM Newcomer Session</b> 5PM Course in Miracles	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6PM Dinner & Discussion Group  Newsletter articles submission deadline	<b>25</b> 5:30PM Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30 AM Meditation  3PM ADF
<b>29 Pick Up Green Bags</b> <b>9:15AM Adult RE</b> <b>11AM Worship</b>  5PM Course in Miracles	<b>30</b>					
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