

April 2019

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 7 - As we begin the celebration of **Climate Justice Week** throughout the UUA, we are delighted to welcome **Frances Kelley** back to our pulpit for a service focused on this most critical issue facing our planet

Board Persons of the Day: John Allen and Cindy Mandarin

April 14—"How Beautiful" Continuing our celebration of Faith Climate Action Week, we present a service in celebration of Earth, lifting up the essential truth that taking care of our home also means taking care of each other. The service will feature a new member signing and a special musical presentation with guest musicians, including Alan Dyson and George Hancock.

Board Persons of the Day Bennett Upton and Ernie Cowger

April 21—Easter Sunday Our annual Easter service includes words and music that celebrate the common thread of New Life that is woven through the spring holidays of the Christian, Jewish, and Earth-based traditions. The service includes an optional communion ritual that is not tied to any particular theology, but celebrates community and our caring for each other, and is open to all. **We will have an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service. See details on Page 6.**

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April 28 = Rev. Barbara Jarrell is in the pulpit this morning, as we turn our focus for this season to our own Personal Spiritual Growth.

Board Persons of the Day: Bob Jordan and Earlene Venable



We're Gonna Sit at the All Souls Table

All Souls at Pride, Saturday, April 13

Setup from 9-11 a.m. / Event from 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

Breakdown/loadout from 4-5 p.m.

We need help at all shifts! Text Susan at 318-465-3427!

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All Souls Bids Farewell to Hazel Martin

We are deeply saddened to mark the passing of an era at All Souls. Hazel Martin passed away on Sunday, March 10, in Raleigh, North Carolina. In our sadness, we also feel deep gratitude for all she has meant to our congregation. Although she joined the church before there was a membership book or a database, her best guess was that she had joined in 1975, though it may have been earlier than that.



Throughout the years, Hazel was an active, supportive, and pivotal part of the All Souls community. For years she was a regular Religious Education teacher, and in 1994 was one of the teachers who collaborated on the beautiful quilt that now hangs in the office. She was also an active Unitarian Universalist at the district level, and for a number of years attended the Southwest UU Summer Institute (SWUUSI, now The Point) as well as several General Assemblies. She was an ardent feminist, a staunch defender of LGBTQ rights, and a politically active progressive. A teacher by profession and a lifetime learner, in early 2000, Hazel pioneered the Eastern Religions Group, which later became the Book Group, which later became the Great Questions Group, which later became the Ted Talks Group, which finally became the Tuesday Night Discussion Group.



For as long as she was able, Hazel hosted the group in her home and it was one of her great joys. She was also a devoted member of the Sisters of Miriam during the years that that women's group was active, and she participated in Sunday worship, the Brown Bag Discussion group and other Adult RE offerings for as long as she was able to come up to the church. She loved live music, and often showed up at the Noble

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anywhere that Barbara, Bob Jordan, or any of her favorite All Souls musicians were playing. When she was no longer able to get to church, the discussion group continued to meet in her home, and, along with Hazel's son Chris, were a big part of helping her remain in her home for as long as she was able to do so.

Hazel's sons, Chris, Larry, and Noel ("Bud") will have a memorial service for their mother here in Shreveport on Saturday, April 27 at 3 p.m.



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It's Really Happening: I'm Leaving

At least for the summer.

As far as I know, Barbara and I will both be furloughed for the summer months, or at least I know that I will. (There is some discussion as to whether or not summer is the best time to furlough Barbara, since it's usually her vacation.) Budgetary constraints at the church are such that this was the Board's decision, and though another budget meeting is scheduled for May to determine if this drastic measure is still necessary, I haven't received word of any financial miracles and I realize we have to plan as if it's happening.

And by "we," I mean YOU.

You see, part of the work of summer is planning for summer, and if I'm not being paid to work in the summer, then we would not be in covenantal right relationship if I were to plan activities for the months I am not being paid. Therefore, I'm sending this same message via email and Messenger to a group of people who usually lead summer activities, and maybe you are one of those people, but I'm also looking for someone who hasn't led a summer activity before, but who might have an idea we haven't thought of yet. As many of you know, our summer Religious Education session is more relaxed and more activity-based than the classes during our regular church year.

Here is a partial list of things we've done in past years: The two yearly traditions are Tie Dye Sunday (usually the week after Affirmation Sunday, June 9th this year, and I believe Richard Denton will once again take point on that), and a Father's Day lunch the weekend after that (often a giant sub sandwich, occasionally something different to keep 'em guessing, usually led by Boogie and Rovenia Windsor). For the rest of the summer (June 23- August 11) you will need to schedule someone to lead an activity each week, and at least one or two other adults to assist that person. Some that we've done in the past include various art and craft activities (fabric art such as blue glue batik, galaxy print t-shirts, or nature print t-shirts, art from recycled materials, various painting and drawing techniques); basic sewing; various science experiments and demonstrations, origami, duct tape wallets, yoga, creative writing, and drama games, just to name a few. It may be that you only need to plan these activities for Preschool - 5th grade, as I may have activities lined up for middle and high school throughout the summer, but at printing time that is still not confirmed. If those MS/HS activities don't pan out, you may find that some activities are scalable in complexity and may lend themselves well to a "one room schoolhouse" approach with all ages (with adults and older children helping the little ones where needed), while others may be too complex for little ones or too boring for the older ones, in which case it's wise to come up with two different activities for that particular weekend.

Kevin Henry has volunteered to help make the schedule and to call people to remind them when they're up, but he will need some help. ..ideally, a team of help...to schedule presenters. We have a lot of supplies in the RE closets and cabinets, but anything you need to buy can be reimbursed out of the RE budget (talk to Jan Daczyk on Sundays), or you can turn in your receipt as a donation-in-kind.

Finally, I will need someone to coordinate with the nursery workers, and particularly, someone they can call when they need to be out so that a sub can be arranged. For example, Cameron will be out for a month from late May to late June for drill with his Army Reserve unit, so Kayla will need someone else to work with her during that time.

Am I happy about this turn of events? Not at all, but at the same time, I've never doubted YOU for a minute, or your capacity to build a team that will do great things for our children and youth this summer. After all, you've always come through when I've called, and I know you'll do the same for Kevin or any of your fellow congregants. I'm not going away right away, so I'll be around through May as a resource to help point you in the right direction for your planning, but the planning is all you. I look forward to hearing from you how you plan to help!



*By Susan Caldwell
Director of Lifespan Religious Education*



Highland Blessing Dinner is Turning 7 This Month!

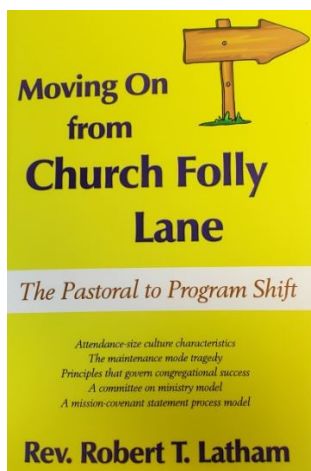
Many thanks to All the Souls who have volunteered faithfully over the years to sustain this beautiful community-building event. **Join us on Thursday, April 11 for our Seventh Birthday Celebration!** We'll have barbecued chicken cooked on the grill by master griller Randy Scoggin, and of course, birthday cake!

Come at the regular time, between 5 and 5:30 p.m. to help with setup and attend orientation, we'll serve at 6 as always, and be out by 7. Our devotional time will include testimonials from our longtime "regulars" about what the dinner has meant to them.



If you were fortunate enough to hear our guest, Candice Battiste, at Adult RE class on Sunday, March 31, you already know that **Spread the Vote/Project ID** will sponsor a training on **Monday, April 8 at the regular meeting of the League of Women Voters, 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Willis Knighton South, 2510 W. Bert Kouns in Shreveport.**

Project ID helps people who need state-issued IDs to get them at no cost, providing money for fees as well as transportation and support with the necessary paperwork. **Spread the Vote** is a non-partisan effort to facilitate registration, voter education, and voting for all who are eligible.



"Lunch and Learn"

Potlucks with the Committee on Ministry will continue after church on April 14

For more information, contact Amanda Lawrence at 318-402-3314 or missdufour@hotmail.com





Interfaith Leaders' Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 6:30 p.m.
All Souls Unitarian Universalist
Church
9449 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport

Please join Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith leaders for our monthly leaders' meeting this Tuesday evening. Together Louisiana and Northern and Central Supervisor Broderick Bagert will be attendanace. After this meeting, we will return to our previous third Thursday schedule.

Tentative Agenda

6:30 Welcome

6:33 Opening Prayer

6:35 Focus/Framing of Strategy

6:38 Rounds/Roll Call of Institutions

6:53 What is a Civic Academy? How is a Civic Academy used to build power and progress the organizing work? How has our sister organization, Together Baton Rouge, used this tool to support their organizing work over time?

7:13 Action: Civic Academy Campaign

7:15 Group Discussion: What are the agenda items in Shreveport for which we can use the Civic Academy tool to advance our agenda?

7:30 Closing Prayer & Adjournment



Newcomers Information Session

The Membership Committee will be facilitating an Information Session following the church service on **April 28**.

These sessions are held monthly to provide visitors and guests with a better understanding of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Attendees 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 direct them to Ken Peterson at 318-393-5982. Thanks.

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19-23 June 2019 UUA General Assembly (Spokane Convention Center, Spokane WA). The annual business meeting for the Unitarian Universalist Association and its member congregations. For more details, go online here:

<https://www.uua.org/ga>

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)

Volunteer of the Month— Bob Jordan

For the month of April, the Board unanimously selected Bob Jordan as Volunteer of the Month, most recently for his willingness to share his talent to perform for the St. Patrick's Day party.

Thanks to Bob, Bethany Sorkey, and Scott Lowe, it was a great evening for celebrating the Irish in all of us. Bob has been generous to do this for several years running now, formerly with the late Bill Conly as part of The Conlys.

When he's not performing for St. Pat's parties, Bob has sung in the choir as long as we've had a choir. He also shares his talents at our Artist Sunday service and during other services throughout the year, and he has presented services of his own.

Bob currently sits on the Board, which he has done in previous years. In past years he has taught Religious Education and facilitated AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) workshops.

He's a frequent participant in Building and Grounds Days and a regular volunteer at the Highland Blessing Dinner.

For all of this and for his constant, faithful presence, the Board is happy to award the Parking Spot of Honor to April's Volunteer of the Month, Bob Jordan.

The Easter Bunny Needs YOU!

Immediately after our Easter service on April 21, we'll have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for our Nursery—5th grade children. The Easter Bunny always enlists the assistance of our Middle and High School youth, who receive the customary Hider's Cut of the loot for their efforts. However, the youth and the bunny CANNOT do this alone, and that's where you come in! We ask our RE parents and any other adults who are willing to bring a dozen filled plastic Easter eggs per child. You can fill the eggs with candy, small toys, stickers, temporary tattoos, any cool stuff that kids will like. We do ask that you mark your eggs safe or not safe for children under 3. **Unsafe items for our Smallest Souls include anything that could be a choking hazard: gum, candy with nuts, hard candy, or toys that are either too small, or that have small parts that could come loose.** Bring the eggs to the office any time on or before Saturday, April 20, although the sooner the better so we have an idea of what we'll have! *The Bunny thanks you!*

UU Summer Camp Fun 2019



25-28 May 2019 Family Camp (U-Bar-U Camp, near Kerrville TX). A summer camp for families (due to the communal sleeping arrangements, this event is not suitable for infants who are not sleeping through the night.). For more information, contact the church office.

9-15 June 2019 Primary Summer Camp (U-Bar-U Camp, near Kerrville TX). For children ages 10-12 or rising grades 4 through 6. For more information, contact the church office.

16-22 June 2019 Intermediate Summer Camp (U-Bar-U Camp, near Kerrville TX). For children ages 13-15 or rising grades 7 through 9. For more information, contact the church office.

23-29 June 2019 Senior Summer Camp (U-Bar-U Camp, near Kerrville TX). For children ages 16+ or rising grades 10 through 12 including high school graduates. For more information, contact the church office.

21-26 July 2019 The Point All-Ages Family Summer Camp (Lake Murray State Park, near Ardmore OK). The Point is our customizable Unitarian Universalist retreat for all ages. Registration will open in December 2019. Learn more and register here:

<http://www.thepointuu.org/>

4-10 August 2019 Human Sexuality Camp for Rising 8th and 9th Grade Youth (U-Bar-U Camp, near Kerrville TX). This camp will provide honest, accurate information about sexuality for rising 8th and 9th graders. The camp is based on the program values of Our Whole Lives; however, the camp cannot cover the full range of material in the Our Whole Lives Grades 7-9 curriculum. The camp staff have selected key areas to address during the week:

- What is Sexuality
- Sexuality, Values, and Language
- Gender Identity and Expression
- Sexual Orientation
- Understanding Healthy Relationships and Relationship Skills
- Consent, Intimacy, and Lovemaking
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Teen Pregnancy
- Contraception
- Sexual Decision Making

This camp models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. There will be workshops, activities, movies / videos, and plenty of free time to enjoy the facilities at UBarU such as swimming, walking the labyrinth, and enjoying bonfires. Parent information meetings will be offered via Zoom in May, June, and July. Parents will attend a parent orientation at the start of camp on Sunday (4 August 2019). Parents are also invited to join campers for a closing celebration at 11:00 AM on Saturday (10 August 2019) and camp will dismiss at noon that day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>April</div> <div>2019</div> </div>						
	1	2 6PM Together Tuesday Under the Texas St. Bridge 7PM Tuesday Discussion Group	3 5:30PM Choir	4 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner 5PM Support Group 5:45PM Yoga	5 NO Game Night— See you April 19!	6 9AM to 1PM Building & Grounds Work Day 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
7 9:15AM Adult RE 10AM –2PM Plant Sale 11AM Worship 1:30 PM LTA 3 PM OWL class 5PM Course in Miracles	8	9 7PM Tuesday Discussion Group	10 5:30PM Choir 5:45 PM NOW meeting	11 5PM Support Group 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner 7th Birthday Celebration 5:45PM Yoga	12	13 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF 11 Am Pride in the Park 
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