

June 2018

All Souls News

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June 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.*

June 3, 2018 "A Backpack for the Journey," a service celebrating the transitions of our children and youth, and the graduation of Sam First.

Board Persons of the Day: Bennett Upton and Cindy Mandarino

June 10, 2018 We are pleased to welcome **Brad Campbell** of PACE (People in Action Creating Equality) as our speaker for Pride Sunday this morning.

Board Persons of the Day: The Bropods (John Allen and James Peck)

June 17, 2018 Father's Day service with James Peck and friends.

Board Persons of the Day: Jeff Gauger and Nicki McLain

June 24, 2018 Melissa Gibson is in the pulpit this morning.

Board Persons of the Day: Bennett Upton and Phil Boswell

Summer in the RE Wing

During the summer, our Religious Education programming turns away from our regular model of age-divided classrooms to a "one-room schoolhouse" approach offering a different artistic or service activity each week. The schedule for June:

June 3—Our Affirmation Sunday service, when we are all together in the sanctuary for the worship service celebrating our children and youth.

June 10—**TIE DYE for Dads and Other Special Grownups**—An All Souls tradition. Children and youth are encouraged to bring a 100% cotton t-shirt or other fabric item, preferably pre-washed, for tie-dyeing. Richard Denton and Betty Gorey Parent will lead the project.

June 17—**Father's Day Lunch!** The children and youth will serve a lunch for Dads and everyone to enjoy.

June 24—**Meditation and Mindfulness** with Jennifer Russell. Jennifer will teach these valuable life practices that can benefit all ages.

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Early submissions are
always welcomed

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FROM THE MINISTER

By Rev. Barbara Jarrell



A Servant in Training

On more than a few occasions I have mentioned that I did not think of myself as having temperament suited to ministry. I was asked to serve; so through the years I have continued to work at growing into the position with which you entrusted me. I have sought to further my education in various areas associated with ministering to individuals and a congregation. Clearly for me the road is a long one with all sorts of twists and turns. I am not and have not been the quickest study. Still, whether or not I am learning quickly as any of us would like, I continue to do all I know how to get better at this work of encouraging you to stretch your comfort zones and habits of thought—to continue your own journeys, deepen your own compassion, and expand your own understanding of those unlike yourselves while I remain committed to doing the same think myself.

Many of you are far more clever or better read than I, more broadly traveled or more highly educated than I, with higher IQs, sharper wits, more refined social skills or some combination of the above. Some of you may be more deeply spiritual, certainly more passionate about one cause or another, perhaps more generous, or kind, or fascinating, or attentive, logical, organized.... All I have to offer is my honest truth, my unmasked sharing of what I struggle with and what I discover along the way. I bring to you my best understanding, my best effort at pointing toward something greater in the distance that is worthwhile - worth the time and investment required of each one of us if we are to move closer to it.

As I head out this season to face more lessons with myriad other teachers, I wanted to say I have heard you (at least those of you who have come to share your concerns, thoughts and/or feelings with me) and am taking your words to heart. My intention is to spend time walking around in what you have told me and let that also instruct me. In this season I will again be taking my own inventory and actively working to fill back up—soften places that have become brittle and strengthen parts that have worn thin. I will work to become more

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REsources for the RESistance

“The work of the spirit... is something every child and every adult must do for themselves. ...And yet... we find support and encouragement for that struggle in the presence of community, with others continually calling us to ourselves, mirroring us, challenging us, calling us to emerge into our spiritual potential. “

As I write this, I am dividing my time between the writing, and watching a live video of a colleague's baby chick that is trying to hatch in an incubator. The incubator is on her kitchen table in North Carolina, as I sit in my living room in Louisiana, past 2 a.m. her time, just after 1 here. Such are the wonders of modern technology, showing us a process as old as this little one's dinosaur ancestors. We've been at this awhile...my friend Joy, two other friends of hers (including a mutual friend in New Zealand), the chick in the egg, and me. Every crack of the shell is thrilling, and this has also been a more difficult hatch than the eggs that have hatched over the past day or so, because this is the last egg in the incubator. The other chicks, born yesterday and today, are out in the coop with the mother hen, and so this lone baby cannot hear their encouraging peeps or occasional nosy taps on its shell...the kind of sibling encouragement/harassment that seemed to speed the journey along for the others. This baby's struggle is completely its own, no matter how much my friend...and those of us watching from afar...may want to help. As with our own personal spiritual growth, the struggle is an important part of the journey, and for the sake of this little bird's strength and health, it cannot be rushed, and there are no shortcuts.

But what I've learned from this experience bears out what I've learned in my own journey as a parent and as a religious educator. Watching the other chicks hatch off and on over the course of the previous day, I was struck by the fact that the hatchlings could hear their siblings who were further along in the process (and particularly the one precocious one who was all the way out and quite curious about the rest). Each peep of the siblings seemed to bring about continually expanding cracks in the still-unhatched shells, and once the first one got the hang of it and got out, six of the chicks were out and about within a couple of hours. Still there remained our baby in the unhatched

egg...the one Joy had thought was not going to hatch, which suddenly cracked its shell in the wee hours of the morning. Although Joy could not break, pierce, or even touch the slowly cracking shell, for fear of rushing the process and injuring the vulnerable bird, she could do other things, like tap on the sides of the incubator, or even jiggle it gently to help the egg roll and shift to a more advantageous position, so that gravity could assist the little peeper. She even did a fair amount of peeping herself..anything to let this little creature know she had family waiting on the outside.

The work of the spirit – our own spiritual work on ourselves, and our work as parents and other adults, raising our children – is something every child and every adult must do for themselves. As with the lone chick in the egg, the struggle goes with the territory. And yet, as with the older siblings of that solitary chick, we find support and encouragement for that struggle in the presence of community, with others continually calling us to ourselves, challenging us, mirroring us, and calling us to emerge into our spiritual potential. With our children, one way that we mark the ongoing stages of emergence is with ritual: from the baby and child dedications welcoming the children into community, to the yearly services marking their passage from class to class, to the Senior Bridging marking their graduation from high school and their entry into adulthood. On June 3, we have the opportunity to gather and honor our children and youth for these milestones, and particularly to honor Sam First, who has been a part of our community since elementary school, and who will deliver his senior sermon and bridge into young adulthood. May we be present to this transition, to honor and celebrate his continuing journey.



*By Susan Caldwell,
Director of Lifespan
Religious Education*

UU Summer Camp Opportunities

16-23 June 2018 Sojourner Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Kerrville TX). Summer camp for children in rising grades 3 through 5. For more information, go online to www.ubaru.org.

24-30 June 2018 Olympia Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Kerrville TX). Summer camp for children in rising grades 6 and 7. For more information, go online to www.ubaru.org.

1-7 July 2018 Seeger Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Kerrville TX). Summer camp for children in rising grades 8 and 9. For more information, go online to www.ubaru.org.

8-14 July 2018 Reeb Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Kerrville TX). Summer camp for children in rising grade 10 through 2018 high school graduates. For more information, go online to www.ubaru.org.

22-27 July 2018 The Point (Lake Murray Lodge – near Ardmore OK). All-ages summer camp for children, youth, young adults, and older adults. For more information, go online using <http://www.thepointuu.org/>

2-5 August 2018 Youth Astronomy Camp (U-Bar-U Camp – near Kerrville TX). For more information, go online using <http://ubaru.org/home/YouthAstronomyCamp>

31 August – 3 September 2018 Labor Day Weekend Star Party (U-Bar-U Camp – near Kerrville TX). This event is intended for both serious amateur astronomers and casual observers who want to appreciate the wonders of the night sky. The weekend will include lectures and workshops conducted by professional and / or distinguished astronomers, a variety of recreational activities, and a Texas BBQ with door prizes. For more information, go online to www.ubaru.org.

Submitted by Steve Caldwell, Denominational Affairs

DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS

June 2018 & Beyond

20-24 June 2018 UUA General Assembly (Kansas City, MO). For more information, go online to <http://www.uua.org/ga>

22-27 July The Point (Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma) Join us at this customizable family retreat, now back in its original home, the newly refurbished Lake Murray State Park. Programming for adults, children, and youth as well as family activities in the evenings, and many choices for free time pursuits. Learn more and register at thepointuu.org

UUA General Assembly 2018 News

General Assembly (GA) is the annual business meeting for member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). This year, GA is happening from 20 to 24 June 2018 in Kansas City, MO.

If you cannot attend in person, you can participate in many GA events off-site. More details on this can be found here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2018>

The business agenda for GA can be found here: <https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/finalagenda18.pdf>

UU World (denominational magazine) coverage can be found by going to their web site: <https://www.uuworld.org/ga>

If you're following GA on Twitter, the hashtag for this event is #uuaga.

For more information, go online here:

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

Submitted by Steve Caldwell, Denominational Affairs

Membership Matters

Newcomers Welcomed to Information Session

The Membership Committee will be facilitating an Information Session following the church service on June 10. These sessions are held monthly to provide visitors and guests with a better understanding of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We will watch a short video from our Boston Headquarters providing some history of our movement with a focus on our Princi-

ples 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 see me in the church foyer or give me a call. Thanks,

Ron Thurston
Membership Chairman
318-300-9509



Get to The Point!



What's the Point? So glad you asked! The Point is a customizable Unitarian Universalist retreat for all ages. Imagine five days of UU covenant and community in a resort-like setting on the shores of Lake Murray in Oklahoma. The Point offers personal growth, faith renewal, learning opportunities, spiritual practices, community worship, music, excellent cuisine, sustainable practices, social gatherings (trivia, bingo, talent show, game night, star-gazing, s'mores and sing-alongs), outdoor activities, programming for all ages and interests, and an engaging theme speaker.

Each day begins with worship and ends with a sunset talk, but how you spend your day is completely up to you! Programming for children and youth and nursery care for the littles is offered between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon, and again between 3 and 5 in the afternoon. Adults can go to their own workshops during that time, skip out and nap, or take advantage of some of the many recreational activities Lake Murray has to offer.

This year's theme is The Good News of Unitarian Universalism, and yes, we really do have good news to share even in these seemingly dark times! Our daily theme speaker will be Southern Region Congregational Life staffer Connie Goodbread, and the Sunset Talks this year will be given by the Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford, Minister of Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church in Austin, Texas. Director of Music will be our own Rev. Barbara Jarrell, and Director of Children and Youth Programming is Yours Truly. Our programs for children and youth feature a nursery for infants and toddlers, Hogwarts School of Wizardry for elementary ages, Jedi Academy for Middle School, and Good News for All, programming with a strong social justice focus for our high school youth. For more information and to register, check out thepointuu.org

~ Submitted by Susan Caldwell, DRE, with excerpts from the Point Handbook by Natalie Briscoe and Christine Purcell



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well-rounded, whole and capable. My hope, my wish, and my prayer is that I will return a noticeably better person—someone this congregation wants to continue to claim who has something to share that is refreshing, interesting, challenging, unexpected, and helpful that hopefully rings true to you, too. I will genuinely miss being with you and very much look forward to seeing you in August. Until then I will be your servant in training. May you each have peace and courage as your companions this summer.

I love you all!

Yours in ever-evolving faith,
Barbara

Gala and Silent Auction Huge Success

Thanks to the many volunteers, sponsors and participants, this year's party was not only fun, but quite profitable as well! Including the few outstanding payments to be made to the church, the net amount we earned is \$10,717.90.

First, I personally want to thank our great committee: Melissa Gibson, Francine Heller, and Tena Hines. These competent, reliable, power house, fun-loving women made the experience nothing but enjoyable!

Huge thanks are due our very generous sponsors: Gail Burt, Susan Clark, Steve and Susan Caldwell, Barbara Deger, Joe and Saunie Goerner, Bobbie Cate Hicks, Scott and Ginger Lowe, Mike Roberts and Kathy Osuch, Lloyd and Marcella Snow, John and Rebecca Tuggle, and Rovenia Windsor.

We also thank all of you who donated items or solicited items: Akin's Nursery, Arodasi Healing Center, Bella Nonnas, Susan Bettinger, Sarah and Phil Boswell, C&C Lighting, Cactus @The Place, Susan Caldwell, Coffee Cat Creations, Maryanne Cummings, Sharon DeCarlo, Teresa Edgerton-Scott, Susan Fortenberry, Sharron Foster Photography Frank's Pizza, Melissa Gibson, Carol Graywing, Ron Hagar, Garrison's, Tena Hines, Dorothy Kristin Hanna, Hope Clinic, Indigo Indian Bistro, Rev. Barbara Jarrell, Bob Jordan, Ki Mexico, Lex's Plant Farm, Libbey Glass, Ginger and Scott Lowe, Laurie Lyons and Henry Walker, Cindy Mandarino, McGregor's Garden, Robert McLane, New to You, Betty Parent, Porter's Cleaners, Red Handed Tattoo, Robinson Film Center, Jax Schmidt, Shreveport Little Theatre, Shreveport Opera, Shreveport Therapeutic Massage, Ellen Stetson, Strawn's, Stonewall Beverage Company, Studio G, Superior Steakhouse, Thunder Dave, Ron Thurston, Jeff Venable Massage, Johnett Waterman, Chris Webb, and Young Equipment Solutions

And finally to our wonderful volunteers who helped plan and/or set up and clean up: John Allen, Erika Barrington, Susan Bettinger, Sarah and Phil Boswell, Holly Brasher, Steve and Susan Caldwell, Leigh Anne and Josh Chambers (provided the birds, record and bird house decorations!), Maryanne Cummings, Rebekah Dickson, Eric and Nadia First, Claudia Harris, Amanda Lawrence, Amanda and John Macy, Sam Norman (supervised and help paint bird nests), Betty Parent, Jennifer Russell and James Peck, Diana Teeters, Earlene Venable, Henry Walker, Deborah Warren, Virginia and Juan Villareal.

I apologize if I failed to mention someone; you are no less important, I assure you. Thank you, again! Next year will be even better!

Laurie Lyons

*See the May newsletter for
pictures from the 2018 Gala!*



Volunteer of the Month— Francine Heller

For all her work on the committee that planned the Annual Gala (and we have every intention of giving them all their due in time) the Board unanimously chose Francine Heller as the Volunteer of the Month for June. Working in concert with chair Laurie Lyons, Tena Hines, Diana Teeters, Holly Brasher, and Melissa Gibson, Francine tended to a myriad of details that creatively involved members and friends of all ages, secured us some fabulous donations, hosted her own kayaking expedition as one of the parties offered that evening, and did so much to make this year's Gala the wildly successful fundraiser and terrifically fun party that it was. For all of these reasons and more, we are proud to offer the Parking Spot of Honor to Francine Heller.

Try Yoga at All Souls

All are invited to join Valarie Loridans for yoga on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. at All Souls. There will be no class on Thanksgiving Day.

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.

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.



2018 Pledge Drive Are You IN?

INcluded, INvested, INVolved

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.

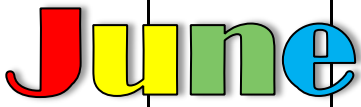


The intent of the meals is to serve individuals and families who may "fall through the cracks" of social services. Currently, more than 120 meals are being served each Thursday.

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): Mar 1 and Apr 5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7PM Game Night 	2 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
3 11AM Worship/RE 1:30PM LTA 5PM Course in Miracles	4	5 6PM Together Tuesday Under the Texas St. Bridge 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	6 5:30PM Choir	7 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner 5PM Support Group 5:45PM Yoga	8	9 9AM to 1PM Building & Grounds Work Day 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF 
10 11AM Worship/RE TIE DYE SUNDAY! 12PM Newcomer Info Session (Page 5) 5PM Course in Miracles	11	12 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	13 5:30PM Choir	14 5PM Support Group 5:45PM Yoga	15 7PM Game Night 	16 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF Ritual
17 11AM Worship / RE 5PM Course in Miracles	18	19 6:00 PM—Board Meeting 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group Newsletter articles submission deadline	20 5:30PM Choir	21 5PM Support Group 5:45PM Yoga	22	27 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF
24 11AM Worship / RE 5PM Course in Miracles	25	26 7PM TED Talks Discussion Group	27 5:30PM Choir	28 5PM Support Group 5:45PM Yoga	29	30 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF



Tie-Dye the Rainbow

June 10 is Pride Sunday, and we are honored to welcome our guest speaker in the sanctuary, **Brad Campbell**. **June 10 is also Tie-Dye Sunday in the Religious Education Wing**. Betty Gorey Parent and Richard Denton will be helping our children and youth of all ages with their tie-dye creations. We encourage all interested adults who would like to bring a garment to tie-dye after the service to do so. As long as the dyes last, you are welcome to be a part of this All Souls tradition! Bring a 100% cotton t-shirt or other fabric item. We will have some extras available for a modest donation, but bringing your own guarantees you'll get the size and style you want.