

June 2019

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 2 – Please join us to welcome **Earlene Venable** to the pulpit for her first full sermon, speaking on homelessness in our community, a topic near and dear to her heart. Barbara Deger is worship associate.

Board Persons of the Day: Cindy Mandarino and Eric First

June 9 - Building Bridges ~ Celebrating Our Graduates and Our Multi-generational Community. A participatory service honoring all the transitions of our children and youth, and especially our graduates, **Ash McLain, Mason Upton, Sarah Allen, and Sarah Lord.**

Board Persons of the Day: Bennett Upton and Rebecca Tuggle

June 16 - James Peck is in the pulpit this Father's Day with "Tending the Flame," a father's perspective on teaching and reinforcing our UU Principles and values in the home.

Board Persons of the Day: Ernie Cowger and Earlene Venable

June 23 - Please join us to welcome back **Elias Capello**, who spent his undergrad years here at Centenary and All Souls. He earned his Masters in Anthropology at UMass Amherst, and is currently living in Atlanta doing research for his doctoral dissertation on the ways that trans and queer people create community in the Deep South. On this Pride Sunday, he'll share with us what he's learning from that work.

Board Persons of the Day: Rebecca Tuggle and Bob Jordan

June 30 - John Allen is back in the pulpit this Sunday with something surprising in celebration of Independence Day.

Board Persons of the Day: Rebecca Tuggle and Bob Jordan

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REsources for the REsistance

The Best of Both Worlds, Thanks to You!

As many of you know who attended the May Congregational Meeting, we were able to avoid the summer furloughs for Barbara and myself. We are both so thankful to all who stepped up in such a big way to make that financially possible, but we're even more grateful for the increased participation in all aspects of church life that has been the result! When you see **Jennifer Russell, James Peck, Judy Cantil, Earlene Venable, or John Allen**, please take the time to thank them because they are the Worship Committee and they have done a phenomenal job putting together a superb lineup of services for the next two months. It will be a great combination of our talented members and special guests, and each service will be its own unique creation. Check out Page 1 for the June worship schedule.

Likewise, be sure to say thanks to **Kevin Henry**, who has been lining up summer activities and presenters for the RE Wing, featured in this newsletter on Page 3.

Wondering how you can help? You'll have an opportunity to sign up to help the various summer presenters in the RE Wing, and if you are a parent or caregiver, you can also help immensely by *bringing your children!* We know that our people scatter to the winds in the summer, which is the very reason we do free-standing activities each week as opposed to our regular classes, so we aren't expecting "perfect" attendance from anyone. Still, if you happen to be in town of a summer Sunday morning, gather up the family and come check out what we've got going on.

And....whether or not you are a parent or caregiver, you can help immensely by bringing *yourself* to our services. The Worship Committee is doing incredible work as a team to bring you a great collection of inspiring summer services, but Unitarian Universalism is a faith ideally celebrated in community..no, it's more than that, Unitarian Universalism is a faith that *requires* community, as that is how we live out our covenant, and *your presence makes a big difference* in the spirit of that community. Yes, YOU. I'm talking to you. Whether you come every single Sunday or we haven't seen you in over a year, you are integral to our community and we need you here to make our experience complete. Whether you bring the kids, bring your friends or just bring yourself, we will be happy to see you.

Note: From the Minister will return in August, when the minister does!

Rev. Barbara is currently away on vacation and study leave for the months of June and July.



By Susan Caldwell
Director of Lifespan Religious Education



Summer in the RE Wing

June 2—Tie-Dye Sunday! An All Souls tradition returns, as Betty Parent, Maryanne Cummings, and Noah Wagstaff help the children and youth create beautiful pieces of wearable art.

June 9 - Affirmation Sunday, a service for all of our church community, to honor the transitions of our children and youth, and to hear from our graduates, **Sarah Allen, Mason Upton, Sarah Lord, and Ash McLain**, for whom we will also have a Unitarian Universalist Bridging Ceremony, a tradition for welcoming our seniors to adulthood. We truly need our whole church community there for this celebration, and as always, there are surprises built into the service.

June 16—Father's Day - Rovenia and Boogie Windsor will guide the children and youth in creating a Father's Day feast for everyone, while **Kevin Henry and Maggie Molisee** will guide them in creating tactile Father's Day cards for Dads and other special grownups in their lives.

June 23— Origami with Sam First and Noah Wagstaff As Richard Denton takes care of his Mom in Wisconsin, his two most enthusiastic apprentices have now become the Masters, and will be teaching this ancient Japanese art of paper-folding to our children and youth. Various projects for all ages and stages.

June 30— Guided Meditation with Kevin Henry and Alicia Lovell—Mindfulness can be a helpful practice for all ages, especially when introduced in an innovative and age-appropriate way.

July 7—Building an Edible Campfire with Betty Parent Yes, you read that right. Betty will teach some basics of fire building starting with some deliciously non-flammable elements.

July 14—How to Read Music with Kevin Henry and Ash McLain. How do those little spots on the page become a song? Also on this day, **Jewelry Making with Georgia Morgan**.

July 21—Water Balloon Painting with Leigh Anne and Joshua Chambers and Stephanie Jiminez. This was such a hit last year that we've brought it back

July 28—Stepping Stones with Kevin Henry and Tena Hines. The children and youth will create unique garden art for our church home and their own homes.



SIZZLING SUMMER SUPPERS

In the spirit of our Food, Folks and Fun tradition, All Souls is kicking off SUMMER SUPPERS in June. Various members have offered to host these strictly fun events and sign-up lists are in the foyer. As a beloved community, we want to provide opportunities for members to get to know one another better or perhaps meet folks you don't know.

We are a congregation of remarkable, interesting people. Everyone is encouraged to come and get to know your neighbors better.

The current dates are: June 8th, June 14th, June 29th, July 27th, and one TBA. Watch for the sign up board in the lobby (It's up now!) or call Earlene Venable at 205-9971 for details.

Volunteers of the Month— The Gibson Family

**Volunteers of the Month?
Puh-LEEEEEEZ!
Try Volunteers of the Decade, the
Century, the Millennium!**

Try Volunteers who Have Redefined and Reset the Bar of Volunteering!

Try Volunteers before whom all other volunteers shade their eyes from the glory of that Holy Light....OK, OK, I'll stop.... But seriously...

In light of the fact that the Gibsons will soon be leaving us for Omaha, Nebraska, the Board had no trouble at all naming them Volunteers of the Month for the month of June.

Melissa has served three terms on the Board, two as Treasurer, and has chaired numerous fundraisers, including several memorable Annual Galas. She has preached several sermons and planned those services as well, and she has served as a Worship Associate for a number of our guest speakers, particularly those who've come to speak to us about reproductive rights and other feminist issues. She has been a frequent and dedicated RE teacher with all age groups, and several years ago she spearheaded the drive to attain the new playground. She has also served as pledge chair. In the course of her time here in Shreveport, she has become an activist well known throughout the community, and is the current President of our local chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). She has also established a reputation as a respected artist in multiple media, having contributed to several exhibitions, and along with other members of the Wednesday Writers' Group, created Fleur de Lit, a literary magazine for Northwest Louisiana.

Melissa has done all that she does (and probably a lot more that I'm forgetting) while home-schooling two of her three children and keeping up with the music lessons and other extra-curricular activities for all three. (*More Gibson Magnificence on Page 7*)

2019 U U Summer Camp Fun

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. Learn more and register here: <http://www.thepointuu.org/> (See page 3 for more details!)

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.

Cost for the week of camp is \$500.00 before 5 July 2019 and \$550.00 after 5 July 2019 – scholarships are available.

Please contact Robyn using director@ubaru.org with your questions about this camp.

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

Membership Matters

New Members Ingathered on May 19, 2019

Four new members signed the book in March, April, and May: Erin Berry, Dawn Subašić, Sherry Blackwood, and Hannah Conrad Bradley. On May 19, we formally welcomed those four, as well as John Tuggle, Keith Davis, and Raelynn Brown, who had joined months earlier but had not been ingathered.

If you are a newcomer to All Souls and you are interested in membership, come to our next newcomer session, immediately after church on June 23. 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 Step-

pingstones Book, which is an indication of your intent to explore membership. 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 for April 2019 and Beyond ...

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)

First Tuesday Book Club is starting **April 2**, 6:30 at 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!



UUA General Assembly 2019 June 19-23, Spokane, Washington

This year's theme: **"The Power of We,"** exploring the power, possibility, purpose, struggle and joy of finding the path forward together as Unitarian Universalists.

The **2019 Ware Lecturer** is **Richard Blanco**. Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco is the youngest and the first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role.

The **2019 Sophia Lyon Fahs Lecturer** is **Paula Cole Jones**, past president of Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) and the founder of A Dialogue On Race & Ethnicity (ADORE). Paula is the author of "Reconciliation as a Spiritual Discipline," which appeared in the UU World magazine in 2004; a contributing author to three books, *A People So Bold: Theology and Ministry for Unitarian Universalists*, *Darkening the Doorways*, and *Justice on Earth*, which is this year's UUA Common Read. Information and registration at <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

(All Gibsons, All the Time.... Continued from p. 4)

Moved by the horrendous shooting at the Pulse night club in Orlando, Florida, Melissa designed the iconic "All of who you are is sacred...." t-shirts that not only helped to establish more firmly in the community the welcoming status of our congregation, but are also now beloved throughout the Association.

Jonathan Gibson has served as Building and Grounds chair and pledge chair, has done a lot of work around the building and grounds himself, and has also participated in several services over the years. He has served on the Nominating Committee, and has helped out in various ways for many of our fundraisers and social events.

All three of the Gibson children have been faithful participants in our Religious Education program. Cooper recently joined the choir and has sung a solo. Cooper, Camden, and Everly have all performed on Artist Sunday and at other services, and Cooper has served as a BOLT (Bearer of Light and Tradition).

There is no doubt I've still managed to forget something. Melissa, Jonathan, Cooper, Camden, and Everly, I hope you all know how much we love you and how much we will miss you, for all you do, yes, but even more so for all you ARE. Thank you for your wholehearted presence in our community. You have blessed us more than we could ever say. (Even though we'll keep trying.) All the best in Omaha, with all the adventures that lie ahead!



Louisiana Trans Advocates Monthly Support Meeting

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



On Sunday, June 2, Louisiana Trans Advocates will have a **Clothing Swap** at the group's regular monthly meeting.

Whether your clothes no longer fit your gender or simply no longer fit your body or your mood, bring them to the 1:30 meeting of LTA Shreveport on Sunday, June 2, and see if you can trade for something more to your liking.

All Souls members, if you have clothing you'd like to donate, please wait and bring them that Sunday, as we have no place to store them in the meantime. All clothing not claimed by LTA members and friends will be donated to Highland Center Ministries

All of who you are is sacred. All of who you are is welcome.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Shreveport

Commitment 2019: Thank You!

Thanks to all who have stepped up !
Whether it is inspiring worship, religious education, or the opportunity to work with our partners for justice in the wider community, support the work of your heart with a pledge of support for 2019.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF Ritual
2 9:15AM Adult RE 11AM Worship 1:30 PM LTA 5PM Course in Miracles	3	4 6PM Together Tuesday 6:30 PM 1st Tuesday Book Club	5 5:30PM Choir*	6 5PM Highland Blessing Dinner No Yoga tonight	7 7PM Game Night 	8 9AM to 1PM Building & Grounds Work Day  10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
9 9:15AM Adult RE 11AM Worship 5PM Course in Miracles	10	11 6PM Dinner & Discussion Group	12 5:30PM Choir*	13 5:45PM Yoga	14	15 10:30AM Meditation 3PM ADF
16 9:15AM Adult RE 11AM Worship 5PM Course in Miracles	17	18	19 5:30PM Choir* 7:00 PM—Board Meeting	20 5:45PM Yoga	21 7PM Game Night 	22 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> UUA General Assembly in Spokane, Washington June 18-23 </div>						
23 9:15AM Adult RE 11AM Worship 5PM Course in Miracles <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">UUA GA</div>	24	25 6PM Dinner & Discussion Group Newsletter articles submission deadline	26 5:30PM Choir*	27 5:45PM Yoga	28	29 10:30 AM Meditation 3PM ADF
30 9:15 Adult RE 11 AM Worship 5PM Course in Miracles						

* Choir members are in and out of town this summer, so rehearsals may be sporadic. To find out for sure if rehearsal is happening on a given Wednesday, text Susan at 318-465-3427 or check the All Souls Choir Facebook group. We expect to get back to a much more regular schedule in August.