

Calling All Souls

Durham
North Carolina
July 2010



We want to take "community" to a new level . . . Love your neighbor—no exceptions

A Racially Diverse Spiritual Community

And member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship Service is held at 11:00 A.M. at Walltown Children's Theatre, 1225 Berkeley Street, Durham, NC 27705

July 4

Sing Every Choice: The Right of Conscience and Use of the Democratic Process -

David McMullen

One of our UU principles affirms the right of conscience and use of the democratic process in our congregations and our society at large. But democracy can be a difficult, messy and frustrating process. How can we ensure that the democratic process functions properly so that it can make our congregation, and our entire society, a better place? And how is the right of individual conscience compatible with democracy? David McMullen will be the worship coordinator.

July 11

Making the Other our Own -

Holly Lux-Sullivan

The holocaust in Darfur rages on, seven years in to the horror. Changes have come, progress has been made -- but the people there remain in need of our attention, work, compassion, and empathy. Why should we care? How are we connected to, and affected by, people in Sudan? Whether in

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Darfur, Baghdad, or Durham, we can recognize people who are "other" as our own. Lesley Williams is worship coordinator.

July 18

TBA

James Phillips is worship coordinator

July 25

The Life and Lessons of Peace Pilgrim -

Rev. Robin Renteria

In the 1950's a feisty American woman in her early 50s gave up her identity and all her possessions to become known as Peace Pilgrim. For the rest of her life until her mid- 70s, she walked the length and breadth of our country teaching peace. In our world of rapid change and continued conflict, let us look at her journey of faith and her timeless teachings. Neal Shepherd will be the worship coordinator.

COW meeting

The COW meeting was held June 19th at the Northgate Park picnic shelter, with a really good picnic lunch at noon and the business meeting at 1:00. The budget for 2010-2011, with a slight deficit projected, was approved, and Board members were elected (p. 4).

Fun Events

Come join the All Souls 'Tri-Bike-A-Thon. Bike hikes are being organized July 16 @ American Tobacco Trail South and August 13 @ Umstead State Park. We will begin at 7:30 on each of the Saturday mornings. Contact Amassa for details.'

Regular Events

All-committee meeting

The All-committee meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, 7 - 9 pm. We will meet at Sue Battle's home, 1219 Red Ash Circle, Durham, NC 27704. 477-1783.

Men's Group Meeting

The All Souls Men's Group meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 to 12. The next meeting is July 10. We will meet at the usual place, Gulehupf, on Chapel Hill Blvd. next to Foster's Market.

Choir Practice

The choir meets on the first and third Wednesday nights. We continue to meet at the Bowens home from 7-8:30 pm. The address is 104 Colchester Court, Chapel Hill. Please call Rich or Marteh if you need directions, 929-2975.

All Souls Listserv

Services and other events will be announced via our e-mail listserv. Please email Rayna Rowell if you would like to receive e-mail announcements (veggiegirl42@gmail.com).

All Souls' Covenant Groups

All Souls is exploring the possibility of convening another round of Covenant Groups. Also referred to as Small Group Ministry, a covenant group is a collection of six to ten people who get together on a regular basis to explore a particular topic. Through a process of discussion, reflection, and sharing, members of the group work to forge deeper bonds with each other and to develop intellectually and spiritually. At the heart of these groups is the covenant they draw up regarding how members will conduct themselves and how the group will operate. Membership is not limited to All Souls' members, but included others willing to make the commitment to the covenant of the group. See the Jan. and Feb. newsletters More information on Covenant groups. Please email Lesley Williams (williles@mindspring.com) with questions or suggested topics. For example, I would be very interested in a group focused on trust, and I am sure there are other ideas that you would like to explore. Let's get together and do this! - Neal Shepherd

"Basic Universalist Unitarianism"

Join other adults interested in studying the basic principals of the UU faith. Primarily an introduction for new friends of All Souls, this should offer members an opportunity to deepen their understanding. Contact Amassa Fauntleroy (amassa@ncsu.edu) if you are interested.

Social Justice Committee

Walltown Neighborhood Ministries***Food distribution***

The Social Justice Committee continues in its role on the ***Board of the Walltown Neighborhood Ministries***, which expanded funding for their food distribution programs so that it would be able to serve an additional 10 families every month. The food program continues to be in need of donated food-- the more food donated from member congregations, the more food can be distributed. Thanks again and always to All Souls members for their generous support to this program!!

The Distribution program also needs volunteers on the third Wednesday, and last Tuesday and Thursday of each month, from 11am to 1pm. Contact Stacey if you are interested in volunteering.

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Walltown Digital Connectors

The Ministries is also supporting the Walltown Digital Connectors, a new youth program which trains youth in marketable technology skills and then engages them in training community members, and also a Walltown Tool-sharing Program, which will rent a variety of tools (from ladders to lawnmowers) for a negligible fee. The program will be operated by Self-Help with volunteer support and is on target to open next to Northside Baptist Church on their lot at 1239 Berkeley St., in Spring 2010. The program is still looking for volunteers.

– Stacey Riberdy

News from Durham CAN

On June 17th, Durham CAN held a Metro Caucus, a meeting of representatives from all of CAN's member institutions. Stacey Riberdy and James Phillips attended as representatives from All Souls. Each "Action Team" made its report to the Caucus and gave the following updates:

Youth employment

The Durham Chamber of Commerce has agreed to pursue efforts to set up a fund from the business community that will help pay for youth training and salaries within organizations that have positions that youth can fill. CAN also secured the endorsement of City Manager Tom Bonfield for the funding of 267 youth jobs through the Mayor's Summer Youth program, since verified by the Council,. This is only 5 jobs below our goal of a 25% increase, which is exceptional considering the budget restraints of the current economy. Durham Tech has also offered free job training to every youth in the program.

Active Living:

The Bull City Summer Streets event, which took place on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd, was very successful. Over 1,100 attended the festival which closed off a section of downtown streets to celebrate and raise awareness around the importance of non-vehicular movement (walking, biking, etc.) The next event is planned for September in Northeast Central Durham.

Immigration Reform:

A statewide assembly on Immigration reform is planned for August 15th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Durham. Political candidates, church leaders and the statewide Police Association have invited. CAN

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would like as many members (immigrants and citizen allies) as possible to attend this assembly.

Neighborhoods and Housing:

At the Metro Caucus, Ivan Parra proposed that each of CAN's member institutions form teams of about 5 people to receive training from the City and work with their communities to document deterioration and safety concerns. City Manager Bonfield and all CAN members present supported this proposal.

More information about this process will be forthcoming.

Economic Development:

The Economy Team has been in negotiations with Bank of America regarding lower interest rates for military families.

CAN ad campaign:

Member institutions are being asked to approach businesses and other organizations to purchase ads that will be published in an annual report and distributed to all CAN members. The deadline for selling ads is July 23rd. If you are willing to either purchase an ad, or approach an organization about purchasing one, please contact Stacey at 919.951.8139 or stacey.craig@gmail.com for details.

Finally, CAN has approached each of its member institutions, including All Souls, to organize a meeting of its members who are interested in learning about, and/or learning how they can be involved in supporting Durham CAN. The meeting will likely be scheduled following a church service in July with Ivan Parra facilitating. All Souls members who are ***either*** interested in getting involved with the All Souls Social Justice Committee ***and/or*** interested in learning more about CAN's operational structure, are encouraged to attend this meeting. Date to be announced.

Thank you!!

- Stacey Craig Riberdy

District news

In a vote pitting two aspects of Thomas Jefferson's legacy against each other, delegates at the annual meeting of the Thomas Jefferson District of the Unitarian Universalist Association earlier this month narrowly voted down a motion to drop Jefferson's name.

Proponents of a name change argued that Jefferson should not be honored with the name of a UUA district because of his slave-owning and his views on race. Opponents of a name change argued that Jefferson's contribution to American religious freedom and his role in establishing the separation of church and state outweighed the fact of his slave ownership. The motion to change the name, which needed a two-thirds majority to win, fell three votes short of passing.

Please go to the webpage for more detail, <http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/165489.shtml>, as the sidebars provide some interesting additional information. I think we need to have some follow-up either in a service or a COW meeting.

- Lesley Williams

Meditation

Meditation with Mary Grigolia***Body Mind Intuition***

What is intuition? The pull to be at one with your deepest wisest self – in body, mind, heart and spirit - and with the environment around you....

In Body Mind Meditation sessions, we refer to the “wise body.” The body knows we’ve made up our mind before the rational mind (the front cortex) knows – all too often we go on obsessing about shoulds and possibilities. We’ll explore opening a channel between the mind and the body.


You have two sessions to choose from:

UU Fellowship in Raleigh (3313 Wade Ave, Raleigh 27607), Friday August 6, 4-6 p.m.

Carol Woods in Chapel Hill (750 Weaver Dairy Rd., Chapel Hill 27514), Sat August 7, 10-12 noon

In health and harmony,

Mary

July At A Glance	Who's Doing What	
<p>7 – Choir practice, 7 pm (p. 1)</p> <p>4 – Worship 11 am, David McMullen</p> <p>14 – All-committee meeting, 7 pm (p. 1)</p> <p>10 - Men's Group, 10:30 am (p. 1)</p> <p>11 – Worship 11 am, Holly Lux-Sullivan</p> <p>16 – Bike hike, 7:30 AM (p.1)</p> <p>21 – Choir practice, 7 pm (p. 1)</p> <p>18 – Worship, 11 am, TBA</p> <p>25 – Worship 11 am, Robin Renteria</p> <p>Aug 6,7 – meditation with Mary Grigolia (p. 3)</p>	<p><u>ASCUU Board of Directors and Committee Chairs</u></p> <p>James Phillips, Moderator Lesley Williams, Co-Moderators Rich Bowen, Treasurer Stacey Craig, Secretary</p>  <p><i>Support Walltown!</i> Don't forget your donations for the Walltown Neighborhood Ministries food collection. Donations are distributed to those in need in the Walltown neighborhood.</p>	<p>Calling All Souls is published monthly and is free of charge to members and friends of the All Souls Church Unitarian Universalist.</p> <p>Contact the church office to request a subscription or give a change of address.</p> <p>Newsletter submissions are due by the 20th of the month to newsletter@allsoulsdurham.org.</p> <p>Newsletter editor: Neal Shepherd</p> <p>Mailing address: PO Box 3506 Durham, NC 27702-3506</p> <p>Phone: (919) 956-8494 Email: info@allsoulsdurham.org Website: www.allsoulsdurham.org</p>

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