



The Covenant Sound

Newsletter of the
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community
Sunday Services at 11 am

Services

- Sunday, March 2 11 am** **Billie Clark** will share a *Church of the Larger Fellowship* service with the community; topic to be announced later.
- Sunday, March 9 11 am** **Sara Bayha** will describe her perspectives from a book she has read.
- Sunday, March 16 11 am** We will explore one of the world's great religions.
- Sunday, March 23 11 am** **Easter Sunday** The service will be intergenerational
- Sunday, March 30 11 am** **Nancy Welton** of *Compassion and Dying* will be our speaker.

Dear Friend Passes

In the wee small hours of Sunday morning, February 10, 2008, our dear friend Diane Hoefle passed away peacefully at home in the arms of her son Andy. Even though Diane lost the hard fight against breast cancer, she went on her own terms. Her family and friends rallied around her in her last days. To the very end she demonstrated her great capacity for love for all those near and dear to her. One of the last things Diane shared was that we should all "listen for her whispers".

She was one of the founding members of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community in Lacey, WA. She was part of the group of All Souls members that attended the Small Fellowship Retreat held in Florence, Oregon in 2000 and was instrumental in the planning and hosting of the retreat by All Souls the following spring. Diane also represented All Souls UU Community at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, held in Fort Worth, Texas 2005, where she proudly carried the All Souls Banner in the Banner Parade. She was a copious note-taker and brought back valuable information to share with the membership. She was also a very vocal community advocate for many social justice issues, particularly health care and the homeless.

Diane is survived by her son Andy, her parents, two brothers, and two sisters, plus many loving friends.

Diane's Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at 2pm. We will gather at the Funeral Alternatives Chapel located at 455 North Street SE in Tumwater. There will be a "finger food" potluck reception following the service. If you would like additional information, please call Arlene Anderson at 360-352-8734 or Billie Clark at 360-943-8317.

*Diane and Andy perform at ASUUC Coffeeshouse
September 15, 2007*



March

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 2:00 Diane Hoefle Memorial (see p. 1)
2 <i>CLF service</i>	3 6:00 Finance Mtg	4	5 6:00 Craft Group 7:00 Board Mtg	6	7	8 11:00-9:30 World Sacred Music (see p. 5) 5:00 Family Movie & Potluck
9 <i>Sara Bayha</i>	10 7:00 Build Your Own Theology	11	12 6:00 Craft Group	13	14	15
16 <i>I Great Religion</i> 12:30 YRUU Mtg (see p. 3) 12:00 Book collection for HalfPrice Books (see p. 5)	17 7:00 Writer's Group	18	19 6:00 Craft Group 7:00 Member Services Mtg	20	21	22 7:00 Thoughtful Movie
23 <i>Flower Communion</i> 12:30 Pastoral Care Mtg (see p. 5) 9:00 pm Newsletter Deadline	24 7:00 Build Your Own Theology	25	26 6:00 Craft Group 7:00 Worship Arts Mtg	27	28	29
30 <i>Compassion & Dying</i> 12:30 Intro/Orientation to ASUUC (see p. 3)	31 7:00 Writer's Group	Note: Board meeting on March 5 at 7:00 RE Meeting				and No

Sometimes

By Douglas Weston II

Sometimes he'll pretend she's still here. He'll raise his voice to speak to her, telling her something insignificant he's found. A bit of news from the paper, a bit of trivia pulled off the Internet. Banal things, trite and dull, made precious by her absence. He creates memories of them together. In this world she didn't die. She's still here and everything is wonderful.

Sometimes his heart catches up with him. Shows him the truth. She is gone and the room is empty. And all the pain in the world rips through him like a hurricane and in his mind, he screams. Pure and primal, a bolt of anger and misery and hurt and pain that reaches heaven and stops angels in their tracks.

And then, silence.

Crushing, deafening silence. And in the silence, she answers. A whisper in his ear; warm breath on his cheek. It's going to be alright, she says.

It's going to be alright.

Calling All Teens

Are you interested in having your own special time together as UUs? Do you want to discuss UU topics together? Do you want to have fun? If you can answer even one of these questions with a "yes", we have an offer for you.

There will be a meeting of all interested teens on Sunday, March 16, after the service. We will discuss starting our own YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalist) group. The topics will include: What do we want to do? When do we want to meet? Do we want to meet with the Tacoma group monthly for a social gathering? What leadership do we want?

This will be a good group for you to join! Contact Jean Holz (360-459-1251 or pnfr@comcast.net) if you are interested. We will welcome all who are interested even if they cannot meet with us on the 16th. If you will not be there, please let us know when you could meet and what you would like to do.

Listen, Listen, Listen

The Listeners Training on February 10 was a huge success with 14 people sharing the day learning to listen to each other. They are invited to a short Pre-Pastoral Care Committee meeting after church on February 24. It's a pre-meeting since we haven't yet introduced them to you, our dear Community. We are planning such a service for April, and then our Pastoral Care Committee will be fully functioning. If you want someone to visit you or someone you love, or know of a need the Pastoral Care Committee should attend to, please let one of the Board Members know about it.

Introduction to Unitarian Universalism New Member Orientation March 30

Would you like to know more about UUs? Are you interested in finding out how you can become a member of All Souls? The Member Services Committee would like to show you how you can become more involved in the life of our Community. If you have never been to one of our Orientation Classes, please join us March 30 after church in the RE Room.

Chalice Lighter's Money

An "ad" has been sent to the district soliciting resumes from those UU ministers who would be interested in providing us with mentoring and facilitating our growth. This "ad" will be publicized at the Annual General Meeting in Tacoma at the end of the month as well as on the website.

Movies, Movies, Movies

All Souls has been showing thought-provoking, funny, or otherwise interesting movies to the Community for almost a year now. It's one of the ways we reach out to our neighbors and friends who might not attend our church, and we invite those in the outer community to visit us. Recently, we learned we were illegally showing movies by 1) announcing the titles in the newspaper, on the radio, and on several web pages and 2) showing these movies without a license to do so. So, if you looked at the Coffee News this week (February 13), you will see we remedied the first of those by describing the movie but NOT giving the titles. We also received our license from the Church Video License Institute to show movies from over 90 producers including most of the major studios.

All Souls shows free movies two Saturdays every month. On the second Saturday, there is a Family Movie Night at 5 pm (to allow children to get to bed early) and some type of potluck snack is included. On the last Saturday of the month, Thoughtful Movie Night starts at 7 pm. A list of the titles for the next six months is available at the church or by email from patti_logan@juno.com.

So we will continue with our Movie Nights. However, we still can't advertise the titles of the movies to the general public. We can and will include the names of the movies in our newsletter and if people directly ask for the information. The church has shown our determination to reach out to the community this way by paying almost \$200 for the privilege of showing these movies and including movies in our services, etc. Please support our efforts and tell everybody you know to come to the Movies at All Souls.

Family Movies coming up: March—Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang; April—Fern Gully

Thoughtful Movies coming up: March—What Dreams May Come with Robin Williams; April—The Gods Must Be Crazy

ASUUC Movie Nights

Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 5 p.m.

WHERE: All Souls UU Community, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 103, Lacey, WA

CONTACT: Jean at 459-1251 or pnfrr@comcast.net Patti at 360-491-3171 or patti_logan04@yahoo.com

An eccentric professor (Caractacus Potts) invents wacky machinery, but can't seem to make ends meet. He invents an amazing flying car, which drives by itself and a foreign government becomes interested in it, and resorts to skullduggery to get their hands on it.

Bring pretzels, popcorn, and/or hot dogs or sausage to share

Film: What Dreams May Come

WHEN: Saturday, March 22, 7 p.m.

WHERE: All Souls UU Community, 6326 Martin Way, Suite 103, Lacey, WA

CONTACT: Billie at 360-943-8317 or Patti at 360-491-3171 or patti_logan04@yahoo.com

Chris Neilson dies to find himself in a heaven more amazing than he could have ever dreamed of. There is one thing missing: his wife. After he dies, his wife, Annie killed herself and went to hell. Chris decides to risk eternity in hades for the small chance that he will be able to bring her back to heaven. Starring Robin Williams, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Max von Sydow.

Board Members

Do you know who your Board Members are? You will soon be able to see their pictures in the kitchen. Look for the new pictures. They will be posted in March.

Too Many Books

I have too many books!! They are spilling all over my floors!! I, Jean Holz, will be taking them up to HalfPrice Books and selling them. The money will then be donated to All Souls. This seems like an ideal win-win solution – I get floor space and All Souls gets the money.

I invite all of you to look at your overflowing shelves and bring in any excess books. I will make a trip to HalfPrice Books in Tacoma after Sunday, March 16, and will include all books brought in to All Souls by then. Join me in this fund raising effort!!

Iris' Bookstore Opening

Rev. Brian and I want to thank everyone who is sending positive energy to our new bookstore! You are all wonderful people, and we hope the lingering blessings will last a long, long time. Thank-you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!!

The shop's re-opening day was long (9-9!) and we had several long quiet pauses, but so many wonderful people came out to see us, and we had several people come in off the street to look even though we're kind of small, and I am proud to announce that our first day made over \$300 !!

Both Brian and I consider this a labor of love which we hope continues for many years to come - please continue to wish us luck and light in this endeavor, and Thank you again to everyone who came out to support us and everyone who is keeping us in your thoughts!

Rev. Iris "Isarma" Crain
5-Corners Metaphysical Books
403 Columbia St.
Olympia Washington

12pm - 7pm Mon.-Fri.
10am - 7pm Sat.
2pm - 6pm Sun.

Giving, Giving, Giving

March is the month we are asked what we will give to our Community for the next year. There's a reason for this. When we give a pledge in March, the financial committee adds it all up and makes out a budget in April. This budget is then submitted to the Community Annual Meeting in May. The Budget is approved and then we begin to work from it July 1. The bottom line is: Our Community costs money. Our Community also needs our help with such things as Greeting Newcomers and Members and Friends, bringing Snacks, bringing Flowers, preparing the Library for our use, etc. Also, we want your comments and suggestions to make our time at All Souls more welcoming and loving and inspiring than it is, and this time of year is a time for feedback and more participation by everyone in what happens at All Souls.

So, in March we will ask ourselves what giving means and how we want to give to our beloved Community during the next year. We ask that you think carefully about this. In the services each week, someone will tell us what giving to All Souls means to him or her. Then, on Easter Sunday, March 23, each Member and Friend will be asked to fill out a pledge form. This pledge can be your time, your talent, and/or your money. There will be questions about what you want more of and what we do well. Member Services will then contact those who haven't been at that service to get pledges and comments for the next fiscal year.

Let's look ahead to March and our annual pledge as a time of realizing how we have been blessed and how we wish to bless our church community with our gifts during the coming year!

World Sacred Music Festival

For a sample of the diversity of sacred music go at least part of the time to the festival. There are three venues and something playing all the time.

- ☺ Saturday, March 8, from 11 am to 9:30 pm.
- ☺ Minnaert Center at South Puget Sound Community College

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline for the February edition will be **March 30** (earlier is great!)

OUR MEETING PLACE

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Directions: Take the Martin Way exit (#109) from Interstate 5 and head east. We are located on the NW corner of Martin Way & Carpenter Road (2 story dark green bldg.). Turn left (north) into the parking lot – last driveway before Carpenter Road. Use the door at the right -- the one with our phoenix chalice on it!

The mission of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community is to build a warm, friendly and joyful home from which we respond to the spiritual, intellectual, ecological and social justice needs around us. We embrace diverse ideas and lifestyles as exemplified by Unitarian Universalist principles and stated in our by-laws.

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