



The Covenant Sound

*All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community
Lacey, Washington*

May 2008

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

May 4 – Beltane—Mid-Year Celebration

Russell Felch, RMT, DD, will discuss the Origins and Meaning for Pagans of the Mid-Year ceremony of Beltane. (Hint: What's six months before May Day?)

May 11 – Nurturing People in Our Lives

Various Community members will share a story of nurturing in their lives, either someone who nurtured them or someone they have nurtured. Do you have a special nurturing story to tell? This is an intergenerational meeting and will be of interest to children of all ages.

May 18 – Celebrating World Religions: Buddhism

Stephen Billey told us about Sufism; we had someone tell us about the Baha'i faith. Now, continuing our exploration of world religions, Stephen will give us insights into Buddhism.

Annual Meeting for All Souls UU Community will be after the service May 18. Please come for a Salad and Bread Lunch and the meeting. It should be brief, as we need only to elect a few new Board Members and give short reports on the bright future of All Souls. Only members can vote, but all of us can dream.

May 25 – Insights from the Celestine Prophecy

Our own Iris Crain will speak to us about the ever-popular best selling spiritually-based novel, *The Celestine Prophecy*.

Coming Soon--Charity of the Month

We each serve others and our Earth in our own way, but what can we do together? At All Souls we get out along Carpenter Road on the first Sunday of each month, and we take our turn to provide lunches for Habitat for Humanity. What else can we do?

We can pick one deserving charity each month and collect something to support that charity. We can invite someone from our chosen charity to come to our service and tell us about their work. Whether cans of fruit cocktail for the Food Bank, hats and gloves for the Homeless, cell phones for victims of domestic violence through Safeplace, or dollars for Unitarian Universalist causes overseas, we can make a better world.

This was the idea presented to the All Souls Board on April 13. We heartily endorse the Charity of the Month idea, and you will see more about it in the next issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, do you know of a Charity that could use our help? How could we help? Help us choose which groups and what we can give to each. Talk to any Board Member or write to info@asuuc.org.

Pagan Happenings this Month

May 3, noon til 5 p.m. at All Souls—Our Lady Coffee Gathering

May 4, noon til 5 p.m. at Priest Point Park Shelter #2, Beltane Celebration.

May

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><i>Sermon titles are in italics on the top line(s) on Sundays</i></p>				1	2	3 12:00 Our Lady Coffee Gathering
<p>4 <i>Beltane</i> 12:30 Road Clean Up 12:00 Beltane at Priest Point Park</p>	<p>5 7:00 Build Your Own Theology (Last Session)</p>	6	<p>7 7:00 Board Mtg</p>	<p>8 6:00 Finance Mtg</p>	9	10
<p>11 <i>Nurturing People</i></p>	<p>12 7:00 Writer's Group</p>	13	<p>14 7:00 Member Services Mtg</p>	15	16	17
<p>18 <i>Buddhism</i> 1:00 Annual Meeting</p>	19	20	<p>21 7:00 Worship Arts Mtg</p>	<p>22 7:00 Religious Education Mtg</p>	23	<p>24 10:00 Habitat for Humanity (need donor for lunch ingredients)</p>
<p>25 <i>Celestine Prophecy</i> 9:00 pm Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>26 7:00 Writer's Group</p>	27	<p>28 7:00 Pastoral Care Mtg</p>	29	30	31

Committee News:

Member Services: We have completed the yearly pledge cycle and thank you all for your generous gifts to this Community through talents, time, and money. An Orientation to All Souls and Unitarian Universalism was conducted April 27, enabling any who would like to sign the All Souls membership book on May 18.

Religious Education: Children and Adults will learn from the same curricula next church year (beginning in September). Find out about the new curricula called Tapestry at www.uua.org.

Pastoral Care: Our introduction to the All Souls Community was the April 6 service. We will have our first official Pastoral Care Committee meeting April 30 (writing this before the meeting). If you have needs or concerns for our Pastoral Care Committee to address or would like to ask for a Listener for yourself or others, please contact one of us. Committee Members have "Pastoral Care Committee" on their Nametags.

Finance: The budget for next year was prepared and presented for Board approval. It will be presented to the members for approval at the Annual Meeting. We are continuing to meet our operating expenses.

Worship: Services are planned through June and the beginning of the Summer Season. We will be having shortened (30 minute) services based on personal stories and moral lessons through the summer. Each summer session (starting June 26) will be followed by an all-church Brunch.

Next Year's Proposed Budget

The 2008-2009 budget proposed by the Finance Committee and the Board for next year will be introduced for approval at the Annual Meeting. It is considered to be a bare-bones budget. Unfortunately, it is also a budget that results in a negative balance.

We can create a budget with a positive balance by either increasing out pledges or by decreasing our expenses. We believe everyone has pledged an amount that seems appropriate to them and do not want to second guess the amount. And we believe the expenses are being watch by all those who are authorized to make them. A budget only states the maximum amount that can be spent not the actual amount that must be spent.

This year it is expected that most of the committees will not spend the entire amount budgeted for them. Thus, the final reckoning for the year may not be negative. In addition, we have savings to sustain us for a few years of negative balance while we are growing. These savings are the result of sizable donations given by some of the All Souls founders and of more income than expenses before we rented our own building.

Our largest expenses are Rent, Insurance, Quest Dex, and UUA dues. Rent and Insurance are fixed expenses and cannot be altered. Quest Dex is the only advertising that is being done and is a fixed price. The PNWD (Pacific NorthWest District of the UUA) and the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) dues are based on the total number of members we have. According to our Bylaws, we will pay our dues to both in full. During the year we receive various benefits from them – if you would like to have specific examples, contact any Board member. (Look for Board Member on the Nametag.)

Newsflash: Hometown Properties, our landlord manager and neighbor, has moved. Reynolds Realty and Future Business Leaders of America will soon leave our building for bigger spaces as well. We will be left with the Naturopath and the Horseracing Commission. The owner wants to sell the building, but our lease is secure for at least another two years. Who will be our new neighbors?

ALL SOULS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Arlene Anderson
Stephen Billey
Billie Clark
Carlene Cloud

Janice Holz
Patti Logan
Doug Weston

NEWSLETTER

Editors – Jean Holz and Patti Logan

April deadline is May 25 (earlier is great!)

OUR MEETING PLACE

6326 Martin Way E, Suite 103
Lacey WA 98516
(360) 352-8734
(360) 943-8317
www.asuuc.org

Directions: We are located on the NW corner of Martin Way & Carpenter Road (2 story dark green bldg.

- § From I-5 take the Martin Way exit (#109)
- § Head east on Martin Way through 2 traffic lights
- § Turn left (north) into the parking lot – last driveway before Carpenter Road (third traffic light)
- § 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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**All Souls Unitarian Universalist Community
May 18, 2008**

Type of meeting	Annual Community Business Meeting
Facilitator	Billie Clark
Note Taker	Stephen Billey
Time Keeper	Janice Holz
Call to order	1:00 PM

Approval of agenda

State of the Community	Billie Clark
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Committee Reports

Facilities	Carlene Cloud
Finance	Jean Holz
Member Services	Arlene Anderson
Outreach	Patti Logan
Pastoral Care	Patti Logan & Doug Weston
Religious Education	Jean Holz
Treasurer	Arlene Anderson & Stephen Billey
Web-site	Stephen Billey
Worship	Billie Clark

Budget Presentation & Approval

Election of Board of Trustee Members

Arlene Anderson, Billie Clark & Janice Holz positions are up for re-election.

Nominations from the Community for 3 positions

Statements by nominees

Election by secret ballot

Fundraising Discussion

Adjourn	2:30 PM or earlier
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**All Souls UU Community
FY 08-09 Operating Budget**

FY 07-08 FY 08-09
Budget Budget

Income

Pledges	\$17,000	\$16,000
Non-Pledge Income		
Fund Raising		
Pass-through Money		
Interest	1,000	1,000
Total Income	\$18,000	\$17,000

incl. this year's amt for those who have not yet pledged

Expenses

Fixed Expenses

Ads-Olympian	0	0
Ads-Quest Dex	845	970
Insurance	900	1,000
Rent	16,362	17,200

Committees

Member Services	150	150
Newsletter	480	350
Religious Education	25	50
Facility	150	150
Social Justice	0	0
Treasurer	40	40
Web/Internet	131	100
Worship Arts	300	300
Board	500	500

incl. note cards, newcomer packets, stamps, potlucks etc.

incl. supplies & repairs - coffee, plates, computer paper, electrical work, etc.

incl. CLF (\$265), order of service, honoraria

Staff

Music Accompanist	0	0
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Memberships

Interfaith Works	100	100
UUA Dues	585	1,431
PNWD Dues	230	540
Small Fellowship	0	0
Scholarship-GA,Dist.,Lead.	300	300

\$53/member requested -- our full fair share

\$20/member requested -- our full fair share

Outreach

Habitat for Humanity	0	0
Total Expenses	\$21,098	\$23,181
Total Income - Expenses	-\$3,098	-\$6,181

supported by individuals buying, making, and delivering food