

Parish Notes

The All Souls Weekly Bulletin

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Worship for the week of Sunday

Aug. 23, 2009
Summer Schedule

Worship Services:
10:00 am Traditional
11:30 am Contemporary

**“Is Jimmy Carter
Christian?”**

Rev. Marlin Lavanhar,
Senior Minister

No shuttle service over the summer.

Summer Children’s Programming:
During each service school-age
children start in the sanctuary, then
go to class after the story for all ages.

The collection from Sunday, **Aug. 9**,
was **\$1479.20** and has been given to
LIFE Senior Services

Upcoming offerings will go to:

Aug 23 Oklahoma Religious
Coalition for Reproductive
Choice (ORCRC)

Aug 30 Credit Counseling Centers
of Oklahoma

Minister’s Note



Last month, on July 15th, former President Jimmy Carter wrote an article titled “Losing My Religion for Equality,” in which he cited the discrimination of women and girls as a key reason for his leaving the Southern Baptist Convention in which he took part for six decades. Of course, the idea that woman are somehow inferior to men is not restricted to just one religion. Carter, along with Nelson Mandela and other Nobel Prize winners, have recently published a statement that declares: “The justification of discrimination against women and girls on grounds of religion or tradition, as if it were prescribed by a Higher Authority, is unacceptable.”

Carter goes on to say: “The carefully selected verses found in the Holy Scriptures to justify the superiority of men owe more to time and place—and the determination of male leaders to hold onto their influence—than eternal truths. Similar biblical excerpts could be found to support the approval of slavery and the timid acquiescence to oppressive rulers. I am also familiar with vivid descriptions in the same Scriptures in which women are revered as pre-eminent leaders. During the years of the early Christian church, women served as deacons, priests, bishops, apostles, teachers and prophets. It wasn’t until the fourth century that dominant Christian leaders, all men, twisted and distorted Holy Scriptures to perpetuate their ascendant positions within the religious hierarchy. The truth is that male religious leaders have had—and still have—an option to interpret holy teachings either to exalt or subjugate women. They have, for their own selfish ends, overwhelmingly chosen the latter. It is time we had the courage to challenge these views.”

See you in church,

Children's Religious Education (CRE) Registration

2009-10 Children's Religious Education registration and medical release forms are available online at www.AllSoulsChurch.org. All children through 8th grade must be registered with the CRE Office to attend classes. There is a separate form for infants and toddlers. *If you have questions, please call Shannon Boston, CRE Administrator, (918) 743-2805 ext. 321, or email sboston@AllSoulsChurch.org.*

Theme Training and Children's Religious Education (CRE) Teacher Training

If you plan to teach, lead a workshop, or would like to have a deeper understanding of our monthly themes and how they relate to our CRE program, please come to Theme Training **Aug. 23**, from 1:00-2:00 pm or **Aug. 26**, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the chapel. Rev. Marlin Lavanhar will cover the first three themes of the 2009-10 church year: Vocation/Calling, Unity/Diversity, and Gratitude. Teacher Training will continue from 2:00-4:00 pm or 7:00-9:00 pm respectively. Childcare is available by reservation with Cathy Wolf, at childcare@AllSoulsChurch.org or 743-2805 ext. 308. *If you have any questions, contact Shannon Boston, at 743-2805, ext. 321, or sboston@AllSoulsChurch.org.*

All Souls 101

All those considering joining are encouraged to take this one-time basic orientation to the privileges and responsibilities of membership. Sunday, **August 30**, at 10:00 am.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

for all church boards & committees

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

2:00 - 8:00 pm

at

Congregation B'nai Emunah

1719 S. Owasso Ave.

\$25 per person, includes dinner
*Scholarships available on a sliding scale.
Contact the office to request.*

Registration available online at
www.allsoulschurch.org
or in the church office.

Please supply contact information, and indicate on which board you will serve.

Childcare is available by reservation.
*Contact Cathy Wolf at 743-2805 ext 308
or childcare@allsoulschurch.org*



ONE CHURCH,
MANY EXPRESSIONS



Upcoming Events

BGLT Potluck Dinner

If you would like to meet other bisexual, gay, lesbian, or transgender All Souls members and their families, please come to our potluck dinner Friday, **Aug. 21**, 6-8:00 pm. *For more information, contact Susan Markey at 978-4664 or s_markey@sbcglobal.net.*

Local Foods Dinner, Aug. 28

Chef Libby Auld, of Eloté Cafe, sources locally grown ingredients for a three-course sit-down dinner. \$20 per person. Live Music begins at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:30.

Your payment is your reservation, and is due by Aug. 25. Online sales at www.all-soulschurch.org, or contact Marilyn Ihloff at marilyn@ihloffspa.com or 918.810.5582, or call/visit the church office.

Children's & Youth Choir Registration

Tuesday, **Sept. 1** - 4:00-6:00 pm
Wednesday, **Sept. 2** - 6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, **Sept. 3** - 4:00-6:00 pm

Open to all 4th-12th graders who love to sing! Drop in for a vocal assessment, register, order uniform shirts, and sign up for choir camp! Rehearsals begin on Homecoming Sunday, **Sept. 13**.

WC Kickoff with Barry Friedman

Wednesday, **Sept. 16**, comedian and public radio commentator Barry Friedman will help kick off an exciting year of Wednesday Connections programming. *For more information, contact Brian Cross, ARE coordinator, at arecoordinator@allsoulschurch.org or 743-2805, ext. 503.*



Did you join All Souls in a year that ends with 8? If you joined in 1998, '88, '78, '68, '58 or '48, come Dine Across the Decades and get to know other members who joined in your year and more. Bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner at 6:30, on **Sept. 18**. Dates for other years coming soon!
For details call Marcia Baker at 749-9142.



Pastoral Notes

**All Souls
Pastoral Care Team**
available by phone 24 hours
for pastoral emergencies.
724-TEAM or 724-8326

When submitting articles for church publications:
1) Please submit your text electronically via email, preferably as an attachment. Plain text is best; we will format. 2) Include your name and daytime number. 3) We may need to edit your text for copy-fitting purposes. 4) Due Thursday, 10:00 am, two weeks before the announcement is current.

Contact Laurel Williamson at 743-2363, or secretary@AllSoulsChurch.org.

This Week At All Souls

Sunday, Aug. 23

9:45 am Child Care
10:00 am **Worship Service**
Sunday Circle
Our American Roots: Video Curriculum
11:00 am Brunch Begins
11:30 am **Worship Service**
Sunday Circle
1:00 pm Theme Training
1:30 pm ROOTS: Trolley Tour
2:00 pm CRE Teacher Training
3:30 pm *Building closes*

Wednesday, Aug. 26

6:00 pm Theme Training
7:00 pm CRE Teacher Training
Meditation 101
Stitching Together
Tai Chi
9:00 pm *Building closes*

August building hours:

Monday through Friday - 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

Sundays - 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

***Please call the office at 743-2363
to schedule all building use.***

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 25 Evening Alliance
Aug. 28 Local Foods Dinner
Aug. 30 Leadership Retreat
Sept 11 Coffeehouse: Jimmy LaFave

Wayside Pulpit

No lie can live forever.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.