# All Souls Unitarian Church

# A Gathering Place for Courageous Love



**Spring** 

# **Community & Connection**

2023 Guide

allsoulschurch.org

Our church is an embodiment and celebration of the world as we hope it will one day become. A climate of profound hospitality, love, and acceptance radiates from our campus and our members—in Tulsa and throughout the world.

All Souls offers classes, small groups, and special events to engage and support the growth of our members and friends.

Classes and discussion groups occur regularly on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. September through May, our congregation is organized around monthly themes. Our themes provide a shared focus, giving our congregation the opportunity to strengthen spiritual connections and lives.

#### 2022-2023 Themes

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#### myAllSouls.org

Create & manage your profile. churchlife.mobi to access on your phone!



Weekly blogs from our members, ministers, & friends.

beyondbelief.online

#### Connect with Us!

Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 10 am to 3 pm Sunday | 9 am to 1:30 pm

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#### Services:

10 & 11:30 am central

Zoom • LIVE • Facebook Links: allsoulschurch.org

#### **All Souls Staff**

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#### Ministers

Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar, Senior Minister Rev. Randy Lewis, Assistant Minister Rev. Barbara Prose, Executive Minister Carlton D. Pearson, Affiliate Minister Rev. Gerald Davis, Affiliate Minister

#### **Executive Team**

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#### **Board of Trustees**

#### 2022-2023 Board of Trustees

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A climate of profound hospitality, love, and acceptance radiates from our campus and our members.

Love is the spirit of this church.

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# Save-the-Date & plan to join us!

#### MARCH: RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY

1	Foundations of UU
8	Foundations of UU
10-14	CoA Boston Pilgrimage
12	Joining Sunday
	All Souls Reads: Lovecraft Country
15	WCC Break
22	WCC Spring begins
	Recovering From Religious Wounds
26	Heritage Family Festival Sunday
29	Recovering From Religious Wounds

#### APRIL: REDEMPTION

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2	Coming of Age Sunday
	Joining Sunday
5	Recovering From Religious Wounds
7	Good Friday
9	Easter Family Festival Services
	Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Communion
12	Reimagining Your Own Theology
16	New Member Recognition
19	Reimagining Your Own Theology
	Soul Stories: Redemption
22-23	Art Market
23	Youth Sunday

Reimagining Your Own Theology

Final Spring WCC

#### MAY: MERCY

3	Empty Bowls CRB Fundraiser
5-6	Women's Retreat
7	All Souls Reads: The City We Became
	Joining Sunday
10	Volunteer Appreciation
14	Flower Communion Family Festival
20	Golf Tournament
21	Graduation Sunday
	Congregational Meeting
28	Pentecost
29	Memorial Day – Building closed
31	Race Massacre Anniversary



# **Empty Bowls**

A Fundraiser for the Community Resource Bank (CRB)

Wednesday, May 3



# **Become a Member on Joining Sundays**

2nd Sundays at 11:30 am & 1 pm | In Person & on Zoom! (1st Sundays in April and May)

Joining Sundays are your opportunity to meet with a minister, ask questions, & connect with others who are joining the All Souls family!

> 11:30 am Zoom: allsouls.me/joining 1 pm Zoom: allsouls.me/joining1pm

### **Sundays at All Souls**

All Souls Church embodies the Unitarian Universalist theology of radical acceptance and inclusiveness. Love and community are at the heart of each service.

Ministers and guest speakers draw wisdom from the world's religions, philosophy, literature, science, poetry, and the natural world in order to deliver messages relevant to our times.

Our covenant unifies All Souls members across a wide variety of perspectives and beliefs.

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Services are held in the Sanctuary & Emerson Hall in-person at All Souls. Watch online LIVE! <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, Zoom, or at <u>allsoulschurch.org/live</u>.

Please visit our Worship and Covid Updates pages for up-to-date info regarding in-person services and events.

**Zoom Coffee Hour**: 30 minutes before & after the services.

**BrUUnch for Boston**: Donations accepted for coffee & pastries before & after services for our annual *Coming of Age Boston Pilgrimage.* 

#### Service Times

10 am Sanctuary Service Zoom: allsouls.me/zoom10

11:30 am THE POINT, Humanist Service

Zoom: allsouls.me/zoom1130

#### All Souls Kids & Youth Programs

Children and Youth check in on Sundays at the ASK table and attend services with their families for the Story for All Ages before their programs. Pre-K and younger start in their classrooms. See page 20 and visit <u>allsoulschurch.org/ask</u> for details on our age-appropriate programs and Youth groups.

#### **Sunday Programs for Adults**

Sunday Salon

Sundays | 9 am | Hybrid bit.ly/asucsundaysalon Member Joe Nurre moderates this weekly forum on current events. All opinions are respected, few questions are answered, and all answers are questioned.

#### Sunday Circle

Sundays | 10 am | Hybrid bit.ly/sundaycircle Members Joe Nurre & Dan Piazzola moderate this conversational ministry from a spiritual point of view, governed by a commitment to our covenant.

#### Welcome!

Coffee Hours on Sundays, before & after services.

Connect with others at the church or on our Zoom Coffee Hours! Welcoming Souls team members are here to answer your questions. Help us get to know you by completing our online Connect Card! allsoulschurch.org/connect

# **Music & Choir Programs**

All Souls is one of a few churches in Oklahoma with a fully-graded choir program—with choirs for young children through adults! Artists and instrumentalists are welcome too!

# Celebrating music's power to stir the deepest feelings in our hearts.

Music is one of the most powerful ways we experience Love Beyond Belief together. All Souls musicians and choir members strive for excellence. Wherever you feel your talent or experience level lies, there is a place for you!

# ALL CHILDREN & ALL AGES are invited to join our engaging choirs!

Singing in an All Souls Choir builds community with peers, provides opportunities to travel, and creates meaningful relationships that can last a lifetime

# Cherub, Chidren's & Youth Choirs (CCYC) CCYC practice on Sundays | Room 130

Cherub Choir: 1st-3rd grades

10 am \*Cherub members will attend the Sanctuary service for the Story for All Ages before going to Choir practice.

Children's Choir: 4th-7th grades

11:30 am \*Children's Choir members will go directly to choir practice.

Youth Choir: 8th-12th grades

1:30 to 3 pm

Youth Band: 9th-12th grades

3 to 4 pm

#### **Adult Music Program**

The Adult Choir and Chamber Choir draw from a wide variety of musical styles. They present music from classical and sacred to popular, jazz and gospel styles.

New Dimensions Chorale draws from traditional gospel, contemporary gospel and secular music.

#### Rehearsal Schedule:

Adult Choir: Tuesdays, 7 to 9 pm

New Dimensions Chorale: Tuesdays, 7 to 9 pm

Chamber Choir: Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm

#### Music & Choir Programs Team:

David B. Smith, Executive Director of Ministry, Youth Choir & New Dimensions Chorale Director

Rick Fortner, Director of Music, Adult Choir & Chamber Choir Director

Libby Sublett, Cherub & Children's Choir Director

Matt Edwards, Percussionist

# Make Joyful Noise!

CCYC Choirs & All Souls Adult Music Program is looking for singers, artists, & instrumentalists!

Email Rick Fortner at rfortner@allsoulschurch.org.

# **Adult Programs**

Adult Programs are intentional, inclusive, and inspiring. We strive to cultivate a community of people who lead in all aspects of their lives, and to be living beacons for religious freedom. We encourage personal growth, diversity, and justice in our community and beyond.

# All Souls Reads with Rev. Gerald Davis

Select Sundays | 1:30 pm | Zoom: allsouls.me/asr

A book discussion group that explores the human condition when encountering and overcoming oppressive circumstances. This year's selections focus on Afro-Futurism. Pre-reading the selection is not required and books can be ordered at the All Souls Book Store. Sales support our Adult Programs. For orders, email dkwatts44@cox.net, or shop at the church on Sundays.

March 12 Lovecraft Country by Matt Ruff—In person!

May 7 The City We Became by N.K. Jemisin





# **Congregational Conversations**

Wednesday, March 8 | 7 pm Sunday, March 12 | 11:15 am-12:15 pm & 12:30-1:30 pm Additional dates and times to be announced As we build a vision together, let us also build relationships in our congregation. Sign up for a small group listening session to connect through personal stories and the meaning we find through All Souls. To register visit allsouls.me/ccform.

# Wellspring

UU Wellspring is a 10-month small group experience that creates space for deep listening, daily spiritual practice, deeper understanding of UU history and theology, living your faith, and spiritual companionship. Our next Wellspring cohort will begin August 2023. Email Shannon Boston, sboston@allsoulschurch.org, to sign up or learn more.



### **The Book Store**

inside the Alliance Room on Sundays!

Shop a variety of books at a discounted rate & support our Adult Programs!

# **Wednesday Community Connections**

Winter Schedule: February 1-March 8, 2023 | Spring Schedule: March 22-April 26, 2023 | Classes are online, in person, or both! Connect with others online via Zoom!

#### Dinner starts at 5:30 pm

\$5 helps a little, \$10 covers the meal, \$20+ helps sustain our programs.

#### Volunteer at Wednesday Connections Dinner!

Shifts include 3:30 pm prep, 5:30 pm serve, & 6:30 pm clean up. Simply show up or email Shannon Boston, sboston@allsoulschurch.org.

#### Chapel starts at 6:30 pm

Held in the chapel in person only.

#### Childcare

6:30 to 8:30 pm, Toddlers through 5th grade.

#### Classes begin at 7 pm

Class listing & details: allsoulschurch.org/wc

#### The Bee! Creativity in Community

Weekly | In Person

An opportunity of creative expression open to all! If you enjoy creating in a group setting, please join us! Craft projects include:

- Community Mosaics: assist Bill Westcott with a series of mosaics to be installed at All Souls.
- Individual Projects: bring your own project to work on in our shared art space.

### Booksmart Tulsa and All Souls Present David Grann

April 26 | In Person

From the author of *Killers of the Flower Moon* comes *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*, a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. This will be a ticketed event hosted at All Souls.

# Exploration of the Enneagram with Lindsay Barbour

March 1, 8, 22, & 29 | 4-week series | In Person The Enneagram is a tool that can be used to connect deeply with others and ourselves, developing an understanding of the nine ways of seeing the world and interpreting reality. As we explore our shadow sides, we can become consciously aware of our patterns of behavior and perhaps choose our responses differently out of a place of wholeness. The Narrative Enneagram incorporates psychology, spirituality, and somatics. As preparation for joining the class, here is a link to an Enneagram typing test that costs \$10, narrativeenneagram.org/enneagram-test/.

#### First Steps in Sustainability

March 15\*, April 19 & May 17 | Hybrid First Steps is a sustainability program for faith-based communities being launched this year by The Sustainability Alliance. If you think sustainability programs need to be part of our vision for the future of All Souls, please join us! \*No dinner March 15, meet at 5:30.

# Foundations of Unitarian Universalism with Rev. Marlin Lavanhar & Randy Lewis

February 22, March 1 & 8 | Hybrid Join our ministers on this three-week exploration of the roots of Unitarianism and Universalism and how they come together to form the basis of Love Beyond Belief that we experience at All Souls today. (Great prep course for Wellspring, launching in the Fall!)

# Wednesday Connections classes are for adults & are free!

Childcare offered from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

# Great Decisions with Earl Goodman & Mack Vanderlip

February 8 - April 5 | On Zoom Great Decisions is the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) renowned nationwide group discussion program on world affairs. This year's Great Decisions program includes these critically important topics each Wednesday:

- 2/8 Energy Geopolitics
- 2/15 War Crimes
- 2/22 China and the U.S.
- 3/1 Economic Warfare
- 3/8 Politics in Latin America
- 3/15 Global Famine
- 3/22 Iran at a Crossroads
- 3/29 Climate Migration
- 4/5 Review & Wrap-up, Wine & Cheese

All Wednesday night participants must register each night for the program. Visit <u>allsouls</u>. <u>me/greatdecisions</u> to register. Please visit <u>allsoulschurch.org/programs/wc</u> for information on purchasing the Great Decisions 2023 Briefing Book, required reading and links to video content.

# Raising Resilient Kids in an Era of Bubble-Wrap Parenting with Stacey Leigh

April 12 | In Person in the Chapel
Stacey Leigh will help parents examine how they
can let go of hyper-parenting and embrace a
parenting style that builds resilience, allowing
children to step into unfamiliar situations and "have
a sense they can figure out what they need to do
and can handle what is thrown at them with a
sense of confidence."

This workshop is suitable for parents with children of all ages and abilities. Parents will leave the workshop with three tools they can put into immediate use to help their kids develop resilience.

# Recovering From Religious Wounds with Randy Lewis

March 22, 29, & April 5 | 3-week series | Hybrid In this class, participants will share and support one another with healing from painful religious experiences and explore faith development and grief as it relates to these experiences. This important process may continue in other forms as participants' needs dictate. (Great prep course for Wellspring, launching in the Fall!)

# Reimagining Your Own Theology with Rev. Marlin Lavanhar

April 12, 19, and 26 | Hybrid Many Unitarian Universalists can easily say what they don't believe, but how many can clearly state what they do believe? Many people who have found the UU faith have come from other faith traditions, or from none at all. In this series we will begin an exploration of individual beliefs and the "big questions" seeking a deepening and expanding understanding of ourselves and our world. (Great prep course for Wellspring, launching

Soul Stories
with Julie Tattershall
March 1, 8, and 22
April 5, 12, and 19
7 pm, In Person
During Wednesday
Connections

in the Fall!)



# Teach a class or make a suggestion!

If you have an idea for a class, would like to take a specific class, or would love to lead a class, contact Shannon Boston, sboston@allsoulschurch.org.



#### with All Souls Reproductive Justice Team

April 5-26 | 7-week series | In Person Since the late 1960s, All Souls has had an active group of courageous women and men who planned, advocated, protested, and WORKED for Reproductive Justice. Their actions gave rise to Oklahoma Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Roe Fund Oklahoma, Tulsa Women's Clinic, and the Roe v Wade ruling in 1972. The rights they fought for fell in 2022 with the Dobbs decision. Today's All Souls for Reproductive Justice (ASRJ) team is partnering with SACRed. Join us for 7-week series which will guide participants to:

- Create and hold space for courageous conversations free from shame, judgement, and stigma.
- Engage faith, spirituality, and theology through the RJ framework to develop a compassionate approach to reproductive decision-making and perspective of events.
- Promote the values and work of SACReD to our community following the energy and interest of the congregation.

Four sessions will be held in April. SACReD will reconvene for three more sessions in June.

See more ways to connect and serve justice issues on page 24.

#### Soul Stories with Julie Tattershall

February 1, 8, and 15 | Theme: Freedom

March 1, 8, and 22 | Theme: Authority
April 5, 12, and 19 | Theme: Redemption
All sessions are in person only.
Gather to share a bit of yourself and make
connections as we learn to craft our own individual
true stories around All Souls' monthly themes. With
the guidance of Julie Tattershall, award-winning
community theatre director. Similar to The Moth
Radio Hour, stories will be around five minutes and
shared in an intimate performance setting after
having the opportunity to workshop them twice
each month. Story tellers of all levels are welcome
from old pros to first-timers.

# Wednesday Circle with Jim Gillispie and Joe Nurre

Weekly | Hybrid | bit.ly/wednesdaycircle
Joe Nurre and Jim Gillispie moderate this
conversational ministry from a spiritual point of
view, governed by a commitment to our covenant.
Topics change weekly and generally follow those
chosen by the Circle the Sunday preceding. All are
welcome to join in person or by Zoom!

# Yoga for Every Body with Stacie Beckert Weekly | In Person

Enjoy empowering, restorative yoga for every body type. Come expand your mind and stretch your body!



# Our Members & Friends Receive Support

#### **Diabetes Support Group**

2nd & 4th Thursdays | 5:30 pm | allsouls.me/diabetes

Do you or someone you know have diabetes? Join our free diabetes support group that is open to all!

#### **Holding Grief Support Group**

March 5 & 26 | 1-2:30 pm | Thoreau Lounge Grief is all around us and within us. Who hasn't suffered a loss of some kind? Loved ones, relationships, careers, dreams, and so on. Grief is a normal and natural part of life and yet we seldom learn what grief is all about and how to honor its sacred calling to healing and growth. In this program, we will explore grief and loss through personal sharing, support, and education about the grief process.

# **Trekkers: Cancer Advocacy & Support Group** *Wednesdays* | 5:30 pm | <u>bit.ly/astrekkers</u>

An educational, advocacy support group open to all who are affected by the cancer experience. Contact Faith Boudreau, allsoulstrekkers@allsoulschurch.org



#### Brighten up a Sunday and honor a loved one!

Contribute to the presentation of our Sunday worship and Humanist Hour services. Honor a loved one, anniversary, or celebration by sponsoring flowers. Arrangements begin at \$90. Email lrumley@allsoulschurch.org to reserve your date!

# Volunteer on Wednesdays & Sundays!

Help create our gathering place for courageous love!

You can:

Prep, serve, or clean up at Wednesday Connections Dinner
Have fun with kids in our ASK programs
Be a part of our Youth Programs & Trips
Bring baked goods for donations to BrUUnch for Boston
Be a Welcoming Soul for our in person & online services & programs

Reach out to the church office to get plugged in

# **Ways to Connect: Small Groups**

At the heart of All Souls is connection with each other. All are welcome to participate in these opportunities of connection, growth, interests, and commonality.

#### Day Alliance

Third Thursdays | 11:30 am
Our longest-standing group offers closer
fellowship through monthly luncheon meetings
and programs over a variety of interests. Day
Alliance serves the church by hosting Memorial
receptions.

Contact DayAlliance@allsoulschurch.org

#### LGBTQ+

Events to be announced Work with community partners, represent All Souls at Tulsa Pride, address LGTBQ+ issues, and participate in LGTBQ+ events.

Contact lgbtg@allsoulschurch.org

#### Men of All Souls (Open to all)

Tuesdays | 7 pm | bit.ly/allsoulsmen Hybrid on 1st Tuesdays Group events to be announced Create and foster a strong organization and community for men and all who identify as men or are interested in men's issues, age 17+. Contact mensgroup@allsoulschurch.org

#### **Supper Club**

Second Saturdays in the evenings.

Hosted in member's homes, Supper Club offers monthly potluck events and lively conversation.

Contact Jennifer Lawrence, supperclub@allsoulschurch.org

#### **UUPs (Unitarian Universalists Parents)**

Events to be announced

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers supporting each other. Activities include retreats, social action, and events for the whole family. Visit our active Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/AllSoulsUUPs, or contact UUparents@allsoulschurch.org

#### Young at Heart

First Thursdays | 11:30 am lunch, 1 pm games Opportunities for mostly retired men and women to have lunch, play games, and stay current on events and community. All ages are welcome. Facilitated by Lynne Bootes, 909-730-7137

#### Women of All Souls

2nd Tuesdays | 7 pm | bit.ly/allsoulswomen Engage with others on women's issues, interests, creative expressions, social justice, and share in the ups and downs we all experience. Open to all who identify as women, gender non-conforming, and all ages. Facilitated by Quanah Scoggins, gscoggins@allsoulschurch.org

May 5 & 6: Women's Retreat at All Souls, details tbd

#### **Building & Repair Team**

Thursdays | 10 am | All Souls Work on a variety of projects to beautify and repair our church building. All experience levels welcome. Contact Jerry Burleson, jburleson@allsoulschurch.org

#### **Friday Night Adventurers**

Friday nights | Locations & times vary. Meets most Fridays for dinner, adventure, and friendship. Facilitated by Rick Gardner, brg3@aol.com, 918-706-5945

#### Garden & Grounds Team

Wednesdays | Starting at 8 am | 50° or above 2nd Wednesdays, planning meetings at 1:30 pm Beautify our grounds and gardens! Email Kathy Hinkle at hinkle.kb@gmail.com or simply show up!

# WELLSPRING

Be a part of this transformational experience!



UU Wellspring is a 10-month small group experience that creates space for deep listening, daily spiritual practice, deeper understanding of UU history and theology, living your faith, and spiritual companionship.

The next Wellspring groups begin August 2023.

### Each group is 10-12 members

Groups will be facilitated either in person or on Zoom, but not hybrid. Group meeting dates & times are determined by group participants.

Sign Up NOW for the Fall Group!

Email Shannon Boston sboston@allsoulschurch.org to RSVP for 2023-24 groups.





### All Souls Tulsa & Everywhere Members

Thank you for your commitment, love, and leadership as a member of All Souls. Here are more ways to get the most out of your membership.

#### myAllSouls.org

Manage your membership and family's records, connect with others, small groups, and volunteer opportunities. Check out our How To Guide to myAllSouls.org, at allsouls.me/myallsoulsguide.

#### On myAllSouls.org you can:

- 1. Change your profile photo, add a family photo, update info δ opt into receiving texts from All Souls.
- 2. Tell us about you! Your interests, professional expertise, and other attributes.
- 3. Find volunteer opportunities and access the membership directory.

Access ChurchLife (mobile interface of myAllSouls) on your smart phone! Using your web browser, go to churchlife.mobi. Enter the email and password you set up on myAllSouls.org to instantly connect. You can also click "Sign In with Site Number" and enter 107942.

#### From your phone on ChurchLife.mobi you can:

- 1. Access the membership directory and your small groups.
- 2. View the church calendar.
- 3. Access your giving history.



#### Join one of our membership teams to welcome & care for our community.

#### **Welcoming Souls**

Be a smiling face and welcome visitors as a greeter, usher at services, or be a chat host online! Being a Welcoming Soul is a great way to meet members in Tulsa and all over the world! Contact Nefertiti Sanders, Membership Associate, nsanders@allsoulschurch.org to get started.

#### **New! All Souls Memorial Guild**

Our Memorial Guild members support our ministers in doing the sacred work of honoring loved ones who have passed. Contact Randy Lewis at rlewis@allsoulschurch.org to learn more.



Gifts & Talents
All Souls is full of people who have talent!
Tell us yours in this super short survey!
Your gifts might be just what we need!

allsouls.me/talents



# Becoming a Member of All Souls.

Membership is not required to experience All Souls. You can become a member anytime at allsoulschurch.org or attend a Joining Sunday.

#### What We Believe

Everyone, regardless of age, race, culture, economic status, gender identity or sexual orientation is welcome at All Souls.

# Our Story is a story of strong ministry, unity, and diversity.

All Souls is a Church of the Free Spirit, founded on the principles of freedom, reason, fellowship, service and character.

In a delicate and respectfully held balance, our congregation worships together while individually holding a broad spectrum of beliefs and unbeliefs. Each day we learn better how to celebrate what we have in common and to respect the ways in which we differ.

# Why join as an All Souls Tulsa or Everywhere Member?

#### The church is the people, not the building.

Members help make our shared vision a reality, serving the church with their presence, leadership, and financial support.

Becoming a member is entering a covenantal relationship with a community of individuals and a step toward leadership in our democratically governed congregation.

All Souls Tulsa and All Souls Everywhere members join us for services in person and online via live stream, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

#### How to Join:

#### Join online on your time!

Visit allsoulschurch.org and click <u>Become a</u> <u>Member</u>. Complete the secure form to start your membership journey. We'll be in touch with you soon after.

# 2nd Sundays are Joining Sundays (1st Sundays in April & May)

Joining Sundays are your opportunity to meet with an All Souls minister, ask questions, and connect with others who are becoming members of the All Souls family!

#### In Person at All Souls & on Zoom!

11:30 am: <u>allsouls.me/joining</u> 1 pm: <u>allsouls.me/joining1pm</u>

All Souls Tulsa & All Souls Everywhere Members are an important part of keeping All Souls financially secure through annual pledges. All Souls extends that generosity by giving away our weekly offering and supporting issues important to our congregation.

# Have questions about membership or want to get involved & need a place to start?

Contact Nefertiti Sanders, Membership Associate, nsanders@allsoulschurch.org, or call (918) 954-1034, ext. 134



# LEAD

Gain skills, give back, and make a difference by serving in a leadership position. Opportunities include Leadership All Souls, church programs, and

Get involved with our social justice, affinity, and ministry groups. UU Wellspring groups will form in the Fall of each year. Shadz and Rewire classes form at various times throughout the year.

CONNECT



justice work.



LEARN

Take a class! Join our ministers for Foundations of Unitarian Universalism, then explore your own theology with Recovering from Religious Wounds and Reimagining Your Own Theology.



IOIN

Visit with us on a Joining Sunday or become a member online.



Take the All Souls Path to Membership classes to deepen your connections, get to know your ministers, and learn about Unitarian Universalism.

#### Foundations of Unitarian Universalism

Wednesdays, February 22, March 1 & 8 | 7 pm, Hybrid Explore Unitarianism and Universalism and how they come together at All Souls.

#### **Recovering From Religious Wounds**

with Randy Lewis | 3-week series Wednesdays, March 22, 29, & April 5 | 7 pm, Hybrid

#### Reimagining Your Own Theology

with Rev. Marlin Lavanhar | 3-week series Wednesdays, April 12, 19, & 26



### Life Events at All Souls

Care and commitment goes into every Memorial, Wedding, and Dedication. Connect with Randy Lewis, rlewis@allsoulschurch.org.







# Host your next event, class, lecture, or party at All Souls!

Sanctuary seats 400+
Emerson can seat up to 150 in an audience or 100 for seated dinner
Commercial kitchen, reception areas, gardens, & playground
Many options for classes and meeting rooms
Connect with Jerry Burleson, jburleson@allsoulschurch.org

All Souls Tulsa & Everywhere Members receive discounted rates for all Life Events and Rentals!

### All Members Receive Pastoral Care

Members receive Pastoral Care 365 days out of the year from our ministers and community.

#### Call 24/7:

# 918-724-8326 (TEAM) or email careteam@allsoulschurch.org

Learn more about all of our teams, receive care, or serve as a volunteer, visit allsoulschurch.org/get-involved/#pastoral-care.



#### Our members care for each other.

Simply reach out to any of these contacts to get plugged in, or learn more on our website, all souls church.org/get-involved. You can also connect with these groups, volunteer opportunities, and receive pastoral care or ministry by reaching out to the church office, (918) 743-2363 or officeadmin@allsoulschurch.org.

Some Pastoral Care & groups that serve the church require training and/or have requirements to join.

#### Care Team

careteam@allsoulschurch.org

Day Alliance: Memorial Receptions dayalliance@allsoulschurch.org

Friendly Souls

Friendly Souls@all souls church.org

**Helping Souls** 

helping souls@all souls church.org

Life Decisions

life decisions @ all souls church.org

Memorial Guild

rlewis@allsoulschurch.org

**Parish Nurses** 

parishnurses@allsoulschurch.org

Shawl Ministry

shawlministry@all souls church.org

**Spirit Song** 

spiritsong@allsoulschurch.org

**Trekkers Cancer Support** 

all souls trekkers @all souls church.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) maryellenjones126@gmail.com

"My work co-hosting All Souls memorial receptions is my small way of living out 'love beyond belief.' It is rewarding to be of service to families by arranging a pleasant place for them to gather with friends and family for refreshments and visiting after a memorial service. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who bake cookies and make time to prepare and serve refreshments at these receptions."

-Ellen Sowell Day Alliance

# All Souls Kids (ASK)

ASK supports families by nurturing hearts, minds, and souls.

The mission of All Souls Kids is to foster the lifelong exploration of religious thought and values through programs that promote spiritual development by means of free inquiry, mutual respect, and responsible behavior.

We strive to welcome everyone regardless of race, culture, economic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation. As an extension of this welcoming attitude, we call our children and youth by the name they prefer and use the pronouns they are most comfortable with. Our goal is to know and appreciate each individual person in our program.

#### Check-In & Out Procedures

As a safety measure, we require that each child in 5th grade and younger is checked in upon arrival and checked out upon leaving. Please check in and out each time your child(ren) or youth participates in programming.

There are no fees associated with ASK programs but we do expect our parents make their annual pledge and to volunteer at least one Sundays a month in some capacity.

We ask that the families participating in person in this program be vaccinated against COVID-19 and children are up to date on their medically recommended vaccinations. Prior to volunteering with children or youth at All Souls all adults must undergo a background check.



# You can still be a part of All Souls even if you are joining us from home!

Watch your favorite service online for the Story for All Ages & check out our interactive, online space to engage children on our Google classroom, allsoulschurch.org/ask.

#### Church out of the Box!

Shannon Boston invites you to our online family chapel experience with hymns, songs, prayer, and children's story! Watch ON DEMAND on our YouTube Playlist!

### More on what ASK is all about!

Welcome to ASK where we teach Love Beyond Belief!

The All Souls Kids (ASK) program provides families with the space, time, and community to explore questions of Faith. All Souls recognizes that parents and guardians are their children's primary religious educators. We encourage families to live in the questions and practice finding their own answers.

Within a three-year, repeating cycle of spiritual themes, this process happens over and over again from the earliest years through high school. We teach our toddlers they have gentle, loving hands and remind our kindergarteners this is a church of the open mind, the loving heart, and the helping hands.

All Souls families live out our church covenant: "To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another," by following our three simple Peace Practices:

- 1. Be kind in word or deed.
- 2. Respect yourself, all others, and the environment.
- 3. Everyone gets to play.

In **middle school** we focus on increasing our understanding of ourselves and each other, exploring embracing and celebrating our diversity with the curriculum "Crossing Paths" which is built on inter-faith engagement while focusing on UU identity formation.

Through our 9th grade Coming of Age program and high school youth group this process continues and deepens as we encourage our young people to discern their evolving beliefs and put those beliefs into action.

Because we are a church that aspires to *Love Beyond Belief*, ASK does not privilege any particular religious beliefs or truth claims. Instead, we present children with a wide range of stories and ideas from different cultures and traditions including Unitarian Universalist teachings and the world's religions. We engage parents with their children's faith formation through cooperative work in the program, offering classes and discussion groups geared to supporting their role as religious educators, and providing opportunities for adults to continue to learn and grow as well.

#### Join the ASK Team and Come Play!

Sign up for one Sunday a month and enjoy our young UUs!



Opportunities include toddlers, pre-K, K-5th grade, middle school through high school during the 10 or 11:30 am services. Simply reach out to Shannon Boston to get started, sboston@allsoulschurch.org.

Details: allsoulschurch.org/ask

Prior to working with children or youth at All Souls all adults give authorization for a background check.

# All Souls Kids - ASK Programs

Sunday Programs for Children & Youth

Please complete the annual registration for each child at allsoulschurch.org/ask.

Children: Check in at the ASK Table on Sundays!

Kindergarten through 5th grade + minimum of 2 years & potty-trained.

All Souls Kids! Sunday School 10 to 11 & 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in person

All Souls Kids seeks to engage the whole child through our peace practices, themes, and covenant. Pre-K and younger start in their classrooms. Kindergarten and older start each morning together in the Sanctuary at 10 am or in Emerson Hall at 11:30 am for the Story for All Ages. Class size is limited. Questions? Contact Quanah Scoggins, qscoggins@allsoulschurch.org

#### Youth: Check in at the ASK Table on Sundays!

#### Middle School Youth (6th-8th grade)

10 to 11 am | Room 128

All middle school youth are invited to join us for fun, friendship, and the foundations of Unitarian Universalism and the exploration of world faiths.

#### Coming of Age (9th+ graders)

10 to 11:30 am | Room 120

This year-long epic adventure requires commitment but is well-worth the effort with the Boston Pilgrimage in the Spring and a culminating Coming of Age Sunday where our youth share their personal statements of belief. COA Sunday is April 2, 2023.

#### Youth Group (10th-12th grades)

11:30 am to 1 pm | Sponge Room

Our youth learn about and participate in social action, diversity and equity, world religions and how to find and follow their own paths. The Youth program culminates in the life-changing Youth Sunday service, where Youth put on all elements of the service and Seniors share their sermons. Youth Sunday is April 23.





### Social Justice Teams

One way we put love beyond belief into action is through our work for justice in the larger community. Learn more at <u>allsoulschurch.org/get-involved</u>.

#### Get Involved!

All Souls members are currently working toward justice in areas including advocacy with our local interfaith partners, international human rights work, anti-racism, poverty and hunger, criminal justice, environmental issues, homelessness, housing, LGBTQ rights, education, and reproductive justice.

#### Showing up to make a difference.

Simply reach out to get started. Details on each of these justice teams are on our website. Click Get Involved

All Souls ACTION: Allied Communities of Tulsa Inspiring Our Neighborhoods action@allsoulschurch.org | actiontulsa.org

PIE: Partners in Education pie@allsoulschurch.org

CRB: Community Resource Bank crb@allsoulschurch.org

LGBTQ+Allies lgbtq@allsoulschurch.org

Refugee Relief Team refugeerelief@allsoulschurch.org

Reproductive Justice reprojustice@allsoulschurch.org

Voting Is Power votingpower@allsoulschurch.org

The Justice Council works to coordinate all of the justice programs at All Souls with delegates from each group serving on the Council. Margo Mitchell is the chair and Carlos Moreno is the chair of the grant program, TulsaRISE.

Contact justicecouncil@allsoulschurch.org



#### Do a Good Deed on Your Time!

Check out our Calendar for upcoming volunteer opportunities and plan your good deed around your schedule!

Opportunities include the monthly Community Resource Bank food distribution schedule, cooking dinner for Wednesday Connections, caring for our gardens and building, and more! Opportunities will be added as needs arise throughout the year.

allsoulschurch.org/calendar



#### with All Souls Reproductive Justice Team

April 5-26 | 7-week series | In Person Join us for this 7-week series (resuming in June) which will guide participants to:

- Create and hold space for courageous conversations free from shame, judgement, and stigma.
- Engage faith, spirituality, and theology through the Reproductive Justice framework to develop a compassionate approach to reproductive decision-making.
- Apply the Reproductive Justice framework to historical and current events.
- Promote the values and work of SACReD throughout the congregation and broader community following the energy and interest of the congregation.

See details on page 11.

### All Souls Intercultural Work



New groups form regularly Shādz meets twice monthly and is a racial identity group for people of color which equips participants with tools to effectively challenge racism and develop allies across racial lines. Led by trained Shādz facilitators Dorothy Checotah, Jeenee Lee, and Carlos Moreno.

#### Shādz cost & registration

Sponsor \$50: includes additional donation to support those in financial need to participate. Sustainer \$25: Base costs for program. Supporter, no fee: participate in and support the program.

To register for Shādz <u>email Corey Smith, csmith@allsoulschurch.org.</u>



Led by trained Rewire facilitators

New groups form regularly

Rewire is a racial identity group for white people to unlearn racism. In this new iteration, explore racial identity formation and learn how to be effective allies for racial justice.

#### REWIRE cost & registration

All Souls Members: \$75
Yet-to-be Members: \$150
Scholarships based on need available for members only. Become a member at allsoulschurch.org.
To register for REWIRE,
contact sboston@allsoulschurch.org

# DIVE

diversity.inclusion.vulnerablility.engagement

Fostering beloved relationships, empathic action, and racial unity through interacting with one another, while reflecting on our unique experiences, perspectives, and stories, both traumatic and triumphant. For alumni of Shādz and Rewire. Apply by emailing Shannon Boston, sboston@allsoulschurch.org. This 8-month program begins March 22.

#### The Intercultural Development Inventory® (IDI)

\$25 | Schedule your IDI, email officeadmin@allsoulschurch.org
The IDI is a cross-culturally valid and reliable, measure of intercultural competence and is a theory-based assessment. Participants will meet with a minister to review the results.

#### All Souls Reads with Rev. Gerald Davis

Select Sundays | 1:30 pm | Zoom: allsouls.me/asr Explores the human condition through the literature of Afro-futurism! Pre-reading not required. See Book List on page 8 or visit allsoulschurch.org/programs.

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To grow restless with who we are helps us move toward our ideals. Perfection is impossible, but we all have the potential to be more patient, more compassionate, more open-minded.

—Stephen Shick (Unitarian Universalist, peace activist, reformer, clergy)
Be the Change: Poems, Prayers and Meditations for Peacemakers

Notes:	









# A gathering place for courageous love.

All Souls
is an oasis where
people of different beliefs &
backgrounds make
community together.









# Pledge your support for 2023. It is not All Souls without YOU!

Pledge at church or online, allsoulschurch.org/give.

