

ALL SOULS

Since 1819 - A congregation of open minds and hearts

In the Spirit

In his poem titled "New Year's," the contemporary poet Dana Gioia writes:

*Let other mornings honor the miraculous.
Eternity has festivals enough.
This is the feast of our mortality,
The most mundane and human holiday...*

*The new year always brings us what we want
Simply by bringing us along—to see
A calendar with every day uncrossed,
A field of snow without a single footprint.*

When we find ourselves on the cusp of a long interval such as a year, we usually take time to look back and reflect on where we have come to and how we got here. But the truth is that we cannot change the past. Our challenge is to pay attention to this hour and this moment. Today is precious because it is singular: given to us once and never again. Does this mean we should kneel at the dawn of each new day and bless the sun, or pause at the chime of each hour to express our gratitude? We could do worse. Human rites and rituals were developed to remind us of things that must never be forgotten. They remind us to take a seat at the feast of our mortality.

But what if our experience of mortality somehow feels more like a fast than a feast? The prophet Isaiah in the Hebrew Bible has wise counsel for us in such times. "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth." This is sound advice, especially at the outset of a new year. Leave the past where it belongs: in the past. Find a road through whatever wilderness lies before you. Do a new thing.

If your life is already a feast, then this new year will give you exactly what you want: a calendar with each day uncrossed. If you find yourself fasting today, there has never been a better time for you to do a new thing. In either case, my prayer is that this will be a good day, and a good year, for each of us and for our world.

I'll see you in church,



Sermons

January 4	Cheryl M. Walker
January 11	Galen Guengerich
January 18	Galen Guengerich
January 25	George Collins

Sunday, January 18 at 12:45 p.m.
Forrest Church Gallery
Welcome to All Souls Workshop

If you are interested in finding out more about our congregation and how to become involved, join us for a *Welcome to All Souls Workshop*. The 90-minute workshop will feature:

- A light buffet brunch
- A 20-minute video on the history and life of All Souls
- A summary of the principles of Unitarian Universalism
- A discussion of how you can find your place in the All Souls community

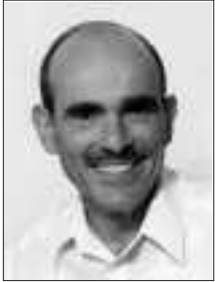
To register for a workshop, contact **Blamo Jaurey, Director of Newcomer Services**, at the Church at blamo@allsoulsnyc.org or (212) 535-5530.

• **Congregational Budget Meeting**
Sunday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m.

• **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**
Sunday, February 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Adult Education

10:00 a.m.



January 4, 11, 18, 25
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
 —A Medieval Romance with
 Lawrence Besserman, Ph.D.

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, an anonymous poetic masterpiece that dates from around 1375, is generally regarded as equal in quality to the works of Chaucer, and on a par with the greatest literary works of the Middle Ages in any language. Gawain, nephew of King Arthur and the best of the knights of the round table, meets a mysterious and threatening challenger known as the Green Knight. Like other medieval romances, Gawain involves a quest and typically medieval tests: a beheading game, a journey, a bedroom temptation, an exchange of winnings. But its principal themes of courage and heroism, love and loyalty, and the quest for human perfection are timeless and as relevant to our time as to the 14th century. Set during the Christmas season, with New Year's Day as the focal point of its action, January is an especially apt time to encounter Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Recommended text; Simon Armitage, trans. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight: A New Verse Translation*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2007.

January 4: *Introduction: Chivalry, Courtly Love, Beheading Game* (Fitt 1, lines 1-490)

January 11: *The Journey, the Castle* (Fitt 2, ll. 491-1125)

January 18: *Hunting, Bedroom Temptation*
 (Fitt 3, ll. 1126-1997)

January 25: *The Green Chapel, Home*
 (Fitt 4, ll. 1998-end)

Lawrence Besserman is Professor of English at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A specialist in medieval literature, he has taught at Harvard, NYU and is currently spending a sabbatical year as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia. His publications include *The Legend of Job in the Middle Ages* (1979) and *Chaucer and the Bible* (1988). He is currently at work on a book about Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde* and a jointly authored volume of essays on sacred and secular themes in medieval English and French poetry.

11:15 a.m.



January 4
Schizophrenia: A Mother's Story
 with Phoebe Hoss

Schizophrenia is a mental illness that today afflicts more than two million people and their families in the United States. Long time All Souls member Phoebe Hoss has direct experience in coping with its difficulty and tragedy, having raised a son who first showed signs of the illness at the age of nine. In her forthcoming book *All Eyes: A Mother's Struggle to Save Her Schizophrenic Son*, she relates his story and her own efforts over sixteen years to find consistent help in the mental health system. It is also the story of her own growth through psychotherapy and her quest for faith, for authentic authority beyond herself—a quest that eventually brought her to All Souls.

Phoebe Hoss is an editor of scholarly books, including works of psychotherapist Irving Yalom, and she is the author of two children's books: *Noses Are for Roses* (1961) and *Better Never Than Late* (1971). In addition, she was co-translator of Claude Levi-Strauss's *The View From Afar* (1985). Though now retired, she still freelances and writes poetry.

*The Adult Education Committee
 would like your ideas!*

Please send suggestions for programs, topics, or speakers by e-mail to adulded@allsoulsnyc.org or in writing to:

Adult Education Committee
 All Souls Church
 1157 Lexington Avenue
 New York, NY, 10075

11:15 a.m (continued)

January 11, 18, 25

Moral Perspectives on Nuclear Armaments Now

A three-part inquiry co-sponsored by
Adult Education and the All Souls
Nuclear Disarmament Task Force

Several years ago, General Lee Butler, Former Commander of U.S. Strategic Air Command (1991-92) and U.S. Strategic Command (1992-94), wrote:

It is time for the United States to act much more boldly in closing the nuclear era. Our present policies, plans and postures governing nuclear weapons make us prisoners still to an age of intolerable danger. We cannot at once keep sacred the miracle of existence and hold sacrosanct the capacity to destroy it. It is time to reassert the primacy of individual conscience, the voice of reason and the rightful interests of humanity.

Join us as three distinguished leaders from the legal and religious communities address the issues of national security and nuclear weapons from the point of view of religious and social ethics.

**January 11: Charles J. Moxley Jr.**

Charles Moxley is an attorney who has practiced in New York City for more than 30 years, and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, where he presently teaches a course on Nuclear Weapons and International Law. He is the author of

Nuclear Weapons and International Law in the Post Cold War World, and co-author of the March 2008 statement by the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, "Ending U.S. Reliance on Nuclear Weapons and Achieving Their Global Elimination."

**January 18: Donald W. Shriver Jr.**

Donald Shriver is the former President of Union Theological Seminary and William E. Dodge Professor emeritus of Applied Christianity. He earned a Doctorate in Christian Ethics at Harvard Divinity School. A member of the Council on

Foreign relations, he is past President of the Society for Christian Ethics and author or co-author of 12 books, including *An Ethic for Enemies: Forgiveness in Politics*, and *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember Its Misdeeds*.

**January 25:****The Rev. Vernon C. Nichols**

Vernon Nichols is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister who has served parishes in Ottawa Canada, New York, Connecticut, and Michigan. His last position before retirement was to direct the UU

United Nations Office with his wife, Susan. For more than ten years he served as President, and is currently co-President, of the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace, and Security, a substantive committee of the Conference of the NGOs at the United Nations. In connection with this work he has spoken at a number of international conferences concerned with peace and disarmament issues.

12:45 p.m.

January 4 at 12:45 p.m. in the Ware Room
Adventures in Ideas Forum

Topic: *Is "Man" the Measure of All Things?*

Should homo sapiens, because of an apparent ascendancy in the food chain, be considered essential to the ongoing scheme of the universe? All are welcome to this informal discussion.

**January 11 in the Chapel**

Spiritual Medicine
with Tina Quirk

Spiritual Medicine brings into the area of health and well being the perspective of a consciously aware spiritual life, and a sense of connectedness with others and a reverence for the natural order. Homeopathy is one of several alternative forms of health care that are natural, holistic, and consistent with our spiritual practices. This session will explore the philosophical principles behind homeopathy, and address the core questions: What is health? What is disease? What is healing?

Tina Quirk, MS, PCH is a Classical Homeopath with a background in advanced practice nursing and psychology. She practices and teaches in New York City and writes for homeopathy journals and books. She is an editor for www.allthingshealing.com, and is currently working to establish a Homeopathy/AIDS treatment clinic and research in Tanzania.

Religious Education for Children and Youth

This month in Religious Education

Dear Friends,
I am writing this in the middle of pageant preparations and plans for the Family Christmas Eve service.

Congratulations to all involved in what I know will have been an absolutely marvelous Christmas Pageant. Kelly Carrol did a masterful job of directing the pageant with the brilliant assistance of Jennifer Vermont-Davis, Rita DeSilvo, Lisa Diomande, as well as our children's choir director Serafina Martino.

Many thanks to Jolain Bown and Jim Williams for overseeing the logistics of the Saturday rehearsals and the pageant performance. And thanks galore to our costume coordinator Kathleen Taylor.

And finally THANK YOU to all of you for your generosity. Your response to the request for toiletries for Monday Night Hospitality, the mitten tree and our children's toy drive for the Booker T. Washington Learning Center and the outreach for families impacted by addiction was overwhelming.

Now, on to the New Year. Sunday school classes resume on January 4th. This month All Souls RE is also offering a new support group. Jean Clarkson and I are starting a group for families with children with special needs. The first meeting will take place when we return on January 4th at 10:25 a.m. in Galen's Study on the second floor.

We are ending the month with a very special guest. On Saturday, January 31st, Dr. Patricia Nachman, a well known specialist in the grieving process for children and youth, will lead a workshop on this topic. The workshop will take place in the Sanctuary and all parents and RE teachers are invited to participate. Please RSVP for this event to melaney@allsoulsnyc.org.



Calendar

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| Jan. 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Education Resumes • Sixth Grade Parent-Teacher Mtg.
9:00 a.m. in the Ware Room • Children with Special Needs meeting
9:00 a.m. in Galen's office • Kindergarteners in Chapel • Early Winter workshop term begins • Single Parents Meeting
12:30 p.m. in Forrest's Study |
| Jan. 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OWL Fourth Grade Parent-Teacher Mtg. at 9:00 a.m. in the Ware Room • Coping with Loss Group
1 p.m. in Forrest's Study |
| Jan. 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend • Intergenerational Worship
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary |
| Jan. 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE helps with Monday Night Hospitality |
| Jan. 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth-Seventh Grade Worship Parent-Teacher Mtg.
9:00 a.m. in the Ware Room • Chapel • Cradle Roll Party
12:30 p.m. in the Minot Simons Room Gallery (infants, toddlers and their families are invited) |
| Jan. 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grief and Children and Youth workshop with Patricia Nachman from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
RSVP to melaney@allsoulsnyc.org |

Cradle Roll Party

Sunday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m.
in Forrest Church Gallery

Cradle Roll Party

A get together of families with infants and toddlers. Enjoy fellowship with other parents, whether this is your first time to All Souls or your 100th! A light lunch will be served.

Strategic Planning

It's a new year and we're moving into it with bold new hopes and dreams for All Souls. Using the wealth of information we gathered from you in the listening circles and the survey, refined at a leadership summit in late October, we've discerned

four key initiatives that we hope will guide the agenda for our congregational life over the next few years.

We have invited members of the congregation, the Board, and staff, to serve on task forces to develop each initiative into practical yet inspiring action plans. Susan Beaumont, our Alban consultant, engaged the task-force members in an interactive training session in mid-December. We expect their work to be complete by the end of February. The planning team will then synthesize the task-force recommendations into an integrated plan to be presented to the Board of Trustees and, ultimately, to the congregation.

The four initiatives and task forces are:

Articulating Our Faith, in which we will seek to articulate a clear and compelling expression of our Unitarian Universalist faith and develop new programs and resources for worship that embody that vision. Task Force: Melinda Beck, Chair; William Bailey, Astrid Baumgardner, Galen Guengerich, Nancy Northup, Kurt Steele, and Hanan Watson.

Bearing Public Witness, in which we will seek to communicate our transforming message to the wider world in both words and deeds. We will embrace new technologies and communication strategies, and develop a comprehensive approach to advocacy and outreach programs in order to become a more meaningful force for positive change. Task Force: Kathy Ishizuka and Larry Reina, Co-chairs; Jim Freeman, Stuart Goldblatt, Jamie Jensen, Betsy Means, and Leslie Rioux.

Strengthening Our Community, in which we will seek to deepen relationships among newcomers, members and friends. We envision developing a program (including a small-group ministry) that encompasses all phases of congregational life, from a visitor's first experience, through membership, active participation and prepara-



tion for leadership. Task Force: Carol Emmerling, Chair; Jane Colvin, Rob Friedman, Ed Harsh, Samira Kawash, Cory Labanow, David Robb, and Chelsea Vaughn.

Broadening Our Diversity, in which we will seek to broaden our reach and become a more culturally, racially and ethnically diverse community. We will identify the obstacles that currently impede our progress toward that end and discuss ways to overcome them. Task Force: Jennifer Vermont Davis and Carolyn Jackson, Co-chairs; Sabrina Alano, Fred Garcia, Paul Jensen, Paula Stelzner, and Cheryl M. Walker.

The planning team and its new task forces are very excited to see our future take on the shape and vibrancy of new possibility. We look forward to setting our plans in motion this spring—2009. In the meantime, our very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Your All Souls Aspires Strategic Planning Team

Classroom Locations

Parents, please note: The Winter Term of Children's Religious Education rotating creative arts workshops begins January 4 and ends March 8. See below for the appropriate classroom to pick up your children.

Grade	Workshop	Pickup room
First	Orff	Holst Room
Second	Movement	Minot Simons Rm.
Third	Portrait Art	3A
Fourth	Drama	Leonard Room

Circle of Elders

Thursday, January 15

From 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Ware Room

The Circle of Elders usually meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month (we're skipping the first this month due to New Year's Day). It is open to men and women in the latter part of their lives. The group's purpose is to talk about the challenges this time of life brings and to share experiences, information, and ways to enrich and make the most of these later and more time-limited years. For more information, contact Diana List Cullen at (212) 486-9642 or dcullen@nyc.rr.com or Phoebe Hoss at (212) 674-3446 or phhoss@gmail.com.

The Community of All Souls

Our community requires our attention. Together with our ministers, we've built a great church with meaningful programming and significant social outreach efforts. Now it is time to look within our selves and create a truly welcoming and caring community. Blamo Jaurey has done a remarkable job of converting interest into new membership. It is time to support her work. George Dorsey and Bernie May kept our Welcome table alive through the summer months. The welcome table always has volunteers during Coffee Hour. Our role is to bring those new members and interested parties into our congregation. I propose that we start with dozens of little steps that will make the difference. For example:

- Always say hello to people around you at services—not just on holidays but every Sunday.
- If you are in a pew, stand so others can more easily enter or move in for them.
- Offer hymnals to those in aisle seats or share a hymnal with a neighbor.
- During Coffee Hour, engage people that are standing alone and talk about what All Souls means to you—and invite them to the programs that you frequent.
- Hold the door for everyone and smile. You are in a wonderful place.
- Remember the many members that were honored on Anniversary Sunday. They are the backbone of our church. Some need the wheelchair ramps in the garden, so please make sure that you don't obstruct them.
- Pick up litter in *our* garden and in front of *your* church.
- Join in some project—as simple as bring food for Yorkville Common Pantry and putting it in the basket for the Food of the Month, volunteer on Monday Night or Friday to provide food and love for those in need, listen to Stories with Soul or attend a meeting of the Women's Alliance. Make 2009 the year you try a new program.
- Help others. Tell our ministers of anyone among us in need of pastoral care and try to reach out to others at All Souls. The gift will be returned many times over.
- Send Forrest Church an email or card thanking him for his many gifts to us.
- When a sermon moves you, send a note or email to the minister.
- Contribute where and when you are able, acknowledging that All Souls is ours and we need to pay the bills.

I ask myself, "Do I do all of these things?" No, I do not. But I do some each week and am committed to doing more. I realize that after more than 14 years at All Souls, I *love* being here and cherish each and every member of this congregation. I am proud to be a member and enjoy inviting people to come and join us at a service or to hear music that opens hearts. I cannot conceive of belonging to any other church.

Join me in making All Souls Church in New York City the friendliest Unitarian Universalist church in America. We can do it, and we should do it.

With much love in my heart,

George Collins
President

Nominations to the All Souls Board of Trustees

The members of the Nominating Committee are Judy Chang, George Dorsey, Jane Furse Friedman, Judy Samuelson, and Hanan Watson. They are pleased to announce the individuals who have agreed to stand for election to the Board of Trustees at the next Annual Meeting.

Louise Brockett
Mimi Schade
Marilynn Scott Murphy
Lauren Shapiro
Kurt Steele

Fred Joseph was nominated to continue as Clerk of the Society.

Get Involved at All Souls

Visit the Welcome Table during coffee hour on Sundays to find out about our affinity groups and other social opportunities at All Souls. These groups provide meaningful and fun ways to get to know members and friends in a smaller group setting. Also, find information about the volunteer opportunities at All Souls, including service and advocacy groups. These groups provide a chance for you to join in the justice work of our congregation.

If you have any questions about how to get involved, please call Cheryl M. Walker at (212) 535-5530.



Darwin and the Future of Faith

A Four-part Symposium co-sponsored by The Lifelines Program of All Souls Unitarian Church and the Center for the Study of Science and Religion of Columbia University

February 12, 2009 will mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, whose theories of evolution and natural selection have influenced religious thought more than any scientific discoveries since those of Galileo. Join us as four distinguished scholars explore Darwin's genius and the impact on religion over the years as theology has lined up either to challenge or to accommodate his theory of evolution. This forum is supported by a grant from the Marclad Foundation.



**Tuesday, January 20
at 6:30 p.m.**

***The Ecology of Eden*
with Robert Pollack**

The concept of natural selection includes the assertion that there can be no perfection, no perfectibility, and no permanence in this world. Yet we are called to act as if our actions mattered in the long run, and to behave toward others as we would wish to be treated. These facts and this calling challenge all arrogant expressions of faith, but leave all modest ones wholly necessary.

Robert Pollack is Professor of Biological Sciences, Adjunct Professor of Religion, Lecturer in Psychiatry at the Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research, and Director of the Earth Institute's Center for the Study of Science and Religion, all at Columbia University, and Adjunct Professor of Science and Religion at Union Theological Seminary. From 1982-89 he served as Dean of Columbia College, and from 1998-2001 as President of the Hillel of Columbia and Barnard Colleges. He is the author of *Signs of Life: the Language and Meanings of DNA* (1994), *The Missing Moment: How the Unconscious Shapes Modern Science* (1999), and *The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith* (2000).

Coming in February:

February 3: Jonathan Weiner, Professor of Journalism, Columbia University on his Pulitzer Prize-winning book *The Beak of the Finch* (1994.)

February 12: Philip Kitcher, Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University on "Darwin, Intelligent Design, and the Future of Faith."



**Thursday, January 29
at 6:30 p.m.**

***Darwin's Challenge
and Gift to Theology*
with Paul Dinter**

Popular religion in America has responded to Darwinism by rejecting it, ignoring it, or re-animizing spirituality and bringing back the Druids. Are there other options? Can post-Darwinian religious thought about the realm of nature bring added value to how we calculate our debt to the future? Can there be a theological grounding for a politics of hope to be found in our reading of the evolutionary drama? Or are we just fooling ourselves?

Paul Dinter earned a doctorate in Biblical Studies at Union Theological Seminary while serving as Catholic Chaplain at Columbia University and Barnard College (1973-1988). He has continued to teach adult learners in academia, a women's prison, and a wide range of religious communities. The author of *Beyond Naïve Belief* (1994), and *The Other Side of the Altar* (2003), he more recently turned his interest in theology to the need for dialogue between religion and cognitive science, evolutionary psychology, and cosmology, and delivered the Constance Hayward lecture at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, published as "The Evolution of the Soul: A Thought Experiment" in *The Global Spiral* (April, 2008), the on-line publication of The Metanexus Institute.

Lifelines Center Events:

6:30 p.m.: Reception

7:00 p.m.: Presentation

*The All Souls 20th Anniversary
Celebration of our Holtkamp Organ*

Our congregation will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the installation of our magnificent 50-rank organ at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27th. Chris Holtkamp, president of the Holtkamp Organ Company, will make a few introductory remarks. This concert will be more than an organ recital, as it will also include music demonstrating the marvelous versatility of this instrument—recital pieces, congregational singing, and works for choir and organ.

The program will include Bruce Saylor's exciting setting of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" scored for congregation, choir, organ and brass; Poulenc's sensuous

"Litanies to the Black Virgin" (women's choir and organ); organ repertoire from Baroque to 20th-Century French literature; and a marvelous work by the French composer Jean Langlais, scored for organ, brass, men's choir and *you*—the congregation. This work was last performed in New York about 40 years ago. It will be an evening to remember.

Following the hour-long concert, there will be a festive reception in Friendship Hall.

Plan to celebrate and sing the glories of our marvelous instrument that has been such an important part of your worship experience at All Souls.

Walter Klaus
Minister of Music

Gala Organ Concert

**MUSIC FOR ORGAN, CHOIR, BRASS & PERCUSSION
WITH CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
WALTER KLAUSS, ORGANIST & CONDUCTOR**



**CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLTkamp ORGAN INSTALLATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009 AT 8:00 PM • TICKETS \$25
GALA RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CONCERT**



Save the Date:
Saturday, February 7 at 8:00 p.m.
in Reidy Friendship Hall

What is it About Her?

A new cabaret with artist
Adam Alexander

Proceeds to benefit Musica Viva



Having a career is hard enough without falling in love...or is it that falling in love is hard enough without having to worry about a career? The passion play between relationships and music, their constant inspiration and equal distraction, is explored in this evening of song and story. Don't miss an opportunity to get to know one of Musica Viva's soloists in this intimate setting.

Tickets \$25 at the door. Contact Julie Brannan at (212) 794-3646 for more information.

Save the Dates:
February 26 to March 1, 2009 in Houston, Texas
International Convocation of UU Women

Join Unitarian Universalist women and progressive women of faith to launch collective action that benefits women and families worldwide. Featured speakers include Rev. Rosemary Bray-McNatt, Margot Adler, Rev. Laurel Hallman, and Carolyn McDade. For details, visit www.icuuw.com or call Peggy Montgomery at (212) 866-6938.

Happy New Year!

Women's Reading Group

The Women's Reading Group meets in the Ware Room at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from September through May. All books on the list are available in paperback editions.

January 6 & 20:
Here If You Need Me
by Kate Braestrup

February 3 & 17:
The Senator's Wife
by Sue Miller

March 3 & 17:
A Bed of Red Flowers: In Search of My Afghanistan
by Nelofer Pazira

April 7 & 21:
Sandra Day O'Connor: How the First Woman on the Supreme Court Became Its Most Influential Justice by Joan Biskupic

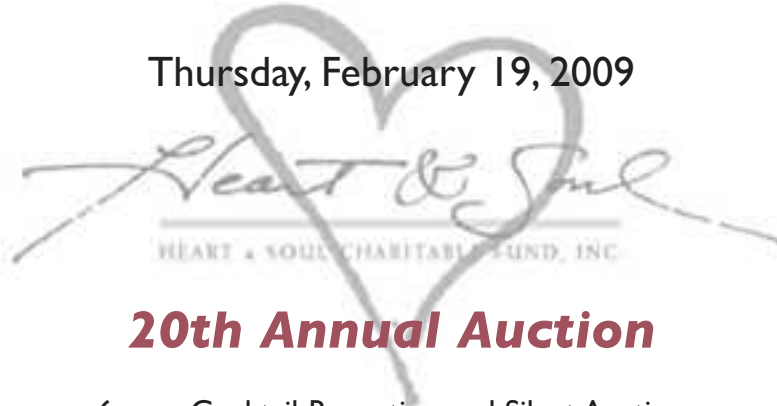
May 6 & 20:
Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri (Published in April 2008, a paperback edition should be available by May.)

For details, contact Mary-Ella Holst at (212) 861-2950 or meholst@aol.com.

February Bulletin Deadline:

January 5, 2009

Thursday, February 19, 2009



20th Annual Auction

6 p.m.: Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m.: Live Auction

Christie's
20 Rockefeller Center
(49th Street between 5th and 6th)

Kerianne and James Flynn
Auction Chairs

Stephen Lash, Auctioneer

Honoring
President William Jefferson Clinton

Reception, Silent & Live Auction Tickets
\$100 per person in advance, \$125 at the door

Auction Coffee Hour Party

Sunday, February 1, 2009
12:15 p.m. in Reidy Friendship Hall

Purchase advance tickets online at www.heartandsoulfund.org,
call (212) 801-3092, or send an email to info@heartandsoulfund.org.

We are honored to present the inaugural Forrest Church Award for humanitarian service to former President Bill Clinton. We invite you to join us as a part of this annual event, which is the principal fundraiser for the Heart & Soul Charitable Fund. The Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction will be followed by the presentation of the award and a speech by President Clinton. Sponsorship opportunities and Benefit Committee packages are available on our website at heartandsoulfund.org or by contacting Elizabeth Brown, Executive Director, at (212) 801-3092. We look forward to seeing you there!

Single Parents at All Souls

Single Parents at All Souls is dedicated to sharing the joys and concerns of single parenting by joining in community and providing mutual support. We generally meet on the first and third Sundays during the Church year.

Sunday, January 4 at 12:30 p.m.

in Forrest's Study

Monthly Meeting (pizza provided!)

Moderated by Melaney Mashburn. Childcare (and more pizza) in the Leonard Room.

Sunday, January 20 at 10:15 a.m.

at Starbucks

We will meet for fellowship on the second floor at the corner of 81st Street and Second Avenue.

If you would like to be kept abreast of our activities, contact Carlos Martinez at crm16@cornell.edu or (914) 835-0332 to be included on the group email list.

Thursday, January 15
at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

All Souls At Midweek

Contemporary Worship and Renewal

Led by Cheryl M. Walker

and Rubin Nizri, Music

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for soup and bread.

ALL SOULS AT SUNDOWN

worship in a different light

An Evening Meditation of Jazz and Poetry

Wycliffe Gordon, trombone

Jay Leonhart, bass

and the Art of the Villanelle

Sunday, January 11

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Led by Galen Guengerich



“Mr. Gordon has rightfully earned a reputation as one of the premier trombonists of our time, primarily through a close association with Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center. A superior technician with a gift for buoyant swing,

Mr. Gordon, above, is a feel-good player, made of much the same stuff as the trumpeter Clark Terry. His new album, “This Rhythm on My Mind” (Bluesback 2007), comes out of a partnership with Jay Leonhart, a bassist and kindred spirit. In addition to their lower-register meanderings, the album features breezy vocals and droll lyrics from both artists.”

—The New York Times

Rooted in a 16th-century Italian harvest dance, the nineteen-line villanelle combines the exuberance of popular song with the stability of a recurring rhyme. The result is poetry that mirrors life: the challenge is to innovate when we can, while accepting what we must.

Advocacy & Outreach

Yorkville Common Pantry

January's Food of the Month:

**CANNED STEW, SOUP
OR CHUNKY SOUP**

Collected January 10 and 11

Now that a new church year is in full swing, we want to remind you again that All Souls partners with other neighborhood religious institutions to help to feed our hungry neighbors. While our own feeding programs currently feed more than 500 people at All Souls each week, hundreds more depend on food packages from dwindling numbers of food pantries where the shelves are progressively emptier. Please remember our hungry neighbors when you do your grocery shopping. The Monday Night volunteers have offered to help us with our Food of the Month program. If you forget to bring in the designated food item on the second Sunday of the month, you can still contribute by bringing it on Monday to be collected downstairs in Friendship Hall. And please remember that the following items are always welcome: canned fruit, vegetables, meats, peanut butter, beans, cereals, pasta, soups, stews, powdered milk, and canned juice.

GreenSouls

Sunday, January 11 at 12:45 p.m.
in the Ware Room
Monthly Meeting

GreenSouls is a diverse group of people interested in greening the church and our lives, as well as joining the local and world community to slow down climate change. We have identified a number of interests and invite you to participate with us. For more information, contact Deborah Taylor at deborahft@earthlink.net or Tom Blum at tblum@yahoo.com.

Peace Task Force

Sunday, January 4 during Coffee Hour

Lending Library

Stop by the PTF Table on the first Sunday of each month to browse the committee's library of documentaries, films, and taped past events. Lots of new holdings; free borrowing privileges for a two-week period. We only ask that you please return all borrowed items in good faith. In turn, if you have pertinent videos or DVDs that you would like to donate to our library, we happily accept donations. Also, if you have materials out from our library that are long past due, we ask kindly that you please return them, either to the main office or to our table on 1/4. Thanks very much!

Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Interfaith Concert: *SAYYES! Voices of Unity—
Building Bridges Between Christians, Jews and Muslims*

A Priest, a Rabbi, and an Imam walk into a Unitarian Universalist Church, and what do they find? ActorCor, NYC's Chorus of Actors, performing this concert! This unique concert interweaves sacred texts and musical styles from the three Abrahamic religions. ActorCor members embrace commonality and transcend divisiveness by celebrating God in Arabic, Urdu, Hebrew, Poylish Yiddish and English in musical traditions from Pakistan, Syria, the Sahara, Erev Shabbat, English Cathedrals and even a little American Gospel. Bring your friends (and enemies) to All Souls the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and say "Yes" to unity and celebration. Refreshments to follow the concert. Admission is free; donations to ActorCor are encouraged.

Sunday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Film: *Health for Sale*

This new film tells the inside story of Big Pharma, the ten largest pharmaceutical makers who account for 500 billion dollars of world health spending a year and whose 205 billion dollars in pre-tax profits were more than the profits of the 490 other Fortune 500 companies combined. Experts from all sides debate the impact of the patenting of "intellectual property" by these drug companies and the impact on global public health of their pricing and new product development strategies. These policies, according to Nobel Prize winning economist and former World Bank Chief Economist, Joseph Stiglitz, "are condemning billions of the world's poorest citizens to death." Brief discussion and refreshments to follow the film.

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance meets for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month and organizes other events. Everyone is welcome to all Alliance events.

Wednesday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Monthly Lunch in the Ware Room
(presentation in the Chapel)

Noted and Notorious Women of the 19th Century
with Kathleen Hulser, Public Historian of
the New-York Historical Society

An exciting start to the New Year! Join Professor Hulser as she tells us of the feisty New York women in whose footsteps we follow, who often defied the stereotype of the uptight, hoop-skirted Victorians who were thought of as paragons of 19th Century domesticity. In fact, depending on their circumstances, Victorian women often had to be as tough and resourceful as their 21st Century counterparts. Ms. Hulser will touch on the actual life circumstances of such women as fashionista Ellen Demerest; real estate speculator Susan King; publisher Mrs. Frank Leslie; "bridge builder" Emily Roebling; America's first girl stunt reporter, Nellie Bly; and Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman.

Ms. Hulser has been Public Historian of the N-YHS since 1999. She has worked on such programs as "History Responds to 9/11" and was curator of "Legacies: Contemporary Artists Reflect on Slavery." She also curated the exhibition "Grant and Lee in War and Peace," now on view. Most recently, she has produced a cell-phone and podcast walking tour series, "Hidden Histories of Slavery and Freedom." Please join us; all are welcome.

Wednesday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the
Museum of the City of New York
Docent-Led Tour of *Paris/New York:*
Design Fashion Culture 1925-1940.

This exhibit explores the period between the world wars when Paris, the capital of 19th-Century refinement, and New York, the upstart challenger representing 20th-Century dynamism, were vying for leadership in the fields of architecture, design and fashion. Through drawings, furnishings, decorative art objects, photographs and costumes, the exhibition examines styles from Art Deco to Neo-romanticism and features legendary figures such as Helena Rubinstein, Chanel, Dali and Josephine Baker. Price is \$10 for seniors, and \$14 for adults. Please let Maureen Marwick know if you are planning to attend at maureenmarwick@aol.com or (212) 249-0171.

Questions about All Souls?

Visit All Souls on the web at www.allsoulsnyc.org
or send an email to info@allsoulsnyc.org.

The Emerson Circle

Thursday, January 8 at 6:45 p.m.
in the Ware Room

Transcendentalists formed our nation's first coherent intellectual group of movers, shakers and reformers, who deeply believed that the Divine is immanent in us all. Please join us the second and fourth Thursdays of most months to celebrate and read aloud the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson and other like-minded Transcendentalist authors. The reading will be provided.

Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.
(6:30 p.m. reception) in the Ware Room
An Evening with Jim Manley

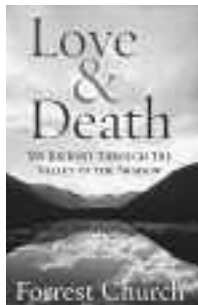


Jim Manley is the founder of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Institute. The Institute's mission, as a non-profit organization, is to bring the life and works of Ralph Waldo Emerson to an expanding world community. Jim has been a longstanding Emerson enthusiast and speaks of Emerson from deep and heartfelt life experience of how Emerson has guided him on his personal journey. Jim will lead us in a reading and engage us in conversation to explore and appreciate fully RWE's influence. Since 1998, Jim has been the host, creator and webmaster of RWE.org—*The Complete Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson*—which has received over four million discrete hits since its inception. Manley and the RWE Institute also produced the first video biography of the life of RWE, *Emerson: The Ideal in America*, which world-premiered at All Souls in January 2007.

February Bulletin Deadline:

January 5, 2009

Available at the Book Table



Love and Death: My Journey Through the Valley of the Shadow

by Forrest Church

“Truly a gift, one that will echo in my own preaching and teaching, and in my own life as well. Like Moses gazing at the Promised Land he would not enter, Forrest Church blesses us with his eloquence, his faith and mostly his love.”

—**Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of
*When Bad Things Happen to Good People***

Uncommon and (Slightly) Uncomfortable Event Club

For event details, become a member by requesting an invitation to our website from robin@bossert.tv.

**Saturday, January 10 at 10:00 p.m.
Samba in Crown Heights**

Winter got you down? Can't make it to Rio? Put on your dancing shoes and head to St. Anthony's Corner Cafe, 1421 St. John's Place at Utica Avenue in Crown Heights. Tickets are \$10 before midnight, \$15 after. Check out the website by contacting robin@bossert.tv.

Task Force to End the Death Penalty

**Sunday, January 18 at 12:45 p.m.
in the Minot Simons Room**

Meeting concerning February forum at All Souls on international efforts to end the death penalty and recent developments on capital punishment. For more information, contact Arthur at (718) 274-7066 or ahopkirk@legal-aid.org.

Coping With Loss

**Sunday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m.
in Forrest's Study
Led by Melaney Mashburn**

Melaney Mashburn facilitates this *Coping with Loss* group one Sunday a month. It is designed to be a mutual support group and a time of spiritual reflection.

UUJobExchange

Looking for Work? Updated UUJobExchange Website Service Launched

With the economy and the job market in a free fall, finding a job can be more than difficult. You could be standing next to someone at Coffee Hour who is looking for a person with your skills and not know it; they can now find you listed on the UUJobExchange website.

Job listings range from professional positions to personal services. This free service is available to anyone looking for work or looking for employees. New career resources have been added to the website: articles, resume help, a list of top job websites, and suggestions for how to make the most from them. We have also added presentations from the All Souls Career Development Group meetings.

If you are looking for full-time or part-time work or workers, go to the www.uujobexchange.com website and sign up. If you have questions or comments regarding this service, send an email to John Conti at: uujobexchange@yahoo.com.

**Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Ware Room
*Souls on the Move***

Join our new exercise class with Bobbi. Stretch, move, balance and enjoy cardio geared to individual needs. \$80 for 5 week sessions. Contact Marietta Moskin (212-289-7900 or m.moskin@verizon.net) or Lorraine Allen (212-222-8855 or lorraineallen@rcn.com).

New Member Sunday

January 11 at the 11:15 a.m. Service.

Welcome our newest members!

• **Congregational Budget Meeting**
Sunday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m.

• **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**
Sunday, February 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Chancel Flowers

January 4

In memory of our beloved daughter and sister
Anne Doescher
by *Patricia and William McElroy and Eric Doescher*

In memory of
Jeff Russian
who is much loved and remembered
by *Liz and Zachary Ames*

In loving memory of our dear friend
Kevin Goehring
by *Rae and Robert Gilson*

In remembrance of
Elizabeth Bowen Paty
whose loving and generous spirit
lives forever in our hearts
by *her family*

In loving memory of our mother and brothers
Beulah Reece, Ronald P. Reece and Dr. Jack E. Reece
by *Tom and Sandy Reece*

January 11

In memory of
Bernard Freeman
by *his loving family*

In loving memory of her grandmother
Katherine Dennis Brunnings
and great aunt
Helen Dennis
by *Rae Gilson*

January 11 (continued)

In loving memory of
Kenneth Utt
by *his wife, Angie*

January 18

In loving gratitude for the life of
Anne Bennett Brandenburger
whose inspiration will be with us forever
by *her husband, Tom and her daughters,
Allie and Maddie Brandenburger*

In loving memory of
Margaret Andrews
by *her friend, Linda Eisen*

In loving memory of
Nicholas Andrew Reina
by *his parents, Maria and Larry
and his sister, Elinor*

January 25

In loving gratitude for the lives of
**Elizabeth Martin Reed and
Barbara Michelsen Tufts**
by *Martha and Jost Michelsen*

In loving memory of
Lily Yuill vandenHeuvel
on her birthday
by *her children, Dirk, Agnes and Cor; and Chi*



Save the Date:

Saturday, February 7
in Reidy Friendship Hall

2008 Angie Henry Utt Lecture
on Women and American Culture:

*Stories from an
Unlikely Career in Healthcare*

with Mary Hodorowski
Founder, Healthcare Communications Network

Women have emerged as an important economic force in establishing their own entrepreneurial businesses. Ms. Hodorowski will talk about what she has learned about “thriving in business and being a smart health-care consumer.” High Tea with scones and desserts will be served at 3:30 p.m.; talk at 4:00 p.m., followed by Q&A. All are welcome! Join us and bring a guest for this lively and informative presentation about women, business and healthcare. Sponsored by the Women’s Alliance.

30s/40s Fellowship

January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Pool Night

Shoot some pool with John G. and your fellow 30’s/40’s members. For more information or to RSVP, contact John at jgasiewski002@yahoo.com.

January 17

Movie Night

Join Elizabeth Hill for a movie. Film to be announced. For more information or to RSVP, contact Elizabeth at ethillesq@ethillesq.com.

January 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner with Kathy

Fight off the winter chill! Join Kathy Shandling for dinner in Manhattan. For more information, contact Kathy at kshandling@nyc.rr.com.

To contact the 30’s/40’s Fellowship, please email us at 30s40sfellowship@allsoulsnyc.org.

Bible Study

Tuesdays, January 6 and 20 at 7 p.m.
in the Minot Simons Room

*Journey Through the Bible:
Unitarian Universalist Bible Study*

Reading: Apostles. A group of All Souls members and friends meets to read and discuss the Bible in a trusting, open, and helpful atmosphere. Rev. Cheryl M. Walker will be available to offer scholarly, historical, or spiritual context. We use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. For more information, contact Jai Berg at jaicat@gmail.com, or Cheryl M. Walker at cwalker@allsoulsnyc.org or (212) 535-5530.

Nuclear Disarmament

Sunday, January 4 at 12:45 p.m.
in the Minot Simons Room
Monthly Meeting

We’ll be discussing a proposed UUA Study/Action Issue on nuclear disarmament.

Denominational Affairs

Save the Dates: June 24-28
in Salt Lake City, Utah
General Assembly 2009

Join us for this annual meeting of Unitarian Universalist congregations. Financial assistance is available to delegates. For more information on GA, please visit www.uua.org/ga/.

Tune in to

WQXR 96.3 FM

at 8:30 a.m. on January 4 and 18 for a

**Morning Meditation
from All Souls**

Interweave

Interweave, an organization of bisexuals, gay, lesbian, transgender and queer people and their friends and allies at All Souls, will present the following events in January:

Friday, January 16 (tentative date) from 6 to 9 p.m. Annual Dinner Party

All are invited to Interweave's annual pot-luck dinner party to be hosted by George Dorsey. Please confirm to Rod by email or phone the number of people who plan to attend, and whether you will bring an appetizer or dessert for four people. The main course and beverages will be supplied by Interweave. Rod will contact you with the address of the party. Contact Rod at rodneysorensen@aol.com or (212) 505-8662.

Sunday, January 25 at 12:45 p.m.

Interweave Film Series: *The Hours*

Starring Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore and Nicole Kidman, this multiple award winning film based on the wonderful novel by Michael Cunningham, screenplay by David Hare and direction by Stephen Daldry, weaves a "seductive and brilliant" (*Newsweek*) tapestry of three complex women's lives in multiple eras: 1923, 1951 and 2001. "Uses all the resources of cinema—masterful writing, superb acting, and directorial intelligence—to make a film whose cumulative power takes viewers by surprise" (*Los Angeles Times*).

All Souls Writers' Group

Monday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ware Rm. Monthly Meeting

This group is open to writers, whether of fiction or non-fiction, poetry or prose, published or unpublished, as well as journalists and people who work in publishing. The meeting will begin with a reading by one of our members, followed by a group discussion on a selected topic. There will be plenty of time for networking. For more information, please contact Rebecca Minnich at rminnich@yahoo.com or (917) 374-4218.

Sunday, January 11 at 1 p.m. in Forrest's Study *Coping With Loss* led by Melaney Mashburn

This monthly group is designed to be a mutual support group and a time of spiritual reflection. Childcare is provided.

Young Adults

All Souls Young Adults ages 18 to 35 in celebrating the spiritual, service, and social elements of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Updated and expanded event information is available on our email list. For more information, contact Cory Labanow at cory.labanow@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 4 at 12:45 p.m.

First Sunday Brunch

Be part of this wonderful tradition. We'll meet in Reidy Friendship Hall after Coffee Hour and head to Uva (Second Avenue between 77th and 78th Streets) for food and conversation.

Monday, January 5 in Reidy Friendship Hall

Monday Night Hospitality

Arrive by 4:30 p.m. if you'd like to help prepare a meal for our neighbors in need, or arrive by 6:30 p.m. to help serve a multi-course meal to about 30 tables. No previous experience is necessary, as there is a concise volunteer orientation given each Monday. We're usually finished by around 8:30 p.m., and often head out to a nearby spot.

Wednesday, January 7 at 7:15 p.m.

in the Minot Simons Room

Food and Fellowship

Looking for spiritual and social nourishment in the middle of your week? This event offers food, camaraderie, and a discussion-centered activity led by members of the Young Adults group. Come for part or all of the evening. Food at 7:15 p.m.; activity from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 18 after Coffee Hour

in the Ware Room

Bagel Brunch

Find a new face and head over for bagels, beverages, fruit, and a good dose of social time at our in-house brunch.

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:15 p.m.

in the Minot Simons Room

Food and Fellowship

See January 7 for details.

Happy New Year!

Cinema All Souls

Friday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Notes on A Scandal (2006)

Drama. Rated "R" for language and some aberrant sexual content. Directed by Sir Richard Eyre. Written by Patrick Marber. Musical score by Philip Glass. In this sharp psychological thriller, Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett give fierce, memorable performances as two schoolteachers locked in a battle of wits as they face off in a riveting tale of obsession and desire. The film takes what could serve as mere tabloid fodder and plays it out on the level of Shakespearean tragedy. "It's a poison bonbon tastier than just about anything else out there" (*Entertainment Weekly*). "A refreshingly literate, cold-blooded drama" (*Newark Star Ledger*). "... a great cure for a holiday hangover. See it" (*New York Post*). "An exquisitely dark comedy of manners and morals" (*New York Observer*).

Cinema All Souls celebrates the role of film in our culture and in our lives. Award-winning, thought-provoking films are screened monthly, followed by a discussion with refreshments. No charge.

Happy New Year!

Stories with Soul

Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. in the Ware Room

Now in its sixteenth year, Stories with Soul invites you to join us for a short-story reading and discussion. No prior reading is necessary. A wonderful experience! Bring your friends.

January 7 Charlotte Parsons
Miles by Richard Burgin

January 14 Alice Kenner
Traceleen Turns East by Ellen Gilchrist

January 21 Nancy Simmons
The Rotifer by Mary Ladd Gavell

January 28 Jim Yacopino
The End of Something by Ernest Hemingway
Quite Early One Morning by Dylan Thomas

January Host: Jane Levenson.

Career Development Group

Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.
in Forrest's Study

Interested in developing an exciting and fulfilling career? Come join a group that supports career exploration and growth.

Introduction (7:00 – 7:30 p.m.): Introduction and group update.

Team Meeting (7:30 – 9:00 p.m.): Based on a team approach, each member of the group will have an opportunity to share career interests and develop strategies to pursue their goals while brainstorming with the group.

For more information, contact Amy Berg at a_berg@verizon.net.

Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Ware Room

How to Keep Going When the Going Gets Tough
with Judith Gerberg, MA

Judith Gerberg, MA, LMHC, will inspire you and get you into action in this interactive event. Discover how to find opportunities, even in this marketplace, and learn the four steps necessary to manage stress in this period of change. Judith is president of the Career Counselors Consortium (www.careercc.org), creator of the Passion Project workshops and director of Gerberg & Co. (www.gerberg.com), a New York-based career development organization committed to personal and professional transformation. Judith has worked with Citibank, Ann Taylor, NBC, Paul Weiss, Young & Rubicam and Dreyfus.

Mentoring Program

If you are interested in sharing your experience and knowledge of a career with members of the All Souls community, please contact Amy Berg at a_berg@verizon.net.

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Featured Events in January

All Souls at Sundown

Wycliffe Gordon, trombone
and Jay Leonhart, bass

Sunday, January 11 at 6 p.m.

All Souls at Midweek

Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m.

Lifelines Center

Darwin and the Future of Faith

Tuesday, January 20 and

Thursday, January 29 at 7 p.m.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m.

Musica Viva Organ Concert

20th Anniversary of the
Magnificent Holtkamp Organ
Tuesday, January 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 1 at 1 p.m.