



**Update From
Director of Religious Education
Dr. Chris Rogutsky**

**News about the All Souls NYC
Religious Education Program
Thursday, September 15, 2022**



Dear All Souls Families,

What a joy it was to meet with so many of you in person. From humans to rainbow unicorns it was so nice to gather and be in community with one another! This coming Sunday is our official start of the RE program. I will be on hand with a folder for each new family, highlighting important upcoming events, a schedule for the remainder of the calendar year, RE teachers and artistic residencies planned and so much more. If you haven't registered, please do so now, so we can be ready for you and your children. [The RE website is a great](#) resource and is updated regularly.



Wishing you peace, Chris

**Check out the Entire
RE Fall Schedule Here**

This Week in RE!

To view groupings, meeting times, special guest schedules
and flyers with greater detail,
[click this link.](#)

Sunday, September 18

10 am - 11 am

4-5 year olds-Religious Education

K-3 Grade-Religious Education

4-6 Grade-Religious Education

7-8 Grade-Religious Education

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

9-12 Grade-Religious Education

*****NO RE for high school group on September 18.**

This group will start Sunday, September 25.

Fall Enrichment Activities

10 am - 11 am

Dungeons & Dragons - High School Group

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Children's Choir - Ages 8 and Up

Faery's Tale - Ages 9 and Up

Yoga and Meditation - *All Ages **Begins October 2*

Sign Up Your Child For RE Classes!

We will be offering classes from K-12, including a high school group. **Please take a moment to register your child using this link.**



Dear All Souls RE Parents,

Thank you for the warm welcome on Sunday! I appreciated getting to meet you and your children. I look forward to our work together to examine ways to further strengthen the RE community at All Souls.

The seven principles of community - boundary, initiation, rituals, temple, stories, symbols and inner rings - help to focus on the nature of communities and our role as members. Whether it is your school, work or RE community we are all in the position to become actively involved in shaping it. In examining these principles, members of the RE program will be more intentional in growing and strengthening the current community. Our meetings will be an opportunity to look more deeply at how each person can help to make the RE community at All Souls the best it can be for everyone.

As Charles Vogl states, "Community is a group of individuals who share a mutual concern for one another's welfare." This relates very closely to the seventh UU Principle - "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part of." Understanding the concern for one another is a key component of this work. We will look at how we welcome, define, set space aside and tell our stories in a way that nourishes and guides us all for the greater good of the RE program at All Souls.

Together we can make the work more meaningful and impactful for our children for generations to come when we have a strong community. I ask that you take a moment to [fill out this survey](#) and share your views about the current community and your hopes for the future.

With gratitude,
Marjorie Jean-Paul

RE SPECIAL EVENTS AT ALL SOULS

SEPTEMBER 2022

11 MEET & GREET - 10:15 AM

SUN

18 BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

SUN During 11:15 Service (For Parents)

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SUN During 11:15 Service (For Parents)

Parents of children enrolled in the RE program are asked to attend this multi-week session drawing inspiration and conversation from the book, *Art of Community*, by Charles Vogel. This work will be facilitated by Marjorie Jean-Paul who is a senior independent school administrator in charge of Community Engagement, including Philanthropic programs, Parent and Alumni Relations and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives. She brings with her 25 years of experience working with groups of people to design programs around effective community engagement.



Marjorie Jean-Paul

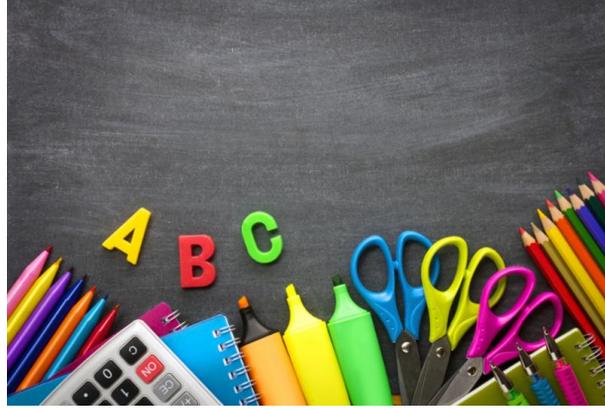
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Share Your Joys

Does your child or youth have an accomplishment, success story or milestone that you would like to share with our All Souls family? **Let us know** and we will post them here.

Calling All Artists!

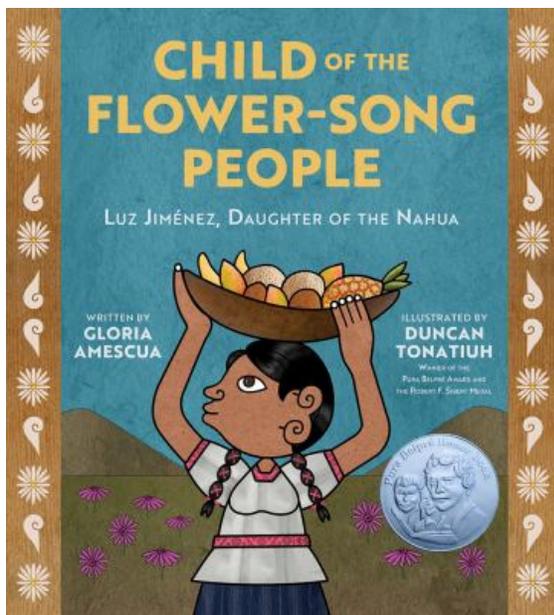
Do you like the above art? Dr. Chris created it, but she would love to have some UU-focused art to feature in that space for the newsletter. Please have your child/youth **send their submissions to Chris.**



For the Chipmunk in My Yard
By **Robert Gibb**

I think he knows I'm alive, having come down
The three steps of the back porch
And given me a good once over. All afternoon
He's been moving back and forth,
Gathering odd bits of walnut shells and twigs,
While all about him the great fields tumble
To the blades of the thresher. He's lucky
To be where he is, wild with all that happens.
He's lucky he's not one of the shadows
Living in the blond heart of the wheat.
This autumn when trees bolt, dark with the fires
Of starlight, he'll curl among their roots,
Wanting nothing but the slow burn of matter
On which he fastens like a small, brown flame.





National Hispanic Heritage Month

Initiated in 1968 as 'National Hispanic Heritage Week' but was established in 1988 by the U.S. Congress, and includes the days between September 15 through October 15.

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 because this day marks the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico achieved independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18. Latinos from all across the nation take a moment to reflect upon their history, customs and culture, as well as the contributions their people have made to the United States.

This is a great time to hear from you about the kind of content you would like to see in the RE newsletter. Send me an email about your ideas: chrisr@allsoulsnyc.org.

Book Suggestion For National Hispanic Heritage Month

Child of the Flower-Song People

Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahuatl

A fictionalized account of a Nahuatl woman who grew up in Mexico during the early 1900s, became a model for artists, worked with scholars to preserve Nahuatl language and stories, and was known as the "soul of Mexico."

National Recovery Month

This month helps to educate all Americans on treatment and mental health services for those with substance use disorder.

Sept. 16 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept. 17 - Oktoberfest Germany

Sept. 19 Keiro No Hi Japan Respect of the Aged Day, or Keiro no Hi, was established as a national holiday in 1966 to express respect for the elders in the community, and to recognise and thank them for their contributions to society and last but not least, celebrate their long lives.

Sept. 20 – HeForShe (Women): initiated by the UN to promote gender equality

Sept. 21 – World Gratitude Day, a day of thanks the whole world celebrates together. World Gratitude Day recognizes the power of gratitude to heal, energize, and transform lives for the better. Origin of World Gratitude Day Spiritual leader Sri Chinmoy proposed the idea for World Gratitude Day in 1965 during Thanksgiving dinner at the United Nations building. That's when he and his fellow dinner attendees pledged to celebrate gratitude in their country each year on September 21. During a special ceremony honoring Sri in 1977, a resolution was passed to officially recognize World Gratitude Day.

Ways to Celebrate World Gratitude Day

There is no wrong way to practice gratitude or celebrate World Gratitude Day. Here are some fun ideas:

- Get together with family and/or friends for a gratitude-themed meal or event.
- Start a gratitude journal.
- Write and send thank you notes to people you appreciate

most.

- Give someone a thank you gift .
- Create a thank you video to someone special.
- Challenge yourself to 30 days of gratitude.

The goal of the day is really to count your blessings. So, use it as an opportunity to acknowledge the things and people you are grateful for.



Fall Equinox - September 22

Fall is a wonderful and fun season that's stellar for family activities. It's also a great time to get messy outside, where it's not too hot or cold. That makes it prime time for crafting, too!

Leaf Print Collage

Making a leaf print collage is an easy and fun way to interact with the changing fall landscape. Simply collect some cool leaves outside, then grab some acrylic paint and blank paper. Carefully dip the leaves into the paint, then press to the paper. It makes for beautiful prints that kids of all ages can

have fun making.

Twig Weaving

Older kids will enjoy making a unique keepsake that mixes nature and craft. It requires a little more prep than some other projects, but it will be well worth it when kids can display their finished weaving projects. **A Faithful Attempt** breaks down the best way to make it happen.

Walk on the High Line with Dr. Chris!

Monday
September 26th

11:00 am
(Schools Closed)

HIGH LINE

*Meet at the entrance on Gansevoort Street and Washington Street
(Northwest corner)*

The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side. The High Line opened in 2009 as a hybrid public space where visitors experience nature, art, and design. It is free to walk the High Line.

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