

ALL SOULS AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

Friends,

We find ourselves in discussion - social justice issues are all around us. There are conversations pitting the rights of one group against the rights of another.

We have witnessed people hurt and killed. We have heard the voice of communities crying out for solace, for help.

As we talk with our friends, our neighbors and families, we need to use empathy. Standing on the Side of Love.

When we love, we include. When we love, we stop hatred and ignorance. This is how we live our principles - with Love!

Grace and Peace, Hope and Love to You All,

Pastor Will

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact our pastor, Will Humphrey, for pastoral care needs.

740-263-1171 or email will.allsouls@gmail.com

“WE TAKE INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY SERIOUSLY”

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Ann Kilgore, President

It isn't easy to start out as President after such a learned and wonderful President that we have had. Thank you Glenn!

I am pretty simple, as at least two other people on the board will tell you! If at any time anyone would like to take over, **please** feel free to offer. I'd be delighted. In the past, it was in some ways easier...no internet...and I am still there. Please call me anytime. I'll do the best I can.

This church is very important to me and also to my family. I am hoping it's that way for each of you. All of us on the Board are here to serve all of you. We try to make the best decisions for the good of the whole church. 15 to 20 years ago, we had a Board of five, serving a congregation of 20 to 25. We've gotten a lot done...more about that another time. Lots of ups and downs, as with any group, and mostly good.

I will try my best, and I ask you all to do your best for the good of All Souls.

In UU Faith,

Ann

Phone: 419-961-6870



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF

LOVE

JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

Average
Attendance: 49

	JUNE	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	1,664.00	28,484.00
Offerings	458.25	6,682.25
Maintenance Fund	.00	4,390.00
Kenya Coin Collection	94.85	1,147.35
Rummage Sale	1,008.57	3,225.07
Recycle	40.67	87.65
Minister's Discretionary Fund	.00	-400.00
Fundraising Expenses Account	.00	522.31
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	1,000.00	4,065.84
Sweet Success Fundraiser	.00	136.00
2016-2017 Pledges	400.00	400.00
Other	500.10	858.19
TOTAL	5,166.44*	49,598.66
EXPENSES	2,943.90**	44,944.93
DIFFERENCE	2,222.54	4,653.73

*A monthly income of \$3,645.50 is required in order to meet annual expenses of \$43,746.00.
\$3,895.84 in Sanctuary Renovation Funds were transferred from checking to savings.

**Expenses Other than "Usual"

\$200.00 Fair Tent (covered by donation)

\$71.62 Top Soil

JUNE PLEDGE REPORT

Total Units	31
Total Pledges	24

	JUNE	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	1,926.00	30,148.00
Amount Received	1,664.00	29,284.00
VARIANCE	-262.00	-864.00

...from Kristy Mandeville, Finance Trustee

Hi everyone! This is new to me, and to follow Mike Garber will be some big shoes to fill...so bear with me. I am ready to serve All Souls as Finance Trustee.

The volunteer Sun Catchers group is exploring opportunities to sell the sun catchers in the summer of 2017, if necessary. We invite all in the congregation to report back to Marjorie & Morley Smith with your discoveries from your travels to arts and craft or quilt shows this summer and fall. Information that would be helpful...

Date in 2017.

When are applications due?

Who is contact person – with phone number and email address?

Location, number of days and hours open for sales.

Fees that are required.

What type of items were for sale this year?

Effective August 1, 15 sun catchers will be available for sale at the Paragraph Bookstore in Mount Vernon. The price is \$25.00. The \$25.00 price will also apply to all sun catchers sold at All Souls. All proceeds will go to the Sanctuary Renovation Fund.

New Greetings,

Kristy

STAINED GLASS SUN CATCHERS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD QUILT CODE PATTERNS



**TOP L-R: Tumbling Blocks, Log Cabin, Star
BOTTOM L-R: Flying Geese, Bear Paw**

Hidden messages in the Sampler Quilt patterns were memorized for clues and directions for the future journey on the Underground Railroad. Quilts were folded and draped over a porch railing, window sill or picket fence to be aired out along the Underground Railroad route. The hidden messages aided the runaway slaves on their journey with visual communications.

**The Sun Catchers are 6"x6" and are on display at the church.
All are available in a variety of colors.**

...from Chuck Rhodes, Building & Maintenance Trustee

The newly planted grass is growing quite well in the back area (where the pine tree was removed) and by the side door entrance. The grass in front of the church is progressing, but not as fast as in the back (limited sun).

A representative of Waggoner, Inc. visited the church July 1 to look at the pews and provide a quotation for reupholstering all the church pews. This company has over 45 years' experience in manufacturing quality cushions and upholstery and has done work in many churches throughout the state. The proposal will be presented to the Finance Committee as part of the Sanctuary Renovation Project for the church's 125th anniversary in 2019.

Willet Hauser Architectural Glass Co. also visited All Souls to assess the condition of the stained glass windows. John Phillips, President of the company, was very impressed with the church and the condition of the windows. He does not recommend any work be done on the windows other than regular cleaning.

Last year, the church had three windows replaced in the Fellowship Hall, which included new frames and sills. These frames/sills need painted, and Jay Gilbert has volunteered to complete this project. Thanks Jay. The exterior of the sanctuary windows were washed.

The Key Inventory has been fully implemented. Thanks to everyone's cooperation, it went smoother than I expected.

We recently finalized the Church Rental Procedure that allows individuals or groups to rent the church for various functions, from weddings to meetings. The price is right, and the setting is perfect for groups from 80-100. If interested, contact Chuck Rhodes, Building & Maintenance Trustee, at 419-631-0103.

Church Usage Schedule

7-10-16	Family Reunion
7-29-16	Wedding Rehearsal Supper
9-24-16	Meeting - FaCT
10-8-16	Wedding
10-22-16	Wedding

Keep in mind, the church has equipment items available to members of the congregation for their personal use. A list of the equipment items is located in the procedure book.

...from Bruce Kilgore, Fellowship Trustee

Welcome to a new year for All Souls. I would like to thank all of the people who helped out in the kitchen at the June Bazaar during my illness...with special thanks to Ann, Kristy, Chuck, Glenn, Marqua, Mike, Cheryl, Joanne, Jay, Shelley, Linda, Art, LD, Sandy, Karen, LaDonna, Ed, Reed and Joan.

Thank you to all who have signed up for coffee hour snacks and kitchen and social hall clean-up. If everybody takes a turn with these tasks, it takes away the burden of the same people having to volunteer over and over! Many of the jobs can be shared with other people, and that's a good way of meeting and getting to know other congregants better. I cannot tell you how much it means to have people help out at coffee hour when people who have signed up are not available.

Sunday, August 28, we will be at Palm Park. The church provides ham, coffee, cold drinks, plates, cups and eating utensils. We will still need people for clean-up and to transfer the coffee pot and drink container back to the church for washing. Also clean-up of the pavilion...sweeping the floor, cleaning the tables and serving areas and trash removal.

...from Liz Hansen, Religious Education Trustee

ADULT RE

Glenn Myers will facilitate the Adult RE session on Sunday, August 7 at 9:00 am. The topic is "Bumper Sticker Slogans for All Souls UU Church of Bellville". Talking points for explaining and promoting All Souls at the Bellville Street Fair September 14-17 will be discussed. Everyone is invited!

As always, please let me know if you are interested in facilitating an Adult Religious Education class. I can help you find something which would be a good fit for you.

...from Art O'Leary, Social Justice/Social Action Trustee

As a retired professional cis-gender white American male with a comfortable income, I am demographically the prototype for the concept of institutional racism, sexism, homophobia and WASP privilege. I guess my motto should be "Let them eat cake...or if you don't like it, get out!" Having become progressively more handicapped, I have had the opportunity to observe how much my "stimulus value" affects my interactions with strangers, casual acquaintances and even neighbors.

Some examples may be illustrative. When I park in a handicapped spot, I often get questioning and even angry looks from passersby. When I encountered a very fit, muscular African-American male, I perceived his countenance as expressing the expectation that I would "disrespect" him. After complaining about a new neighbor's dog leaving feces all over the common grounds and asking the owner to pick up after the animal she had just "potty-ed", I received an angry response when I knocked on the door of their apartment. I was met by an angry grouping of both members of the lesbian couple and the pit bull.

In each of these cases, I was perceived as attempting to enforce the privilege of my "dominant" group. Now as Paul Harvey would have said..."the rest of the story"!

In the first example, those same passersby change their demeanor when I put up my handicapped placard and struggle to get out of the car with my cane and stumble into the store. They often even hold the door for me. I have mostly gotten over the feelings of humiliation.

Regarding the second scenario, another transformation occurred when I complimented the gentleman on what an attractive and well behaved dog he was walking. He smiled and pleasantly thanked me. Now, whenever I see him, we smile and exchange pleasant greetings.

In the third case, I looked around the area and discovered that the many piles of dog waste had, in fact, been cleaned up. So, I was visiting to apologize and admit that I had wrongly accused them of not cleaning up after their pet. They thanked me, but said they had already been hassled by the landlord. I'll try to be less hasty and more friendly in the future.

Is there any point to all this? I'd like to think that humans' understanding and compassion can be fostered by taking a little more time and not invoking preconceived stereotypes to explain each other's behavior. I didn't try to oppress anyone but, perhaps occasionally, I do without knowing it. Let's all try to be more aware of our "stimulus value".

Watch the weekly bulletin for the usual, newsier information about SA/SJ.

...from Brian Moore, Pulpit & Worship Trustee

Greetings from the Pulpit Chair

On July 13, I hosted “Dream On”, an epic road trip in search of the vanishing American Dream. The documentary embraces our 7 principles on so many levels and was done as a social outreach to the community. The film was well received by 35 in attendance, with 21 being non Unitarian Universalists from our community. Dr. Walter Kania and Bill Baker were guest panelists, and we shared ideas and conversation after the film. This documentary will be made available to the public on PBS this year as a run-up to the election.

This is a timely documentary, as the 2016 presidential candidates share one thing in common: a conviction that they can revitalize the American Dream. Pinned between stagnant wages and the soaring costs of housing, education and healthcare, millions of Americans are struggling to make ends meet.

“Dream On” speaks with fast-food workers and retirees, prisoners and entrepreneurs, undocumented immigrants and community organizers about their hopes, dreams, and daily struggles. “Dream On” explores whether the optimistic spirit of the American dream is alive and well in the twenty-first century, or whether George Carlin was right when he famously quipped, “It’s called the American Dream because you have to be asleep to believe it”.

In recent years, the venerable American Dream has become an empty promise for increasing numbers of Americans. Millions of middle class Americans are now unable to lift themselves out of poverty. As countless Americans struggle with diminished prospects for the future, our core beliefs about the value of work, the inevitability of progress, the fairness of the system, and America’s standing in the world are being shaken. Reviving the American Dream has now become one of the most critical challenges facing our nation.

Most Americans believe that the term working poor should be an oxymoron: if you work full time, you should not be poor. But today, one in four American workers, 30 million people, earn less than federal poverty level for a family of four.

The divisions and dysfunction in commerce, government, religion, and race relations are prevalent and festering today. “Dream On” reports on the whole of America in all her imperfect splendor. And by not turning away from her defects, it finds new reason for hope. The old adage that hard work will lead to prosperity may no longer be true for the majority of Americans. Yet, most of the people still believe in the dream, even when their daily struggles make it feel impossibly out of reach.

August Pulpit Schedule

August 7

Speaker: Pastor William Humphrey

Title: “Deeds Not Creeds – A Talk on Social Justice” Part 2

Topic: We will explore aspects of the living tradition of human wisdom and spirituality, drawn of science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

Leader: Joan Richmond

Music: Trio Alla Breve

...Pulpit & Worship cont.

August 14

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: "Sageing and Aging"

Topic: Life in a physical body can be a blessing or a curse, a gift or a burden. If you can read this, you are now living in a physical body. That body will continue to change day by day and year by year. You already are aware of that. What is important, however, is that what you do with it depends on what you think, what you believe, and the choices that you decide to make about it. You can use those changes that occur to your advantage or to your utter distress. Ageing will occur without effort. Sageing will take some effort on your part. Not to use positive efforts in the midst of those changes will make you an absolute victim. What a privilege to have a choice about creating the process and meaning of our life and benefit from the efforts of our state of consciousness.

Leader: Teasha Sargent **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

August 21

Speaker: Rev. Cindy Berkshire

Title: "Uniting in Thought and Action"

Topic: Inspirational speaker, ordained Spiritualist minister and Pastor of the White Lily Chapel

Leader: Eric Sargent **Music:** Ayesha Manley

August 28 at Palm Park

Speaker: Jacqueline Moore

Title: "Blessing & Celebration of the Animals Service"

Topic: "We take time once a year with this formal ceremony to give thanks and bless our companions in life – cats and dogs, birds and chickens, turtles and fish, and so much more! This ceremony also acknowledges that our lives are made fuller and richer by the creatures that inhabit Earth with us, not just those that live with us."
.....Tracy Sprowls-Jenkins

Leader: Brian Moore **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

Potluck following the service. Please bring a covered dish to share.
More details closer to the date.

Kenya Coin Collection

Please bring your animal companions to this special service. Please make sure your pets are restrained, healthy, and up to date with shots. If you cannot bring your animal friend, please bring a photo or some other meaningful item related to your animal friend.

Tao Bridge @ 6:00 pm on the Patio at The Old Bag of Nails



Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

...from Karen Gotter, Pastoral Care Trustee

As Cheryl Church plans her new life in BFE (Bloody Freezin' Escanaba) Michigan, maybe as individuals we can take a minute to send her warm thoughts of encouragement, cheerful cards, a phone call, or organize a visit to solidify the good memories we've shared together. She has been a friend and a leader; a woman who is not afraid to share her songs, poems, and thoughts with us, and who took the time to listen to ours. It's not everyone who gets the chance to start their life over, but Cheryl is not only being brave enough to listen to her heart, she's actually *doing* what it tells her!

So, in the spirit of action, in this last month that we have together, reach out and let her know what she means to you and also consider lending a hand when it comes to crunch time... :) Maybe that means planning a dinner, or pizza for the moving crew... (and even help with boxes!) to ease this busy, crazy time in her life!

Cheryl, we will miss you so very much, but not so much that we would want to keep you from the wonderful adventure that awaits. The best of luck to you and Matt!!

Hayley Scherer is expecting her little boy this month, so keep her in your thoughts, too! There has been talk of a baby shower, but after some discussion with her, it's been decided to wait until after the baby arrives.... Perhaps even a Halloween party for them! Until then, do some rain dances so the weather cools down and, hopefully, that will make things easier for her :) Also, I'm sure cards etc. would be appreciated.

Ruth Moody is going to have a big adventure as well. She is heading to Canada to see her granddaughter, Petra, get married. Her family, who is doing missionary work with the Mennonites in Africa, will be coming home for the occasion, and Petra's sister, who currently lives in Saudi Arabia with her family, will also be back to Canada...And she'll be delivering Ruth's third great-grandchild during her visit!

There are several people in the congregation who have medical issues they are dealing with, which of course can be frustrating and scary, at times overwhelming, and usually both physically and mentally draining. Without elaborating too much, please keep the health of these friends in your thoughts. And also to remember to cherish your own health! With that in mind, a little project of mine has been to organize a monthly bike ride. This is my way of Pastoral "Caring" for our physical health! So, consider joining us on a ride August 7 from All Souls to Gatton Rocks. We'll take a little time for Coffee and Conversation, then head down the trail towards Butler. Be prepared to get wet, and definitely remember your water bottles! Anyone who wants to meet us at Gatton Rocks for continued merriment without the bike ride is absolutely welcome.



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
"Standing on the Side of Love"
Mansfield's Gay Pride Festival

Living Lotus Zen Sangha August Schedule

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, August 8: 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
at Relax, It's Just Coffee - 105 N. Main St., Mansfield, OH

Sangha members and friends are invited for coffee and informal discussion over a case in this Zen book.

Books: "The Gateless Barrier" by Robert Aitken Transl. by Robert Aitken Roshi
ISBN# 0865474427 North Point Press (1991)

"The Hidden Lamp" Edited by Florence Caplow & Susan Moon
ISBN# 9780861716593 Wisdom Publications (2013)

Suggested Selections to Have Read before Discussion

"THE GATELESS BARRIER" - "Case #14- "Nanchuan Kills the Cat"

"THE HIDDEN LAMP" - TBA

NEED NOT TO HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSIONS TO jump in!

Bring your thoughts, notes, insights and confusions and a friend!



ZAZEN & SERVICE

Monday, August 22 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

The church is opened at 6:00 p.m., please enter from the side door. We sit upstairs. Loaner meditation cushions (Zafus & Zabutons) are available as well as pews for those who prefer/need to sit.

Everyone is welcome to practice with us! No previous meditation experience necessary.

Schedule

6:00pm-6:30pm – Church Opened – Fellowship and Introduction to Meditation for Beginners

6:30pm-6:50pm - Zazen (Sitting Meditation)

6:50pm-7:00pm - Kinhin (Walking Meditation)

7:00pm-7:20pm - Zazen – (Second Period of Zazen)

7:20pm-7:30pm - Liturgy – (Heart Sutra, Chanting and Prostrations)

7:30pm-8:00pm – (Sangha Discussion & Business)

Brief Beginner's guide to Zazen & Kinhin:

<http://global.sotozen-net.or.jp/eng/practice/zazen/howto/index.html>

For more info, find us on Facebook or visit our webpage, and request to be added to our monthly newsletter.

In gassho,
Jacqueline Moore



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Ann Kilgore – August 3
Camden Carson – August 4
Ruth Moody – August 4
Sylith Waltz – August 4

Fate Christian – August 9
Linda Wilson – August 10
Diana Sharp – August 15
Sage Hansen – August 20

Mary Anne Weeks – August 23
Lillian Sprague – August 24
Joan Richmond – August 25

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JUST SO YOU KNOW

SPEAKERS FOR AUGUST

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August 14: Dr. Walter Kania August 28: Jacqueline Moore

AUGUST EVENTS

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at Relax, It's Just Coffee

Board Meeting - Sunday, August 21 @ 9:00 am

Living Lotus Zen Sangha – Monday, August 22 @ 6:30 pm

Animal Blessing, Kenya Coin Collection & Potluck - Sunday, August 28 @ Palm Park

Questions for Your Answers Discussion & Breakfast - Wednesday, August 31 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans-Hanley Rd.

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