

ALL SOULS NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

November is here; fall is here; colder weather is settling in. It is time to prepare for winter. It is time for soups, sweaters and flannel shirts. Harvest is nearly over, and it is time to return thanks with friends and family.

Let us be thankful. We have so much! We have our beautiful historic church, and we have our network of friends and loved ones. We have the new friends coming to our services and the opportunity to serve each other.

We have been given so much - our bodies for hard work, our hearts for compassion and our minds for contemplation and meaning.

While we rush around, bemoaning the coming winter, and the scarcity that seems to follow: Please remember community. There are too many of us that don't quite have enough food to eat or warm clothes to wear. There are too many struggling to make ends meet.

Let's use fall as a vehicle for change. Let's pay our gratitude forward by making choices that help individuals, families and groups. Deeds not creeds. Let's help!

In Peace,

Pastor Will

PASTORAL CARE

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

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“WE TAKE INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY SERIOUSLY”

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Glenn Myers, President

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

Just who are we Unitarian Universalists (UUs) anyway? Well, it depends on which UU member you ask. That answer may seem evasive, but it really is a substantive description.

Now if the question is: "How do we describe the UU Church?", the answer can be more definitive. The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) defines the UU Church as a liberal organization that welcomes people with different beliefs but are united by shared values - not by creed or dogma.

Admittedly, this can be confusing and perhaps can only be fully understood if one is immunized against the idea that UUism is a religion. Rather, it is a church organization whose members usually display a variety of religious beliefs and secular philosophies. A UU Congregation's adhesiveness and strength are not based on religious unity - rather they come from tolerated differences of beliefs. Each member is respected and supported in his/her personal pursuit of spirituality through congregation fellowship and study.

Perhaps the single most important adhesive in the UU Church is the dogged dedication to social justice (the heart of five of the Seven Principles). Oppression of any flavor is addressed and discouraged by harnessing the power of love and putting its energy to work.

Not only do we UUs dare to be different - we must continuously strive to be different. Sometimes All Souls is criticized for being that "weird" church, or that church that doesn't believe in anything; however, we must maintain our stance lest we become just another local church with specific beliefs and prejudices, each surrounded by high sideboards.

All Souls members come to us from various Christian denominations and independent churches - others come from various faiths or no religious faith at all. Our church does not attempt to "convert" people, we simply welcome anyone who shares the values set forth in the Seven Principles.



Judy Shaffer has organized a monthly **All-Inclusive Casual Get-Together for All Women** on the third Wednesday of each month. Plan to join Judy for an evening of conversation on Wednesday, November 18 @ 7:00 p.m. Come as you are.

SEPT. TREASURER'S REPORT

	SEPTEMBER	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	2,275.00	6,890.00
Offerings	460.00	1,539.00
Maintenance Fund	.00	1,950.00
Kenya Coin Collection	56.76	241.27
Rummage Sale	.00	1,097.54
Recycle	0.00	0.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses Account	-327.74	672.26
Other	<u>0.09</u>	<u>0.56</u>
TOTAL	2,464.11*	12,390.63
EXPENSES	3,220.93**	11,877.88
DIFFERENCE	-756.82	512.75

*A monthly income of \$3,645.50 is required in order to meet annual expenses of \$43,746.00

**Expenses Other than "Usual": None

SEPT. PLEDGE REPORT

Total Units	31
Total Pledges	24
Average Attendance	61

	SEPTEMBER	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	1,926.00	7,812.00
Amount Received	<u>2,275.00</u>	<u>7,689.00</u>
VARIANCE	349.00	-123.00

...from Chuck Rhodes, Building & Maintenance Trustee

The church work day was held Saturday, October 10. The previous Friday, Deb Mattix and her husband raked and disposed of all the crabapples at the west end of the yard. A big THANK YOU goes out to Deb and her husband. On Saturday, five volunteers completed the following tasks: scrubbed front steps, washed the outside of all windows, washed restroom walls, washed tables and chairs, vacuumed the pews, checked and cleaned gutters and painted the inside of the new kitchen window. I want to thank Mike Garber, Jay Gilbert, Ann Kilgore and Bruce Kilgore for their hard work.

The mullion has been installed on the front door, which should prevent snow from blowing into the vestibule.

Thanks to Glenn Myers, the planter at the church sign is filled with topsoil and is ready for spring planting.

The shrubs by the old church sign have been removed, along with the annual flowers. If anyone wants the hostas, let me know. That area will be leveled and grass planted.

The remainder of the month will focus on ground maintenance, specifically leaf removal and winterizing the equipment.

...from Mike Garber, Finance Trustee

Saturday, November 14, is our Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon. This is a major fundraiser needed to balance the church budget.

Have you considered what you can do to contribute? Need some ideas? Renee Maginniss has suggestions in her newsletter article. Bruce Kilgore has listed food and supplies needed for the luncheon and bake sale in his newsletter article.

There will be three items raffled, valued at approximately \$50 each.

Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 14 for \$10.

Can you help for a few hours? Invite your friends and neighbors for lunch!

See you at the Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon on November 14!

HALLOWEEN FUN AT ALL SOULS!



Teasha Sargent & The Kids



Reed Richmond



Renee Maginniss

...from Liz Hansen, Religious Education Committee Chair

Beginning Sunday, November 1, and continuing on November 8, 22, 29 and possibly December 6, Art O'Leary will facilitate a class on humanism based on the book "Creating Change through Humanism" by Roy Speckhardt, the executive director of the AHA (American Humanist Association). The book/class will be a primer on humanism.

Art was able to get books at a price of \$10, retail is \$18.99. Please see Art for a copy of the book! See Liz Hansen if you need to borrow a copy due to financial hardship. Humanism is one of the six sources of "living traditions" UU congregations affirm and promote. "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit."

...from Irene Maginniss, Secretary

Holiday Bazaar

Help Us Make This an Upscale Event! Think Style and Flair!

Bring us nearly new and delicately aged items, that are attractive and gift worthy. Unique & Special, antique, *Shabby Chic*, vintage, Retro, Art Deco, *Arts and Crafts* - all stylish treasures waiting to be discovered - or created - in your home-garage, crafting area, storeroom, basement, and attic.

What can you repurpose? What is your talent?
Do you make things out of wood? Are you good with sewing, knitting, etc.?
Handcrafted and fabricated, your Creations can enhance our displays
and bring us much needed cash.
Turn it into something marketable for our Bazaar.

Holiday ornaments, old and new - wreaths and lighted objects
that are for sale, can add festive touches all around our displays.

Our saleable items include but are not limited to:
Jewelry and Gems, Home Goods and Haberdashery;
Dolls & Dishes & Diamonds, too.
We've had Keepsakes and Kids Things,
China, Clothing, Toys, Totes and Purses
Games & Glassware, Sewing Stuff & Fabric Bundles;
Games & Books, Ceramics and Sculpture, Linens & Tablecloths,
Curtains and Throws, Sports equipment,
Small appliances, tables, lamps, small furniture items,
and other hand held devices are all welcome.
Please make sure everything is clean and in good working order.

Creating with Fabric and Beads

Sunday, November 1 & 8 after Church

Materials and instruction provided. We will be making pins and magnets. Samples available. Other activities could be added for creating during these afternoons. Help us by coming forth with an idea, samples and/or supplies.

Can't come up with any items to donate?

As always, your time volunteering and monetary contributions are welcomed and appreciated.

...from Bruce Kilgore, Fellowship Trustee

I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for workers, food donations, ingredients for candy, candy making workers and pine swag supplies and workers for the Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon.

Thank you to all coffee hour workers!

REMEMBER THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14!

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

Our efforts to establish good relations with the black community are moving forward. We completed Glenn's RE, "Racism and Reality", with a very successful dialogue with three members of the local NAACP chapter; they even stayed for our service. Plans are forming for a group of us to attend Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in the near future. If you have a date that works best for you, let me, Glenn or Pastor Will know.

On a related note, there have been a couple of significant resignations from the Mend Mansfield Coalition: Angel Ross-Taylor, the secretary, and Bridget Cole, WMFD anchor. They have formed a new group, "We Act", which sponsored the Maurice Clarett event. We will have to wait and see what this means for the coalition.

Glenn would like to get a table of eight at the NAACP banquet, and I'm planning on attending their next regular meeting November 10 at 6:00 pm. So, get involved if you are interested.

The "Make a Difference Day" food drive for the local food pantries has been very gratifying, and I will have delivered everything to the event at Graham Auto Mall by the time you read this. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Peace,
Art

HALLOWEEN FUN AT ALL SOULS!



Marqua Myers

Eric & Archer Sargent

Glenn Myers

Bruce Kilgore
Eric Hansen & Will Humphrey

...from Brian Moore, Pulpit & Worship Trustee

Greetings from the Pulpit Chair

Well here we are in November. I find November holds one of my favorite Holidays. Thanksgiving. Eat, drink and be merry, hopefully with loved ones and friends. The least complicated holiday of them all, but the most important one. The holiday that asks us to give thanks and be grateful.

"Be in a state of gratitude for everything that shows up in your life. Be thankful for the storms as well as the smooth sailing. What is the lesson or gift in what you are experiencing right now? Find your joy not in what's missing in your life but in how you can serve." - Wayne Dyer

"Gratitude is a powerful process for shifting your energy and bringing more of what you want into your life. Be grateful for what you already have and you will attract more good things." - The Secret

"Gratitude opens the door to the power, the wisdom, the creativity of the universe." - Deepak Chopra

Sometimes the daily stress and anxieties of the world can distract us from our gratitude, and we need to take the time to stop and reflect on what we are grateful for. So, Thanksgiving only comes once a year, but should be celebrated every day. As I'm sure if we all look within, we can find much to be grateful for.

Let's take a moment to be thankful for our church. I hope everyone who reads this realizes what a wonderful gift our All Souls is. It is one of the only Churches in Richland County and beyond that offers diversity, religious education and spirituality in a manner that is not dogmatic, fundamental, or insulting to your intellect. I hope we all can be grateful for the many talented and enlightened members who volunteer and do the work that makes our Church the sanctuary where we all can come together for fellowship, spirituality and friendship on what may be known as the road less traveled. I for one am very grateful for All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church and all the people that make it an oasis in what can be at times a very troubling world.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 1

Speaker: J. Kenneth Smail, PhD Title: "The Giving of Hostages"

Topic: In contrast to recent political, scholarly, and media misuse of the term, numerous historical, anthropological, and etymological sources suggest that hostages were typically "given", not "taken".

As such, they functioned as ameliorative and confidence-building "emissaries of trust" rather than exploited and manipulated "pawns of fear". Can one imagine a contemporary role for this once rather common political, economic, and social mechanism for conflict management?

Leader: Eric Sargent

Music: Ayesha Fry

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS...FALL BACK ONE HOUR!

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day Don't forget to vote.

...Pulpit & Worship cont.

November 8

Speaker: F. Christopher Reynolds, M.Ed. Title: "De-Colonizing Our Relationship to Our Ancestors: How Dreams of the Departed Bring Healing Gifts"

Topic: In the autumn, in many traditions, it is the season of gratitude for the harvest as well as a time to honor the Ancestors in some way. It is possible to de-colonize our faith by including indigenous wisdom about the Ancestors. This talk will focus on the Ancestors, dreams and spiritual experience.

Leader: Brian Moore Music: Trio Alla Breve

November 15

Speaker: Rev. Elaine Strawn Title: "The Path"

Topic: We'll look at Chet Raymo's book "The Path: A Walk through the Universe". Naturalism has been part of the Unitarian Universalism since Transcendentalism in the 19th Century. What gives you a sense of awe?

Leader: Bruce Kilgore Music: Ayesha Fry

November 22

Speaker: Carole Elchert Title: "Living the Simple Life Is NOT Simple: Learning to Live with 'Enough'"

Topic: For over 30 years, writer Carole Elchert and artist Philip Sugden have lived together in a 15' by 30' stone cottage under the sheltering canopy of some of the largest trees in Northwest OH. When they moved into this one-room house, they were eager to experience the "simple life", and so they put a bold statement on the door – "Here resides Carole Elchert & Phil Sugden, dedicated to the simple life". They were not prepared, however, for the rigors and difficulties of the place: that served the natural world with its fickle demands; that coaxed creativity, contemplation, spirituality into their comfortable routines and mundane goals; that made them question the choices, and necessities of modern life. In the years that followed their youthful enthusiasm and naiveté, they learned how to make themselves at home with a simpler, pared down life. In her PowerPoint presentation, with images and a PBS TV scenic Stop episode, Carole will tell the "rest of the story", revealing why and how the simple life just is not simple for most people in the 21st century. Her essay, "Making Life a Home", was featured in an International Anthology of writings, poetry, and reflections on the simple life.

Leader: Cheryl Church Music: Trio Alla Breve

Thursday, November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving Day

November 29

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania Title: "Founding Father of the New Age"

Topic: He is often called the "Founding Father of the New Age". Perhaps this is because he stepped aside from the prominence and orthodoxy of Dr. Sigmund Freud. Perhaps it is because he engaged in some of the thoughts and activities of the flower children of the '60s before it became popular. He was original and imaginative. He placed words and concepts into the field of psychology that have become a part of everyday language. Who was he?

Leader: Reed Richmond Music: Ayesha Fry

Kenya Coin Collection & Potluck

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

Living Lotus Zen Sangha November Schedule

Monday, November 9: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Relax, It's Just Coffee - 105 N. Main St. Mansfield, OH 44902

Sangha members and friends are invited for coffee and informal discussion over a case in this Zen book. NEED NOT HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSIONS to jump in!

BOOK: "The Gateless Barrier" by Robert Aitken.

Suggested selections to have read before discussion: Case #5: "Hsiang-yen: Up a Tree"

The priest Hsiang-yen said, "It is as though you were up in a tree, hanging from a branch with your teeth. Your hands and feet can't touch any branch. Someone appears beneath the tree and asked, 'What is the meaning of Bodhidharma's coming from the West?' If you do not answer, you evade your responsibility. If you do answer, you lose your life. What do you do?"

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



Monday, November 23: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

All Souls U.U. Church - 25 Church St. Bellville, OH 44813

Everyone is welcome to practice with us! No previous meditation experience necessary. The church is opened at 6:00 p.m. Please enter from the side door, and we sit upstairs.

Loaner meditation cushions (Zafus & Zabutons) are available, as well as pews for those who prefer/need to sit in a chair.

Schedule

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

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

7:00 pm-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.sotozennet.or.jp/eng/practice/zazen/howto/index.html>

For more information, please visit our website and Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/Living-Lotus-Zen-Sangha-221565108160/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/livinglotuszensangha/>

In Gassho,

Jacqueline Moore

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

**ALL SOULS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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BAZAAR: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

LUNCH SERVED: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Aiden Hansen – November 1
Bryan Bartsch – November 3
Morley Smith – November 3
Alasdair Nugent – November 4

Edward Fox – November 5
Jacqueline Allen – November 19
Carol Bernhardt – November 25
Eric Sargent – November 26

.....clip and save.....

JUST SO YOU KNOW

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Adult RE: "Humanism" with facilitator, Art O'Leary - Sunday, November 1 @ 9:00 am

Children's RE: "World of Wonders" – Sunday, November 1 During the Service

Creating with Fabric & Beads – Sunday, November 1 Following the Service

Candy Making for the Bazaar – Saturday, November 7 @ 3:00 pm

Adult RE: "Humanism" with facilitator, Art O'Leary - Sunday, November 8 @ 9:00 am

Children's RE: "World of Wonders" – Sunday, November 8 During the Service

Creating with Fabric & Beads – Sunday, November 8 Following the Service

Buddhist Book Discussion "The Gateless Barrier" - Monday, November 9 @ 6:30 pm at Relax, It's Just Coffee

Holiday Bazaar & Luncheon – Saturday, November 14: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Board Meeting - Sunday, November 15 @ 9:00 am

Children's RE: "World of Wonders" – Sunday, November 15 During the Service

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) – Tuesday, November 17 @ 7:00 pm

All-Inclusive Casual Get-Together for All Women – Wednesday, November 18 @ 7:00 pm

Adult RE: "Humanism" with facilitator Art O'Leary – Sunday, November 22 @ 9:00 am

Living Lotus Zen Sangha – Monday, November 23 @ 6:30 pm at All Souls

Questions for Your Answers Discussion & Breakfast - Wednesday, Nov. 25 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans-Hanley Rd.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! – Thursday, November 26

Adult RE: "Humanism" with facilitator, Art O'Leary – Sunday, November 29 @ 9:00 am

Pot Luck & Kenya Coin Collection: Sunday, November 29

Children's RE: "World of Wonders" – Sunday, November 29 During the Service

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