

ALL SOULS OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Friends,

Happy October! It's time for pumpkins, costumes and Halloween! Harvest is in and frost is in the air. Football Fridays add to the excitement. There are so many opportunities to gather, to fellowship. Let us not forget each other - please invite someone to these parties. Remember that loneliness can hurt. Laughter and friendship is the cure.

In the light of coming together, we have a book study in Mount Vernon: a step toward racial justice - our stock in the conversation. We're meeting each Wednesday evening at Gay St. United Methodist with First Congregational UCC and the Episcopal parishes of Knox County. It is great conversation and an insightful read, "America's Original Sin" by Jim Wallis.

On October 2, we are having another bike ride after church and on October 29 the Moore's are hosting our annual Halloween party, with the Pagan and Earth-Based Spirituality Group lighting the bon fire. It is always good fun and fellowship.

On the last Sunday of October, we are planning a reflective service for All Soul's Day - a day to honor the ancestors, to reflect on our lives and to rally together.

In peace,

Pastor Will

PASTORAL CARE

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Jay Gilbert, Vice President

“Questions for Your Answers”

Think about attending “Questions for Your Answers” on Wednesday, October 26 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans on Hanley Rd. in Mansfield. There was a suggestion that this has become an all-male group – wrong! It’s a fun gathering that meets once a month. Be sure to be there...otherwise, we’ll talk about you!



...from Irene Maginniss, Secretary

The Stained Glass Windows of All Souls Have a History!

Things I like about being in All Souls UU Church on Sunday mornings...

There are always beautiful stained glass windows to catch your gaze.

The Garber Family has been a part of our church circa 1887.

Lewis & Mary Garber married in 1856 and had 7 children.

He was one of the stone masons when All Souls was built and also did half the town hall, which is still next door.

Mike Garber is the great great grandson of Lewis.

Ask more about our history! It’s fascinating!

In 3 years All Souls will celebrate its 125 year anniversary!

Ask Mike about being a part of our Renovation Committee.



AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Average
Attendance: 53

	AUGUST	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	2,012.00	5,901.00
Offerings	408.50	642.50
Kenya Coin Collection	37.59	146.09
Rummage Sale	.00	26.03
Recycle	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Fund	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Expenses Account	0.00	0.00
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	50.00	75.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
Other	-99.87	.25
TOTAL	2,408.22*	6,790.87
EXPENSES	3,053.45**	6,461.20
DIFFERENCE	-645.23	329.67

*A monthly income of \$3,759.46 is required in order to meet annual expenses of \$45,113.50.

**Expenses Other than "Usual":

Service Contracts - \$290.00

Checks - \$108.78

Palm Park - \$45.00

AUGUST PLEDGE REPORT

Total Units	31	
Total Pledges	27	
	AUGUST	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	2,209.00	5,699.00
Amount Received	2,012.00	6,301.00
VARIANCE	-197.00	602.00

STAINED GLASS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD QUILT CODE PATTERNS

The Sun Catchers are 6"x6" and are on display at the church.

All are available in a variety of colors and are \$25.00.



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.

**All Souls will have a table selling Sun Catchers and Fused Glass Pendants
at the Wooster Unitarian Universalist Church Craft Show
on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
The address is 3186 Burbank Rd. in Wooster.**

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

Dear All Souls Members and Friends,

Not much to report this month. I attended the Mosque during Eid. Carter was back temporarily, so it was good to see him. The Bellville Street Fair went well. I was only told once that I was going to hell. I was restrained and said we would just have to disagree about that. Members who spent time at the booth felt it was good to have presence. We were right across from Citichurch and next to Richland Pregnancy Services (a pro-life group). I'm not sure if that was a good spot or not, but definitely a little ironic.

Before you get to see this, the big events will have happened. Saturday the 24th is the FaCT meeting at 1:30 pm, and Sunday the 25th, after church, we will have an organizational meeting for our Black Lives Matter effort.

On Thursday, October 6 @ 7:00 pm, we will have a "brain storming meeting" for the Café Q project at the church.

Enjoy this beautiful early fall weather!

Peace,

Art

...from Chuck Rhodes, Building & Maintenance Trustee

The month of September was spent preparing for the Bellville Street Fair. The church was used by the Fair Queen Committee for the selection of the Fair Queen and for their presentation on stage. Maintenance assisted in setting up the All Souls table in the Merchant's Tent.

On September 22, the Leek Pipe Organ Company from Sandusky performed the annual maintenance and tuning of the church organ. The report states that everything is in good working order and no concerns were noted.

On September 24, All Souls hosted the FaCT organization for a training session in the morning and a regular meeting in the afternoon. Their focus is on fracking.

The Fall Work Day will be on Saturday, October 8, from 8:30 am – Noon. Coffee, tea and donuts will be available for participants. A Work Day sign-up sheet is being circulated listing the various projects. If there is something you really want to work on, and it is not on the list, don't let that stop you. Just let me know. Also, if you will not be available that day, yet want to work on a project at another time, arrangements can be made.

CHURCH RENTAL/USE

October 22 - Wedding

...from Bruce Kilgore, Fellowship Trustee

Rather than giving out candy this year, Marqua and I will be making apple donuts to give to the Trick-or-Treaters on Thursday, October 27. I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for ingredients soon.



All Souls' Annual Halloween Party is Sunday, October 30. Wear your costume to church, and please bring a covered dish for the potluck following the service.

...from Liz Hansen, Religious Education Trustee

Oprah Winfrey's "Belief" series for the Adult Education class will continue on October 2, 9 & 23. "Belief" is the exploration of humankind's ongoing search to connect with something greater than ourselves. "Belief" invites viewers to witness some of the world's most fascinating religious and spiritual journeys through the eyes of believers. "My confidence comes from knowing there is a force, a power greater than myself, that I am a part of and is also a part of me." What do you believe?



With the kids going back to school, we'll be starting up our youth Religious Education classes soon. We'll be using a curriculum developed by Tirrell & Richard Kimball. Tirrell was formerly the Director of Religious Education at a UU church. They have created and published many classes for both youth and adults. From the class description: "***Celebrating Rainforests*** speaks to the UU 7th principle. Our fragile planet calls us to help children honor and care for it. This program is one answer to the call, and gives children a way to connect to our Earth and be empowered to help make a difference.

This is not a study of rainforests. Instead, it is celebration of this important part of our planet. The children will join together to learn more about and celebrate tropical rainforests through many experiences, as they explore rainforest animals, plant life, people, resources, and ways they can help. Included are stories, special songs, discussions, meditation, and a variety of hands-on activities.

Some experiences are a rainforest tasting party, exploring ways to help the environment and rainforests, making rainforest T-shirts, creating a rainforest, and more. A major part of the program is a special social action project to help preserve rainforests. The program ends with a celebration of words and music. ***Celebrating Rainforests*** is for ages five through middle school."

Sometime this fall, for Adult Education, we'll be reading and working through the book "From Age-Ing to Sage-Ing: A Revolutionary Approach to Growing Older" by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi & Ronald Miller. The book is \$7.00 and is the 2014 edition. They are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall.



From Amazon: "Over two decades ago, beloved and respected Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi felt an uneasiness. He was growing older, and fears about death and infirmity were haunting him. So he decided to embark on a mission to get to the bottom of his fears. Through a series of events that included a vision quest in a secluded cabin and studying with Sufi masters, Buddhist teachers and Native-American shamans, Reb Zalman found a way to turn aging into the most meaningful and joyous time in his life. In this inspiring and informative guide, Reb Zalman shares his wisdom and experience with readers. He shows readers how to create an aging process for themselves that is full of adventure, passion, mystery, and fulfillment, rather than anxiety. Using scientific research - both neurological and psychological - Reb Zalman offers techniques that will expand horizons beyond the narrow view of "the present" into a grand and enduring eternity. By harnessing the power of the spirit, as well as explaining exactly how to become a sage in their own community, he gives readers a helpful and moving way to use their own experiences to nurture, heal, and perhaps even save a younger generation from the prison of how we typically regard aging."

...from Karen Gotter, Pastoral Care Trustee

I'm sure many of you have noticed that Bruce Kilgore has had some health issues lately and, unfortunately, he's spent time in and out of the hospital over the last few weeks. Please keep him and the family in your thoughts. But as a bit of good news, Analyssa has come back from her adventures out West!

Sue Mizer was back at church September 18th and is progressing pretty confidently from her strokes. It was so good to see her after such a serious diagnosis, and she and Dennis both are to be commended and congratulated for the hard work they've put into getting Sue back on her feet.

The Bellville World's Fair brought some good news! First, Nula Hansen won several blue ribbons for the beautiful organic produce she worked hard to grow this year. And she donated some of her goods to the church table, where we also won the blue ribbon for the group contest. At the fair, Hayley Young stopped by the church's table in the Merchant's Tent, and reported that everything is going swimmingly with the new baby. She'll be back to see us soon!

We also had the opportunity to reconnect with Beth Switzer and Pam Markus, who is on the mend after surgery. They said they miss attending, and both send their greetings to everyone at church - and we told them we would definitely be thinking of them, too, and hope to see them back someday! Work schedules keep them away on Sundays, but this is one of those instances where invitations to our other activities that take place during the rest of the week may be a good alternative.

Sandy Macpherson was scheduled for yet another surgery September 19th. She won't be able to put any pressure on her ankle for the next two months, so it sounds like she and LD could use some support! She is also sorry to say that because of the restrictions, she is doubtful that she'll be able to come to church over this recovery period, so it would be nice to let her know that she is missed, and see if there's anything (other than lots of patience!) that she and LD need.

A regularly scheduled visitation time has been set up for the second Sunday of the month to go see Ruth Moody at her home. She has other people scheduled for the rest of the days of each month, but her daughters thought people from church would enjoy the chance to catch up with her and vice versa. We are being asked to check and make sure she's had something to eat that day and to be sure she took her medications. Mostly, though, it's a chance to help keep her spirits up and have some company! Please let me (Karen Gotter) know if you are interested in coming along for the visit.

After having lost two family members rather unexpectedly this past month, I want to encourage our congregation to think of our other members and friends who have lost loved ones recently. Unfortunately, there have been several deaths this year, and whether it is due to illness, age, drugs or accidents, the loss and shared pain of the survivors is what they have in common. Keep these people in your hearts, and remember to cherish the present and the time that we have with each other.

Please let Karen Gotter or Will Humphrey know when you have needs that the Pastoral Care team can address! Speaking of the team, we will be meeting Thursday, October 13, at 7 pm, to work on improving our status as a team. If you think you'd like to participate in pastoral care work, please let us know!

Finally, if you're interested, we'll try to have another bike ride on the first Sunday of October. The weather should still be cooperative, so I say that we keep going with these until it shuts us down!

...from Brian Moore, Pulpit & Worship Trustee

Greetings from the Pulpit Chair

Well, it was hard for me not to pass up the opportunity to focus a bit on politics, as this may be my last newsletter you will read before a very important upcoming election on November 8. This election is not about Republican vs. Democrat, or Liberal vs. Conservative, or Right-Wing vs. Left-Wing. It's always about Aristocracy vs. Democracy!! And for me, it also reminds me as to what does it mean to be a decent and honest person. I believe there is good in almost everyone, but I hold disdain for bullies, liars, blowhards, braggarts, and cheats. As well as someone who would be disrespectful to the disabled, women, African Americans, Muslims, Mexicans, Jews, Gays, Veterans, etc. etc., etc. As a Unitarian Universalist, I do my best to honor the first principle. "The inherent worth and dignity of every person." And as I do my best to be a decent human being, I believe that you do not do the following: Mock or disparage people. Lie! Or make claims that are not true. You do not insinuate things about people and you do not ban people who practice their religion, which is a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution. You do not score women based on their looks, and you don't encourage crowds to commit acts of violence against people exercising their first amendment right. You don't encourage people to hack other people's emails. And did I happen to mention, you don't lie? I would think we all can agree that the above mentioned basically takes a piss on human decency.

We can debate the impact of minimum wage hike, the best approach to healthcare, the effectiveness and constitutionality of gun regulation proposal, and a great many other things; but, human decency isn't on my list of debatable topics anymore, and never should have been to begin with. What is important to me is what I teach my own children. They're adults now and must decide for themselves who they are going to be, but I still believe it is my responsibility to be someone worthy of their respect.

I have never been wildly successful and have failed at times of being a decent human being. But, I do my best to demonstrate the importance of honesty and compassion for others. I don't always live up to my own standards, but I have them, which means I'm painfully aware of the times I fall short of them. It also means when I go to the polls, I can recognize a candidate who has no standards at all when I see one. I don't have to read a news report or fact check claims made by others. I can read transcripts of talks and interviews. I can watch videos of them in action. I can read childish tweets, I can watch live as they display absolute disdain for anything requiring humility, compassion, or scholarship. Please exercise your right and freedom to vote on November 8, and Good Luck with being a decent human being.

October Pulpit Schedule

October 2

Speaker: Reed Richmond

Title: "Why Science Should 'Trump' Religion and Why That Matters in Politics"

Topic: Drawing on the UU 7th principle, Reed Richmond will talk about why an understanding of science is important, and what are the potential consequences when the people in charge don't understand it.

Leader: Teasha Sargent

Music: Ayesha Manley

...Pulpit & Worship cont.

October 9

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: "On Finding Meaning and Purpose"

Topic: We all travel through marked stages of life. Gail Sheehy calls them "Passages". Is there a stage, a time, or a Passage in life where meaning and purpose come from what we do? Or does meaning and purpose simply manifest in the awareness of who we are? Is there a path to travel whereby we actually discover and realize the meaning and purpose of life?

Leader: Glenn Myers **Music:** Ayesha Manley

Please Note: All Souls Adopt a Highway Clean-Up and Recycling Collection Day

October 16

Speaker: Rev. Elaine Strawn

Title: "That Darned First Principle"

Topic: Are we REALLY welcoming to everyone? What about the needs of the congregation as a whole? Where do the lines and the compromises lie?

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

October 23

Speaker: Michael Anderson

Title: "Wicca- The Grand Old Religion Coming of Age"

Topic: A brief overview of the history and development of modern day Wicca covering basic tenants, worldview or theology. What is attracting so many to this growing religion in America? How can we better understand the Pagans among us who have found a welcoming home within our UU congregations? In keeping with Unitarian Universalism's respect for religious diversity, we will explore this ancient and modern spiritual expression.

Leader: Bruce Kilgore **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

Saturday, October 29

**Earth Based Pagan Fire Lighting Ceremony and Drum Circle @ 6:00 pm,
followed by Annual Halloween Barn Party at Jacqueline & Brian Moore's @ 7:00 pm.**

October 30

Speaker: Pastor William Humphrey

Title: "All Souls Day"

Topic: All Souls Day: A look at the ancestors, martyrs, and passed loved ones and the recognition of how our paths have been shaped by those who came before.

Leader: Karen Gotter **Music:** Ayesha Manley

Please Note: Kenya Coin Collection and Potluck



Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

Living Lotus Zen Sangha October Schedule

BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION

Monday, October 10: 6:00pm - 7:00 pm

Please Note Time Change

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

Suggested Selections to Have Read before Discussion

"THE GATELESS BARRIER" - "Case #16 – "Yun-men: The Sound of the Bell"

"THE HIDDEN LAMP" – TBA

NEED NOT TO HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSIONS TO jump in!



ZEN SITTING & SERVICE

Monday, October 24 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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. We sit upstairs.

Loaner meditation cushions (Zafus & Zabutons) are available, as well as pews.

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>



In Gassho,
Jacqueline Moore

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

<https://www.facebook.com/livinglotuszen/>

LIVING LOTUS FALL DAY-LONG RETRET (ZAZENKAI)

Saturday, October 1 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Ohio Zen Farm – 8791 James Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

A mini-retreat (Zazenkai) is an opportunity for intensive focus and deepening of practice, centered around alternating periods of Sitting Meditation (Zazen) and Walking Meditation (Kinhin), services and talks.

Participants Are Asked to Bring

- \$10-\$15 donation (to cover the site fee)
- Potluck dish to share for potluck lunch (electric and refrigerator are available on site)
- Spare copy of a favorite inspirational book to exchange
- Favorite quote from selected book

A limited number of loaner meditation cushions (Zafus & Zabutons) will be available in the zendo on site, as well as some folding chairs.

The Great Silence

Part of a Zen retreat is to maintain “The Great Silence”. This means to abstain from all talking (outside of discussion periods and chanting) and unnecessary communication with other retreat participants. This allows participants to maintain and support their focus on their practice. As such, all participants are asked to maintain the Great Silence during the day.

Directions & Carpooling

The site is very rural. Please use a trusted GPS app (there is a decent cell signal) to make sure of your way. Once at the address, be aware the facility is a few miles deep into the property. On arrival, **follow the posted signs to the retreat hall**. Please drive carefully, as sometimes cows will make it over the neighboring fence and roam free. Carpooling for any interested - meet at Jackie Moore’s home: 3072 S.R. 430, Mansfield, OH

Caravan will leave at 8:15 am sharp.

Arriving Late/Leaving Early

Understanding all are householders and not monastics, participants who have time constraints are welcome to arrive late or leave early as needed. If you must do so, please be mindful of trying to minimize disruption to others around the schedule. All are encouraged to try to attend the full day, if possible, to get the most benefit.

Zazenkai Schedule

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am – Site Open & Orientation
- 9:30 am (Zendo) – Zazen – Begin Great Silence
 - 9:50 am - Kinhin
 - 10:00 am – Zazen
- 10:25 am (Rear Building) – Discussion – Sharing of Quotes
 - 11:00 am (Zendo) – Zazen
 - 11:30 am – Kinhin
 - 11:40 am – Zazen
- Noon – Noon Service
- 12:15 pm (Rear Building) – Silent Lunch
 - 1:00 pm – Zazen
 - 1:20 pm – Kinhin
 - 1:30 pm – Zazen
- 1:55 pm (Rear Building) – Quotes Discussion
 - 2:30 pm (Zendo) – Zazen
 - 2:50 pm – Kinhin
 - 3:00 pm – Zazen
- 3:20 pm – Closing Service
- 3:30 pm – Book Exchange & Site Clean-Up (End Great Silence)

All Souls U.U. Church

RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY & ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Sunday, October 9



Please bring your recyclables to the church,
and the truck will be there
for collection before and after service.

Listed below are the main items Milliron accepts.

Please keep them sorted by categories.

ALUMINUM CANS: Please rinse thoroughly.

STEEL CANS: Please rinse thoroughly, and remove labels.

FERROUS & NON-FERROUS MATERIALS: Aluminum, Steel, Brass, Copper, Silver, Nickel, Platinum, Pewter, Bronze, Zinc, Die Cast, Etc.

PLASTIC: Please rinse thoroughly and throw away lids. Only plastic bottles and jugs with the recycle emblem stamped on the bottom. #1 PETE - such as pop bottles, and #2 HDPE such as laundry products, milk, juice, and water jugs.

NEWSPAPER: **No** books or magazines, phone books, or mail.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: **No** boxboard or chipboard.

OFFICE MIX: Please shred if able to do so.

AUTOMOBILE / FORKTRUCK BATTERIES

PLEASE NO GLASS & PLEASE SEPARATE ALL CATEGORIES

You are also welcome to bring recyclables to our barn prior to the collection date.

Contact Jackie or Brian Moore 419-589-7707

All of the proceeds go to All Souls U.U. Church

Thank you

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Joyce Fenton – October 5
Shelley Mauk – October 8
Olivia Humphrey – October 9
Levi Waltz – October 19

Deborah Mattix – October 23
Irene Maginniss – October 27
Reed Richmond – October 27

Marjorie Smith – October 27
Avery Smith – October 29
Reid Gallion – October 30

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

JUST SO YOU KNOW

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OCTOBER EVENTS

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Adult RE: Oprah Winfrey’s “Belief” Series – “God Help Us” – Sunday, October 2 @ 9:00 am

Bike Ride on the B&O – Sunday, October 2 following Coffee & Conversation

Cafe Q Feasibility Meeting – Thursday, October 6 @ 7:00 pm

Fall Clean-Up Day – Saturday, October 8 from 8:30 am - Noon

Recycling & Highway Clean-Up Day – Sunday, October 9

Adult RE: Oprah Winfrey’s “Belief” Series – “The Practice” – Sunday, October 9 @ 9:00 am

Buddhist Book Discussion - Monday, October 10 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Relax, It’s Just Coffee

Pagan and Earth Based Spirituality Group Planning Meeting – Tuesday, October 11 @ 6:00 pm

Pastoral Care Team Meeting – Thursday, October 13 @ 7:00 pm

Board Meeting - Sunday, October 16 @ 9:00 am

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Questions for Your Answers Discussion & Breakfast - Wednesday, October 26 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans - Hanley Rd.

Bellville Trick-or-Treat – Thursday, October 27

Earth Based Pagan Fire Lighting Ceremony & Drum Circle & Annual Halloween Barn Party – Saturday, October 29 @ 6 pm

Kenya Coin Collection & Halloween Potluck – Sunday, October 30

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