

ALL SOULS OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

This October we have a lot of things going on!

In our Racial justice advocacy, we are meeting Tuesdays in October at First United Methodist in Mansfield: dinner at 6 and class at 7.

Then starting on October 9th, we will meet in Mount Vernon on Tuesdays at the downtown MVNU center from 7-8:30.

The last Sunday of October is our annual Halloween Potluck and we are continuing our tradition of dressing up for the service.

If you are interested in joining, let me or Lowry know as we are putting together another new membership class.

Happy Halloween,
Pastor Will



Welcome to the new members who joined August 2017: (from Left) Kristin Ellis, Kay Osborn, Scopas Poggo, Lowry Abete, Jenna and Tim Hicks, Sarah Feeney... (Board President L.D. Ball at the pulpit)

PASTORAL CARE

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

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



Conversations on Racial Justice

Tuesday Evenings in October from 6-8pm (meal at 6 with class at 7)

Held at First United Methodist Church, Mansfield, Ohio

On-street and Public Parking

Facilitated by local clergy: Rev. Jared Ruari of St. John's UCC, Rev. Allison Ruari of First Christian Church, Rev. Don Kuntz of First United Methodist, and Pr. Will Humphrey of All Souls Unitarian Universalist.

Americans are deeply divided when it comes to our understanding of how racism operates in our society. Nearly all of us agree that racism is a bad thing, but it's usually difficult for us to have fruitful conversations about what exactly racism is and how to fix it. We prefer silence to difficult conversation. When we do talk, we talk past each other. We hear people saying things they didn't say. When it comes to the concept of race and the workings of racism, we're having arguments without any agreement on what we're arguing about.

We believe a better conversation around race is possible and we feel called to help create it. We want to ask: how can we better understand each other's experiences and perspectives? Is it possible for us to reach a common understanding? Or at least to agree on what we're disagreeing about? What could change if we better equipped ourselves to speak about and challenge racial injustice?

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Glenn Myers – Pastoral Care Trustee

CARE PAL

Some members of All Souls may remember when it was popular to have a Pen Pal, usually someone who was located far away in another state or country. Letters would be exchanged and a special friendship often developed - sometimes lasting from years to a lifetime.

Many aspects of the Pen Pal concept have changed, but not the fundamental enjoyment of having a special relationship with someone who is usually not seen often, or ever. It occurred to me that we members of All Souls Church may never have met many former members and regular visitors who, for some reason, no longer attend services.

Therefore, I am proposing an activity that could involve everyone in our congregation. A list of people who have been but no longer are seen by our congregants is being prepared. The list may also include people in the community who have not been associated with All Souls. Each member and/or regular visitor could contact one or more people on the list and determine if ongoing communication would be desirable. Of course, any type of modern media equipment (phones, email, etc.) may be used, but some might still enjoy sending or receiving a handwritten note via snail mail sometimes.

Names of all involved will not be used unless appropriate, rather, "My Care Pal told me . . .", etc.

I would appreciate the suggestion of names of individuals you think should be put on the list.

Glenn (740-501-5990) or (glennmarq@yahoo.com)

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Average
Attendance: 50

	August	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	2,486.00	6,038.00
Pledges paid in prior year	0.00	-1,020.00
Offerings	283.86	866.86
Kenya Coin Collection	73.40	218.60
Rummage Sale	0.00	0.00
Recycle	0.00	0.00
Maintenance Fund	0.00	1,761.92
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	0.00	-1,761.92
Solar Panel Fund	800.00	800.00
Rental Income	150.00	150.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
Other	38.86	438.97
TOTAL	3,832.12	7,492.43
EXPENSES	2,986.31	6,447.39
DIFFERENCE	845.81	1,045.04

*A monthly income of \$3,378.33 is required in order to meet the budget of \$40,540.00.

**Expenses Other than "Usual":

R.E. supplies: \$113.69,

Books for new members: \$121.00

AUGUST PLEDGE REPORT

Total Pledges	27	
Total Units	34	
	August	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	2,361.00	6,038.00
Amount Received	2,486.00	6,068.00
VARIANCE	+125.00	+30.00

...from Brian Moore – Pulpit & Worship Trustee

GREETINGS FROM THE PULPIT CHAIR

WISDOMKEEPER:
AUDREY SHENANDOAH
Onondaga Clan Mother

I would urge the whole concept of nature be rethought. Nature, the land, must not mean money; it must designate life. Nature is the storehouse of potential life of future generations and is sacred. Human societies already possess the technologies necessary to provide food, clothing and shelter for everyone. The organization of distribution of wealth needs to be repaired, for the imbalance destroys both contemporary and future human life and nature. Western society needs to prioritize life-supporting systems and to question its commitment to materialism. Spirituality should be our foundation...

OCTOBER PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 1

Speaker: Michael Anderson

Title: "Play Ball: Racism in Popular Sport Culture"

Topic: We will be addressing racism against Native Americans in popular sport culture. This social justice issue is about relegating a people to the status of sport mascots. It is about ethnic, cultural and religious stereotypes. As a denomination, we can build upon our rich history of various social justice movements and efforts in combating racism. With this issue, we cannot bury our heads under Red Sambo Wahoo, the Red Skins ball caps or other offensive names and images. Let us, all people of good will and concerned about social justice and racism, adopt a "Zero tolerance against racism" including this form.

Leader: Reed Richmond **Music:** Ayesha Fraizer

Sunday, October 8

Speaker: Hayley Young

Title: "The Affairs of Honey Bees and Men"

Topic: What can we, as a society, learn from these complex, self-sufficient colonies to enlarge our conception of the importance, beauty and universality of all life?

A crash course on colony and human life, this talk will dive into the similarities and differences between the two species and what can be gained by taking a "bee's-eye" view of the world we all live in.

Leader: Will Humphrey **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

Recycling Collection & Highway Cleanup

Sunday, October 15

Speaker: Christopher Reynolds

Title: "How We Can Work to Heal Our Ancestors and Honor Our Elders"

Topic: The autumn is the season of the year most associated with our ancestors. Ancestors are those who love us and who are in the spirit world. This relationship is mutually beneficial. Our gift to our ancestors is to carefully study the questions they were unable to answer in this life and find answers that eluded them.

Our grandmothers and grandfathers are the stewards of the relationship between the family, community and ancestral worlds. While American culture is materially comfortable, we are impoverished in the ways we care for soul, especially during the season of autumn of the year and the autumn of life.

This talk explains through story, music, depth psychology, indigenous wisdom and ritual how we can join together to care for the soul of community in the fall – to help heal

Leader: Joan Richmond **Music:** Ayesha Fraizer

Sunday, October 22

Speaker: Mark Metheny

Title: "Astrology 101"

Topic: Mark will be giving a short talk on what Astrology is, how it can be used for our benefit and the current and upcoming Astrological energies and how to navigate them.

Leader: Karen Gotter **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

***October 28th – Annual Halloween Party 7pm @ Jackie & Brian Moore's, please bring a Covered Dish & BYOB - for more info. please call us**

419-589-7707 

Sunday, October 29

Speaker: Hand Jam

Title: "Astrology 101"

Topic: Mark will be giving a short talk on what Astrology is, how it can be used for our benefit and the current and upcoming Astrological energies and how to navigate them.

Leader: Teasha Sargent **Music:** Ayesha Fraizer

*****Coins for Kenya and Potluck**

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

...from Melanie Seaman – Media, Advancement and Growth Trustee

I knew that we'd soon start seeing just how much Bruce did for the church and this past Sunday was the beginning. Our speaker pulled me aside before the service and just after our board meeting to tell me that there were no toilet paper or paper towels in the bathroom. She apologized for rummaging around in the wardrobe in the bathroom but she found some Kleenex and put them out so there would at least be something for the next person. I told Chuck and he located the toilet paper in the back room. No one knew how to change the paper towels. Someone said there was a key but Chuck and I examined the paper towel dispenser and could not find a key hole even if we did find the key. So, we stuck 2 kinds of paper towels on the back of the toilet, along with the baby wipes, Kleenex, and air freshener. I can imagine Bruce was "up there" getting a kick out of watching all of us try to figure out how to do the most basic tasks. Just goes to show how we should never take anyone for granted! It's going to take a lot of us to fill those shoes. Thanks to Kayt for stepping up to fill Bruce's hospitality role and thanks to all of us as a congregation for chipping in to fill the void left by our friend, Bruce Kilgore.

...from Tim Hicks – Secretary

As a new member and recently appointed Board Secretary, I thought I'd just send a quick note to the congregation and friends. I feel so very grateful to have made this recent connection with this faith and congregation. Joining and becoming active has truly been a great joy for myself and my family. The openness. The acceptance. The connections. The love. Thank you.

As Board Secretary, I'll be working with the Board and our Admin Coordinator, Lowry Abete, to keep dutiful board notes, assist with communications, maintain records and keep the church history. I gladly accept the role and look forward to giving my time and resources to strengthening this great church.

Many thanks to Will, Lowry, L.D. and the rest of the Board in making me feel welcome and showing me the ropes. I'll have more role appropriate thoughts and ideas to share in the coming months but for now, I'll just end with a favorite lyrical quote from Marley that seems to capture my experience thus far with All Souls UU, "One love, one heart...let's get together and feel all right".

Much love,

Tim Hicks

...from Chuck Rhodes – Building and Maintenance Trustee

The Final draft of the solar energy plan for All Souls UU church by Third Sun Solar was reviewed by the Solar Energy Committee who endorse the plan and forward to the board for their review. The board unanimously approved the proposal and projected date of installation will be March 2018. The proposal shows an annual energy saving of 82.9%. With the conversion of the lights to LED and possible installation of a demand hot water heater our usage of electricity from the grid should be minimal. Thanks to everyone who worked on this proposal.

The Historic A.B. Felgemaker pipe organ, (circa.) 1872, received its annual maintenance service by the Leek Organ Company, who originally restored the organ in 2001. They report that all is well with the organ.

The fall work day is scheduled for Saturday October 14th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. A list of tasks will be available so people can sign up for those projects in which they are interested. As they say many hands make the work easier. If you have an interest in doing something that is not on the list or cannot make the workday, let me know and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.

...from Art O'Leary – Finance Trustee

Hello everyone at All Souls,

Things are looking pretty good from the finance point-of-view, thanks to your generosity. The contract for our solar project was approved by the board so we are GO for the environment and All Souls! We have a final estimate of \$18,612 for the work and we have already received \$800 in contributions. We do need a bit more for the initial payment due at signing. I hope everyone will contribute to this important project. Please remember to indicate that it is for the solar power conversion. Thanks in advance for your continued support of our church and this progressive goal.

Peace,

Art

...from Jay Gilbert – Vice President

We need a new Fellowship Trustee since the unfortunate passing of Bruce Kilgore. Our bylaws describe "Fellowship Trustee" as one who "Leads ad Hoc committees as needed. Duties include organizing Sunday morning coffee time, monitor and replenish supplies for kitchen and restrooms. Organize special gatherings, example Family Fun Nights, Halloween. Coordinate for special meals for the sick or for funerals, etc. (basically, things having to do with food or fun).

Please contact Jay Gilbert, chair of the Nominating Committee, to find out more or volunteer for the job.

Jay

...from Karen Gotter – Religious Education Trustee

I want to send a big THANK YOU to my assistant instructors this month! Thanks to Art O'Leary, who has helped get adult RE started up again, with the book, The Art of Living, by Thich Nhat Hanh. Thanks also to Tim and Lowry for leading a fun and crazy tie-dye day last Sunday, September 24 and to Kayt Gerhart for helping lead two weeks of food-based curriculum! And our dream-catcher day deserves special attention, not only because I had lots of helpers, but about half of our RE class donated their dream catcher to Mandy's new baby girl, which was a very sweet and kind gesture. Thanks, everyone!

The goal was to start thinking of fun ways we can help the community around us: For example, we painted rocks, which was plenty of fun all by itself, but the idea is to then hide the rocks for others to find, and maybe put a smile on their face. This month will also focus on this theme, as we will work on a few projects for the folks at church, and talk about ways we make a difference.

By the way, I need a few volunteers for October 8th--See the agenda, and let me know what you'd like to help with! I will also need someone to lead the class on October 22--It can be your choice of topics, or I'll help come up with one!! I am upstairs as pulpit leader on that day.

October RE Schedule for the kids:

October 1: Walk to the River--Celebrate the coming of fall, and notice what around us has changed!

October 8: Service projects for All Souls! The older kids will be making candles to use during Joys and concerns. The younger kids will get to decorate cakes and cupcakes to share during Coffee and Conversation.

October 15: We're getting close to Halloween, but today we'll learn about The Day of the Dead! (We'll also watch a little bit of the Book of Life, a Pixar movie about the Day of the Dead). Bring something that reminds

you about somebody you care about who has passed away so we can make an "ofrenda" for our loved ones...People or pets.

October 22: To be determined

October 29: Wear a costume to church! The kids will be sharing a performance upstairs, and then will stay upstairs for the service with Pastor Will.

Adult RE will continue this month, except on the 15th, as the timing conflicts with our monthly board meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

October: Joyce Fenton- 5, Shelley Mauk- 8, Olivia Humphrey- 9, Levi Waltz- 19, Deborah Mattix- 23, Renee Maginniss- 27, Reed Richmond- 27, Marjorie Smith- 27, Janice Darmody- 27, Avery Smith- 29

ALL SOULS UU CHURCH
25 CHURCH ST, BELLVILLE, OHIO 44813

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9a: Adult RE: Art of Living 10:30a Service: Michael Anderson: "Play Ball: Racism in Popular Sport Culture" Children's RE: Walk to the River	2	3 7p: Conversations on Racial Justice @ Mansfield First United Methodist Church (Meal: 6p)	4	5		7
8 9a: Adult RE: Art of Living 10:30a Service: Hayley Young: "The Affairs of Honey Bees and Men" Children's RE: Candle and Cupcake Making	9 5:30-7p: Buddhist Book Discussion @ Relax 7-8:30p: Racial Justice Class @ Downtown Mt. Vernon Nazarene U.	10 7p: Conversations on Racial Justice @ Mansfield First United Methodist Church (Meal: 6p)	11	12		14 8:30a- 12p: Fall Church Work Day
15 9a: Board Meeting 10:30a Service: Christopher Reynolds: "How We Can Work to Heal Our Ancestors and Honor Our Elders" Children's RE: Day of the Dead	16 7-8:30p: Racial Justice Class @ Downtown Mt. Vernon Nazarene U.	17 7p: Conversations on Racial Justice @ Mansfield First United Methodist Church (Meal: 6p)	18	19		21
22 9a: Adult RE: Art of Living 10:30a Service: Mark Metheny: "Astrology 101"	23 7-8:30p: Racial Justice Class @ Downtown Mt. Vernon Nazarene U. 7-9p: Living Lotus Zen Sangha Sitting and Meditation @ Butterfly House	24 7p: Conversations on Racial Justice @ Mansfield First United Methodist Church (Meal: 6p)	25 10a: Questions for Your Answers @ Bob Evans on Hanley 6p: LGBTQ Support Group	26		28 7-9p: Annual Halloween Party @ Jackie & Brian's
29 9a: Adult RE: Art of Living 10:30a Service: Pastor Will Humphrey: "My God Is a Party Animal" + (Kids Performance and Costumes) Kenya Coin Collection *Potluck*	30 7-8:30p: Racial Justice Class @ Downtown Mt. Vernon Nazarene U.	31 Halloween 7p: Conversations on Racial Justice @ Mansfield First United Methodist Church (Meal: 6p)				

Living Lotus Zen Sangha September Schedule

BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION

Monday, October 9: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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



**All are invited for coffee and informal discussion over a case in this Zen book.
Look for others with books!**

NEED NOT HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSIONS to jump IN!

BOOKS

The Gateless Barrier

Transl. by Robert Aitken Roshi

ISBN# 0865474427 North Point Press (1991)

Case #28 - "Lung-t'an: Renowned Far and Wide"

"One night Tokusan went to Ryutan to ask for his teaching. After Tokusan's many questions, Ryutan said to Tokusan at last, "It is late. Why don't you retire?" So Tokusan bowed, lifted the screen and was ready to go out, observing, "It is very dark outside." Ryutan lit a candle and offered it to Tokusan. Just as Tokusan received it, Ryutan blew it out. At that moment, the mind of Tokusan was opened. "What have you realized?" asked Ryutan to Tokusan, who replied, "From now on I will not doubt what you have said."

The next day Ryutan ascended the rostrum and declared to the monks, "Among you there is one monk whose teeth are like the sword tree, his mouth is like the blood bowl. Strike him with a stick, he won't turn his head to look at you. Some day he will climb the highest peaks and carry out my teaching there."

On that day, in front of the lecture hall, Tokusan burned to ashes his commentaries on the sutras and declared, "In comparison to this awareness, all the most profound teachings are like a single hair in vast space. However deep the complicated knowledge of the world, compared to this enlightenment it is like one drop of water in the ocean." Then he left the monastery..."

The Hidden Lamp

Edited by Florence Caplow & Susan Moon

ISBN# 9780861716593 Wisdom Publications (2013)

"Qiyuan and the Lotus Sutra" - pg. 274

"A scholarly layman and a monk came to visit Master Quiyuan Xinggang and asked her to write an inscription in a copy of the Lotus Sutra that the layman had written out in ink mixed with his own blood. She refused. When they insisted, she asked, 'Where does the blood come from? Who is the one who copied out this sutra? If you can answer, then you will be able to break open the burning house and allow the true method to reveal itself. If the layman truly wants to understand this, the best thing would be to throw this copy of the sutra into the fire, so that not one character remains. Then you will be happy.'"

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

LIVING LOTUS ZEN SANGHA SITTING AND SERVICE

Monday, October 23: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Mind Body Align (aka the Butterfly House)
20 N. Mulberry, Mansfield



Everyone is welcome to practice with us! No previous meditation experience necessary. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please enter from the front door on the porch. There is limited off-street parking in front of the door.

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

There is a small fee involved in meeting in this space, so while the sittings will remain free to all beings, there is a "dana" (giving) box for any attendees who are able or wish to contribute a couple dollars to help defray expenses.

Note: Doors will be locked around 7:05pm - so please arrive before then.

SCHEDULE

6:30pm-7pm - House Opened - Fellowship & Intro to Meditation for Beginners
7pm-7:20pm - Zazen (sitting meditation)
[7:05pm - doors locked]
7:20pm-7:25pm - Kinhin (walking meditation)
7:25pm-7:45pm - Zazen – (second period of Zazen)
7:45pm-7:55pm - Liturgy - Heart Sutra, Chanting and Prostrations
7:55pm- Sangha Announcements & Business
8pm- 8:30pm- Dharma Talk and Discussion- 'The Comforts (and Challenges) of Zen for Our Times'

Brief Beginner's Guide to Zazen & Kinhin:

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

In gassho,
Jacqueline Moore



Living Lotus Zen Sangha

A Zen Buddhist Group of North Central Ohio

Fall Day-Long Zen Meditation Retreat (Zazenkai)



Sunday, October 8, 2017

8am-3:30pm,

Hemlock Falls Outdoor Ed. Center

5391 Bunkerhill North Rd.,

Butler, Ohio

Fees Payable Day Of (To cover rental)

Whole day: \$20

Partial day: \$10

+ Bring a dish for the potluck lunch +

RSVP: Fortunasandwiches@gmail.com



The day will consist of alternating, silent, sitting and walking meditation, interspersed with a special ancestor remembrance ceremony, discussion around a specific text and potluck silent lunch.

"The daylight and night time hours of the vernal and autumnal equinox are equal, signifying the inseparability of darkness (ying) and light , ...These days of the equinox present exceptional opportunities for us to arrive at "the other shore" (higan)..."

-Myoshinji Temple

SCHEDULE:

7:30am - Site Open

8a Zazen (Sitting Meditation) –

--Begin Great Silence--

8:25 Kinhin (Walking Meditation)

8:35 Zazen

9:00 Kinhin

9:10 Zazen

9:35 – Morning Service w/Ancestor Ceremony

10:00 Discussion – Text TBA

11:00 Zazen

11:25 Kinhin

11:35 Zazen

Noon Service

12:10 Silent Lunch (Potluck) w/ Meal Chant

12:30 Clean-Up/ Break /

Open Outdoor Kinhin

1:20 Zazen

1:45 Kinhin

1:55 Zazen

2:25 Discussion

2:55 Zazen

3:20 Closing Service



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All Souls U.U. Church
Recycling Collection & Adopt a Highway Clean-up Day
Sunday, October 8th



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.

Please contact Jackie or Brian Moore 419-589-7707

All of the proceeds will be donated to All Souls U.U. Church

Thank you