

**March/April 2014**

**Upcoming  
Speakers &  
Events**

March 23

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

+March 30

**Tim Barger**

\*April 6

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

April 13

All Souls Board Meeting

**Karen Gotter**

April 20

Flower Communion

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

+\*April 27

**Dr. Walter Kania**

+WCW; Kenya Coins

\*Potluck Lunch



# All Souls UU Newsletter

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## *Opening Words & Meditations*

Dear Friends,

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is making changes—changes to where we do our work, how we do our work, and how we tell the story of our Unitarian Universalist movement to the wider world.

The dramatic shifts in today's religious landscape demanded that UUA leadership take an in-depth look at our strategic communications and how effectively our voice is breaking through the competing noise of our high-tech society. We examined our core values, our unique personality as a faith, and the impact Unitarian Universalists hope to make in the world. We asked UUs from across the country, of all ages with various levels of involvement in our faith, to answer three questions: Who are we? What do we do? And why it matters? From these conversations, and more, we began to form our brand identity for the future of our religious movement.

We engaged a top-notch branding agency to help us synthesize this information and explore ways to tell our story with more clarity and effectiveness. This is important for each of us, and it's crucial in our efforts to reach out to others who share our values. Today, I am excited to share with you one of the tools in an ongoing process of improved communication strategies, the Unitarian Universalist Association's new logo.

Our new logo, for many, will be the first introduction to who we are. It's meant to entice a person to learn more. And it's doing just that. Our random testing groups of UUs and non-UUs described emotions and images evoked by this logo with words such as brave, enlightening, warm, spiritual, energizing, having integrity, welcoming and determined. Our logo is the first innovation among many that the UUA plans to implement to better tell our story. Learn more about this process.

You will be seeing this new logo, and more components of our brand identity, being implemented across all UUA communication channels over the next few months. And many of these changes will be featured at our General Assembly in Providence, RI, this June.

We look forward to conversations with you, in congregations, districts, regions, and affiliated organizations, about your own brand identity and how it fits into the new direction of the UUA. This is the beginning of a transformative journey to tell the story of Unitarian Universalism and inspire individuals to join that journey.

In faith,

Rev. Peter Morales,

President, Unitarian Universalist Association

## **UUA Introduces New Logo**



# March & April Calendar

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES  
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## March

23 Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education: "Articulating Your UU Faith" A curriculum designed to help UUs explain their faith to non-UUs.  
**ALL SOUL RECYCLING DAY: Please bring your recycle items to the Mid-Ohio Supply truck in the parking lot. -- See more in this newsletter**

**10:30 am Speaker:** Rev. Karen Bruno **Topic:** Prayer, even a humanist can do it.

**Bio:** Karen Bruno is part time pastoral care minister at Bellville All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. She attended Drew Theological School and was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 2002. She also works at Flying Horse Farms, a camp for children with serious illness, in Mount Gilead. She is thrilled to have found two amazing places with which to share her knowledge, experience and to build community. Karen lived in Ohio for her high school and college years and then after many years in Colorado returned in 2011 following her early retirement from Denver Human Services. In addition, Karen has worked as church pastor, hospice chaplain and religious educator. She and her partner live in Bellville.

24 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha - *The Four Establishments of Mindfulness* led by Sensei Dean Williams

30\* Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education: "Articulating Your UU Faith" A curriculum designed to help UUs explain their faith to non-UUs.  
**10:30 am Speaker:** Tim Barger **Topic:** "Yearning for Hallowed Ground: Religious Humanism"

Religious humanism is for people who look to one another to live in, affect, and change this world that we know. Religious humanists have an awe for life and nature, among many wonders, that focuses on being rooted on earth, not taking a leap of faith. The yearning for hallowed ground is part of the religious quality of humanism, and the stories we share make for religious community. Tim Barger will talk about the hallowed and the stories that can make humanism religious.

**Bio:** Rev. Tim Barger--TK Barger in print--is religion editor for The Blade, Toledo, Ohio's daily newspaper, and is affiliated with First Unitarian Church of Toledo as a community minister. He and his wife, Jewel, moved to Toledo in 2012. They met in Brooklyn, New York, where they both attended First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn. Tim is a graduate of both Meadville Lombard Theological School and The Humanist Institute.

*Following the service, Rev. Bruno will be hosting a Newbie Luncheon -- See more in this newsletter*

## April

2 Wednesday 7:30 pm Highlands of Ohio Concert: Jim Malcolm, Scottish folk singer (\$15 in advance/\$20 at the door) -- *See more in this newsletter*

6# Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education: "Articulating Your UU Faith" A curriculum designed to help UUs explain their faith to non-UUs.  
**10:30 am Speaker:** Rev. Karen Bruno **Topic:** "Visioning Or Future" What does it take for us to assure that this liberal church will still be strong in 10 or 20 years? **Talk is followed by a potluck supper and then the "Visioning Retreat" from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. -- See more in this newsletter**

7 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha - *The Four Establishments of Mindfulness* led by Sensei Dean Williams

9 Wednesday 7 pm Adult Discussion Group: "Being Liberal in a Conservative Place" along with "Social Justice"

12 Saturday 4:30 pm Family fUUn Night - Making sushi -- *See more in this newsletter*

13 Sunday 9 am All Souls Board Meeting (all are invited)  
**10:30 am Speaker:** Karen Gotter **Topic:** "An Easter Egg"

Can we UU's find a new way to appreciate the idea of resurrection? What about a way to appreciate the actions or beliefs of others, even though they may seem so impossibly far from our own? "The Egg" is a short story by Andy Weir that lets us consider why we might want to make that effort at this time of year and beyond.

**Bio:** Karen Gotter is currently serving as Bellville's ambassador to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she is pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Science. She hopes to return to her hometown in order to fix all of the water and other environmental issues facing Bellville, Richland County and the rest of Ohio. She might be a bit of an idealist . . .

16 Wednesday 7 pm Adults Discussion Group: "Women's Spirituality"

**\*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection #Potluck Luncheon (moved from March 30 to April 6)**

## Birthdays for late March and April

M 20 Pam Ellis	22 Janet Chandler	12 Darien Delbrugge	20 Teasha Sprague
21 Gary Roth	April	Joe Connell	21 Joan Rader
Bernie Mizer	2 Jeannette Mirel	17 Katherine Gerhart	28 LD Ball



## Rev. Karen's Pastoral Care Page!

### **CAMP HAS ARRIVED!**

My time at camp will soon be increasing. Therefore my attendance at church on Sunday's will be decreasing. In Spring there are 4 weekend camps, then 2 months of living at camp in the summer, followed by 4 weekend camps in the Autumn. PLEASE KNOW YOU CAN CALL ME if you need to talk or to schedule a time to meet.

### **NEWBIE GATHERING/with Karen Bruno**

All you 'new' folks want to have lunch with me after church some Sunday? On March 30th, I would like to get to know all of you a little better and also give you a chance to meet each other. Please RSVP so I can see if this is a good date. The church is picking up our tab for lunch. Welcome to All Souls!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS SOMETIME IN APRIL**, let Karen know if you want to attend and we will plan a time.

### **An Exciting Future (Parts 1, 2 and 3)**

1) Have you thought about what our church will be like in 10 year? What legacy do you want to leave to the next generation of liberal thinkers in Mid-Ohio? Come and join our Visioning Our Future retreat on April 6th. Following church we will have a potluck and then retreat from 12:30 to 4:30. Karen has offered to lead this if we can get at least 14 people to sign up. Sign-up sheet will start to be passed around at church. Or you can email Karen and let her know of your interest. revkarenbruno@gmail.com

Karen says: "All participants will get to offer ideas for all areas of our future, but there will also be 'break out' groups for each topic, so PLEASE indicate which break out group you will join when you sign up. The breakout groups include: 1. Religious Education, 2. Social Justice and Community Presence, 3. Worship, Music and Speakers, 4. Care and Maintenance of our Historic building, 5. Community/Pastoral Care, 6. Finances and Fund raising, 7. Fellowship and Membership. Ideally there will be 3 people in each group, but there needs to be at least 2 per topic group."

If anyone can plan an event for the children that afternoon so parents can attend that would be wonderful!

**2) NEW OFFICERS NEEDED!** Whether you are brand new or 'part of the furniture', you are needed to serve on the Board! Most folks on the Board now are 'retiring' for a little while so some new folks can have a turn! Stepping down will be Reed- President, Chuck - Treasurer, Jenny-Secretary, Cheryl -Trustee and Joan- Pulpit supply. THESE ARE ALL VERY IMPORTANT AND WE NEED YOU! Please contact Reed or one of the folks on the nominating committee if you might be willing to serve.

**3)** And last but not least: The Board will be conducting their yearly negotiation with Karen's about her hours working for the church. There will be a survey distributed shortly to help the Board prioritize the hours Karen works for the church to the priorities set by the survey results. Shelley as Church Secretary may also take one more duties as a result of this survey. So please complete one when then are distributed.

## NOTES FROM THE PREZ

The Board wants everyone to know how much they appreciate donations and patience while the vestibule was repaired after water damage and the kitchen was remodeled. Please say thanks to LD Ball and Sandy Macpherson for their donations and work on the kitchen.

Board meetings will be moved to the third Sunday in May to accommodate Rev. Karen Bruno's other work schedule.

The Board approved the date of April 26 for Spring Clean-up with a rain date of May 3. Please see the sign-up sheet that will be going around. Projects include scraping and painting downstairs windows and painting the vestibule as well as just general cleaning and sprucing up.

There will be a Family Fun Night on April 12 (fixing suchi starting at 4:30 pm) and we will have our Flower Communion on April 20 (Easter Sunday).

Liz Hansen and Shelley Mauk are working on a Wedding Information brochure to make sure people know our church is available for rent for weddings (especially non-traditional ones). Judy Shaffer welcomes input on the Sign Committee that needs a drawing to submit to the City for approval. And we are looking for some way to frame our 7 Principles (3x4' sign).

If you have not talked with Shelley (pastoral care secretary) please see her for updates and other information. Let me know if there's any way I or a Board Member can assist you. -- Reed Richmond, Board President, 419-631-7912 (cell).

## LIVING LOTUS SANGHA

(all meetings are from 6:30p - 8:30p)

### 2014 Study Schedule:

**Feb. & March:** The Platform Sutra of Hui-neng  
Red Pine translation and commentary

**April:** Bodhidharma - Life and Teachings

**May & Aug.:** Lankavatara Sutra  
Red Pine translation and commentary

**Sept. & Dec.:** Samdhinirmocana Sutra  
*The Third Turning of the Buddha Wheel*  
by Reb Anderson

Visit our new website at [www.livinglotus.org](http://www.livinglotus.org) We have added "soundcloud" to both the website and our Facebook page to share the Dharma talks Sensei Dean Williams shares at our Monday night sittings.

### February 2014 Financial Report

Revenue	February
Open Plate Offering	\$264.00
Pledges	1,711.00
Mission Offering	103.50
Special Services Income	39.00
Total	2,117.50
<b>Expenses*</b>	2,598.47
	- 480.97

Expenses this month included \$469.75 for kitchen remodeling. All other expenses were normal monthly expenses. Overall for the year, the church is operating at + \$314.75.  
Average Attendance in February: 42; Average for the Year: 44.

### February Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,512	\$1,711	+ \$199

### 2013-2014 Fiscal Year to Date

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$14,342	\$14,680	+ \$338

#### 2013-2014 Pledges

Church pledges were collected in July for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, but there is never a deadline for renewing, starting or increasing your pledge for the work of the Church. Please see Mike Garber for more information.

Mike notes that at the halfway point in 2012/2013 there was \$9597 in pledges and this year that figure was \$11,525. Great job, everyone.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- “Being Liberal in a Conservative Place” – April 9th Change of Date! Due to Concert on the 2nd at church, and May 7
- “Social Justice” Jointly meeting with Being Liberal in a Conservative Place: April 9, and no meeting in May
- “Women’s Spirituality” April 16 and May 21
- “Prayer, what is it and how does it work” Cancelled. If there is interest, we will try this one in the Autumn.

## Religious Education Opportunities

Our new Religious Education class is Sunday morning at 9 a.m. at the church - a five-week experience that will be on the following Sundays: March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6 (a fifth session on April 20 to be decided later).

The focus of this curriculum is articulation--practicing how and what to say in various settings in which you might be called upon to declare yourself religiously or to illuminate some angle on this liberal religious movement that has touched and changed so many lives for the better. Such moments are precious opportunities to deepen your own path and perhaps grow a happy awareness in someone else about this rich “living tradition.” Yet many of us struggle to describe our religion adequately to others. This course offers hopeful inspiration and resources, plus the opportunity for meaningful connection to fellow UUs.

Please feel free to share this information with people you know who might like to visit the church for the class.

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This Summer, we’ll have a multigenerational Religious Education program which will use the book “*Muhammad: The Story of a Prophet and Reformer*” by Sarah Conover. Although the book was written for ages 12 and up, it is suitable as a read aloud for ages 10 and up. For this three session program, we will use the Discussion Guide created by the UUA. If you are willing to facilitating this session (the format looks pretty simple), please let Liz Hansen know. The starting date has not yet been determined, but will probably be in June. We’ll have books available for purchase in the next month, if you need to borrow a book due to financial hardship, please talk with Liz. From the UUA website:

“Readers of the book, *Muhammad*, encounter a man very different from the figure often presented in Western popular culture. Conover, co-author of *Ayat Jamilah: Beautiful Signs: A Treasury of Islamic Wisdom for Children and Parents*, draws from biographies, the Quran, and hadith (Muslim tradition). She relates the story of a radical prophet who challenged the rich and powerful, guided his community of followers through a dangerous time of persecution and exile, formed alliances with people of different beliefs, and preached that one should ‘love for humanity what you love for yourself.’”

## Family fUUn Night

Join us Saturday, April 12th, around 4:30 for a night of sushi making! It’s been a couple years since we got together to try our hand at rolling our own & we made such lovely & yummy creations we thought it was time to try it again! If the idea of raw fish scares you, don’t worry, most of what we made was vegetarian and all the seafood we used was canned or cooked last time. Although anyone in Columbus for the day or who has access to sushi grade fish is welcome to bring some! More details will come out closer to the date so you know what to bring. Look forward to seeing you then!

## Highlands of Ohio Concert at All Souls

Highlanders,

Oh...My...Gosh!!! The snow cover has been so consistent, and the temperatures so low for so long that I had no idea it was March already. Finally, with the balmy temperature of the past few days, and being able to see bare spots in the snow, I came to realize that Highlands of Ohio does indeed have a concert coming, and relatively soon. Like April 2nd.

Not just any ol' concert either. This one features one of your all-time favorites – Jim Malcolm, Scottish folk singer, guitar wiz and punster extraordinaire.

His tour routing did not bring him through this area last fall, as it had for quite a few years, so we did not get to host him in 2013. Consequently, it has been a while since he was last here. This time we will host him in the acoustically great UU church in Bellville, his first appearance there.

The date is Wednesday, **April 2nd**. The time is 7:30 pm. Tickets will be \$15 IF you purchase them in advance of the show date. They will be \$20 on the day of the show.

Advance tickets can be purchased by sending a check or money order to Highlands of Ohio, 480 Edgewood Road in Mansfield, OH 44907, or you can drop off payment in the locked mailbox on the side of our house. We will hold purchased tickets to be picked up at the door unless you provide us with an self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Shows start at 7:30 pm and include (2) 45 minutes sets with a brief 10-15 minute intermission. Generally they are over between 9:30 and 10:00.

Children under 12 are admitted free but if the event is a full house, we ask that those able to be held on laps be held on laps.

Let us hope that Spring will have finally Sprung by April 2nd.



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## C.O.M.E. (Committee On Ministry Explained)

We listen. That's the main task of our COM. It was created during a time of difficulty that has receded. That is its origin. Our COM is a group of four members that can be contacted with any concern from a member of our church family. It is not just a committee on /for the minister, but a committee that is approachable and listens to concerns and ideas that effect the church family as a whole. Got an idea for a new program? Bring it. Got a concern about services? Bring it. Got a concern about a new idea or issue you would like the church to address? Bring it. We are here to listen. We care about the welfare of the church family and we can be a first step for you to voice your care and concerns as well. Please feel free to contact us before/ after services or by phone (reasonable hours please). We are your COM. We listen. We care. Grow in Peace.

Cheryl Church 740 501-0626

Ann Kilgore 419 961-6870

Brian Moore 419 589-7707

Doug Wilson 419 756-3529

## Pulpit Schedule for 2014

In case you like to plan ahead, here is a list of our speakers for 2014. We still have a few open spots, but the year is largely set. Having most of the dates filled will be helpful for the person who takes over Pulpit Chair in July. I will share all my sources and files and tips with this wonderful person. **Might it be you?** -- *Joan Richmond*

March 23 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
March 30 - Tim Barger  
April 6 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
April 13 - Karen Gotter  
April 20 - Flower Communion: Rev. Karen Bruno  
April 27 - Dr. Walter Kania  
May 4 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
May 11 - Dr. Walter Kania  
May 18 - Dean Williams  
May 25 - John Gardner  
June 1 - Karen Bruno  
June 8 - Dr. Walter Kania  
June 15 - Thomas Beck  
June 22 - Violeta Chinni  
June 29 - (open date)  
July 6 - Karen Bruno  
July 13 - Dr. Walter Kania  
July 20 - Peggy Logodny  
July 27 - Michael O'Malley  
Aug. 3 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
Aug. 10 - Dr. Walter Kania

Aug. 17 - David FitzSimmons (Curious Critters)  
Aug. 24 - Jim Scott - UU Composer, Poet, Performer and Activist  
Aug. 31 - Blessing the Animals Service at Palm Park in Bellville.  
Sept. 7 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
Sept. 14 - Dr. Walter Kania  
Sept. 21 - Teri Cornell  
Sept. 28 - Julia Hemeyer  
Oct. 5 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
Oct. 12 - Dr. Walter Kania  
Oct. 19 - John Gardener  
Oct. 26 - (open date)  
Nov. 2 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
Nov. 9 - Dr. Walter Kania  
Nov. 16 - Lisa Kreischer  
Nov. 23 - Glenn Myers  
Nov. 30 - Julia Hemeyer  
Dec. 7 - Rev. Karen Bruno  
Dec. 14 - Dr. Walter Kania  
Dec. 21 - (open date)  
Dec. 24 - Rev. Karen Bruno (Christmas eve service)  
Dec. 28 - (open date)

## OMD (Ohio-Meadville District) INFO

### General Assembly 2014: Love Reaches Out

Registration and housing are now open for General Assembly 2014 in Providence, RI. The meeting will take place June 25-29, 2014. The month of March is when individuals can apply for scholarships and to be volunteers. In addition, this year congregational presidents who attend will receive a \$100 rebate. Learn more at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

### Young Adult Programming in the OMD

The OMD UU Young Adult Network (OMDUUYAN) plans programming for young adults (18-35) throughout the year. Their spring conference will be held May 30-June 1 at the UU Congregation of Erie. Details are available at [www.ohiomeadville.org](http://www.ohiomeadville.org). In addition, this year OPUS, the continental gathering of young adults will take place in the OMD. Details and registration on the OMD website when available. OPUS will take place August 12-17, 2014 at Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning on Ohio.

### CERG YouTube Channel

Looking for videos of live workshops or webinars? Check the CERG YouTube channel. Most workshops and webinars we record are uploaded here once they are edited for viewing. Visit it at [www.youtube.com/cerguaa](http://www.youtube.com/cerguaa)

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## Next All Souls Recycle Day: Sunday, March 23

Please save and then bring your items for recycling to church. A truck will be there for collection from 10 a.m. - Noon. Below is the list of items Milliron accepts. Please keep them separated by categories:

- ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS: Please rinse thoroughly.
- STEEL CANS: Please rinse thoroughly, and remove labels.
- PLASTIC: Please rinse thoroughly, and throw away lids. Only plastic bottles and jugs with the recycle emblem stamped on their bottom: #1 PETE - such as pop bottles (colored and clear) #2 HDPE - such as laundry products, milk, juice, and water jugs.
- NEWSPAPER: But NO books, magazines, phone books, or mail.
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: But NO boxboard or chipboard. WE DO NOT TAKE GLASS!



## Sunday Music

All Souls is fortunate to have many talented musicians playing for Sunday services. Ayesha Fry plays the historic Felgemaker organ on alternate Sundays. The Carol Bernhardt trio plays the other Sundays.

Whatever Sunday you visit, music is always a listening pleasure.

## Contacting Rev. Karen Bruno

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**Spirit First Pastoral Care:** Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals

Requests for Pastoral Care or Church Concerns, please consider contacting first a member of the Committee on Ministry: Cheryl Church (740-501-0626); Ann Kilgore (419-961-6870); Brian Moore (419-589-7707); or Doug Wilson (419) 756-3529.

**ALL SOULS BOARD:** *President:* Reed Richmond; *Vice-President:* Brian Moore; *Treasurer:* Chuck Rhodes; *Secretary:* Jenny Bartsch; *Religious Education Chair:* Liz Hansen; *Pulpit Chair:* Joan Richmond; *Trustees:* Cheryl Church, Judy Shaffer, Karen Gotter, Bruce Kilgore

## The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.