

Fall 2013
Upcoming
Speakers & Events

October 20
Rev. Karen Bruno

October 26
Halloween Party, 4 pm

*October 27
Dean Williams

November 3
Rev. Karen Bruno

November 9
Holiday Bazaar, 9a-1p

November 10
Board Meeting, 9 am
Bob Mulkins

November 17
Dr. Walter Kania

*November 24
Rev. Karen Bruno

**Whole Church Worship,
Kenya Coin Collection
& Church Potluck*



The All Souls Reporter

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville

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Opening Words & Meditations

There is love
When you believe in something that can't be seen,
But you see it clearly.
When you feel something that can't be touched,
But you feel it strongly.

There is love
When you've never had faith before,
But now believe in something greater than yourself.
When something grips your heart so tight
You can't let go of it.

There is love
When you know a power so frightening
That you want to flee from it to save your life,
But you run into the eye of it to save your soul.

There is love
When you know the answer
Without asking the question.
When you forget the question,
And doubt no longer walks your path.

There is love
When you know where you must be.
There is love
When trust sets you free.

Cheryl Church, September 10, 2008

October/November Calendar

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

October

20 Sunday 9am Religious Education (part 2 of 2) "Evolutionize Your Life"
10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: TBA

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 Mansfield.

21 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha
22 Tuesday 7-9 pm Walt Kania Adult Education: "The Psychology of Religion and Spirituality" Part 3 of 3
24 Thursday 6:30 pm AA Meeting
26 Saturday 4:30 pm All Souls Family Halloween Party. Bring a snack (church is providing Ham and Beans; thanks Bruce and Ann). Wear a costume if you can or come as you are for food, fellowship and fun.

27*# Sunday 9 am Religious Education (new program starts): "Gratitude Works"

Adult RE will meet to discuss the book "Gratitude Works" by Robert Emmons and to begin the "21 Day Gratitude Challenge". Please attend even if you didn't read the book as we will also discuss how to participate in the "21 Day Gratitude Challenge". The book is available for sale at church for \$14 (it's on the bookshelf at the bottom of the stairs). November 3rd we will meet to discuss our insights after 1 week of the Gratitude Challenge. We'll also meet on November 17th to share what we have learned through the "21 Day Gratitude Challenge." If you need to borrow a book due to financial hardship, please speak with Liz Hansen.

10:30 am Dean Williams Topic: "Why You Should Start Observing the Sabbath - Even if You're Not Particularly Religious"

Bio: Dean Williams is an ordained priest, chaplain, and teacher in the Soto Zen Buddhist tradition. He serves as the guiding teacher for Jijuyu-ji Zen Sangha of Cleveland and Living Lotus Zen Sangha, which meets every other Monday evening at the All Souls UU Church. **Potluck Luncheon following the service with a Halloween Theme.**

Following the potluck, please join Liz Hansen to make candied nuts for sale for the Nov. 9 Holiday Bazaar. Liz has the ingredients. Bring a skillet and a spatula if possible.

31 Thursday 5 pm Bellville Halloween Night (Parade at 7 pm); we need someone to help Judy Shaffer hand out candy
(We are gratefully asking anyone who can to bring candy to for this event; we ran out last year)
6:30 pm AA Meeting

***Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection #Potluck Luncheon with a Halloween Theme!**

November

3 Sunday 9 am Religious Education Class: "Gratitude Works"
We will meet to discuss our insights after 1 week of the Gratitude Challenge.
10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: TBA
4 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha
6 Wednesday 7 pm Being Liberal in a Conservative Place: Discussion Group led by Rev. Karn Bruno
7 Thursday 6:30 pm AA Meeting
8 Friday 4:30 - 7 pm Church is open to bring rummage sale items and food items
9 Saturday 9 am - 1 pm Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon (Rummage Sale and Holiday Snacks Sale)

Birthdays for Late October & Early November

O 19 Levi Waltz 27 Renie Gilbert 29 Avery Smith N 3 Bryan Bartsch
Mary Ellen Black Reed Richmond 30 Reed Galion 5 Ed Fox



Annual Winter Bazaar associated with Bellville Christmas in the Valley

Sale is Saturday, November 9, from 9 am until 1 pm

Remember, rummage sales are a major fund-raiser for us. Start gathering and pre-pricing items. Bring items to the church on Friday. We will have the church open from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. We could use help getting things ready that evening. Please pre-price all items.



Food/Bake Sale

Bake sale items should be restricted to cookies and candies (especially those that can be frozen until later events).

There are sign up sheets downstairs for Salads of all sorts, Pies, Pop and Hamburger Buns. For desserts, Pies sell the best followed by "Specialty" cakes. Food items should be dropped off in the kitchen by 9 a.m. on Saturday (or Friday night during set-up: 4:30 to 7 p.m.).

Rummage Sale

Donated items can be dropped off Friday, November 8, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. or Saturday, November 9 before 9 a.m. If you have an item to donate and can't make the above two times, call to make arrangements.

Please price your items to avoid shopper confusion! The volunteers doing the sale do not have time to price items for you.

Good sellers: CDs/DVDs/VHSs, current/classic novels & books, kids toys, board games, power tools, artwork, jewelry & sporting equipment, etc. Any item in good working condition or original packaging that would make a good gift is okay. Christmas decorations okay if in good condition. Kid's clothing is okay but no adult clothes.

Poor sellers: DO NOT BRING magazines, old textbooks & encyclopedias, items not working at all or completely trashed, and dirty cookware. No mugs! No electronics that do not work.

Anything not sold will be donated. If you want your item returned to you if not sold, please be there at 1 p.m. to pick it up.

Volunteer Opportunities - sign up sheet downstairs. There will be a list of items needed in the kitchen and workers needed for the kitchen and food sales. On Friday we need volunteers from 4:30 - 7 p.m. to help set up in the sanctuary.

On Saturday we need a lot of volunteers! See the sign up sheet downstairs. We need servers, table cleaners, people to work the cash box for both the food sales, bake sale and rummage sale items. We especially need people to clean-up afterwards. Some volunteers will need to show up at 8 a.m. to get ready. Some volunteers can show up at 12:30 to help start with the clean-up.

Any questions? Want to volunteer, but won't be at church to sign up? Call Reed Richmond at 419-631-7912.

→ **SPECIAL REQUEST:** The Church is looking for furniture to use for Rev. Karen Bruno's office space. We are looking for some comfortable chairs, a couch, and a couple of love seats and maybe a small desk. If you have furniture items you'd like to donate, please bring them. If we can't use them, we will put them in the Rummage Sale. Please let us know if you need help moving larger items.

The church budget for 2013-2014 and quarterly financial statement are **posted** in the Fellowship Hall. See it there.
See Treasurer Chuck Rhodes if you have any questions. The 2013-2014 Operating Budget was approved by the Board.

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Some Church-running items to call to your attention:

1) The Board has voted to increase the amount we pay to our biweekly musical performers. They had not received an increase for their services for the last five years that we know of. This will result in a small bump in our budget.

2) The Board also met with Rev. Karen Bruno to discuss options for turning the office area in the sanctuary into a more open space with a privacy screened off area so she can have a place for counseling and small group meetings. We are in the process of selecting some appropriate folding screens (or having some made) that can be in place during the week and taken down or moved on Sundays for services. Please respect privacy if you see a note on the doors to the sanctuary (upstairs doors). Also, please see the note about furniture needs in the “Rummage Sale” page.

3) **Big item:** The Board approved spending some money to hire a part-time (5 hours a week) secretary who will be assigned a number of small tasks to keep information flowing between members and friends and Rev. Bruno.

Secretary duties will include:

- updates by e-mail and Facebook on church events (as well as phone trees for those members who are not internet connected)
- follow-up with visitors and guests and inviting them back
- making sure Rev. Bruno is up-to-date with individuals needing calls or visits
- answering phone messages and fulfilling requests for church information
- responding to and scheduling requests to use the church (meetings, concerts, weddings, funerals, etc.)
- following up with members or friends who are not at Sunday services for a few weeks to see if there are concerns;
- and of course the infamous “other duties as assigned.”

If you are interested, or possibly interested, in the part-time gig, please let Rev. Karen know. Knowledge of the church and the UUA and our seven principles and some computer skills (and a warm and inviting personality) are the job requirements.

This position will be on a trial basis for six months to see if this is something the Church would like to continue to finance (I think it might very well be).

4) **I can not stress this enough:** if you have computer access you should be regularly checking out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Church/116740701707381>) and our web page (<http://www.allsoulsuohio.org>). If you are not already on our e-mail list (google group), please let me know. Those are the **three best ways** to catch up on the latest with the goings-on at the church. The website is gorgeous (I’ll pause here because I strained a muscle patting myself on the back) and is now being updated to add the audio tracks from our weekly speakers. If you know of something you’d like to see added, drop me a line by using the contact form (heck of a way to let me know if your e-mail address changes, too).

5) Speaking of changes: The All Souls Members and Friends list has been updated. If you would like a copy, please see me. There’s a possibility that corrections may still need to be made (which is something a Secretary could do!) but it’s as accurate as I could get.

6) Some of you know that there are AA Meetings on Thursday night. The Board offered the Fellowship Hall for their use. Last week they made a \$40 donation to the Church. Speaking of use of the Church, several Board members are working on a brochure about the process of renting the church for weddings and special services. Remember, use of the Church is free for members if you have a special occasion and need a space.

7) I love working with all of the Board and I hope you take the opportunity to thank them as well. Chuck Rhodes has done an amazing job as Treasurer, Brian Moore is jacked up as VP, Judy Shaffer is ever faithful and our go-to greeter, Joan Richmond has faithfully prodded speakers and worship leaders, Cheryl Church is always there to lend an idea, suggestion and helping hand, Karen Gotter is shaping up the Fellowship Committee, and Bruce Kilgore is always keeping things on track. I want to mention Liz Hansen and Jenny Bartsch for special mention in the way they’ve run the Religious Education. Have you seen the volume of creative classes we’ve done this year? Amazing.

Let me know if there’s any way I or a Board Member can assist you. -- Reed Richmond, Board President, 419-631-7912 (cell).

All SOULS Pastoral Care Team

WHY JOIN A PASTORAL CARE TEAM????

- This wonderful community is dedicated to caring about each other.
- Let us formalize that commitment with a team of individuals who will serve as listeners.
- It will be life changing for you!
- And it will expand the love you have for each other!

Commitment

Can you commit to 4 hours a month for 2 years?

It's a big commitment, but amazing things will happen!

Training (with Karen) will be last 4 months (4 hours a month).

Followed by up to 4 hours a month of visits and phone calls.

Possible 'duties' as a member of this team: (team will help determine the final list)

- Follow up with visitors.
- Visit folks who can't make it to church.
- Offer comfort to individuals in the All Souls family in times of distress.
- Provide a listening ear when crisis strikes.

Process to join: Contact Karen and schedule one-on-one time to discuss your interest and 'fit' for this team.

Tentative Schedule: Training starting in January.

This headline was too easy to write:

Nuts at All Souls UU Church

Please join us on Friday, October 18th at 9:15 am AND after service on Sunday, October 27th to make Candied Nuts and other goodies to sell at the Holiday Bazaar on November 9th.

On Friday, we will be making candied nuts. If a couple folks could bring the following it would be helpful (if you don't have any that's fine too, we only need a couple of each to keep us going):

- * either an electric skillet (with sides) or a good sized fry pan with NO nonstick coating (as the candy hardens it could scratch it)
- * a cookie sheet for cooling
- * if you have an extra bag of nuts, feel free to bring them, but we should have enough to keep us busy.

Everything else will be provided. We'll plan to make them, let them cool & then bag them up.

There will most likely be a different project on Sunday, Oct. 27th and if you need to bring anything we'll let you know!

Hope to see you there!

Liz Hansen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: YOUTH

Starting October 6th, the children will be following the UUA curriculum "Love Connects Us". From the UUA website: "Love Connects Us celebrates important ways Unitarian Universalists live our faith in covenanted community. Moved by love and gathered in spirit, we embrace our responsibility toward one another and the world at large. We encourage one another's search for truth and meaning. We strive to be active in peace-making and other efforts to improve our world." Children in grades 1 - 6 are welcome to attend the class. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please talk with Jenny Bartsch or Jackie Moore. We are always looking for volunteers to help with activities with the kids, so let us know if you are interested!

<http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/loveconnects/index.shtml>

The class will meet each Sunday, EXCEPT the 2nd Sunday due to the Board Meeting at 9 am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ADULTS

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Survey Results

In case you are wondering what ever happened with the RE survey we conducted last month, here's a summary:

We received 12 surveys and a couple comments not attached to an actual survey. Overwhelming majority wanted to have class meet before church as opposed to after. It was an even split between class meeting each week except the board meeting week and meeting 2 times a month. Ten out of twelve wanted to have classes on a variety of subjects as opposed to the same subject all year long. The topics were ranked (in order of most important): 1. "Meaning in Everyday Life" 2. UU specific topics 3. & 4. were tied: Comparative/World Religion and Spirituality 5. Learning about Social Justice Issues. The Religious Education Team is using the results to put together a schedule of classes for this year.

We did receive a couple of comments expressing frustration at previous RE classes that seemed to go off topic or where the conversation was monopolized by a few people. We understand this can be a frustrating situation, even if it is a normal part of most group dynamics. We ask for understanding that those people that volunteer to facilitate our classes are not paid or trained professional facilitators. They are members and friends of All Souls who think it's important to come together and learn. They do the best job they can to provide a meaningful experience for everyone who attends.

Based on the survey results Adult RE will continue to take place at 9 am on Sundays. Since it was an even split for meeting both every week and 2 times a month, we are going to continue meeting every week except the 2nd Sunday because of the Board Meeting. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey!

September 2013 Financial Report

Revenue

	September
Collections	
Open Plate Offering	
\$268.00	
Pledges	1,937.00
Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins)	43.50
Special Services Income	50.00
Total	2,298.50

Expenses

2,233.58
+64.92

Average Attendance in September: 47

September Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$2,510	\$1,937	-\$573 (- 22%)

2013-2014 Fiscal Year Final Total

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$5,784	\$5,466	-\$318 (- 5%)

2013-2014 Pledges

Although the Church pledges were collected in July for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, 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.

Blessing of the Animals Service, Palm Park in Bellville, August 2013



This young Huskie really liked all the fellow dogs.



Cheryl also brought one of her horses for rides.



Cheryl Church led the service and read a story to the children.



The Richmond's dog Kimber seemed to enjoy herself.



This is Jackie Moore with Bailey.



This young pup wasn't sure about all the goings on.

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TEAM LEADERS: Mission, Outreach, Social Action – Brian Moore; Hospitality- Karen Bruno; Fellowship – Karen Gotter; Pulpit – Joan Richmond; Stewardship – Bruce Kilgore; Communication – Reed Richmond; Religious Ed – Liz Hansen; Building – Eric Sargent. Think about joining one of these teams if you haven't already. Team meetings are the first Sunday of each month. Also, in addition to snack sign-up for fellowship after Sunday Service, there is also a sign-up for cleaning up after fellowship (dishes, vacuuming, etc.).



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

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

A Thank You Note from Mrs. Fry:

“Hello All Souls.

“I just want to say that my husband and I greatly appreciated the wonderful wedding shower that was given for us. All of the garden tools have come in handy so far for our new home. Thank you also to those who gave us thoughtful wedding cards too.

“We are so grateful for such a caring church family. I am so glad that I get to be a part of your Sunday services as your organist.

“The congregation has done so much for me and I will never be able to say thank you enough. God bless you all.”

With Much Love,
Justin and Ayesha Fry

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.*