

**February  
2013**

**Upcoming  
Speakers/Events**

*February 3*

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

*February 6*

**Book Club, 7 pm**

*February 9*

**Family fUUn Night**

*February 10*

**Board Meeting, 9 am**

**Cal Frye**

*February 17*

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

*\*February 24*

**Church Potluck**

**Jennifer Enskat**

*\*Whole Church Worship  
& Kenya Coin Collection*



# *The All Souls Reporter*

**All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville**

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## *Opening Words & Meditations*

### **Notes from Rev. Karen Bruno**

Dear All Souls Family,

Again, thank you for all your cards, calls, flowers, food and friendship as I have been recovering from my knee surgery.

It does the heart good to know that someone cares enough to reach out when something 'out of the ordinary' happens in life.

My recovery is going well and I am available to anyone in the congregation who needs a listening ear or a bit of encouragement in life's many challenges.

Many blessings, Karen

### **Diversity goes both ways**

We all know how 'different' All Souls is from most churches within driving distance of Bellville! Where else is there a group that welcomes atheist and agnostic and Buddhist and recovering Christian, the questioning, the curious and the doubters. Diversity of beliefs is a proud 'badge' we wear. Many of us have been searching for a 'spiritual home' for our explorations on the meaning of life, or just a place to feel accepted. Many of you have been part of this community for a very long time and some are relatively new. So in addition to the diversity of beliefs is the diversity of age and longevity in this community.

And while we wear the 'diversity badge' proudly, sometimes these differences can also push us apart.

My hope in 2013 is that we can find new ways to get to know each other beyond beliefs, age and longevity. That we can see the things we have in common. That we can see beyond surface issues and into the core of who we are: the joys, worries, concerns, confusion, celebrations and questions. To the places within us that need support and encouragement.

If this 'speaks' to you and what you feel is a need for you, please let me know. I am seeking ideas on ways we can gather in small groups to share, to listen, to get acquainted beyond our differences.

# February Calendar

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

## February

**3 Sunday** 9am Adult Religious Education: "What We Choose: Ethics for UUs"  
**10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: "The Struggle to Forgive"**

*At some point in our lives we have felt betrayed. How do we move to forgiveness?*

**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. Now retired from her full time career, she is thrilled to be working at Bellville All Souls. She lived in Ohio for her high school and college years and then returned to Ohio in 2011 following her early retirement from Denver Human Services, where she worked for 21 years. Many other jobs in various programs bring her total to about 30 years in Social Service agencies of all types. In addition, Karen has worked as church pastor, hospice chaplain and religious educator. She and her wife Chris currently live in Mansfield. This will be Karen's first talk since the first of January when she had knee replacement surgery.

**6 Wed.** 7 pm Adult RE/Book Club: Please join us for a one evening session to discuss the book Life of Pi. Book review from Amazon: "Yann Martel's imaginative and unforgettable Life of Pi is a magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith. The precocious son of a zookeeper, 16-year-old Pi Patel is raised in Pondicherry, India, where he tries on various faiths for size, attracting "religions the way a dog attracts fleas." Karen Gotter will be facilitating this class.

**9 Saturday** 4:30 pm Sogbety Diomande's West African Drum and Dance Classes (call 419-544-0977 for location)

**10 Sunday** 9 am Board Meeting (all are invited)  
**10:30 am Cal Frye Topic: "Darwin's Interconnected Web"**

Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were born on the same day, February 12, 1809. In his own words we will explore how Charles Darwin applied his understanding of natural selection to religion and his sense of ethics. An exchange of letters with Professor Asa Gray of Harvard reveals Darwin's views of Mr. Lincoln and the War Between the States. This service is offered as part of Evolution Weekend or Darwin Day celebrations in hundreds of churches worldwide. **Bio:** Cal Frye is the Commissioned Lay Leader candidate with the Oberlin, Ohio UU Fellowship, and as a Paleontologist has made extensive study of Darwin and his works.

**11 Monday** 6 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha  
**16 Saturday** 4 pm Family fUUn Night: Bowling at Lex Lanes (Lexington)  
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**24\* Sunday** 9am Adult Religious Education: "What We Choose: Ethics for UUs"  
**10:30 am Jennifer Enskat Topic: "The Visionary: The Determination Of Bob Enskat"**

**Bio:** Jennifer will show a shortened version of her well-received film about one of Mansfield's most inspiring civic leaders, her father Bob Enskat. The film, a collaboration with Emmy Award-Winning Cinematographer Andrew Gardner, features her father, a long-time Plant Manager at GM in Ontario and an important civic leader in Mansfield. His inspiring story reflects the UU principles regarding community and, in Jennifer's words, "It is important to us to get the message of the film out there; that one person can change the world in varied and profound ways without the slightest attempt to garner accolades or praise of any kind."

**25 Monday** 6 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha

**\*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection**

**Note:** Arrangements have been made with the Ohio Theatre in Loudonville to show the movie "Life of Pi" at 7 pm on Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, and again on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m.

**Next All Souls Recycle Date is March 24**

## Birthdays for February

1 Dick Geckler	5 Paula Sauder	23 Jerry Miller*
3 Allison Reed	9 Joshua So	28 Sahvanna Macpherson
4 Ann Kania	23 Adam Johnston	*in memory



## January 2013 Financial Report

### Revenue

Collections		
Open Plate Offering	\$	258.00
Pledges		1,663.00
Recycling		55.07
Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins)		54.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,030.07</b>

### Expenses\*

	2,447.47
-	417.40

\*Insurance payment was 463.50 which caused a deficit for the month.

Average Attendance in January: 40

### January Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,620	\$1,663	+\$43 (+2%)

### 2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$11,841	\$11,260	-\$581 <-4%>

### 2012-2013 Pledges Received

19 Units	27 Members	\$20,104
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There is still time to make a pledge for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Please see Mike Garber for more information.

Monthly and Fiscal Year financial reports are from Treasurer Chuck Rhodes. Please see Chuck if you have any questions. The Pledge report is done by Pledge Chair Mike Garber.

## What is Imbolc?

Imbolc is a Celtic fire festival celebrated annually on February 2nd, and is one of the pagan sabbats on the wheel of the year. But just what is Imbolc exactly? Here you will learn all about the origins of Imbolc, as well as Imbolc rituals, traditions, recipes and more.

Celebrating the Celtic goddess Brighid and the forthcoming spring, Imbolc is the original Candlemas. Learn about this beautiful festival and how you can integrate it into your own life to help you live closer to Mother Earth and her turning wheel of seasons.

In the northern hemisphere, Imbolc is generally celebrated on 2nd February. However, this can vary. Some celebrate Imbolc on February 1st, others on the 2nd, while author Cassandra Eason states in her book, *The Modern-Day Druidess*, that “Imbolc is celebrated from sunset on 31st January to sunset on 2nd February.”

Others shy away from the Gregorian calendar altogether, choosing to celebrate when the first signs of spring appear, such as the first snowdrops peeping through in the United Kingdom. In the southern hemisphere, Imbolc falls on July 31st.

Imbolc is primarily a pagan festival, celebrating both the goddess Brighid and the promise of forthcoming spring. It holds transformative power, with traditional rituals including cleaning the house, making changes and dedicating oneself to new magical goals for the coming year. This is where the concept of ‘spring cleaning’ came from!

Imbolc, pronounced “Imm-aulk”, literally translates as “in the belly of the mother”, while its Celtic name, Oimelc, means “ewe’s milk”. It marks the first signs of spring, when the ewes would start lactating for their newborn young. This was a significant event in past times, as it meant dairy products returning to the diet of village folk.

The new agricultural season begins, and the Crone of winter starts to give way to the Maiden of spring. However, there are still several weeks of winter to go, so many Imbolc rituals often focus on keeping that promise of spring alive in our thoughts, so as to keep spirits high.

The celebration is known as the festival of Brighid, as it honours this Celtic goddess. Imbolc is also known as Brighid’s Day. Brighid, pronounced “Bree-ed”, is a Celtic goddess, often considered a Triple goddess. This is because of her three aspects as goddess of healing, goddess of smithcraft, and goddess of inspiration and divination, rather than the usual Maiden, Mother and Crone aspects. She is a fire goddess associated with both sun and moon, and her sacred flame was tended at her healing well in Kildare, Ireland by nineteen priestesses, until this became a Christianised shrine to St. Brigid, later tended by nuns. Brighid is thought to be one of the Tuatha De Danann, and is half-sister to the god Aengus.

## Religious Education Information

### Upcoming Religious Education in 2013

Adult Religious Education (**Sundays at 9am**) will begin “What We Choose: Ethics for UUs” on January 6th. The class will meet for 10 sessions, every Sunday except the 2nd due to the board meeting. Unitarian Universalism is a faith of deeds, not creeds. We believe our choices and actions matter. We believe the measure of our religion is the way we live our faith in our day-to-day lives. But how do we decide what course of action to follow when a situation is complex and the moral course is unclear? Where do we turn for guidance that will help us fulfill our own wish to live a moral life? This program invites participants to focus attention on the moral and ethical questions that arise or have arisen in their lives, including challenges not yet perceived or acknowledged, and explore the ethical frameworks that can help in sorting through a dilemma. Reading is NOT required prior to the start of each session and there is no homework for most of this class. Joan Richmond, Brian Moore & Che Sahara will be the facilitators for this class.

**Wednesday, February 6th at 7 PM** - Please join us for a one (1) evening session to discuss the book “Life of Pi” by Yann Martel. Please plan to have read the book by the meeting date, February 6th. From an [Amazon.com](#) review: Yann Martel’s imaginative and unforgettable Life of Pi is a magical reading experience, an endless blue expanse of storytelling about adventure, survival, and ultimately, faith. The precocious son of a zookeeper, 16-year-old Pi Patel is raised in Pondicherry, India, where he tries on various faiths for size, attracting “religions the way a dog attracts fleas.” Karen Gotter will be facilitating this class.

Karen has arranged with the Loudonville Ohio Theatre to show the movie “Life of Pi” on Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 2 pm.

The **RE for children** will continue following the “Toolbox Of Faith” curriculum, this will take them through the rest of the school year. The kids will also continue to meet at **9 am on Sundays** (except the 2nd Sunday). If you have questions about the class, let me know.

Interested in helping plan, organize or lead future classes OR just have suggestions for future programs? Just let me know! -- Liz Hansen

## February Family fUUn Night

Just want to remind everyone that ALL souls are welcome at “family” fUUn night, not just those with kids/grandkids. It’s meant for our All Souls FAMILY to share an evening of fellowship at family friendly times (ie. not starting when the kids are usually being put to bed at 7 pm). We intend for this to be an inter-generational gathering where our little ones can get to know their All Souls cousins, aunts, uncles & grandparents, as well as a time for the adults to enjoy each other’s company!

Karen Gotter has taken over from Liz Hansen in organizing Family fUUn events. Karen is our Fellowship Chairperson (and she is also looking for friends to help on her team and for ideas from anyone).

The next Family fUUn Night is Saturday, February 16, at 4 p.m. We will be gathering at Lex Lanes in Lexington for an evening of bowling and fun. If you can’t bowl, just show up to cheer on the troops. We have four lanes reserved (maximum of 6 per lane) and it’s just \$2.25 per person for show rental.

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## Living Lotus Zen Sangha

We meet the **2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm** at the church, everyone is welcome to join us.

Beginning in September and continuing through the next several months, Sensei Dean Williams will be focusing the Dharma talks on the new “Living by Vow: A Practical Introduction to Eight Essential Zen Chants and Texts,” text by Shohaku Okumura.

For more information please visit our website at:

[www.livinglotuszensangha.com](http://www.livinglotuszensangha.com)

or find us on facebook under Living Lotus Zen Sangha.

From LaDonna O’Neal

A former member of All Souls, Sandy Austin/Rille Austin passed away October 11, 2012 at her home in West Salem, Ohio. Her friend Roger Kemp informed me when I phoned her last month. Some of our members remember her as a talented, friendly, loving person. She was 68 and had a son, Scott.

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Adult & Children

RE at 9 a.m.

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## OMD News and Events

### Conference: The New Administration and Immigration

February 18, 2013 at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH

Keynote: The Rev. Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

Ecumenical commitment, concern for equal justice, African-American empowerment, and community improvement have shaped Black's ministry in the church and in the communities in which he has lived. This has resulted in his work with organizations such as the Nassau Coalition for Safety and Justice, the Long Island Interracial Alliance for a Common Future, and the Amistad Cultural Center of Long Island, which he co-founded. While living in Ohio, he has been an active member of Caring Communities of Shaker Heights, Ohio and Partnership 2000 of the Shaker OH public schools.

More information: <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/548-immigration2013> Members ~ 1/17/13

### District Assembly 2013: Out of Bounds: Moving Beyond Our Boundaries

Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls, NY ~ April 26-27, 2013

Keynote speaker: Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President, speaking on Breaking Down Walls

Gould Lecturer: Rev. Douglas Taylor, speaking on Polity, Pine Trees and Process Theology

Bridging for all OMD and SLD graduating youth!

Workshops on a variety of topics related to congregational life, social justice issues and more.

Marketplace with resources, ideas and more.

Add-on day available with the members of First UU of Niagara - find out more at: <http://firstuunf.org/UUNEX2013.html>

Registration is now open. Find out all the details at the OMD website.

**ALL SOULS BOARD:** *President:* Reed Richmond; *Vice-President:* Bruce Kilgore; *Treasurer:* Chuck Rhodes; *Secretary:* Jenny Bartsch;

*Religious Education Chair:* Liz Hansen; *Pulpit Chair:* Joan Richmond; *Trustees:* Brian Moore, Cheryl Church, Judy Shaffer, Levi Waltz

## 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.*