

**May
2013**

**Upcoming
Sunday
Speakers/Events**

May 5

**Rev. Karen Bruno
Team Meetings**

May 12

**Board Meeting, 9 am
Dr. Walter Kania**

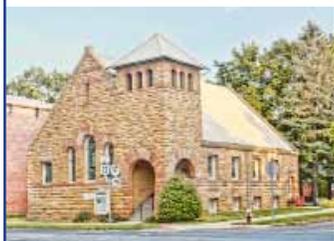
May 19

Rev. Karen Bruno

**May 26*

**Sam Weisbrod
Church Potluck**

****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 UUA Trustee, Rev. Susan Ritchie, was in Boston this past week attending UUA Board meetings, and reports on the Boston bombing and the local UU response.

Dear Friends,

I am now returning home after attending the UUA Board meetings in Boston, and I thought you might appreciate a brief description of what it is was like to be in Boston during its crisis, along with an account of how Unitarian Universalism is doing in our capital city. With the explosions at the Marathon and the shootings of police, the city is hurting, but recovering. It is inspiring and hopeful to concentrate our thoughts at this time towards how people have done an extraordinary job of helping each other.

Wednesday night, when it was still possible to be out in the city, I spent some time at our UU church called the Arlington Street Church, only a few blocks from where the first explosion went off at the finish line to the Boston Marathon. From the police barricade, I was just able to see into the area damaged by the bomb. It is impossible to describe what it was like seeing a section of the city block just missing, torn away.

But I really wanted to tell you about the helpers. The Arlington Street Church was open to the neighborhood as place where people could go either for conversation, or to just have a quiet place to go. Tuesday night they held a service open and inclusive of people of all faiths. Many of the people who were from out of town for the Marathon found it especially helpful to have an immediate community of comfort made available to them. After the service the people walked into the park with candles, and stood on the edge of the famous pond there, where all their lights were reflected in the water. There was a story Thursday in the Boston Globe about the solace that people have taken in the bells of the church, which have been playing spiritual and patriotic music for hours each and every day (when I watched NBC news coverage Tuesday night I heard the unmistakable sound of those church bells in the background). The bells were played by the 85 year old UU Mary O'Kane, who has climbed the 199 foot steeple each day since the tragedy to ring them by hand. I have been up into this steeple myself. I can barely manage the climb, much of which is on a very steep and small ladder. Mary said she imagined healing spreading with the sound. The church made sidewalk chalk available to people, who wrote encouraging messages on the heavily travelled sidewalks. While I was there, I watched a man in a three-piece suit crawl on the sidewalk to write "Let us learn another way" and "We need each other."

Sunday morning the board and staff including President Peter Morales all attended service together at Arlington Street. The children made flower baskets to be delivered to the injured during religious education. The sanctuary was fuller than I have ever seen it, and it was encouraging to think of the number of people who must have come either because they had been at the interfaith service or because they heard about it. After the service, the worshippers were led by their official "songstress" to an interfaith vigil being held just a block away at the barricades around the bomb site. You might have seen them on the Sunday NBC night news, or heard them singing "We Shall Overcome." Sunday morning we also learned of an interfaith service the church would be joining to show solidarity for a Muslim woman in the area who was harassed as a "terrorist" for simply walking in the streets.

Of course not all of the helpers were UU! I met on the barricades a ridiculously pretty and silly little dog who was a part of the "emotional trauma K-9 response team." She was stationed with her Mom near the makeshift altar at the bomb site where people offered tributes of flowers and were very, very tender with each other. At worship this morning we made a special remembrance of the anonymous runner who is shown in video turning around when he hears the blast to run back into flames to help.

And all here are celebrating the first responders to the tragedy, and the many strangers who just stepped in to help as they could.

I would say the spiritual heart of the town is beating strong. May we do all we can to be on the side of hope and help and love!

To Life! -- Susan

May Calendar

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

May

5 Sunday 9 am "Low Impact May: Energy" -- Adult Religious Education Class (second of five in series)

10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: "Can We Live a Joy-Filled Life in a Depressing World?"

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. *Team Meetings following (or during) coffee and conversation.*

7 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Loved Ones with Addictions or Mental Illness"

11 Saturday 4 pm Family fUUn Night -- Mushroom Hunting

12 Sunday 9 am Board Meeting (all are invited)

10:30 a.m. Dr. Walter Kania Topic: TBA

Bio: Dr. Walter Kania is a licensed Clinical and Consulting Psychologist. He holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He has maintained an active Clinical and Consulting practice. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University. He is ordained in the Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), and The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served on the faculties of Texas Christian University, Bethany College, The Ohio State University, and The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University. He is the author of four books, "Healthy Religion," "A Believable Bible," and "A Credible Christianity." His newest book "Psychology and The New Paradigm for Religion, Spirituality Without Sin and Salvation" is scheduled to be available in 2013. He conducts seminars and is a frequent speaker in the fields of Psychology and Religion in Christian and Unitarian Churches.

13 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha

14 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Spirituality for Today"

16 Thursday 7:30 pm Highlands Concert: Carrie Elkins & Danny Schmidt (story inside; see Melanie or Fate for tickets)

19 Sunday 9 am "Low Impact May: Food" -- Adult Religious Education Class (third of series)

10:30 a.m. Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: TBA

21 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Women Who Care"

26* Sunday 9 am "Low Impact May: Transportation" -- Adult Religious Education Class (fourth of series)

10:30 a.m. Sam Weisbrod Topic: *The struggle between Palestinians and the state of Israel*

Sam (Ruth's grandson) recently spent two months living in the West Bank. He was there working for a human rights organization. Sam will be sharing some stories, pictures and general perspective about the occupation and the struggle between Palestinians and the state of Israel.

27 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha

28 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Being Liberal in a Conservative Place"

*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection/Church Potluck

Birthdays for May

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| 2 Lowry Gilbert | 17 Margaret Lin | 22 Doug Wilson | 25 June So |
| 3 Leslie Brown | 20 Teasha Sprague | 23 Mike Garber | 26 Leah Ehrmantraut |
| 6 Jeff Mandeville | 21 Joan Rader | Amy Kurtz-Nagel | 27 Martha Fort |



April 2013 Financial Report

Revenue

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|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Collections | | |
| Open Plate Offering | | \$390.50 |
| Pledges | | 1,538.00 |
| Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins) | | 52.50 |
| Total | | 1,981.00 |

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| Expenses | | |
| | | 2,361.84 |
| | | - 380.84 |

Average Attendance in April: 49

Expenses:

There were two billings for phone and internet service because of the way the monthly payments are arranged. There was a \$100 charge for repair to wiring for our lights and a \$50 charge for a new step ladder to replace an old ladder.

April Pledge Report

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| Pledged | Paid | Difference |
| \$1,767 | \$1538 | - \$229 (- 13%) |

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

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| Pledged | Paid | Difference |
| \$16,975 | \$16,217 | - \$758 (- 4.5%) |

2012-2013 Pledges Received

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| 18 Units | 26 Members | \$20,004 |
| One pledge withdrawn beginning in February | | |

Please begin to think about your financial pledge for the 2013-2014 fiscal year starting in July. 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.

Support/Discussion Groups Continuing

Topic for support and discussion groups were voted on over the last two weeks and these are the topics selected. All Groups are on Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:15 pm at the church. Rev. Karen Bruno will be there to facilitate but not lead the groups.

May 7

Loved Ones with Addictions or Mental Illness

We just about all know someone with these challenges. How do we help and when is it time to walk away? Let us offer each other support on this difficult journey.

May 14

Spirituality for Today

Wondering what it means to be spiritual? Or wondering how to stay centered in your daily life? Let's gather and share ideas. We can practice meditation or share spiritual readings we have found helpful.

May 21

Women who Care

As women we are often still put into the role of care giver. It might be for young children or adult children, it might be for friends or neighbors, it might be for family members. This group will gather to share our journeys as caregivers, the ups and downs of that 'job'. We will provide each other support.

May 28

Being Liberal in a Conservative place

Ever think that you want to speak up when you overhear a conversation at work or at the grocery store that shows the conservative values prominent in this area? Wonder what it would be like to live in a place where the liberals are in the majority? Just want a place to feel safe saying what you believe? Join us for a conversation on how to survive being a liberal in Mid-Ohio!

After three months we will evaluate the needs of each group, and make plans for restarting/or trying new topics in Late Summer.

Highlands Concert

DANNY SCHMIDT & CARRIE ELKINS

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15

see *Melanie or Fate* or call 419-884-5116



TWO GREAT ARTISTS - ONE GREAT NIGHT!

It's a special treat when Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, who normally tour separately and solo, get to share the stage together. If the chemistry seems especially sparkful, they come by it honestly, as they are a rare breed: a romantic partnership in real life, not just musical life. And the two together on stage makes for a classic case of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

Danny Schmidt is best known for his riveting poetic lyrics, which have drawn favorable comparisons to Leonard Cohen and Townes Van Zandt for their depth and complexity. And gypsy spirit Carrie Elkin is best known for her incredibly soulful and dynamic vocals, which have drawn favorable comparisons to Patty Griffin at her most powerful, and Nanci Griffith at her most intimate.

Together, the respective strengths they each bring, individually, merge into a much greater whole . . . a performance of great energy and spirit . . . and one that audiences seem to be able to connect with on a multitude of levels, at once: Emotionally, Spiritually, and Intellectually.

Brian and Jackie Moore Performing

It's that time again for getting the word out to anyone who'd like to join us (RockMoore Entertainment) at our upcoming gig.

We will be playing at Mitchell's Orchard & Farm Market, 1217 Twp. Rd. 1153 Ashland, on Friday May 10th, 6 pm - 9 pm for a Wine Tasting Charity Event.

More information will be posted soon by Mitchell's Orchard via Facebook.

Ché Sahara sent these pictures from the highway cleanup in April.



Call for candidates . . .

As most of you are aware, we will have election of officers on the first Sunday in June (2nd). All Board positions are open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Religious Education Chair, Pulpit Chair, and one Trustee (4-year term).

We would like to have as many people running for positions as possible. The church runs better when we have a diverse group seeking input on how we can best serve each other and direct our resources and goals.

If you are interested in running for a position, please let Anne Kilgore and Mandi Waltz (Nominating Committee) know **by May 19**. That will give us time to let everyone know who is running for what position (although nominations will be taken from the floor on June 2). Current Board members **MUST** also let Anne or Mandi know of their intent to run again in current for other position. -- THANKS

Religious Education

The current Adult Religious Education Class “Ethics for UUs” will have their final class on Sunday, April 21st at 9 am.

“Low Impact May” will be a celebration of Earth Day (lasting the entire month of May). We’ll have many activities to learn how to reduce our environmental impact. The inspiration for this came from the book/movie “No Impact Man” which chronicles the adventures of a family trying to live for a year with no environmental impact.

We’ll be kicking off “Low Impact May” with a viewing of the movie “No Impact Man” after church on Sunday, April 28th. Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education (9 am) will follow a curriculum offered through the No Impact Project.

The course is 5 weeks long and the topics are:

April 28 - Consumption

May 5 - Energy

Skip a week for the board meeting

May 19 - Food

May 26 - Transportation

June 2 - Water

To participate in the class you do NOT need to have read the book nor seen the movie. Short passages of the book are read and/or short video clips are viewed during the class to spark conversation around discussion questions.

On May 3rd, at 7 PM, there will be a 1 session book club for the book “No Impact Man”. To reduce your impact please plan to borrow the book from your library or buy used (if you absolutely must buy a copy, see Liz Hansen for help)!

We’ll also be offering some challenges for the entire church to participate in throughout the month of May. For those who are really interested in living with “No Impact”, there is a week long challenge you can do, sign up online at www.noimpactproject.org.

Liz Hansen

April Family fUUn Night & Fellowship

1. The next family FUUN get together will be Saturday, May 11. We are still formulating plans but are hoping to go mushroom hunting. Stay tuned for more information.

2. The monthly potlucks have been a huge success...We’ve had great turnout and participation from the congregation. The next potluck will be Sunday, May 26. Please remember to take home your leftovers and dishes!

Karen Gotter

Living Lotus Zen Sangha

We are a Soto Zen Buddhist group (*Sangha*) for North Central Ohio (greater Mansfield, Ohio) area.

Our guiding teacher is Sensei Dean Williams. We are a community here to support & welcome any or all interested in the path and teachings of the Buddha.

We hold regular sittings (which include a service and Dharma Talk) **every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 6:30pm-8:30pm**. Our meeting dates in May will be Monday May 13th, and Monday May 27th.

Additionally, we hold twice a year weekend Retreats (Sesshins) and monthly Day-long retreats (Zazenkais). Visit our website for more information, also connect with us on Facebook.

<http://www.livinglotuszensangha.com/>



Sunday Music

All Souls is fortunate to have many talented musicians playing for Sunday services.

Ayesha Manley 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.



April Family fUUn Day at the Carousel and Little Buckeye Museum (pictures by Jackie Moore)



All Souls Summer Day Camp & Camp Out

Mark your calendar for June 28 & 29! We had such a lovely time at Kokosing Lake Wildlife Area (just Northwest of Fredericktown in Knox County) for our youth day camp & camp out last year, we've decided to have it there this year too! Friday night will be the official camp out and Saturday will be the day camp.

We are still working out the details of this year's day camp. Last summer, Jenny Bartsch led the group in a letterboxing activity. For those not familiar with Letterboxing, according to "Atlasquest.com", it is "an intriguing pastime combining artistic ability with 'treasure-hunts' in parks, forests, and cities around the world. Participants seek out hidden letterboxes by cracking codes and following clues. The prize: an image from a miniature piece of art known as a rubber stamp—usually a unique, hand-carved creation. Letterboxers stamp their discoveries in a personal journal, then use their own rubber stamp, called a *signature stamp*, to stamp into the letterbox's logbook." Letterboxing is a fun activity for any age person!

We also swam and took a cruise around the lake in a row boat and canoe. The day ended with a very well attended lakeside potluck grill out for all members and friends. We are planning on swimming, boating and having the potluck grill out again this year!

Anyone interested in helping plan the day camp activities, please talk with Liz Hansen or Jenny Bartsch. Adult members are welcome to attend the day camp, it would be a nice way to spend time getting to know the young'uns in our congregation and an extra hand is always helpful!

More details will be available in future newsletters! If you have questions, ask Liz or Jenny.

Contacting Rev. Karen Bruno

email: revkarenbruno@gmail.com phone: 419-612-9318

Spirit First Pastoral Care

Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals

Not your usual .com

The committee for ministry is a group within our church family that was created a few years ago during a period of conflict.

The COM has many functions, some now augmented by the various focus groups recently created within our church family. It is NOT a single function group, but a group that exists to help coordinate the various functions, activities and goals of our church. It is not just for communicating needs for our pastor, nor just for conflict resolution. Your COM is a place you can access help with concerns if you don't know where or how to present concerns, ideas, goals or resolve conflict.

We are the members of the COM and please share your concerns, goals, dreams and yes, whatever problems you might be having. We are here to listen and to help.

Cheryl Church: 740 501-0626

Ann Kilgore : 419 961-6870

Brian Moore: 419 589-7707

Doug Wilson: 419 756-3529

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.).

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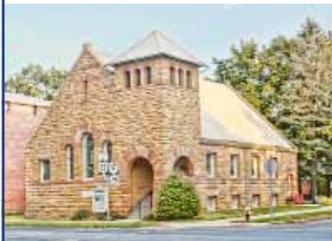
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OMD News and Events

Equality Ohio Lobby Day May 8 [Equality Ohio](http://www.equalityohio.org/) Lobby Day will be May 8 with a focus on the Equal Employment and Housing Act. There is renewed interest in both the Senate and the House. We will be working hard to pass this legislation in 2013. Our legislators need to hear from us and be educated on our issues. Our stories change hearts and minds. UU's have always turned out in large numbers for this important work. Please register today for this May 8 event. Information and registration at: <http://www.equalityohio.org/>

Poverty Simulation May 11, West Shore UU, Cleveland The Cleveland Foodbank is partnering with the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church to host a **Poverty Simulation Seminar** on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. In the seminar, participants assume the roles of up to 26 different families facing a variety of challenging but typical circumstances. After the seminar, a facilitated discussion will be held. To register for this event, go to www.wsuuc.org and click on Poverty Simulation Seminar under "Quick Links"

Sandy Relief Still Needed When a disaster fades from the front pages, its effects do not fade from the lives of those directly impacted. In the case of Hurricane Sandy, the need for relief continues in the daily lives of congregations and their members. Church buildings themselves were impacted as well as the homes and families of church members and their neighborhoods. . Our help is still needed for those dealing with the after-effects of Hurricane Sandy. Donate securely through our website: www.ohiomeadville.org. Or make checks out to OMD and mail to Chalice Lighters, PO Box 157, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 and note "Sandy Relief."

Webinars for Your Congregation Register for these CERG Webinars and more at: <http://www.cerguua.org/calendars/cergwebinars.html> **Effective Board Leadership ~ 5/7/13** Many boards elect new members in the spring. What does a newly elected board member need to be a strong leader within the congregation? We will share best practices for boards as they lead our congregations. We will provide resources for understanding the role of board member. This webinar will be led by Rev. Richard Speck at 7:30 pm for 2 hours. **Ministry to Families: Supporting Families in Good Times and in Bad ~ 5/16/13** This webinar will be offered twice, at 10 am and 7 pm for 2 hours. Please register for the time that best suits your schedule.

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.*