

**October
2012**

**Upcoming
Speakers**

October 7

Rev. Karen Bruno

October 14

Dr. Walter Kania

September 21

Rev. Karen Bruno

*Recognition of our
"founding" members*

**October 28*

Reed Richmond

"This I Know" Series

**Whole Church Worship
& Kenya Coin Collection*



The All Souls Reporter

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville

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Opening Words & Meditations

Meditation on Opposites . . . *by Alex Kapitan, LGBTQ Multicultural Programs Administrator in the Multicultural Ministries office of the UUA.*

We ask you to help us see beyond our dependence on opposites—Spirit of the universe,
Life force that flows through all beings,

Power beyond our knowing,

To transcend our desire to know who is like us, and who is unlike us.

Open us to the knowledge that in this room

there are complexities and diversities of identities

beyond black and white,

old and young,

woman and man,

poor and rich,

uneducated and educated,

disabled and able-bodied,

gay and straight,

ill and healthy,

wrong and right,

broken and whole.

In this room there are people who embody juxtaposition,

who can tell stories written on their bodies about both and neither,

who carry intimate pieces of the truth that there is

no such thing

as opposites.

Spirit of many names and of no name at all,

Help us find release from our belief that all things must be either/or,

this belief that walls us off from one another,

ensnaring us in a battle of same versus different.

Help us to open our minds,

to deeply listen,

and to truly know one another,

finally glimpsing the kaleidoscopic beauty of the divine.

October Calendar

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

October

7 Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education "A Chosen Faith"
10:30 am Speaker: Rev. Karen Bruno "Nurturing"

Do you spent too much time caring for others and forget to nurture yourself? If so, be sure to come to church October 7th. Karen will exploring the ways we give too much and how to take time for self care.

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 Mount Gilead.

Craft work following the service (making things for Nov. Rummage Sale)

8 Monday 6:30 p.m. Living Lotus Sangha (see Jackie Moore)
13 Sat. 3:30 p.m. Family fUUn Night: Potluck & Apple Cider at the Hansen's (see Liz or Eric)

14 Sunday 9 am Board Meeting (all are invited)
10:30 am Dr. Walter Kania "Where The Christian Right Went Wrong"

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."

2 pm Social Action: Putting up AIDS Remembrance Flags at the Health Department & ARC on Park Ave. West (both to come down on Saturday)

20 Saturday 9 am-4 pm Sister Paulette Schroeder and Jonie Setzler present the peace program:
"A Heart of Nonviolence: Making Room for Peace at Home and in the World"

There is a cost to attend. Reservations Requested. Contact Liz Hansen at 614-378-6476 for more info.

7:30 p.m. Highlands Concert: Tannahill Weavers (see Melanie or Fate for ticket information)

21 Sunday **10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno** *Special Service: "Vision"*

Did you know that this church was closed for several years in the 1980s? Did you know that a small group of people got together and revitalized this church? Come hear stories and honor those who saved this church for US.

22 Monday 6:30 p.m. Living Lotus Sangha (see Jackie Moore)
25 Thurs 6 p.m. Trick or Treat in Bellville: Volunteers to hand out candy at the church
27 Sat. 5 pm All Souls Halloween Party (Potluck, Church to provide Ham & Bean Soup)

28 Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education "A Chosen Faith"
10:30 am Reed Richmond *This I Know: It's Mothers All the Way Down*

In the first of the "This I Know" series by All Souls members, Reed presents the "Great Story" of creation (it's all about Mothers).

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

Birthdays for October	19 Mary Ellen Black	27 Renie Maginniss	31 Martha Spohn
	Levi Waltz	Reed Richmond	Lydia Kruse
		29 Avery Smith	



September 2012 Financial Report

Revenue

Collection		
Offering	\$	686.90
Pledges		1,735.00
Total		2,421.90

Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins) 120.65

Expenses

2,778.99
- <357.09>

Average Attendance in August: 47

The cleaning of the outside of the church in late August was pre-approved by the Board and not reflected in expenses. \$3,706 came from savings and \$1,194 from the last rummage sale for \$4,900. This was less than we had anticipated taking from savings.

September Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,787	\$1,735	-\$52 <2.9%>

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$5,194	\$5,011	-\$183 <3.5%>

2012-2013 Pledges Received

19 Units	27 Members	\$20,104
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There is still time to turn in your 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.



Trick or Treat Night Volunteers

Bellville's Trick or Treat Night is **Thursday, October 25, at 6 pm.** The church will be handing out treats at the side door. If you would like to volunteer, see Judy Shaffer.

PLEASE: *Everyone bring a bag of goodies to the church prior to Oct. 25 so we have plenty to give out!*

Social Action: AIDS/HIV Awareness

We need several volunteers to show up on **October 14 at 2 p.m.** at the Health Department in Mansfield (corner of Lexington Ave. & Sterkel Blvd.) to hang flags in remembrance of AIDS victims for AIDS/HIV Awareness Week. We will also hang flags at the ARC on Park Ave. West. We will also take the displays down on Saturday, Oct. 20. See Reed to volunteer!



Ann Kilgore recovering from knee replacement surgery

Ann is in rehab and here is where she is staying:

Kingston of Ashland
20 Amberwood Parkway
Ashland, OH 44805

Since Ann may be back before she can get a card there, her home address is: 401 S Main St. Apt. #6, Bellville OH 44813

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

or find us on facebook under Living Lotus Zen Sangha.

Thank you, Jackie Moore

HIGHLANDS OF OHIO OCTOBER CONCERT



Tannahill Weavers

Traditional Music from Scotland

Saturday, October 20, 7:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church, Bellville

Tickets: \$15 (please pay in advance as seating will be limited). You can call 419-522-5058 and leave message or email us at highlands@neo.rr.com to reserve tickets.

The Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland's premier traditional bands. Their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, topical songs, and original ballads and lullabies. Their music demonstrates to old and young alike the rich and varied musical heritage of the Celtic people.

These versatile musicians have received worldwide accolades consistently over the years for their exuberant performances and outstanding recording efforts that seemingly can't get better...yet continue to do just that. The Tannahills have turned their acoustic excitement loose on audiences with an electrifying effect. They have that unique combination of traditional melodies, driving rhythmic accompaniment, and rich vocals that make their performances unforgettable. As the Winnipeg Free Press noted, "The Tannahill Weavers - properly harnessed - could probably power an entire city for a year on the strength of last night's concert alone. The music may be old time Celtic, but the drive and enthusiasm are akin to straight ahead rock and roll."

Born of a session in Paisley, Scotland and named for the town's historic weaving industry and local poet laureate Robert Tannahill, the group has made an international name for its special brand of Scottish music, blending the beauty of traditional melodies with the power of modern rhythms. The Tannahill Weavers began to attract attention when founding members Roy Gullane and Phil Smillie added the full-sized highland bagpipes to the on-stage presentations, the first professional Scottish folk group to successfully do so. The combination of the powerful pipe solos, Roy's driving guitar backing and lead vocals, and Phil's ethereal flute playing breathed new life into Scotland's vast repertoire of traditional melodies and songs. Over the years the Tannies have been trailblazers for Scottish music, and their tight harmonies and powerful, inventive arrangements have won them fans from beyond the folk and Celtic music scenes.



ALL SOULS HALLOWEEN PARTY

COME DRESSED IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

Saturday, October 27, starting at 5 p.m.

AT THE CHURCH (Fellowship Hall)

Please bring a covered dish to share (and treats)

Church will provide ham & bean soup and cornbread

Carved or Decorated Pumpkin Contest/Games/Scary Movie (?)

For more info. call Bruce at (419) 886-4797

Highway CleanUp Thanks

I want to thank everyone who helped with the HighWay CleanUp Project this last Sunday: Karen, Brian, Jacki, Aloys, Corby, Melanie, Levi, Linda & Mandy who stayed with the kids. We collected 8 bags of Trash & 6 of Recyclables. A job well done! Thank You, *Ché Sahara*

Our Club Display at the Bellville Street Fair took "Best of Show." Congratulations to the many people who contributed to this beautiful flowers and garden items display.



Religious Education

Remember that Children's weekly RE now begins at 9 a.m. Adult RE is currently meeting at 9 a.m. to discuss "A Chosen Faith." Please join us at anytime (except 2nd Sunday which is the Board meeting).

Peace Retreat

On Saturday, October 20th, Sister Paulette Schroeder and Jonie Setzler will be facilitating a day long retreat entitled "A Heart of Nonviolence: Making Room for Peace at Home and in the World". You may remember Sister Paulette presenting our Sunday Sermon about her peace work in Palestine.

The retreat will start at 9:00 am (registration begins at 8:30) and end at 4:00 pm. The fee is \$15 for materials only OR \$20 for materials plus lunch (vegetarian options included). If this amount is out of your reach, please talk with Liz Hansen to work something out, we don't want the fee to stop anyone from attending.

If you would like more information, please see the events section of our Facebook Page, the brochure at church or talk with Liz Hansen. Please register early as the number of participants is limited.

Family fUUn Night, Oct. 13

Please join us for Family fUUn night, Saturday, October 13th at 3:30!

All Souls are invited to join us for our monthly Family fUUn Night! This month we'll be meeting at Liz & Eric Hansen's farm. We will be pressing apple cider on our homemade press, touring our solar home & having a potluck dinner! Please note we are starting earlier than usual!

Please bring: * Potluck dish to share * Your own table service (we have a few extras, but probably not enough) * Lawn/folding chairs & if a few folks could bring folding tables that would help * Warm clothes/boots – we plan to be outside most of the afternoon * feel free to bring fresh apples if you have access to some (we should have plenty, but taste testing different varieties is fun)

We will be pressing the cider and having dinner at Eric's dad's adjoining property. We will head over to our home to do a tour at 4:45 (please plan to arrive before then if you want to hear the details of how our off-the-grid solar home runs). We'll then return to Eric's dad's for dinner by 6.

Directions will be available at church on the 7th or contact Liz for directions - lizhugenb@hotmail.com or 614-378-6476.

FUNDRAISING LETTER FROM RUTH MOODY'S GRANDSON

Dear Friends at All Souls UU Church,

My name is Sam; hopefully you know me or have heard of me through Ruth Moody (my grandma). If not this letter can be flipped over and used as scrap paper. I am asking for help with funding to get me to the West Bank, support me as I work for peace and reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis, and then help me return home to my loved ones in one peace (pun intended).

The organization I am currently working for and would represent in Palestine / Israel is Michigan Peace Team (MPT) – michiganpeaceteam.org. They have been sending small "peace teams" to conflict areas like the West Bank, Panama and Juarez, Mexico for twenty years.

This fall there are five of us going to the West Bank. John, Katrina and I are in our twenties. I wish you all could meet them; they are incredible young people with a passion for justice. Tom and Mary have been there before, they will be our team anchors, guiding us to our new home.

In the West Bank we will do many things, including helping Palestinian farmers harvest olives, participate in peaceful demonstrations, help reduce or prevent violence, and do our best to tell the stories of people living in conflict as journalists and photographers. As lovers of culture and history we would also be remiss if we did not take some personal time to explore the region, and soak up as much music, art, and hummus as possible.

In closing, this letter is intended to fundraise on behalf of Katrina, John and I. We need to raise \$14,000 in order to cover our flights, on-the-ground transportation, and room and board. To date we have raised nearly \$12,000 – so we are close. That is the total cost for all of us to spend 2 months in Palestine / Israel, to bring our skills to bear in the area of conflict transformation, and to come home brimming with stories from the lives we encountered there.

We would appreciate any amount you would be able to donate to our cause, and the cause of MPT in general. I encourage everyone regardless of fiscal participation to join us in our journey. Share this letter – or email – with your friends. Send us questions, follow our blog (mptinpalestine.blogspot.com), ask us for pictures, etc... We would be so happy to come to you, after our time in the West Bank, and give a talk and share our images.

If you would like to contribute please send a check to Michigan Peace Team (which is a 501c3 nonprofit), with the designation **Sam / Palestine / Israel** on the memo line, to the following address: 808 W. Barnes Ave, Lansing, MI 48910 You may also donate online through MPT's website... click on the Donate for Good link in the upper right-hand corner of the main page. Make sure to designate the funds are going to **Sam / Palestine / Israel**.

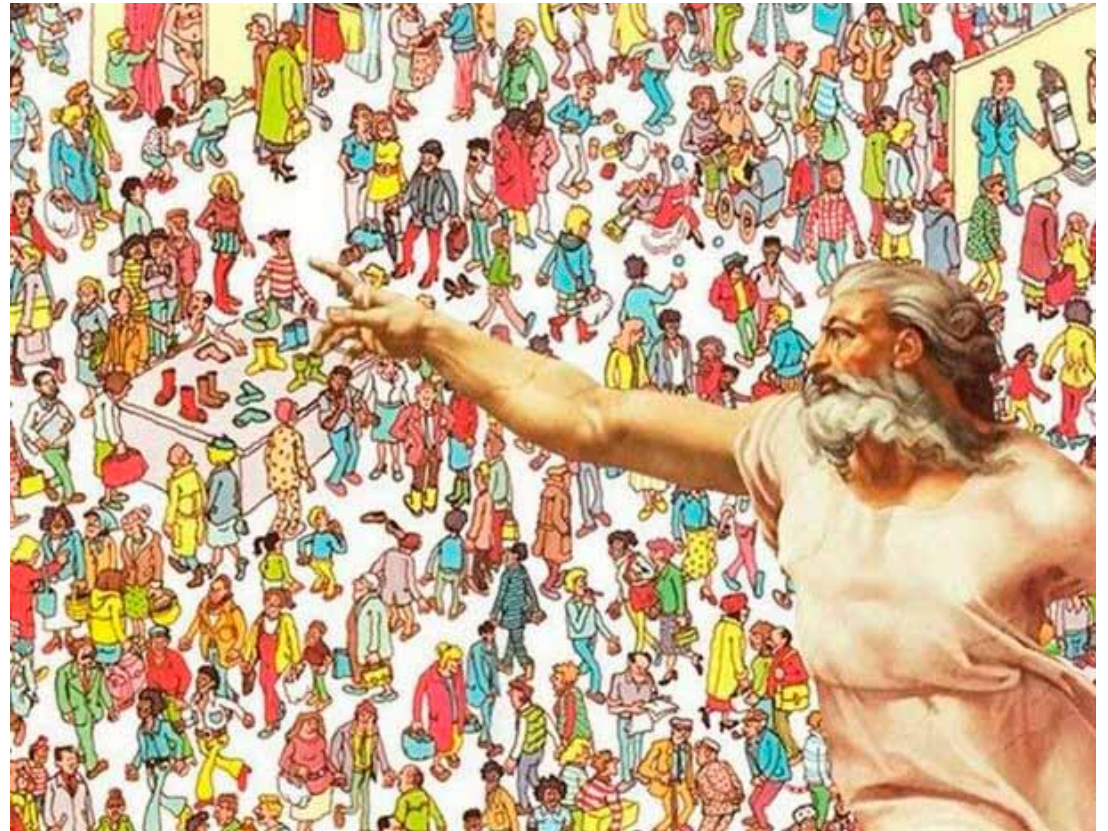
Kindest Regards,

Sam email: samuel.jkw@gmail.com

Just a Little Humor for Your Newsletter



Yin/Yang Cats



"There he is!"

IDIOT SIGHTINGS

I live in a semi rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: "Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had ice-burg lettuce.

I handed the teller at my bank a withdrawal slip for \$400. I said "May I have large bills, please." She looked at me and said "I'm sorry sir, all the bills are the same size."

“This I Know”

On Oct. 28, Reed Richmond will give our inaugural “This I Know” talk at the Sunday service.

Many of you might be familiar with the popular “This I Believe” series on National Public Radio. According to the PBS website, “During its four-year run on NPR, *This I Believe* engaged listeners in a discussion of the core beliefs that guide their daily lives. We heard from people of all walks of life — the very young and the very old, the famous and the previously unknown.”

The pulpit committee would like to invite UU members and friends to consider creating a talk for us to deliver at a Sunday service. You can decide when you’d like to do it, sometime in the coming year, even as soon as November or December. We figure that we have dozens of people who have lived thoughtful and interesting lives. We would like to hear you give a talk in which you focus on one particular thing that you have come to know so far in your life. We can all benefit from each other’s wisdom and insight.

Reed’s talk is going to be “It’s Mother’s All the Way Down,” a nifty title about the “Great Story” of creation that needs to be heard and shared with all thinking people. The story of life on Earth is one of Reed’s passions.

If you have an idea for a “This I Know” talk, please contact Pulpit Committee chair Joan Richmond. Or, maybe there’s someone you’d like to hear, so nominate him or her. Then Joan can ask him or her about it. Joan can be contacted by phone at 419-886-4365 or by email at joan_richmond@me.com

Other Announcements

More Social Action: Please bring scarves, gloves, hats, and mittens for winter wear and place in the box at the back of the Fellowship Hall to be delivered to the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center. Donations can be made at anytime up to and including **Nov. 4.**

Cards and Letters to Tom Miller:

Tom Miller c/o
SHARON BROOKS
920 Sharon Valley Road #311
Newark, OH 43055

CRAFTING DAYS: Making items for sale at the Nov. 10 Bazaar!

Hello friends & members of All Souls,

I’d like to help coordinate some crafting days and items to sell at the holiday bazaar on November 10th. I’ve been keeping my eye out for relatively easy projects and have found a few that I think will work out great and hopefully sell well too! Most of the projects can be done by folks with no previous crafting/sewing experience. If you can trace, cut, fold, glue OR stitch a single stitch you are qualified to help out (and if you can’t, that’s okay, join us for the fellowship anyway!)! Just a quick overview of a few of the ideas I’ve stumbled across this year. Samples are hanging in the basement on a small bulletin board on the back wall.

1. **Mini winter beanie hats as ornaments** - in local school colors. Using yarn, NO SEWING - cut and loop and tie and you are done!
2. **Mini winter mittens as ornaments** - in local school colors. Using felt. Minimal amount of hand stitching.
3. **Fabric gift bags.** Sewing in straight lines only! Just sew up the sides & sew down the top edge & that’s it.
4. **Paper star ornaments** - a MUCH easier pattern than last year, just glue the edges together. I promise it won’t take a day just to learn how to make them!
5. **Felt poinsettia/flower pins and hair clips** - requires only a couple stitches

Here are a couple of dates I’d like to throw out:

- Sunday, October 7th after service (no sewing machines this day)
- Tuesday, October 16th 9am -12 (or later! Bring sewing machines if you’d like)
- Sunday, October 28th 9am during children’s RE (no sewing machines this day)
- Wednesday November 7th, 9am - 12 (last day before the bazaar! Bring sewing machines if you’d like.)

If you would like to host an evening crafting time, please let me know (evenings don’t work very well for our family). The projects are pretty simple so you could learn them in just a few minutes and then teach them to others. If there is another time that would work out well for you, let me know and we can try to get a group together!

If you are a crafter, now is the time to raid your closet for:

- Felt (particularly in local school colors, red & cream for poinsettias, any color for other flowers)
- Yarn (particularly in local school colors, I have plenty of scarlet & gray yarn)
- Holiday or festive fabric for gift bags
- Ribbon for gift bags (sewn into the seam)
- Glitter (for the paper stars)
- Old buttons (for the flowers, particularly buttons with a single loop hole on the backside of the button)

Please let me know if you have any other ideas for crafts to make! *Liz Hansen*

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Adult & Children

RE at 9 a.m.

Sunday Services at

10:30 a.m.

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Notes from the Ohio-Meadville District

ATTENTION- OMD PHONE CHANGE

The OMD Office has a new phone number - 740-297-6966 - effective immediately. All other contact information remains the same.

Igniting the Inner Spark: Leading with Strength and Spirit

All current and upcoming congregational leaders of all types are invited to join us for Leadership Day 2012 on October 13 at First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, Shaker Heights, OH. Registration is free if registered by October 7th, childcare requests are due by September 23. For details on our exciting program and to register, see our website www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/506-leaderday2012-2

Need Training, More Information?

The Central East Regional Group (CERG) has an On Demand Learning Center with classes on a variety of topics anyone can participate in. Topics include Safety Policies 101, Congregational Polity 101, Rethinking the Committee, Committees on Ministry and more. New content is being added regularly. You must register to use the site, but this service is open to everyone free of charge. Learn more at www.cerguua.org/moodle

OMD Up Close

Have you seen *OMD Up Close*, the OMD e-zine? Each month focuses on a topic of congregational life both from the district perspective and the congregational perspective. It is a great opportunity to learn what your UU neighbors are doing. Last month we featured Social Justice in the district and in our congregations. Upcoming issues will talk about stewardship, youth programming, and multigenerational programming around the holidays. You can read these online at www.ohiomeadville.org/news/omdupclose or subscribe to our email list on any page of our website and receive each month's copy in your inbox.

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.*