

**September
2012**

**Upcoming
Speakers**

September 2
Carol Elchert

September 9
Rev. Karen Bruno
Blessing of the Children

September 16
Dr. Walter Kania

**September 23*
Rev. Karen Bruno

September 30
Frank Gibbs

**Whole Church Worship
& Kenya Coin Collection*



The All Souls Reporter

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville

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Opening Words & Meditations

As we begin this journey together . . . *by Reverend Karen Bruno*

As we begin this journey together, I wanted to share a little more about myself.

In my ordination paper, (10 years ago!) I made the following statements, which amazingly have not changed all that much, (although my understanding of the word “god” has evolved.)

From the Old Testament Micah 6:8 “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”

This passage sums up my understanding of a life of faith.

‘Walk humbly with your God’ includes prayer, meditation; a personal connection with God, and living within God’s presence each day.

‘Love Kindness’ means to live in community, love our neighbors, embrace differences, and face to face, hands on mission work.

‘Do Justice’ means to work for fair housing, just peace, earth care, health care for all, and equality for economic, racial, sexual orientation, ability and gender groups.

Most ministers have a style that favors one of these more than another. Some come with a focus of anti-war, some with energy for social justice, or a drive for mission work, the love of pastoral care, music ministry, a political agenda, or the goal of an educational ministry.

My ministry is about ‘living our faith’. My job, as pastor, is to support each person within the congregation to explore these 3 areas of faith - and then to challenge them to find their own unique way to ‘live out their faith’.

‘Support’ and ‘Challenge’, is a fine line to balance in ministry. But as people of faith we need leaders who will do both. To live a life of faith is to find ways to act out that faith each day, and as time passes to live into deeper and deeper levels of our being.

When we experience God in our lives, we can find the spiritual center of our soul ... from this place we each find our own passion and demonstrate God’s love and action in our own way.

Within a congregation there will be gifts and skills for each area of God’s work. My job as pastor is to help each person explore their own personal relationship with God and encourage them to move out into the world. I know that within a congregation there is energy for all areas of the Micah passage. When each can be nurtured, all aspects of the passage can be fulfilled.

Blessings for YOUR journey,

Karen

September Calendar

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

September

2 Today 10:30 a.m. Carole Elchert "White Lotus: An Introduction to Tibetan Culture"

An ambience presentation, created with PBS and funded by The National Endowment for the Humanities and The Ohio Arts/Humanities Joint Council. Introduces traditional elements and aesthetic qualities of the Tibetan culture. Replacing an informative, documentary-style narrative with an environment of sound and imagery--White Lotus makes a sensory experience of this ancient land and its people possible for a public audience.

6:30 pm Brian Moore is playing at Old Bag of Nails
 3 Monday 1 pm -? Annual UU Potluck at the Moore's; call 419-589-7707 for more info
 6 Thursday 7:30 pm John Doyle in Concert (see Melanie or Fate, 419-522-5058)
 8 Saturday 4:30 pm All Souls Family fUUn Night: Potluck with build your own taco/burrito and salsa making with fresh garden ingredients.

9 Sunday 9 a.m. Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. Rev. Karen Bruno "Blessing of the children service"
Karen is the part-time pastoral care minister for All Souls UU Church

Karen Bruno has lived in many states: New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, Mississippi, Iowa, and Colorado. 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. Karen graduated from Drew Theological School in Madison NJ. She has also worked as pastor, hospice chaplain and religious educator. She was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2002 and continues her spiritual journey and discernment of her next vocation. Currently she lives with her life partner, Chris, in Mansfield, and her adult son lives in Wadsworth Ohio.

Highway Clean-up following the service and refreshments (back-up date is Sept. 23)

10 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha (see Jackie Moore for more info)

16 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Dr. Walter Kania
 "Psychology and The New Paradigm for Religion, Spirituality Without Sin and Salvation"

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.

18 Tuesday 7:30 pm Sarah McQuaid in Concert (see Melanie or Fate, 419-522-5058)

23* Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education "A Chosen Faith"
10:30 a.m. Rev. Karen Bruno (part-time pastoral care minister for All Souls UU Church)

24 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha (see Jackie Moore for more info)

30 Sunday 9 am Adult Religious Education "A Chosen Faith"
10:30 a.m. Frank Gibbs "A Soil Scientist in Ecuador"

**Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection*

Birthdays for September

1 Annalyssa Kilgore	17 Venus Porter	28 LaDonna O'Neal
4 Dennis Mizer	19 Nula Ann Hansen	30 Mark Ellis
6 Liz Hansen	27 Jane Price	



August 2012 Financial Report

Revenue

Collection		
Offering	\$	528.00
Pledges		1,508.00
Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins)		41.50
Book Sales		30.00
Bird House Sales		10.00

Total 2,117.50

Expenses 1,468.57

+ 648.93

Average Attendance in August: 60

The cleaning of the outside of the church in late August was pre-approved by the Board and that expense will come out of savings and will not be reflected in expenses.

August Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,620	\$1,508	-\$112 <6.9%>

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$3,407	\$3,276	-\$131 <3.8%>

2012-2013 Pledges Received

15 Units 20 Members \$15,720

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.

Introducing Rev. Karen Bruno



I think Karen looks kind of surprised in this photo, but at the time she was talking about what a blessing animals are in our lives. This picture was taken just before we announced that the **congregation approved hiring Karen as our part-time pastoral care minister.**

If you have not yet talked to Karen, please take the time to introduce yourself. Karen can be reached at: revkarenbruno@gmail.com or by phone at: 330-701-0017.

Thank you note from Ruth Moody

My thanks go to all my wonderful friends at All Souls. The birthday party was very happy experience and I felt the warmth and acceptance from all who were there. Thank goodness for friends. Hopefully you will get to have the same experience when you become 90 years old!!

I have an abundance of cards and will keep them out where I can look at them. The art work and sentiments expressed will keep me warm.

With love, Ruth

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 with our next sit and dharma talk in September, Sensei Dean Williams will be focusing the Dharma talks over the coming months 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

Blessing on the Animals Service at Palm Park, August 26



Cheryl Church did a wonderful job putting together the service. Here, she reads a story for the gathered children.



Seems like Boomer is always smiling. (Jackie & Brian's dog).



All creatures great and small. Two guinea pigs brought to the event by Melanie Seaman and Fate Christian.



"Hey there. I'm just hanging out with my friend Annalyssa Kilgore."



Cheryl Church brought a pony for all the children to take rides. This is Avery who took the first ride.

GOOD PLACE TO MENTION ANOTHER FUN EVENT!

ALL SOULS are invited to join us Saturday, September 8th for "Family Fun Night". This month we are going to be making fresh salsa with ingredients from our gardens! Dinner will be a potluck style "build your own" taco, burrito or nacho salad. Please plan to bring produce from your garden for salsa making (for those gardeners) and a favorite ingredient or 2 for tacos/burritos/taco salad.

We'll meet at church around 4:30ish!

Just a reminder that ALL souls are welcome. This event is for our "All Souls" family, not just folks with kids! We just start early to make it easier for those with early bedtimes to get home on time. Hope to see you there!



Kimber gives the photographer the raspberries as Karen Gotter gives her a rub. (Joan & Reed's dog).

HIGHLANDS OF OHIO SEPTEMBER CONCERTS



JOHN DOYLE

Celtic and Folk Music from Ireland and U.S.
Thursday, September 6th, 7:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church, Bellville, Ohio
Tickets: \$15



SARAH McQUAID

Celtic and Folk Music from Ireland, Canada, England
Tuesday, September 18th, 7:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church, Bellville, Ohio
Tickets: \$15 (First time for Sarah to be with us)

You can call 419-522-5058 and leave message or email us at highlands@neo.rr.com to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Idea for the Bellville Fair . . .

It's almost time for the Bellville Fair and Homecoming (September 12-15), more colloquially known and beloved as The Bellville World's Fair!

People in this church are foodies, and many of us grow our own. The Fair has an entry in the vegetable display division called "Club Display." Let's do it! Reply below if you think you'd be interested. We need fruits, flowers, and most of all creativity, because you get points for how well arranged everything is.

The rules are that you have a 6-foot table (Richmonds have that), and include fresh produce and may include flowers. I think we can nab some of Joan's mom's dahlias, but whatever we can collect is nice. Minimum of 10 varieties of fruits and vegetables. We'd also need plates or baskets for the design.

Points are awarded by Attractiveness (25%), General Arrangement (20) Vegetables (25) Fruit (25) Miscellaneous (5) First prize is \$40, 2nd is 30, 3rd is 20 and All Others are \$10.

Call Joan Richmond at 419-886-4365 if you are interested.



Brian and Jackie performing at the Church as a fundraiser during the Bellville Cruise-in!

UU Get-Together Not to be Missed!

Annual U.U. Labor Day Potluck Shindig

Monday Sept. 3rd, at 1pm-?

Please bring a covered dish & drinks to share
at Jackie & Brian Moore's House
3072 State Route 430 Mansfield, OH 44903
For more info. call #(419)589-7707

Highway CleanUp Project

Just want to share that our next scheduled date for the Highway CleanUp Project will be the 9th of Sept. (backup date will be the 23rd of Sept) after our Service & a brief respite for drinks & snacks. We will be attending to our stretch of Highway located just South of Bellville Village on ST. RT. 13. Please dress appropriately for the outside task and weather- so don't forget your H2O, hat & sunscreen; along with gloves, litter grabbers & large trash bags if you have them. Arrangements for those 13 and under to stay at the church have been made while we're cleaning & beautifying our environment. And, of course, there will be pizza afterwards. Join us if you can!

Che Sahara

REQUEST FOR SEPT. 9 SERVICE

The Blessing the Children service is Sept. 9. Please let Joan and/or Karen know if you would like to have your children included. We'd like names and ages. Thanks.

By-law change approved by Congregational Vote

Change to Article VI Board of Management

1. Membership. The Board of Management (or "Board") shall consist of four officers and four trustees and two committee members. Only church members may serve on the Board. No two members of the same household may serve on the Board at the same time.

Change last sentence to read:

No two members of the same household may serve on the Board at the same time as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Religious Education Update *(there's a lot to read here but please take the time to read and then put these items on your calendar!)*

The religious education program here at All Souls is undergoing a major overhaul. To fill you all in on the details, here's what we have in store for the fall:

Religious education **for both adults and children** will now occur before Sunday Services, **starting at 9 am**. All Religious Education (RE) will meet every week EXCEPT the 2nd Sunday which is the board meeting (all are welcome to attend that as well).

The **children** will be using a curriculum called "Toolbox of Faith" which is part of the "Tapestry of Faith Curricula" offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Toolbox of Faith invites participants to reflect on the qualities of our Unitarian Universalist faith, such as integrity, courage, and love, as tools they can use in living their lives and building their own faith. Each of the 16 sessions uses a tool as a metaphor for an important quality of our faith such as reflection (symbolized by a mirror), flexibility (duct tape), and justice (a flashlight). Children in grades 1st - 6th are welcome to join the class and exceptions can be made by talking to Jackie or Jenny in regards to children younger/older.

One Sunday a month our children will focus on a Social Action project. Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to help with the kids program, just talk to one of the teachers. This is a great way for our kids to get to know their "UU" grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. "It takes a village to raise a child," so we invite all of you to get involved and to be a positive influence in the lives of our children. Don't be surprised if Liz, Jenny or Jackie approach you about working on a project with our youngsters! To learn more about "Toolbox of Faith", please explore the program which can be found at "<http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/toolbox/index.shtml>"

The **adults** will start out the religious education year with "A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism" by John Buehrens & Forrest Church. This 7 session thought-provoking course is appropriate for both newcomers and lifelong learners. Adults will need to purchase the book online or from All Souls (on the bookshelf near the bottom of the stairs) and read the foreword, intro & preface before our first meeting on Sept. 23rd. For more information regarding this course, please visit: "http://www.beacon.org/client/uu_guides/1617dg.cfm". "A Chosen Faith" will meet on **Sept. 23, 30, Oct 7, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18**. (reminder: we skip the 2nd Sundays for Board Meetings) After Thanksgiving, we will immediately start the next round of adult RE with a program which will be determined this fall.

If you are interested in attending the adult RE but will need childcare for your young child (not old enough for the children's program) please talk with Liz Hansen. Based on the need, we can either ask the parents to take turns babysitting or ask Analyssa if she is available.

MORE Religious Education Opportunities coming this fall!

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.

On Thursday, **October 4 from 7 - 9pm**, Dr. Walter Kania will be presenting "*The Near Death Experience, Phase II, The Experience of The Light.*" Walter will begin the evening with comments and an Introduction, followed by viewing of a DVD . After the DVD there will be time for questions and discussion. Dr. Kania is generously presenting this educational opportunity to our congregation and the community at no cost. Dr. Kania will be presenting another evening class in November, stay tuned for more details!

Editor's Note: Wow. There's something here for everyone. Thank you Liz and our Children's Religious Education teachers.

More Pictures



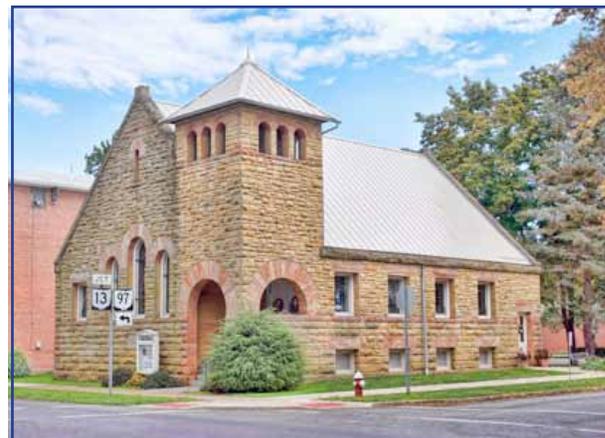
Who's the chef? That would be LD Ball cooking hot dogs and serving Joan Richmond at the church fundraiser during the Bellville Cruise-in.



At the August Family fUUn Night, Sahnava Macpherson, Cissy Bartsch, and Cole Bartsch show off the haul they made while fishing at Bill's pond.



On August 25, work started on cleaning the sealing the church and WOW does the front look great. Compare that to pictures taken just last year from about the same angle (below).



REMEMBERING BILL

With deep regret we note the passing of Bill Millikin, moderator of All Souls Church for many years. Bill passed on August 28 and memorial services were held September 1.

Many members of our church joined while Bill was its president.

Sympathy cards can be sent to Bill's wife, Lou Green, at the following address:

1005 Maumee Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44906

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Adult & Children

RE at 9 a.m.

Sunday Services at
10:30 a.m.

25 Church St.
Bellville, Ohio
44813

419-886-3497

Website is being redone:
Look for us on Facebook

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

Notes from the Ohio-Meadville District

WEBINAR: Ministry to Families: UU Parenting 101

This session will be offered at 10 am and repeated at 7 pm on **September 20th.**

This one session webinar is for religious educators, ministers, religious education leaders and parents. Topics we will touch on include: the spiritual needs of children, creating rituals at home, how Unitarian Universalism fits into identity development, and how parents can prepare themselves for the role as primary religious educator. The webinar will be approximately 90 minutes and led by Patricia Infante, CERG Faith Development Consultant.

To register for the 10 am session: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF58DE818449>

To register for the 7 pm session: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF58DE81854F>

OMD Office has a New Phone Number! The new number is **740-297-6966.**

Freedom from Fracking Waste Rally Day

WHEN: Wednesday September 12, 2012

MORE INFO: Frackfreeamerica.org & NEOGAP.org OR facebook.com/Frackfree & facebook.com/Neogap.org (234) 201-8007

FaCT – Faith Communities Together: *We are individuals from 28 faith communities, 10 faith traditions, 11 Ohio Counties, and 3 West Virginia Counties* Please join us in working together to protect Creation

Next FaCT Meeting—September 15 in Chardon At the Notre Dame Educational Center – Reinhard Room, 13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, Ohio.

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.*