

ALL SOULS JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

This is an interesting time for people of faith, for UUs and for Americans. Our siblings and partners are divided through identity politics and hurt through policies and practices designed to harm the most vulnerable amongst us.

During Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray's installation in 2017 as UUA president, we all heard:

"Call us to become the religious people we want to be. We have a new chance to move toward beloved community that can be squandered by failure of will or insistence on holding habits that point to our past rather than our future.

Call us to a belief in the good news our tradition can offer and our communities can sustain."

As we look at ourselves, as we meet with our neighbors over the Fourth of July, and subsequent cookouts and gatherings, let us resolve that we can indeed become the religious people we seek to be, we can become the neighbors, friends, and partners needed to make our communities, our counties, and country return to a moral upstanding. I am reminded of Emma Lazarus's poem *New Colossus*, found on the Statue of Liberty:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
MOTHER OF EXILES. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Our UU movement is a bold undertaking, to affirm unity and dignity of all in an age of divisive and dismissive rhetoric, in an age where the safety and welfare of children is regarded as pawns in larger funding schemes. We can be those in our community creating the sanctuary that Lady Liberty calls us to be, to strive toward, and to herald as the values of our country.

Happy Fourth of July, Peace to All,
Rev. Will

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact our pastor, Will Humphrey, for pastoral care needs.

740-263-1171 or email will.allsouls@gmail.com

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Joanne Gillum - Treasurer

MAY TREASURER'S REPORT

Average Attendance: 58

	MAY	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	2,382.00	29,823.00
Pledges paid in prior year	0.00	-1,020.00
2018-2019 Pledges	250.00	250.00
Offerings	729.00	5,560.11
Kenya Coin Collection	117.88	1,143.19
Rummage Sale	0.00	0.00
Recycle	56.14	118.20
Maintenance Fund	150.00	-204.26
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	0.00	-1,761.92
Solar Panel Fund	80.00	707.56
Rental Income	0.00	150.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	100.00
Convocation Account	558.83	617.66
Glenn Myers Memorial Fund	-381.00	635.00
Other	-199.91	444.13
TOTAL	3,742.94	36,562.67
 EXPENSES	 4,114.94	 35,053.68
DIFFERENCE	-372.00	1,508.99

*A monthly income of \$3,378.33 is required in order to meet the budget of \$40,540.00.

**Expenses other than "usual": Fair booth \$200.00; UUA dues \$500.00; Flowers (outside) \$181.04; Piano tuning \$105; Insurance \$489.50

MAY PLEDGE REPORT

Total Pledges	27	
Total Units	34	
	MAY	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	2,361.00	29,645.00
Amount Received	2,382.00	29,823.00
VARIANCE	+21.00	+178.00

...from Brian Moore – Pulpit & Worship Trustee

GREETINGS FROM THE PULPIT CHAIR

FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

Freedom of religion is a principle that supports the freedom of an individual or community, in public or private, to manifest religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship, and observance without government influence or intervention. It also includes the freedom to change one's religion or belief.

Unitarian Universalists believe in the freedom of religious expressions. All individuals should be encouraged to develop their own personal theologies, and to present openly their religious opinions without fear of censure or reprisal.

JULY PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 1

Speaker: Jeff Wright, President – Matthew 25 Outreach Center

Title: You Can Make a Difference

Topic: Have you ever wondered if you can make a difference? The problems of the world are so vast, how can you possibly hope to solve them? Hunger is all around us - with needs that are so great and tasks that seem overwhelming, where do you begin?

Leader: Brian Moore **Music:** Trio

***Tao Bridge @ Old Bag of Nails 6-8 pm**

Wednesday, July 4 – Happy Independence Day!

Sunday, July 8

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: "Spooky Action at a Distance"

Topic: So what is "Spooky Action At A Distance?" You would have to ask Dr. Albert Einstein who coined the phrase when he described the emergence of findings in Quantum Physics. He was referring to happenings or events that were "nonlocal." These happenings and events were within time and space and yet they were also beyond time and space. One of these happenings or events is the incursion into science and scientific study of a spiritual phenomenon that science doesn't want to touch. We call an invisible force that affects the tides of the ocean and the menstrual cycles of women by the name "gravity." We also appear to have another invisible force that Einstein calls "Spooky Action at A Distance." That Spooky Action of which we

will speak has been clearly researched and demonstrated to affect life, growth, and healing. This invisible "Spooky Action" in spiritual circles is called "Prayer." You will be surprised and perhaps even amazed at the impact of this invisible energy (Power of the Mind) called "Spooky Action at A Distance." We possess unimaginable power!

Leader: Fonda Kendrick **Music:** Shelley Mauk

Sunday, July 15

Speaker: Nicholas Copley

Title/Topic: Empowerment Through Stewardship and Dominion: A Forager's Journey

Leader: Bambi Gordon **Music:** Trio

Sunday, July 22

Speaker: Mark Jordan

Title: Untangling Merlin's Beard: The Historical and Spiritual Roots of the World's Most Famous Wizard

Topic: In the year 573, a ferocious battle took place on what is now the borderline between England and Scotland. In this battle, a wealthy king named Gwenddoleu was slain, and his bard and spiritual advisor, Lailoken, had a mental breakdown and fled into the northern forest. Little could anyone have guessed that this would set into motion a life that would ultimately grow into the legend of Merlin, the archetypal wizard, echoed in such fictional characters as Gandalf (from J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings" books), Obi-Wan Kenobi (from George Lucas' "Star Wars" films), and Albus Dumbledore (from J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books).

Mark Sebastian Jordan will peel away the layers of legend to reveal the true story of a druid on the run from an uncompromising new religion that was determined to replace him and his faith—something that in over 1500 years, they have still been unable to do.

Leader: Brian Moore **Music:** Shelley Mauk

Sunday, July 29

Speaker: Reverend Elaine Strawn

Title: Covenants and Conflicts

Topic: In an age of "fake news" and culture wars, how do we build and maintain the soul of our community?

Leader: Joan Richmond **Music:** Trio

Kenya Coin Collection and Potluck

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

...from Art O'Leary – Finance Trustee

Greetings to the All Souls family,
Nothing really to tell you that wasn't said at the Annual Congregational meeting. We will have year-end numbers and totals on pledging next time.

Peace,
Art

...from Chuck Rhodes – Maintenance Trustee

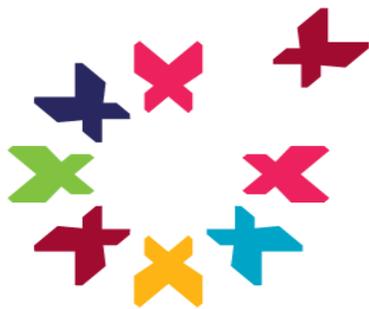
Thanks to L D Ball for coordinating the spring work day and those who participated. Also, a big THANKS to Ed Fox for mowing the church yard and to Carla Miller for planting the beautiful flowers at the church and by the entrance of the opera house.

The acoustical panels for the Fellowship Hall have been assembled and are being installed by L.D. Ball, Faith Christian, Jay Gilbert, Morley Smith and Chuck Rhodes. There are three panels on the west wall, one panel on the north wall, and eight panels on the ceiling. It is hoped that these panels will reduce the noise level in the Fellowship Hall.

Please let me know if you would like to be on the maintenance committee that develops, organizes and implements maintenance projects and services.

...from Tim Hicks – Board Secretary

All Souls is now seeking an Administrative Coordinator. Please see the job description at the end of this newsletter.



BREAKTHROUGH
CONGREGATIONS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tim Hicks- 1, Chuck Rhodes- 5, Judy Shaffer- 5, Jacqueline Moore- 6, Kaiden Waltz- 17, Charity Johnson- 18,
Susan Mizer- 21, Fonda Kendrick- 22, Paxton So- 23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9a: Adult RE: <i>Between the World and Me</i> 10:30a: Jeff Wright	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!	5	6	7
8 9a: Adult RE: <i>Between the World and Me</i> 10:30a: Dr. Walter Kania	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9a: Board Meeting 10:30a: Nicholas Copley	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9a: Adult RE: <i>Between the World and Me</i> 10:30a: Mark Jordan	23 7p: Living Lotus Zen Sangha Sitting and Meditation @ Mind Body Align	24	25 10a: Questions for Your Answers @ Bob Evans on Hanley Rd.	26	27	28
29 9a: Adult RE: <i>Between the World and Me</i> 10:30a: Rev. Elaine Strawn *Kenya Coin Collection, Potluck, & Bike Ride*	30	31	1 5:30p: Vegan Potluck	2	3	4 Gay Pride Parade

ALL SOULS BOARD OFFICERS

L.D. Ball – President Jay Gilbert – Vice-President
Joanne Gillum – Treasurer Tim Hicks – Secretary

TRUSTEES

Art O’Leary – Finance Chuck Rhodes – Building & Maintenance
Hayley Young – Social Action Brian Moore – Pulpit & Worship
Karen Gotter – Religious Education Margaret Lin – Fellowship
Melanie Seaman – Media, Advancement & Growth



Living Lotus
Zen Sangha

Guest Teacher: Brad Warner

Saturday, July 7



1pm-2pm

Public Talk & Book Signing

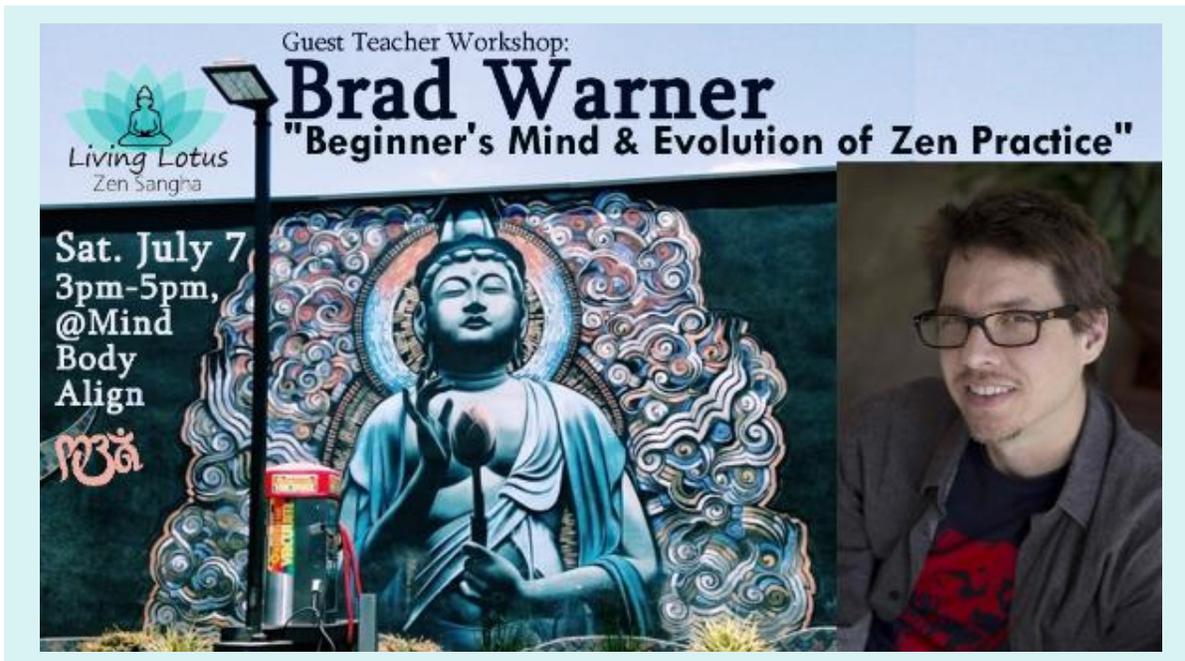
@ **Main Street Books**, 104 N. Main St.
Mansfield, Ohio 44903

FREE to All (Donations welcome)

Brad will be sharing a public talk open to all community members, with a book signing to follow. Copies of Brad's books will be available.

3pm-5pm, Guest Teacher Workshop

@ **Mind Body Align**, 20 N. Mulberry St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903



Suggested Dana: \$15

*To cover the teacher's travel expenses & MBA for weekend use of space
(Collected at Check-In - Or whatever you can spare if this is a hardship - noone turned away)*

About Brad

Brad Warner is an ordained Zen teacher & founder of Dogen Sangha Los Angeles & the Angel City Zen Center. He studied Zen in Japan with iconoclastic Zen Master Gudo Nishijima, who made Brad his successor as a teacher of Zen.

Brad is the author of the books *It Came From Beyond Zen* (2017), *There is No God and He is Always With You* (2013), *Don't Be a Jerk* (2013), *Sex Sin and Zen* (2010), *Zen Wrapped in Karma Dipped in Chocolate* (2009), *Sit Down and Shut Up* (2007) and *Hardcore Zen* (2004). He's also a writer for the Suicide Girls website, bass player for the hardcore punk rock group 0DFx (aka Zero Defex). He has also published work in the Buddhist magazines *Shambhala Sun*, *Buddhadharma*, and *Tricycle* as well as rock magazines such as *Alternative Press*, *Maximum Rockroll* and *Razorcake*.

SCHEDULE

2:30p Building Open - Check-in
3p Guest Teacher Workshop- Welcome, orientation, opening remarks
 3:10 Zazen (Sitting Meditation)
 3:40 Dharma talk: Beginners Mind & Evolution of Zen Practice
 4p-5p Q-A/discussion

Cushions/ Chairs

Loaner meditation cushions (Zafus & zabutons) & chairs will be available in the zendo. One loaner sitting bench is also available as well.

Partial Attendance

Out of respect to our Guest Teacher, we would ask 3p-5p Workshop attendees to commit to the full Workshop if possible.

Administrative Coordinator Job Description

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville Ohio is seeking the position of Administrative Coordinator (AC). This vital position of the church is part-time, typically no more than ten (10) hours weekly, with a base salary commensurate with experience within the confines of a limited resource congregation.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure copies of the Sunday program are made and available prior to every service
- Ensure attendance is taken and maintain records
- Maintain the church directory
- Compile and ensure distribution of the church newsletter and weekly emails
- Collect visitor information and maintain applicable records
- Assist in recruiting volunteers for the task sign-up
- Attends and provides updates during the church board meetings
- Assist in executing and refining the church communication plan, which includes but is not limited to, website blog posts, emails, newsletter, social media, digital resources (video, podcasts, etc), event calendars, media releases, and special project promotions

Skill and Competencies:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to maintain friendly, welcoming demeanor interacting with unfamiliar people
- Highly organized and able to work with little supervision
- Basic computer skills using various programs for publishing and data management
- Willingness to try new projects and apply critical thinking to solve problems
- Experience in desktop publishing, database, website development and advanced software skills are a plus

This position maintains the flexibility to evolve, under the guidance of the church board of directors, around both the needs of the congregation and the skills of the individual. Interested individuals should submit their resume and cover letter to timrhicks@gmail.com for consideration.