

ALL SOULS MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

As May finds at least me as a surprise...where has the year gone?

May brings flowers, springtime and the beautiful smells of backyard BBQs as well as our long-awaited Universalist Convocation. We all appreciate all of the work being done in our parish for this exciting event—folks coming from all over the US to celebrate Universalism.

I am excited to meet with our sister congregations. I am also excited to be recognized by All Souls, as my Ordination Ceremony takes place at convocation. I am very proud to serve the people of All Souls.

With everything about Universalist Convocation, it is easy to forget the UU General Assembly coming up in Kansas City MO from June 20-24. If you are interested in it, you can register at <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>. If you'd like to have a streaming party where we watch it online—see me and we can schedule it!

There is always so much going on... Racial Justice Mondays in Mount Vernon begins May 7. We're reading *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Meet and greets with Mansfield Gay Pride—look in your weekly bulletin for more dates.

Mansfield's Conversation on Racial Justice is being planned—look for dates in your weekly bulletin as well.

Thank you all so much for allowing me to serve as your minister. I am so proud to be part of All Souls.
Peace,

Pastor 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

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Average Attendance: 47

	MARCH	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	2,535.00	24,519.00
Pledges paid in prior year	0.00	-1,020.00
Offerings	510.00	4,142.61
Kenya Coin Collection	79.90	869.19
Rummage Sale	0.00	0.00
Recycle	0.00	62.06
Maintenance Fund	-1,400.00	370.74
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	0.00	-1,761.92
Solar Panel Fund	-3,382.20	347.56
Rental Income	0.00	150.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	100.00
Convocation Account	60.00	90.00
Other	0.11	449.76
TOTAL	-1,597.19	28,319.00
EXPENSES	2,295.54	28,238.20
DIFFERENCE	-3,892.73	80.80

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

**Expenses other than "usual": Cornell Glee Club housing \$480.00

\$3,600.00 transferred from Savings

\$500.00 donations for food for Cornell Glee Club

MARCH PLEDGE REPORT

Total Pledges	27	
Total Units	34	
	MARCH	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	2,361.00	24,137.00
Amount Received	2,535.00	24,519.00
VARIANCE	+174.00	+382.00

...from Brian Moore – Pulpit & Worship Trustee
GREETINGS FROM THE PULPIT CHAIR

“NOBODY’S RIGHT IF EVERYBODY’S WRONG”

This meaningful phrase from the title of my newsletter article was one of the reasons I became a UU. In my long spiritual search, I was left with the question: With so many religions in the world, how could only one religion have the exclusive truth? I believed from a metaphorical standpoint that they were all right, and why was there not a religion that embraced that concept?? Well hello

Unitarian Universalism, I’m so glad I found you.

But “For What It’s Worth” while we are at it, let’s take a look at this wonderful song from Buffalo Springfield and the statement that it made. It became a national anthem for an entire generation that felt alienated. They stood up and spoke up. They tried to fix what they felt was wrong. They got involved.

Here we are again!

“There’s something happening here...What it is ain’t exactly clear...There’s a man with a gun over there...Telling me I got to beware!

There’s battle lines being drawn.

Nobody’s right if everybody’s wrong.

Young people speaking their minds,

Getting so much resistance from behind.

It’s time we stop, hey, what’s that sound?

Everybody look what’s going down.”

ARE WE LISTENING???

MAY PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 6

Speaker: James “Seamus” Dillard

Title: Magic and the Prayer: two sides of the same coin

Topic: Reviewing the relationship between ancient cultures and their Gods and how they communicated.

Leader: Brian Moore **Music:** Trio

***All Souls UU Church Recycling Collection & Adopt a Highway Cleanup after coffee hour, rain date June 3rd.**

Sunday, May 13 – Happy Mother’s Day

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: Vedanta, The Gnostics, and Jesus

Topic: In January, we spoke about where it is you might be likely to find Jesus and we identified the Gnostic Gospels as one of those sources of spiritual gold. But understanding the Zen-like language of the Gnostic sayings can be confusing, much like some of the parables

in the New Testament. What is the real message to be found in the Gnostic sayings and some of the parables? Without some assistance in understanding the meaning within and behind the words, one can be left confused. Help yourself to come to a true place of enlightenment. You are the light OF the world IN the world. We will become more enlightened through a review of the Vedanta, some Parables, and Gnostic sayings. You will find Jesus uttering ancient spiritual wisdom. Understanding spiritual realities makes your light shine brightly. You will leave the service as a ray of sunshine!

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

Sunday, May 20 – UU Convocation

10:00 am – Pastor Will’s Ordination

Speaker: Rev. Kalen Fristad

Title: Our Universalist Roots and Branches

Topic: In this sermon, I will focus on roots and branches of universalism as they relate to John Murray and how he came to believe in universalism in England, the early history of universalism in the American Colonies, Thomas Potter and his chapel in New Jersey (where Murray preached in 1770), and the subsequent spread of universalism in America up until the present time.

We will also have a performance by the Columbus Gay Men’s Chorus

Leader: William Humphrey **Music:** Trio

Sunday, May 27

Speaker: Pastor Will Humphrey

Title: Teach-In: Ohio Poor People’s Campaign

Topic: In UU Tradition of Choosing education as a means for social change, we will engage again in a Teach-In. Engaging in Social Activism by learning about The Poor People’s Campaign in Ohio--taking cues from the UUJO, as our Church looks at possibilities of Compassionate ministries, Advocacy ministries, and Culture Change ministry.

Leader: Bambi Gordon **Music:** Shelley Mauk

Kenya Coin Collection and Potluck

Annual Memorial Day Euchre Potluck Party hosted by Jacqueline & Brian Moore

May 28th – Memorial Day

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls



Easter Fun with L.D. and Karen



Children's RE Butterfly craft

...from Chuck Rhodes – Building and Maintenance Trustee

April will be the first full month that the solar energy system has operated. Even though the weather has been cloudy the first part, as of April 21, 4:45 pm, we generated 410.65 kwh of energy. We won't know the total benefits until the electric bill is received. We can monitor the solar kwh input through the app SolarEdge.

The northwest ceiling and wall in the Fellowship Hall has been repaired.

The first step in the installation of the acoustic panels was completed by L.D. Ball and Jay Gilbert. They assembled all the panels which are now ready for attachment to the walls and ceiling.

A work day is scheduled for Saturday May 5 from 8:30am - 12:00 noon. A project list is being developed and will be used as a sign-up sheet for the work day. Your support is always appreciated.

...from Tim Hicks – Board Secretary

Our newsletter will be evolving

A committee was formed at the last board meeting to evaluate our newsletter and the communication strategy of our church. Who gets it? Do they read it? Who's engaging the website? Our Facebook page? And so on. We met recently and will be making recommendations to the board soon. We have some exciting ideas to improve engagement and our outreach to affiliates and the general public as we work to share our religious values system and grow our community. Expect to see these changes manifest in the coming months!

Announcing a new outreach podcast

We want your help!

I am in the process of starting up a new outreach initiative for the church as a podcast series. What's a podcast? Well, a podcast is a digital audio file made available on the internet for downloading to a computer or mobile device. Essentially, it's like a downloadable radio program for your phone. Our goal is to have our first episode launched by the Universalist Convocation on May 18th.

This podcast series will open up our community of love and service to a broader audience. We will share the stories of the people of All Souls UU of Bellville and offer opportunity for others to grow from the eclectic speakers. This series will give our church the chance to connect with more people and assist in religious education efforts within a growing congregation. Most importantly, this podcast aims to raise awareness of our community, social and environmental justice issues, the UU religion and our covenant of the seven principles.

Where do you come in?

First, I want your input on the name. Which of these sound like a winner to you:

- a. Sideline America
- b. Love is the Spirit
- c. This Humble Collective
- d. Something else.....

Please email allsoulsohio@gmail.com with your choice or suggestion or let me know your thoughts Sunday.

Second, I have a vision for this project, but would gladly welcome your help; specifically, if you have talent or interest in the technical aspects, sound mixing, and web/digital assistance. Plus, we will need to create a logo for the program in order to create an Apple podcast account, so design help would be appreciated.

Lastly, in addition to sharing some of our Sunday morning speakers and the basics of our church and religion, we'll also want to share the stories of our members and friends. If you'd like to share your personal faith story, your relationship with Unitarian Universalism, or why you have chosen this particular religious community, I'd love to talk to you about it. I plan to have episodes of the program dedicated for short form interviews to capture the diversity of thought and experience of our community.

I am very excited to begin this new initiative and hope that you will consider lending your voice, thought or listening ears toward the project. Any thoughts or questions, let me know.

Tim Hicks
Board Secretary



...from Art O'Leary – Finance Trustee

Hello to everyone in our All Souls family,

We are in the most important time of year for our finance committee - budget time! We are trying to come up with the outline for everything the church wants to do in the coming year. Of course, this can only be an estimate because things do change, but we need for it to be the best possible estimate. We would like to do so many things for the good of our church and our community, but those things cost money and require planning and effort. Right now, the task is to raise money in the form of pledges from you for financial support of the church for all those good things we want to do. In a nutshell, the more we raise the more good we can accomplish together. Everything from keeping the heat on to rewarding our wonderful pastor to continuing our support of Mansfield Pride to pushing for racial understanding and justice; the list goes on. One thing in common is they all cost money.

So, fill out those pledge forms and be as generous as you can be - it does accomplish a lot of good! Thanks, All Souls, for your continuing contributions.

Peace,
Art



The Cornell University Glee Club had a stellar performance on March 30 at All Souls.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Lowry Abete- 2, Sadie Gerhart- 13, Margaret Lin- 17, Doug Wilson- 22, Michael Garber- 23,
Chloe Sargent- 23, Joon So- 25, Todd Darmody- 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 8:30a-12p: Church Work Day
6 9a: Adult RE-StoryCorps: All Souls *Recycling collection and Highway Cleanup*	7 7p: Book group- <i>Between the World and Me</i> @ Mt. Vernon Library	8	9	10	11	12
13 9a: Adult RE-StoryCorps: All Souls	14 5:30p: Buddhist Book Discussion @ Relax Coffee 7p: <i>Between the World and Me</i> @ Mt. Vernon Library	15	16	17	18	19 Universalist Convocation Weekend
20 10a: Pastor Will's Ordination Universalist Convocation Weekend *Columbus Gay Men's Chorus	21 7p: Book group- <i>Between the World and Me</i> @ Mt. Vernon Library	22	23	24	25	26
27 9a: Adult RE-StoryCorps: All Souls 10:30a: Kenya Coin Collection 11:30a: Potluck	28 7p: Living Lotus Zen Sangha @ Mind Body Align 7p: Book group- <i>Between the World and Me</i> @ Mt. Vernon Library	29	30 10a: Questions for Your Answers @ Bob Evans on Hanley Rd.	31		

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UNIVERSALIST CONVOCAATION 2018

May 18-20, 2018

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
25 Church Street
Bellville, Ohio 44813
Allsoulsuuohio.org

All Conquering Love Universalism In Action

The future of Universalism within rural ministry,
building the Beloved Community, Love & Social
Action. Child-centered religious education and
multigenerational worship

Registration: \$30 per adult. Scholarships available.

Speaker and Worship Information

Friday

The Future of Universalism

- Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie

Saturday

Workshops:

Environmental Justice Within the Beloved Community

- Rev. Joan Van Becelaere

LGBTQ Support Groups in Rural Ministry

- Rev. Sam Byrd

Panel Discussions:

Children's Religious Education in Rural America

- Karen Gotter, RE Trustee, All Souls UU Church

- Chelsea Churpek, Director of RE, UU Fellowship of Wayne Co.

Racial Justice, Social Action and LGBTQ in Rural America

- Geron Tate, President of Mansfield, Ohio NAACP

- Deena Pfahler, Founder and President of Love on a Mission

- Deanna West-Torrance, Founder & Exec. Director of NECIC

Sunday:

All Souls Worship Service:

Our Universalist Roots and Branches

- Rev. Kalen Fristad

Performance by the Columbus Gay Men's Choir

Accommodations within easy driving distance

- Comfort Inn Splash Harbor:
419-886-4000
- Quality Inn & Suites Bellville:
419-886-7000
- La Quinta Inn & Suites:
419-774-0005
- Best Western Richland Inn:
419-756-6670

Questions:

Pastor Will Humphrey

All Souls UU Church, Bellville, Ohio
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Universalist Convocation 2018

"All Conquering Love, Universalism in Action"

May 18-20, 2018

Hosted by All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
25 Church St. Bellville, OH 44813

For flyer, schedule of events and hotel accommodations please visit
www.allsoulsuuohio.org/universalist-convocation-2018.html or email Peggy Jones at
pjays20@hotmail.com or write her at PO Box 235, Seven Springs, NC 28578

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary needs: _____ Vegetarian [] Vegan [] Gluten Free []

REGISTRATION:

FEE: \$30.00 NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Convocation 2018-

- Includes all speakers
- Saturday light breakfast
- Saturday lunch
- Snacks/refreshments during the convocation

ACCOMODATIONS:

- Comfort Inn Splash Harbor, Bellville
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- Quality Inn and Suites, Bellville
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