

ALL SOULS OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

Affecting change is both vital and difficult.

A few days ago I was watching a music video from a punk rock band I listened to when I was younger. The band, Bad Religion, released a new song and video, “The Kids Are Alt-Right.” It is a social critique of alt-right as a counter cultural movement. And the title references the Who’s 1965 song “The Kids are Alright.”

It got me thinking about counterculture. Looking back, Bohemian beget Beatnik beget Hippie and flower power... Punk, black power, disco, the Gay club scene, the womyn’s land movement... And, separately, the corporate marketing culture came to market counterculture to the masses. Each of these had an othering effect or insiders and outsiders—the elite and the others. Some of this counterculture elitism was to build safe spaces and some of it was to defy authority. Counterculture academia divided further, with big ideas and elitist language alienating the uneducated from these social movements.

These thoughts left me with the question of what is countercultural today? I don’t quite have an answer, yet.

I was talking to a friend. She self identifies as a Feminist. Yet, she also attends a Baptist Church that denies equality or equity of women within her denomination and congregation. She struggles with her role in this. She is seeking spiritual and personal growth, yet the patriarchy gets in the way. She was sharing that she doesn’t understand why more people aren’t feminists.

I don’t quite have an answer for that one either.

But, in both of these situations, I am reminded of Anarcha-Feminism. The large sweeping movement from the 19th century to today, where, regardless of gender identity, sexuality, ethnicity, one takes care of our problems. Perhaps an overly simplified personal example, Mom doesn’t wait for Dad to program the VCR, she just does it. And, Dad doesn’t need to ask Mom to press his shirts, he just does it. We all see work that needs done, so let’s do it. One takes initiative to accomplish the tasks of society. If we need a safe place—then we build one.

That’s part of the spirit at All Souls. That’s what I want to be a part of. When we notice things needing done, we take care of it. When we looked at our federal political and legal situations, many took it upon themselves to be a part of different Get Out The Vote campaigns. When we see issues in front of us, we confront them with earnesty and empathy, with head and heart.

That’s in the fabric of our being. We are countercultural. Affecting change is both vital and difficult.

All Souls Church: Challenging Authority, and Lifting up our Siblings since 1822

Peace,
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

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT

Average Attendance: 54

	AUGUST	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	1915.00	5345.00
Pledges rec'd prior to 7/1/18	0.00	(500.00)
Offerings	670.00	1306.00
Kenya Coin Collection	122.79	231.84
Recycle	0.00	0.00
Solar Panel Fund	0.00	80.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	40.00
Other	0.09	0.19
TOTAL	2707.88 *	6503.03
EXPENSES	3183.08 **	7037.69
DIFFERENCE	(475.20)	(534.66)

* A monthly income of \$4228.25 is required to meet the annual budget of \$50,739.09

** Expenses other than "usual": None

AUGUST PLEDGE REPORT

Total pledges	28	
Total units	36	
	August	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	3231.00	6601.00
Amount Received	1915.00	5345.00
VARIANCE	(1316.00)	(1256.00)

...from Brian Moore, Pulpit & Worship Trustee

GREETINGS FROM THE PULPIT CHAIR

The Never-ending Search for Truth

From infancy, we're all raised with paradigms, or mental models, through which we see the world. Events are filtered through those paradigms and explain the world around us in ways only we can uniquely understand. Lots of things in life can contribute to the paradigms we eventually develop, particularly religion and culture, but our paradigms—and this is important—don't necessarily equate to truth. But if the mind and heart are truly free and open, the revelations that appear to the human spirit are infinitely numerous, eternally fruitful, and wondrously exciting.

PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 7

Speaker: Rev. Will Humphrey

Title: "Women to Women International"

Topic: One of the ministries of All Souls, Women to Women International provides social and economic empowerment programs to women marginalized throughout the world.

Leader: Kristin Ellis **Music:** Trio

Sunday, October 14

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: "Who Am I?"

Topic: Last month we focused on "The Transformational Power of Your Mind." We noted that the thoughts we think produce feelings and impact our belief system, our body chemistry, our state of health or illness, and our behavior. Yet our bulletin quoted Eckhart Tolle as saying, "To realize that you are not your thoughts is when you begin to awaken spiritually."

Did last month's focus on thoughts and Tolle's quote leave you in a confusing predicament? There is no contradiction inherent in those two

messages (mine or Tolle's). I have enormous respect for Eckhart, his thoughts, and his writings. It will all make sense when you have an answer to the question of Who You Are!

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

*****All Souls Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Program
& Recycling Collection Day*****

Sunday, October 21

Speaker: Karen Gotter

Title: "To Speak for the Trees"

Topic: Trees can't speak for themselves, but Unitarian Universalists have Heads that Think, Hearts that Love and Hands that are Ready to Serve—which means we must do our part to speak up for them! This is a service **led by the children of the congregation** to share the importance of trees to our church and our world.

There will be a special offering this week to contribute to a memorial tree (or trees) for friends and members of our congregation who have passed on.

Leader: Fonda Kendrick **Music:** Trio

Sunday, October 28

Speaker: Rev. Will Humphrey

Title: "Searching for Meaning in Trying Times"

Topic: We'll be looking at the troubles that find us while shifting and reasoning through them.

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

***** POTLUCK & KENYA COIN COLLECTION*****

Wednesday, October 31 - Halloween

Peace, Love, and Namaste to All Souls,
Brian





As of the end of August, All Souls was over \$500 greater spending than income. If we had received all money pledged, we would be ahead.

...from Art O'Leary, Finance Trustee

Dear All Souls family,

We are headed for continued spiritual success and progress in our social justice mission. However, we are headed for big fiscal trouble. As of the end of August we were over \$500 greater spending than income; that's \$6000 for the year fiscal 18-19. Not sustainable! Unlike the federal government, we can't print money or borrow it; so the only option is for us to give more. Well, not exactly. If we had received all the money we pledged we would actually be ahead. I know summertime living is easy, but it still costs the same. We can do it, folks, if we just make good on our pledges.

Peace,
Art

...from Hayley Young, Social Action Trustee

Happy Fall, All Souls!

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits and ready to take on the steadily approaching holidays. A HUGE thank you to everyone who made the Pride Festival and Street Fair booths possible!! Like I have stated during many of our services, we join a UU church because we want to support it.

Below are a few things that are on my radar:

-The church is still collecting trash bags for sleeping mats. I plan to get with Unity Spiritual Center and create a loom for ourselves. Once I do this, I would like to place drop spots around town (Stoodt's, the schools, the base, Mechanics Bank).

-Canned/non-perishable Food Drive: This will begin in October and go up until Thanksgiving. Please pick up a flyer at the church!

-All Souls Recycling Program: Would like to expand on this program to include community educational workshops on reduce/reuse/recycle/upcycle. Would also like to create an at-home recycling bin program for our members and striving to get our church 100% waste free. I am still working through the details.

-Interfaith Dinner Dialogue: Would like to have one in late November, early December.

- If anyone has ideas on what we can do to better help our communities/environment/church, please let me know. I would like to create an ongoing outreach program All Souls can call their own.



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**...from Melanie Seaman,
Media, Advertising, & Growth Trustee**



This is the banner we had as our backdrop to our space at the Bellville Street Fair, and it got some attention. During one of my shifts, I saw several black people do a double take and many white people go by and say, "White lives matter," or "All lives matter," or "Blue lives matter." This just points out the lingering racism and White Privilege that exists in

Bellville. Ed Fox had a lively conversation with an older man who may have left with some good things to think on; and who knows, he may change his mind or at least open his mind on a few issues.

Our presence at the Bellville Street Fair was a great way to get our name out in the community and to let everyone know what we stand for.

Rob Gibson, our tech guru, has been spending lots of time working on creating our new website for All Souls. You can check it out at: <http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org> I was just looking around at it and learned a lot about our church. Thanks, Rob, for all your hard work!

If you have any ideas you'd like to bring to the Media, Advertising and Growth Committee, please contact Melanie Seaman at 419-544-0977 or highlands@neo.rr.com

...from UU Justice Ohio

**Call to Action:
Oppose Family Separation**

After thousands of people rose up this summer against separating families and criminalizing immigrants, the White House and ICE are now trying to pump even more money into detaining, deporting, and prosecuting our friends and loved ones.

As Congress debates plans to fund the government for Fiscal Year 2019, the Trump administration is asking for billions of dollars in new funding for ICE, Border Patrol, and the Department of Justice— the same agencies that carried out the family separation policy. Any new money for the agencies that detain, deport, and prosecute immigrants will mean more parents being taken from their children and more people torn from our communities.

Love Resists, a joint campaign of the UUA and UUSC, and Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) are joining the Faith Week of Action, starting September 23, led by the Interfaith Immigration Coalition (IIC).

We have a simple message for Congress:
Not one penny more for family separation, "zero tolerance" prosecutions, and detention....

In Solidarity,
Love Resists

Here are two ways you can take action:

1. Call your Members of Congress.

Call (866) 940-2439 and ask to be connected to your Representatives or Senators. Here is a sample script:

"Hello, my name is [first and last name], and I am your constituent from [city/town]. I'm calling to ask you to withhold funding for immigration detention, deportation, and "zero tolerance" prosecutions of immigrants in this year's spending bills. Instead, I urge you to direct these funds to community-based alternatives to detention, as well as refugee-related accounts that promote human rights. Detaining and separating families and prosecuting asylum-seekers are violations of human rights, as well as my principles as a person of faith and conscience. I ask you not to fund these injustices in my name."

2. Write a letter to your Senator or Representative telling them why you oppose funding increases for detention and deportation.

... from Chuck Rhodes, Maintenance Trustee

From March 28, 2018 through August 21, 2018 we have generated 4.11 Mwths of electricity. This is the equivalent of 6370.44 pounds of co2 saved or 140.25 trees planted. During the last billing period from August 11, 2018 to September 11, 2018 we paid for 52 Kwh, while last year we paid for 833 Kwh.



Please mark your calendars for our workday
on Saturday, October 20.

During the month, Joyce Fenton continued to organize the storeroom; what a daunting task that is. Jay Gilbert painted the outside kitchen and restroom window frames. This only leaves the inside of the frames to be painted.

Six additional acoustic panels were installed in the Fellowship Hall this month. As mentioned last month, we felt that these additional panels would further improve acoustics in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour and other events.

I want to thank the installing team of L.D. Ball and Sahvanna, Fate Christian and Jay Gilbert on a job well done. In addition I want to recognize Morley and Marjorie Smith for their support of this project.

Saturday, October 20 is the scheduled fall work day. A sign up sheet will be circulated listing the various tasks needing completion before winter sets in. As in past years, arrangements can be made to accommodate those who want to work but are not free on the 20th. Also, if there is a particular project you want to do, list it, and it will be yours.

... from Jay Gilbert, Board Vice-President

Our next workday is on Saturday, October 20 at 8:30. Chuck Rhodes plans our maintenance. Since our building is so old and we can't afford to pay cleaning people, it's essential that we participate. Please show up that Saturday. No strength or expertise is required.

...from Carla Miller, Pastoral Care Trustee

Please reach out to me if you or anyone you know is in need of a social or pastoral visit. I am available for any need, ranging from sending a card to making a home/hospital visit.



...from Jim Abel, Fellowship Trustee

Hello everyone,

I hope your fall is starting out well! Sweater weather is just around the corner. I'd just like to remind everyone that we always need folks to sign up for Snacks and Kitchen cleanup for Fellowship and coffee after services. Please sign up using Mealtrain.com, or the weekly sign-up sheet passed around during

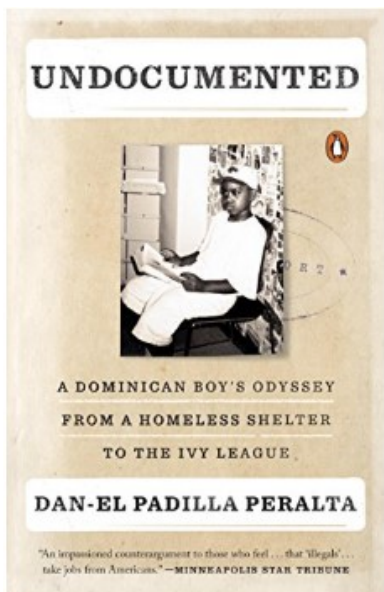
services, or send an email to Fonda at allsoulsohio@gmail.com or me at isabel01@gmail.com.



Thank you for your continued support,
Jim

Special Programs Coming in October....

Overcoming Racism: A Knox County Discussion



The book we will be looking at is
*Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey
from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League* by
Dan-el Padilla Peralta.

This book has been selected to look at
racism in different ways, noting our
intersectionality as well as hearing a voice
that we have yet to acknowledge in
these classes.

**Mondays in October from 7-8 pm
at The Harcourt Parish House
201 W. Brooklyn Street
Gambier, OH 43022**

Planned Parenthood Parenting Circle

**Tuesdays in October (beginning October 9)
6:30-8:30 pm at All Souls UU Church
25 Church Street in Bellville**



This program provides a safe place for adults to review
opportunities and practices of sexual health communications
with their youngsters. This is to help parents and guardians
talk about sexuality and sex-health with children at all ages.

Meals will be provided by Planned Parenthood.



Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

Please RSVP

to allsoulsohio@gmail.com
and list the date(s) you are planning to attend.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Fenton-5, Bambi Gordon-7, Shelley Mauk-8, Olivia Humphrey-9, Chloe Starmer-15, Levi Waltz-19,
Deborah Mattix-23, Janice Darmody-27, Renee Maginniss-27, Reed Richmond-27, Marjorie Smith-27, Avery Smith-29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7 pm Knox Co. Overcoming Racism: <i>Undocumented</i> *		6 pm Vegan Potluck			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am Adult RE: <i>The Souls of Black Folk</i> 10:30 am Sunday service	5:30 pm Buddhist Book Discussion@ Relax It's Just Coffee 7 pm Knox Co. Overcoming Racism: <i>Undocumented</i> *	6:30 pm Parenting Circle	6 pm Knit & Crochet group			
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 am Board meeting 10:30 am Sunday service	7 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha Sitting @ Mind Body Align 7 pm Knox Co. Overcoming Racism: <i>Undocumented</i> *	6:30 pm Parenting Circle	6 pm Knit & Crochet group			
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* Discussion of *Undocumented* will be held at the Harcourt Parish House, 201 W. Brooklyn Street, Gambier, OH 43022

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