

ALL SOULS SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

I've been talking with several people—several types of people. I've spoken to some fundamentalist Christians and some atheists, some mainline Christians, some agnostics, and one Wiccan. Each time I had a similar exchange trying to explain what it means to be UU. Each time, I believe the people were left with a nice suspicious optimism. I believe that is a healthy response to new concepts. I want us to get comfortable with sharing—not that we are going to convert the masses, and win souls for some Deity—but that “All Souls may grow,” as our old covenants read. Our message, our gospel is that **you are enough** and that we are **better together**—together in fellowship, or in friendship, or in service together.

I want to share a paraphrased dialog between me and a guest interested in finding a group to be with and grow socially and spiritually but is reluctant.

Guest: “So... who do we hate?”

Rev. Will: I'm sorry, what?

Guest: Every religious group—loves the sinner hates the sin, Right? But, they never actually mean it. So, who gets the hate? Is it the gays, or the blacks, or poor people who don't conform? Terrorists? They have to be submerged in baptism or can they be sprinkled? Do divorces count, or is there special spiritual paperwork to file? Do we have to be warshed in the blood?

Rev. Will: No... none of that. On a practical level—we don't really believe any of that. It's cool—I'm not going to judge, but theologically—we don't. We like reason. Love and compassion are part of our words, too. We're against othering—you know, when people dehumanize a group of people that is seen as different than another group. We actively talk about and work against White Supremacy and we work for Women's rights. We have a sign in our sanctuary that says that we think everyone has value and worth. Democracy is important. Compassion is vital. Justice and growth is really important for all and in everything—a whole lot bigger than punishment. It is our responsibility to help each other grow in meaningful ways for the individual and that we believe this will help us all get to more peace in *this world*. *It might seem difficult to believe but... who do we hate? No one.*

And, I believe it. We are an accepting church, and non-creedal. It means that your search for truth and meaning is your journey and that we are companions for a while on that journey. As companions, we know that our paths have crossed and we are interconnected; I recall the old adage, “When a teacher is needed, one appears.” I believe this to be true.

I encourage you to talk about things—predicated on civility—with someone you might not have approached. Be courageous, take a risk and talk to your friends who might view the world differently. When I've been doing it, I'm shocked on how much we agree. I left the fundamentalist minster with both of us agreeing 'to talk more on this later at a campfire with some whiskey.' You might find that too.

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

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

Average Attendance: 52

| | JULY | Y-T-D |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Pledges | 3430.00 | 3430.00 |
| Pledges rec'd prior to 7/1/18 | (500.00) | (500.00) |
| Offerings | 636.00 | 636.00 |
| Kenya Coin Collection | 109.05 | 109.05 |
| Recycle | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Solar Panel Fund | 80.00 | 80.00 |
| Minister's Discretionary Fund | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Other | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| TOTAL | 3795.15 * | 3795.15 |
| EXPENSES | 3893.11 ** | 3893.11 |
| DIFFERENCE | (97.96) | (97.96) |

* A monthly income of \$4228.25 is needed to meet the annual budget of \$50,739.00

** Expenses other than "usual": None

JULY PLEDGE REPORT

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total pledges | 28 | |
| Total units | 36 | |
| | July | Y-T-D |
| Amount Pledged | 3370.00 | 3370.00 |
| Amount Received | 3430.00 | 3430.00 |
| VARIANCE | +60.00 | +60.00 |

...from Brian Moore—Pulpit & Worship Trustee

GREETINGS FROM THE PULPIT CHAIR

REASON... Is the capacity for consciously making sense of things, applying logic, establishing and verifying facts, and changing or justifying practices, institutions, and beliefs based on new or existing information.

CONSCIENCE... Is an aptitude, faculty, intuition or judgement that assists in distinguishing right from wrong. Moral judgement may derive from values or norms (principles and rules).

We believe in the authority of reason and conscience. The ultimate arbiter in religion is not a church, nor a document, nor an official, but the personal choice and decision of the individual.

PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 2

Speaker: LD Ball

Title: "Why Is Labor Day?"

Topic: You're invited to pause and look beyond the traditional cookouts and gatherings marking summer's last big holiday to reflect not on how we typically celebrate Labor Day but to gain a deeper understanding of why we commemorate it.

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

September 3: Labor Day Party

1:00pm until ??

@ Jacqueline & Brian Moore's

3072 State Route 430, Mansfield, OH 44903

Please BYOB; we will provide non-alcoholic beverages and tableware. **NO POTLUCK** this year. Food will be available to purchase from \$2.00 - \$8.00 from Truckin Trav Street Food (our son's food truck). He will have available some standard Labor Day fare, along with vegan and vegetarian options, as well and some unique new foods to try.

No muss, no fuss. Just bring cash or credit card, and don't worry about shopping, cooking, cleaning, and hauling food in and out. If purchasing food for this event presents a problem for any members, please contact Brian Moore, LD Ball, or Will Humphrey for assistance from the church. We are trying something new this Labor Day (we have lots of potlucks). We look forward to sharing the afternoon together.

For more info, contact Brian at 419-589-7707 or via email at brianmoore.allsoulsuu@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 9

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: "The Transformational Power of Your Mind"

Topic: This title could have been "Mind Over Matter" or even again "The Ghost in the Machine." That lurking Ghost in the Machine is the MIND or our state of CONSCIOUSNESS. The Mind or our state of Consciousness is the world in which we live and the world out of which we live. Take a peek inside and see what your power system is doing to you. You will find there an enormous power system that can obliterate you and your life or totally transform everything about who you are and the nature of your life.

Leader: Hayley Young **Music:** Trio

Sunday, September 16

Speaker: Tao Bridge

Title: "Seven Songs for Seven Principles"

Topic: If you could pick your favorite song to represent each of our seven principles, which one would you choose? Join us for an uplifting musical revival. Restore your faith in our seven principles through the power and spirit of music. Free your soul through the spiritual music and lyrics performed by Tao Bridge covering artists such as Garth Brooks, Bob Dylan, Beatles, John Lennon, Cat Stevens, and John Denver.

Leader: Joan Richmond **Music:** Shelley Mauk

September 22 — Autumn Begins



Sunday, September 23

Speaker: Jeb Bowen

Title: "Ancient Peoples in the Mohican River Basin Area"

Topic: Explore the history and lifestyles of the peoples of the Clearfork Valley from the ice age through the 1800s.

Leader: Hayley Young **Music:** Trio

Sunday, September 30

Speaker: Rev. Will Humphrey

Title/Topic: "The Resistance: Today and Ancient"

Leader: Reed Richmond **Music:** Shelley Mauk

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

Peace, Love, and Namaste to All Souls — Brian



Vegan Potluck
Wednesday, September 5th @ 6pm

...from Jim Abel – Fellowship Trustee

Greetings from Fellowship. I hope you all have had a fantastic summer. Thank you to everyone who has been helping out with cleanup, kitchen, and snack duties, and a big thanks to those using Mealtrain.com to sign up for the weekly tasks and potlucks. It really is a useful tool for organization.

I'd like to remind you about All Souls' Vegan Potluck on September 5th from 6-8 pm and to be held the first Wednesday of every month in the future. All are welcome!

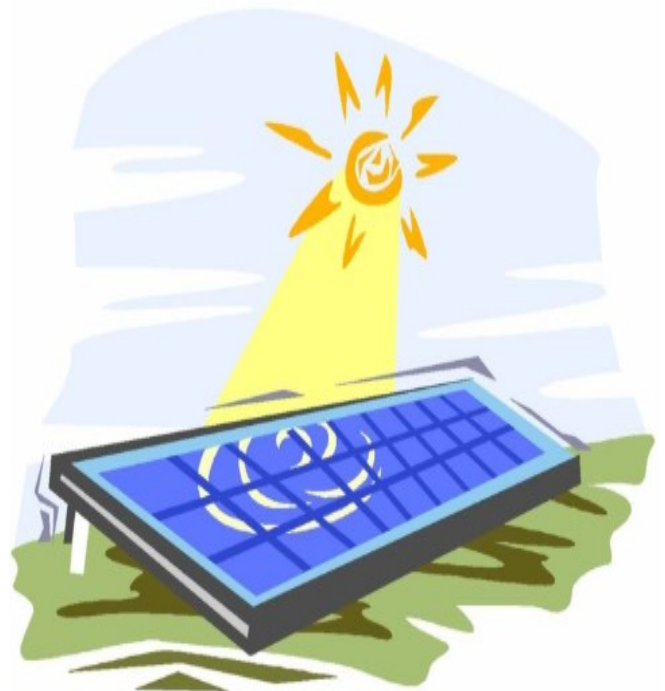
Thanks!
Jim

...from Chuck Rhodes — Maintenance Trustee

Our solar energy program has become a source of interest in the community. I am frequently asked about it and with pride respond by saying our last bill reflects that we paid for 38Kwhs while last year we paid for 832kwhs for the same time period. As of August 27, 2018 we have generated 3.66 MWhs. This is an equivalent of 5,627.11 pounds of co2 saved or 141.73 trees planted.

During the month, the following projects have been or are in the process of completion:

- hemlock tree trimmed
- new window frames in the kitchen and rest room being painted by Jay Gilbert
- restroom floors painted — Thanks to Denise Brown
- organization of the storeroom is making progress — a big help by Joyce Fenton
- Sections of the storeroom will be designated for items used by specific programs; Religious Ed., decorations, supplies, maintenance, and fellowship. Hopefully this will keep the storeroom neater and easier to find items.



It appears that the acoustic panels have reduced the noise level. The committee that was responsible for this project believes that six additional panels would further reduce the noise level. We will get cost estimates and, if possible, order the supplies in September and have them installed by mid October.

A work day will be scheduled for October. More information will be available next month.

Have a good Labor Day all.

New Adult RE Book Discussion *begins* September 30



The Souls of Black Folk
W E B DU BOIS

From Karen Gotter — RE Trustee

Our next Adult RE class will springboard off our current reading, which wraps up on September 2. Ta-Nehisi Coates received inspiration for his writing from the 1903 publication of W.E.B. Du Bois' classic, *The Souls of Black Folk*.

It is available for free as an e-Book through the

Gutenberg Project. Click [here](#) to download. However, new and used print copies should be widely available if you prefer a print version.

Please volunteer to be discussion leader for just one Sunday...

Class discussion will be slightly varied, as each week will be led by a different participant. If you are interested in taking the lead for one week, please sign up with [Fonda](#). *The Souls of Black Folk* is an indispensable work of African American literature, and it would benefit us all to include it in our libraries!

W.E.B. Du Bois (1868 - 1963)

W. E. B. Du Bois was at the vanguard of the civil rights movement in America.... Trained as a sociologist, Du Bois began to document the oppression of Black people and their strivings for equality in the 1890s. By 1903 he stated in *The Souls of Black Folk* that "the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line," and he spent the remainder of his long life trying to break down racial barriers.

The Souls of Black Folk was not well received when it first appeared. Houston A. Baker, Jr. explained in his *Black Literature in America* that white Americans were not "ready to respond favorably to Du Bois's scrupulously accurate portrayal of the hypocrisy, hostility, and brutality of white America toward black America." Many Black readers were also shocked by the book because Du Bois announced his opposition to the conciliatory policy of Booker T. Washington and his followers, who favored assimilation and argued for the gradual development of the "Negro race" through vocational training.... In retrospect, many scholars have pointed to *The Souls of Black Folk* as a prophetic work. Harold W. Cruse and Carolyn Gipson noted in the *New York Review of Books* that "nowhere else was Du Bois's description of the Negro's experience in American Society to be given more succinct expression... *Souls* is probably his greatest achievement as a writer. Indeed, his reputation may largely rest on this remarkable document, which had a profound effect on the minds of black people...."

— excerpted from [poetryfoundation.org](#)

Animal Blessing Day 2018

We honored our pets and all the Earth's creatures with a special message and blessing led by All Souls' very own Jackie Moore in a service at Palm Park on Sunday, August 26.

The children — and adults — enjoyed our four-legged visitors!

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language." — Martin Buber



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brianna Patterson– 2, Dennis Mizer– 4, Mark Ellis– 10, Venus Porter– 17, Jane Price– 27,
LaDonna O’Neal– 28, Catherine Madden– 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

September 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2 9 am Adult RE: <i>Between the World & Me</i> 10:30 am LD Ball: “Why Is Labor Day?” | 3 1:00 pm to ?? Labor Day Party @ Brian & Jackie’s | 4 | 5 6 pm Vegan Potluck | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10:30 am Dr. Walter Kania: “The Transformational Power of Your Mind” | 10 5:30 pm Buddhist Book Discussion@ Relax, It’s Just Coffee | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| BELLVILLE “WORLD’S FAIR” | | | | | | |
| 16 9 am Board Meeting 10:30 am Tao Bridge: “Seven Songs for Seven Principles” | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10:30 am Jeb Bowen: “Ancient Peoples in the Mohican River Basin Area” | 24 7 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha Sitting & Meditation @ Mind Body Align | 25 | 26 10 am Questions for Your Answers @ Bob Evans on Hanley Rd. | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9 am Adult RE: <i>The Souls of Black Folk</i> 10:30 Rev. Will Humphrey: “The Resistance: Today & Ancient” **Kenya Coin Collection** 11:30 am Potluck Noon Bike ride | | | | | | |

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