

ALL SOULS APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

The scholar Rumi exclaims in his poem *Moving Water*, “When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy...Don't insist on going where you think you want to go. Ask the way to the spring...”

As the weather opens up the outdoors for us, we think of the promise of Summer— ‘April Showers bring May Flowers’ was always a mantra that school children poster on hand-made crafts. As April dawns, I feel the trail calling me, hiking amongst the budding trees and high waters. I feel the call of gardens, sowing seeds and nurturing soils. I trust that is a way to spring.

Henry David Thoreau wrote, “Spring is a natural resurrection, an experience in immortality.” I pray each of you find an immortality or renewed vigor this season and I ask you, which way to spring?

In 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 Jay Gilbert, Vice President

Administrative Coordinator Job Description

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church is seeking an Administrative Coordinator. The job will begin May 1, 2017, and involves being at the church each Sunday to:

1. make copies of our Sunday program,
2. take attendance,
3. collect visitor information,
4. post to the bulletin board, and
5. request volunteers for the task sign-up sheet.

And, at home (or anywhere) the A.C prepares and emails:

1. visitor information to Will/Karen,
2. reminders for Sunday,
3. a weekly Happening at All Souls email,
4. news release to media,
5. posts events on Facebook and
6. compiles and distributes the newsletter.

And, also the A.C.:

1. updates the directory and labels and
2. attends the monthly board meeting.

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 candidate.

If you're interested in becoming our A.C., please send your resume and references to Jay Gilbert before April 10 (jgilbert@neo.rr.com or 1576 Cape Code Drive, Mansfield 44904). This job is a 1/4 time, salaried position that requires 10-12 hours of work per week.

FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Average
Attendance: 40

	February	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	1,898.00	19,646.00
Offerings	313.00	2,702.90
Kenya Coin Collection	156.16	736.65
Rummage Sale	0.00	857.95
Recycle	0.00	78.61
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Maintenance Fund	0.00	840.00
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	-4,285.00	-1,280.62
Minister's Discretionary Fund	.00	100.00
Other	30.15	3,025.14
TOTAL	-1,887.69*	26,806.63
EXPENSES	3,006.90**	25,052.08
DIFFERENCE	-4,894.59	1,754.55

*A monthly income of \$3,759.46 is required in order to meet annual expenses of \$45,113.50.

**Expenses Other than "Usual":

Sanctuary Renovation \$4,285 (from Savings)

FEBRUARY PLEDGE REPORT

Total Units	31	
Total Pledges	25	
	JANUARY	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	2,039.00	20,799.00
Amount Received	1,898.00	20,046.00
VARIANCE	-141.00	-753.00

...from Chuck Rhodes - Building & Maintenance Trustee

The painting of the sanctuary and rear entrance area is completed. I want to THANK Jay Gilbert for the countless hours he contributed toward the completion of this project. Jay is one who can be counted on to assist in any project. Thanks again Jay.

The conversion to L.E.D. lighting is about 72% completed. The remaining lights to be converted are: 3 stage lights, 1 exterior light, 4 halogen lights and five 8' fluorescent fixtures and tubes. I am hopeful this will be completed by this summer.

Two windows in the Fellowship Hall have been replaced. What a difference it makes in appearance from the outside, as well as improving the insulation. I want to THANK the anonymous donor who has been paying for the replacement of these windows over the past several years.

With all this renovation, we are building a surplus of used items. The Board has approved these items for sale to the congregation at a donation level. We have new and used bulbs, ballast, and plastic ground covering that was used to protect the floor and furniture during the repair and painting of the ceiling and walls. If you are interested, please contact me.

All this work could not have been done without your support. Thanks

With spring arriving, we may schedule an extra work day in May. More information will be available as the time approaches.

P.S. I was recently informed that a generous donation has been made by Joanne Gillum that allows us to complete the conversion of our lighting to L.E.D. Thank you, Joanne! It is really appreciated.

...from Bruce Kilgore – Fellowship Trustee

Sunday, April 16 the Easter Bunny will be at church, for our Egg hung and other games.



We still have a few openings for social room cleanup, snacks for Easter day, and kitchen help. Thank you to those who have signed up the past month.

...from Brian Moore – Pulpit & Worship Trustee

COLLABORATE

**“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”
-Helen Keller, author and activist for people with disabilities**

Love Connects Us and celebrates important ways Unitarian Universalists live our faith in covenanted community. Moved by love and gathered in spirit, we embrace our responsibility toward one another and the world at large. We encourage one another’s search for truth and meaning. We strive to be active in peace-making and other efforts to improve our world.

“He who experiences the Unity of life sees his own self in all beings, and all beings in his own self, and looks on everything with an impartial eye.” - The Buddha

APRIL PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2

Speaker: Sister Paulette Schroeder

Title: "Gaza Today and After Three Wars"

Leader: Karen Gotter

Music: Ayesha Manley

Sunday, April 9

Speaker: Anuradha Joshi

Title: "Texts of Hinduism"

Leader: Joan Richmond

Music: Trio Alla Breve

Sunday, April 16



Easter Sunday- Flower Communion

Speaker: Pastor William Humphrey

Title: "Happy Easter"

Topic: Reflection on the resurrection narrative from our sources and traditions as well as resurrection of past hopes and dreams. Hallelujah!

Leader: Teasha Sargent

Music: Ayesha Manley

Sunday, April 23

Speaker: Deborah Chaney

Title: "Everything I Need to Know About Life I Can Learn from Trees"

Leader: Brian Moore

Music: Trio Alla Breve

Sunday, April 30

Kenya Coin Collection & Potluck

Speaker: Professor Ric S. Sheffield

Title: "In the Wake of Brown: The Color of Classrooms in Rural Ohio"

Topic: When this nation celebrated a recent anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education, many acknowledged that it was one of the most important decisions about race in the nation's history. Few, however, saw that the case also had relevance to the lives of black people residing in rural Ohio. Nearly all the scholarship and social commentary have focused upon Brown's impact on the lives of black and white school children in the South and the urban North. This program examines the effect of Brown upon the educational experiences of African American children in the rural towns and villages of America's heartland, using Knox County, Ohio, as the case study.

Leader: Glenn Myers

Music: Ayesha

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

Living Lotus Zen Sangha April Schedule

BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION

Monday, April 10: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Please note the time change.

Relax, It's Just Coffee - 105 N. Main St., Mansfield, OH



All are invited for coffee and informal discussion over a case in this Zen book.
Look for others with books!

NEED NOT HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSIONS to jump IN!

BOOKS

"The Gateless Barrier"

Transl. by Robert Aitken Roshi

ISBN# 0865474427 North Point Press (1991)

"The Hidden Lamp"

Edited by Florence Caplow & Susan Moon

ISBN# 9780861716593 Wisdom Publications (2013)

Suggested Selections to Have Read Before Discussion:

***THE GATELESS BARRIER* Reading: Case #22**

"Mahakasyapa's (Kasho) Flagpole" pg. 142

"Anan asked Kasho, 'The World-Honored One transmitted to you the surplice (robe) of golden cloth; did he transmit anything else to you?'

Kasho called him and said, 'Anan!' ...

'Yes?' said Anan.

'Knock down the flag pole at the gate' said Kasho."

***THE HIDDEN LAMP* Reading:**

"Sonin's Shadeless Tree" – pg. 80

"Master Keizan Jokin asked the nun Mokufu Sonin, 'The winter is coming to an end and the springtime is arriving. There is an order to this. What is your understanding?'

Sonin replied, 'In the branches of a tree without shade, how could there be any seasons?'

Keizan asked here, 'What about right now?'

Sonin bowed. Keizan then transmitted the Dharma robe to her."

Bring your thoughts, notes, insights and confusions and a friend!

LIVING LOTUS ZEN SANGHA SITTING AND SERVICE

Monday, April 24: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church



Everyone is welcome to practice with us! No previous meditation experience necessary.

The church is opened at 6:00 p.m. Please enter from the side door. We sit upstairs.
Loaner meditation cushions (Zafus & Zabutons) are available, as well as pews for those who prefer to sit in a chair.

SCHEDULE

6:00pm-6:30pm - Church Opened - Fellowship & Intro to Meditation for Beginners
6:30pm-6:50pm - Zazen (sitting meditation)
6:50pm-7:00pm - Kinhin (walking meditation)
7:00pm-7:20pm - Zazen – (second period of Zazen)
7:20pm-7:30pm - Liturgy - Heart Sutra, Chanting and Prostrations
7:30pm-8:00pm - Sangha Discussion & Business

Upcoming practice opportunity in Cleveland: As was previously announced, we have a very special guest teacher visiting our sangha at the end of this month. Ben Connelly from the Minnesota Zen Meditation Center, which was founded by Katagiri Roshi, will be offering a public talk based on his new book, *Inside Vasubandhu's Yogacara*, at 7:00pm on Friday, April 28th. This will be held at Jewel Heart located at 2670 West 14th St. in the Tremont neighborhood in Cleveland. Suggested donation for this is \$10 and no advance registration is needed.

On Saturday, April 29th we will hold a zazenkai from 8:30am until 4:30pm. This will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland located in Cleveland Hts. at 2728 Lancashire Rd. Advance registration is requested for this event. The suggested donation will be \$35. For members of Crooked River Zen Center, your monthly contribution for April will be directed to the cost of this program. Ben will give a dharma talk in the morning based on his book and we'll have a discussion period in the afternoon with him.

Finally, our weekend with Ben will conclude on Sunday morning with practice from 8:30am until noon. The planned location is Cutter's Creek, though advanced registration is requested to determine the location. The suggested donation for this is \$10 and Ben will give the dharma talk following our sitting.

Sensei Dean Williams will keep us posted with more details. Please email him if you plan to attend:
crookedriverzen@gmail.com

Brief Beginner's Guide to Zazen & Kinhin:
<http://global.sotozen-net.or.jp/eng/practice/zazen/howto/index.html>

In gassho,
Jacqueline Moore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Jeanette Mirel- April 2
Walt Kania- April 4
Carla Miller- April 7
Katherine Gerhart- April 17
Benjamin Humphrey- April 19

Teasha Sargent- April 20
Will Humphrey- April 27
L.D. Ball- April 28
Leah Humphrey- April 29

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JUST SO YOU KNOW

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April 23: Deborah Chaney
April 30: Prof. Ric S. Sheffield

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Board Meeting - Sunday, April 16 @ 9:00 am
Easter and Flower Communion – Sunday, April 16
Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 16, Following the Service



Living Lotus Zen Sangha – Monday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Questions for Your Answers Discussion & Breakfast – Wednesday, April 26 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans on Hanley Rd.

Kenya Coin Collection – Sunday, April 30
Potluck – Sunday, April 30, Following the Service

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*“Carry on, love is coming, love is coming to us all.”
Carry On – Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young*