

ALL SOULS JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

Friends,

SUMMER!!!! The sun and the fun! Let's embrace the warm weather by being outdoors in it. Think of all the mental clarity and spiritual presence of gardening or a calming hike, or a walk by the river, or fishing at the lake, or just sitting in the summer days. We have a lot of different opportunities for connections. Let's all ask one another to experience the outside.

Our interfaith racial justice class is wrapping up on June 7th in Mount Vernon. Our pagan gathering through our UU Cluster will be meeting on June 17 to walk the labyrinth at the UU Fellowship in Wooster.

There are so many things going on! Farmers Markets in our communities are in full action. Let's support our agriculturalists and farmers by buying local. Barbeques and cook outs are all-around good times with our friends and neighbors. Our first Sunday of the month bike ride is on. Plenty of things each week too: Kenyon College's wildflower walk (June 3). Canoeing/Kayaking Pleasant Hill Lake (free to anyone June 10), Columbus Pride (June 16-18), Ashland Balloonfest (June 29).

Look in our bulletins each week for more opportunities for fellowship and presence.

Cheers!

Pastor Will

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Joanne Gillum - Treasurer

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Average
Attendance: 46

	April	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	2,618.00	23,710.00
Offerings	631.00	3,578.90
Kenya Coin Collection	93.82	891.22
Rummage Sale	0.00	857.95
Recycle	0.00	78.61
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Maintenance Fund	670.00	1,545.09
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	-89.97	-716.23
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00
Other	58.12	53.40
TOTAL	3,980.97*	30,098.94
EXPENSES	3,050.88**	30,507.78
DIFFERENCE	930.09	-408.84

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

**Expenses Other than "Usual":
Membership in UU Justice Ohio \$100.00

APRIL PLEDGE REPORT

Total Pledges	31	
Total Units	25	
	April	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	3,388.00	26,226.00
Amount Received	2,618.00	24,110.00
VARIANCE	-770.00	-2,116.00

...from Art O'Leary – Social Action Trustee

Hello to everyone at All Souls,

I hope you had a happy holiday weekend. I'd like to urge all of us to help keep the church going. Right now, we are not meeting our budget needs. Many UU congregation have large endowment incomes, but we depend on the pledges and weekly collection for our regular expenses. It wouldn't be the same if we didn't have the quality music and active pastor; our two largest budget items. Yes, we have spent money on much needed renovations, but these funds have been raised separately over a period of a year. Our speakers receive a small honorarium but this is far less than the UUA recommends. Brian does a fabulous job finding good speakers on interesting topics; you really don't want to hear only volunteers. I guess what I'm saying is that we have an excellent Sunday service every week but eventually the old saying "you get what you pay for" is going to take effect. So, please – members, friends and semi-regular visitors, be more generous so we can maintain our unique Sunday services.

Peace,

Art

...from Jay Gilbert – Vice-President

Our annual elections will be June 4 after the service. The positions for election are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Trustee, Religious Education Trustee, Fellowship Trustee, Social Action Trustee and Pastoral Care Trustee.

These persons will be on the ballot: For President: L D Ball; for Treasurer: Joann Gillum; for Fellowship Trustee: Bruce Kilgore; for Social Action Trustee: Hayley Young; for Pastoral Care Trustee: Glenn Myers; and for Religious Education Trustee: Karen Gotter.

We invite church members to run for one of the following positions: Vice-President, Secretary or Finance Trustee.

Jay

...from Chuck Rhodes – Building and Maintenance Trustee

The church pews were re-upholstered by Waggoners, Inc. Pew Cushions of Hutchinson, Kansas on May 10th. They began removing the old upholstery at 8:30 am and finished re-upholstering the pews at 4:30pm. The pews look wonderful. Except for refinishing some of the woodwork, the projects approved by the church board of refurbishing the sanctuary, stage area, vestibule and rear entrance area are completed and within budget. Special thanks to Morley and Marjorie Smith, Irene Maginniss, Jay Gilbert and everyone who donated their time and money to complete this project.

THANKS.....

The church air conditioning system received its yearly maintenance service. The report shows that everything is in good working order. This is part of our HVAC yearly service maintenance program.

With all that has been going on at the church, the bi-yearly work day was postponed twice. It is now scheduled for Saturday June 3, from 8:30am to 12:00pm. A signup sheet is available where you can choose your work task. If this date and time is inconvenient, let me know and arrangements can be made to satisfy your schedule. Also, if you have a task preference we can accommodate that also.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for improving the building/maintenance program, please let me know.

HAVE A NICE SUMMER.

...from Bruce Kilgore – Fellowship Trustee

Muchas Gracias to all who filled in for coffee hour. One category needing attention is social hall/bathroom clean up. Chuck Rhodes has been excellent in helping out in this job. It can be done following coffee hour or later in the week. Ann and Bruce have difficulty with running the sweeper and Kristy is in a support cast. Glenn and Marqua and Karen have also helped in this cleanup task.

Our next covered-dish dinner will be June 25th. See you there.

Bruce

...from Karen Gotter – Pastoral Care Trustee

Bike Ride:

--Remember our monthly bike ride will take place on June 4th! It's the first one of the year, so start stretching and gearing up for it: We will leave from the church and head south towards ice cream in Butler :)

RE-Related:

--The kids will be starting a new curriculum the first Sunday in June: "Busy as Bees". There will be opportunities to lead crafts, outdoor projects, play games, be creative with food, and more! If you have any interest in helping with RE, please (please please please) contact Karen.

--If you have outdoor games or activities that you would be willing to donate for our young'ns, I'd love to have a good inventory for playing outside! I'm thinking frisbees, balls of various sizes, cornhole sets, or other items. Please let Karen know.

--As I think of more things that we could use for RE classes, I will try to put in a request here in the newsletter, or on the Facebook page, so we can use items that our members might already have, or have a better source for, instead of just buying it outright.

--If you have ideas for an adult RE class, I am looking for topics and leaders to schedule! Look for a survey soon, so we can start a session this summer.

...from Brian Moore – Pulpit & Worship Trustee

GREETINGS FROM THE PULPIT CHAIR

A Litany of Unity and Hope

Prophet Muhammad's words about peace and justice.

A Collection of sayings of the Prophet on Nonviolence, Peace, Justice, and Other Subjects compiled from reliable sources by Dr. Hafiz Syed and edited by Kabir Helminski.

- “We acknowledge that we have been tempted to seek only our own good, hear only our own truth, and acknowledge only our own suffering. Let us start along the road to justice and peace by holding the pain of our sisters and brothers as if it were our own. We pray that no more children are lost to indifference and violence.

- We pray for the courage to transform this beautiful planet into a place where people are not tormented by wars and not torn apart in senseless divisions. Together we will find the strength to resist hatred by our caring. Help us remember that it is our hands that shape the earth.

- We pray, without ceasing, that our words become actions that give life the shape of justice.

- Help all persons to be able to not merely see the similarities between all people, but to feel less fear in the differences. If this can be our focus, perhaps our goal may be not for homogeneity, but for a true and joyful diversity.

- Every human life is precious to God and the human community. Each human path of faith is a sacred journey within life.

- We pray for our sisters and brothers who have no sense of safety in their daily lives. We consider the hatred we witness and participate unwittingly in, and we pray for more than fear and tolerance to dominate people's thoughts and motivation in these trying days.”

JUNE PULPIT SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 4

Speaker: James Smolka, Entomologist M.S.

Title: "Challenges to the diversity of life in this modern age"

Leader: Teasha Sargent

Music: Trio Alla Breve

* This is a kid friendly service. *

Sunday, June 11

Speaker: David Schwartz

Title: Science and Spiritualism

Topic: Neither science nor religion can prove the existence of God. However, recently, science has stumbled across the existence of a strange energy force in the universe, dubbed dark energy, because it cannot be seen but can only be deduced from its effect on the universe. Strangely, the characteristics of this energy coincide quite closely to religion's description of God. And, Schwartz theorizes, this energy force could also possibly lead to an after-death existence of humans in a modified form.

Leader: Glenn Myers

Music: Ayesha Fraizer

****Highway Cleanup – Adopt a Highway Program**

Sunday, June 18

Speaker: Dr. Tim M. Berra

Title: "The Biology of the Komodo Dragon, the World's Largest Lizard"

Topic: Dr. Berra, Academy Professor of Evolution, Ecology & Organismal Biology at The Ohio State University, recently retraced the steps of Alfred Russel Wallace, the co-discoverer of natural selection with Charles Darwin, through Wallacea, the region of SE Asia, named after Wallace. Few people visit Komodo Island in Indonesia, the home of the Komodo dragon. Dr. Berra's PowerPoint presentation will include his photographs of this remarkable animal that can reach 11 feet long and 300 pounds. It has a foot-long, yellow, forked tongue with which it smells prey. Its bite can lead to infection, and it was recently discovered to have venom glands. It preys on deer, pigs, water buffalo and even humans.



Leader: Brian Moore

Music: Trio Alla Breve

June 21 – Summer Begins

Sunday, June 25

Potluck & Kenya Coin Collection

Speaker: Pastor William Humphrey

Title & Topic: Being real with racism, a teach-in response to implicit and explicit racism, white privilege and supremacy.

Leader: Reed Richmond

Music: Ayesha Manley

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Ayesha Fraizer– June 6
Brandon Patterson – June 12
Ruth Wachtel – June 15

Pam Mozillo – June 21
Joanne Gillum – June 29

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JUST SO YOU KNOW

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10:30 AM

SPEAKERS FOR JUNE

June 4: James Smolka
June 11: David Schwartz

June 18: Dr. Tim M. Berra
June 25: Pastor William Humphrey

JUNE EVENTS

Church Work day – Saturday, June 3 @ 8:30 am- noon

“Busy as Bees” Children’s RE begins – Sunday, June 4

Annual Business Meeting and Elections – Sunday, June 4, Following the Service

Bike Ride – Sunday, June 4, After Coffee Hour on bike trail

Interfaith Racial Justice Group: Overcoming Racism Course –Wednesday, June 7 @ 6:30- 8 pm at the Kenyon College Wright Center, downtown Mt. Vernon

Highway Cleanup - Sunday, June 11, After Coffee Hour

Midsummer Spiritual Walk Pagan Gathering – Saturday, June 17 @ 6 – 9 pm

Board Meeting - Sunday, June 18 @ 9:00 am

Kenya Coin Collection – Sunday, June 25

Potluck – Sunday, June 25, Following the Service

Questions for Your Answers Discussion & Breakfast – Wednesday, June 28 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans on Hanley Rd.

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