

ALL SOULS JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Friends,

June is upon us: The time of celebration and summer! We will be having so many summer events and opportunities. I encourage everyone to find at least one event to be apart. But, I am also asking that you invite someone from our church to accompany you to one event. We have so many people who just need to be asked to come out and have fun. Fellowship through the Bazaar, food prep, farmers markets, nature events and drum circles-- these are great ways to get to know new people.

I also want to ask you to bring an outside friend to a worship service - on Sunday mornings, or with our Buddhist group on Monday evenings or our Earth-based group on the Summer Solstice.

Have a wonderful and beautiful June. Let the sun warm up your skin and your soul. And let friendship warm your heart.

*In Peace,
Pastor Will*

Pagan and Earth Based Spirituality

Many UUs draw inspiration from the cycles of the seasons, the natural world and traditions from indigenous practices, as well as rekindled new interpretations of the old ways.

Unified as UU, we have rallied a few of the traditions of Aboriginal North/South Americans and Europeans. We are open to the old ways of the African, Pacifica/Australian, and Near East and Asian folk traditions as well.

In world view, we vary. Theologically, we vary. In traditions, we vary. But, in practice and intentionality we unify.

We find truth in old ways, in the experiences shared, and in the stories told. Our Earth Based Spirituality group at All Souls offers just that, a worship service that is decidedly UU, beginning with calling the four directions, and retelling of myths, drum circles, and meditative practice.

*Peace to all of you,
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 Glenn Myers, President

SEVEN PRINCIPLES

How many principles did you say?
Well, it's seven, one for each and every day.
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.
Justice and equity are hard for some
they say, but
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.
Though accepting others is a challenge
for both straight and for gay,
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.

These principles guide us day by day,
and we're never on our own.
Other kind souls will help us
to have the strength to stand alone.
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.

Although the search for truth
may take forever, and a day.
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.
Some try to keep democracy and conscience
at bay, but
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.
Peace and Justice are denied by many
in the world's foray, but
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.
Respecting the kinship of all is challenged
every day, but
UUs like it and they make things happen that way.

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by Glenn M. Myers

(With a little help from Johnny Cash. He might not like it, but I guess things happen that way.)

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

Average
Attendance: 51

	APRIL	Y-T-D
INCOME		
Pledges	3,272.00	24,344.00
Offerings	571.00	5,804.00
Maintenance Fund	.00	4,390.00
Kenya Coin Collection	145.60	989.43
Rummage Sale	.00	2,166.50
Recycle	.00	46.98
Minister's Discretionary Fund	.00	-400.00
Fundraising Expenses Account	.00	522.31
Sanctuary Renovation Fund	376.34	2,476.34
Sweet Success Fundraiser	124.00	124.00
Other	215.09	437.22
TOTAL	4,704.03*	40,900.78
EXPENSES	2,847.96**	37,215.53
DIFFERENCE	1,856.07	3,685.25

*A monthly income of \$3,645.50 is required in order to meet annual expenses of \$43,746.00.

**Expenses Other than "Usual"

Repair water damage on wall: \$100.00

Stamps for pledge letters: \$37.60

APRIL PLEDGE REPORT

Total Units	31	
Total Pledges	24	
	APRIL	Y-T-D
Amount Pledged	3,226.00	25,062.00
Amount Received	3,272.00	25,093.00
VARIANCE	46.00	31.00

...Treasurer cont.

SWEET SUCCESS FUNDRAISER

34 vouchers were sold with a profit of \$136.00, which will cover the monthly contribution to Women for Women for 4 ½ months.

...from Mike Garber, Finance Trustee

All Souls stewardship and pledge drive is completed. We have received an increase in dollars pledged and members and friends pledging. Thank you! The Finance Committee prepared the 2016-17 budget, which was presented and approved by the Board at the May board meeting.

Our Street Mart sale and lunch will be during the Bellville Annual Garage Sale Weekend. Please check out Renee's and Bruce's articles in this newsletter for details.

Marjorie Smith reports a Stage 2 committee has been formed to focus on marketing the Sun Catchers. CURRENTLY PLANNED: Window display at a Mt. Vernon bookstore this summer, selling through Facebook and Kudos artist studio co-op.

NEEDED: Volunteers to look for display and/or sales venue in Mansfield area. Person to explore credit card sales to access on line sales. Someone to explore craft show sales and dates. If you can help or have any ideas talk to Marjorie Smith.

...from Chuck Rhodes, Building & Maintenance Trustee

Annual maintenance was performed on the two air conditioners. Everything was in good working order and should provide us with a comfortable environment during Sunday services.

A spring work day was held Saturday, May 14. Though the weather was inclement, cold and wet, a lot was accomplished. I want to express my appreciation to the following people who worked so hard to complete the listed projects: Deborah Mattix, Glenn Myers, Melanie Seamen, Fate Christian, Jay Gilbert, Joanne Gillum, Bruce Kilgore, Ann Kilgore, Kristy Mandeville, and Mike Garber. These volunteers completed the following projects: cleaned the nursery, washed the restroom walls, washed kitchen cabinets and countertops, cleaned the refrigerator, washed all the tables and chairs, washed upstairs windows inside and downstairs windows inside and out, vacuumed the pews, washed back vestibule steps and downstairs steps, cleaned and washed around the furnace, and listed and marked all items available for borrowing. Also, Eric Sargent will be checking and cleaning the gutters within the month.

We began at 8:30 and were done by 11:30. That was a group of hard workers. THANKS!

As referred to above, a list has been developed of church items that members may borrow for their personal use. This is in accordance with the procedure recently approved by the Board. All items are marked with an inventory number, and only these items will be available for borrowing. This list of approved items is in the procedure manual. Included is a sign-out sheet that must be completed by anyone borrowing an item. For more specifics on borrowing, you are referred to the BORROWING OF CHURCH EQUIPMENT procedure, or see me.

In June, we will be doing key inventory. This is in accordance with the KEY INVENTORY CONTROL procedure recently adopted by the Board. During the inventory, we will verify key assignment and key numbers. All keys without numbers will be marked with the appropriate number. This process may take some time, but I will try not to inconvenience those effected.

We have a lot of work to do outside.
So, if anyone is interested in helping on a few projects, please see me

...from Art O'Leary, Social Justice/Social Action Trustee

All Souls continues to be active in the local chapter of the NAACP. May's meeting was notable for anger and frustration, with the Mansfield School Board restoring administrative positions, which contribute little to student learning. Also with area law enforcement because of the number of complaints of mistreatment and mistakes related to incarcerations.

We also continue to build our relationship with the local Muslim community - a big shout-out to Chuck for making it to Friday prayers when I was not able to make it.

At the May board meeting we committed to having a booth for both days, July 22 and 23, of the Gay Pride Festival. Mandy is taking the lead on this, and she will need lots of help, so keep this in mind as you make your summer plans. If we all covered the booth for half an hour, we could easily make hundreds of contacts promoting equality, acceptance and diversity.

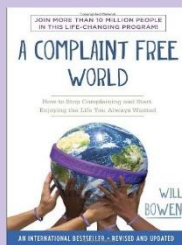
**Peace,
Art**

...from Liz Hanse, Religions Education Committee Chair

CHILDREN'S RE

The kids have had lessons 1 - 12 of the UUA developed curriculum "Love Surrounds Us", which introduces kids to the 7 Principles. Each Principle is assigned a color of the rainbow as we learn it. We've covered the 1st Principle (red) which in youth appropriate language is "We believe each and every person is important". The 2nd Principle (orange) "We believe all people should be treated fairly". The 3rd Principle (yellow) "In our congregations, we accept all people and we learn together". The 4th Principle (green) "We believe each person is free to search for what is true and right in life". The 5th Principle (blue) "Everyone deserves a say about the things that concern them". And the 6th Principle (indigo) "We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world". Each principle is studied for two weeks, using stories, songs, crafts and role play activities. We've been having a lot of fun during class and learning a lot (both the students and teachers)!

ADULT RE



We'll take a short summer break over the two Sundays of Memorial Day (May 29 & June 5), and get going again on June 12 at 9:00 am with a book club meeting featuring Will Bowen's "A Complaint Free World". We are out of books at church. I'll order a few more and plan to get them to church ASAP! If you haven't started your 21 day complaint free challenge by the meeting date, you can start with the group that day. The group will plan to meet one more time in July to discuss challenges, minor successes, and dealing with others' complaints.

...from Renee Maginniss, Secretary

This year, we will participate on **Saturday, June 18**, in the
Bellville Village Wide Garage Sale.

We need your donations and help for this important event,
which benefits all our activities at All Souls.

Please fill a box with

GREAT STUFF like

Furniture, jewelry, small appliances & china;
Tablecloths, linens, quilts, and placemats; CD's, record albums, tapes
& 45's; silverware, platters, tools & garden equipment; bicycles,
hats, purses, belts & suitcases; books, vases and stuff on shelves,
like cups & saucers, bowls and glassware.

Craft & Sewing supplies including paints, brushes, canvases,
fabrics, threads, sewing machines, yarns

House plants (we will even take fake ones), garden plants,
and extra tools you no longer use.

Don't forget puzzles, board games (& hand held), playing cards &
Sports stuff like basket & soccer balls, yard games, and racquets for tennis & badminton

It might be time to part with the extra electronics & printers put into storage,
the wearables that have filled your current & extra closets, and the things in your garage you think you still
need.

A special area will be a part of our larger Bazaar and have the name

Retro & Collectibles Bazaar

One of a kind or "copies" - from any era and any style,
including Art Deco, Craftsman, Victorian, etc.

Limited Edition Stained Glass Sun Catchers, original Fine Art & Fine Craft including paintings,
collage, pottery, ceramics & handmade cards. Artifacts, Antiques, Handcrafted, Collected - all are welcome in
this section.

Can you bring something you have made or treasured? Did you receive a hand crafted gift that is no longer your
style? A hand painted scarf, an abstract painting,
or a fragile goblet much too fancy?

Collector plates and tea pots, International Artifacts, Batik fabrics,
First Edition Books, Metal ware,
Sculpture of all kinds: wood, metal, marble, mix media, repurposed, etc.
Vintage and Antique jewelry

Limited Edition and Commemorative Anything.

(Maybe I will part with my Nancy Drew books.)

. Rekindle the interests of others by bringing in a collection
that has been long forgotten in a closet or attic. Stamps, rocks, butterflies, beetles, etc.

We appreciate all donations to be clean in fair to good condition.

Thanking all in advance.

NEED A PICK UP before June 18? CALL 419-756-2841 LEAVE MESSAGE

...from Brian Moore, Pulpit & Worship Trustee

Greetings from the Pulpit Chair

God Sends Rain on the Righteous and the Unrighteous - 3 lessons on "Rain" and being "Impartial"

1. Living Impartially – The 5th verse of the Tao Te Ching

Heaven and earth are impartial; they see the 10,000 things as straw dogs.
The sage is not sentimental; he treats all his people as straw dogs.
The sage is like heaven and earth: To him none are especially dear,
nor is there anyone he disfavors.
He gives and gives, without condition, offering his treasure to everyone.
Between heaven and earth is a space like a bellows;
empty and inexhaustible, the more it is used, the more it produces.
Hold on to the center. Man was made to sit quietly and find truth within.

2. God's Rain

"God sends rain on the just and the unjust." I have often heard this Bible verse quoted. It is almost always quoted out of context and completely misinterpreted. Rain is interpreted as trouble and trials. This verse is often used to explain why good people have to face trials.

Many people think of rain as bad because it interferes with picnics and outdoor activities. But Jesus spoke those words to mostly farmers living in a land with low rainfall. They depended on rain to make their crops yield a harvest. Their food supply depended on rain. To them, rain was a picture of God's blessing.

The context of the following verse makes it clear that Jesus gives rain as an example of the way God sends blessings on everyone, both good and bad.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (Matthew 5:43)

3. The Rain Song--- Led Zeppelin

This is the springtime of my loving - the second season I am to know
You are the sunlight in my growing - so little warmth I've felt before
It isn't hard to feel me glowing - I watched the fire that grew so low
It is the summer of my smiles - flee from me Keepers of the Gloom
Speak to me only with your eyes. It is to you I give this tune
Ain't so hard to recognize - These things are clear to all from Time to time

I've felt the coldness of my winter
I never thought it would ever go. I cursed the gloom that set upon us...
But I know that I love you so
These are the seasons of emotion and like the winds they rise and fall
This is the wonder of devotion - I see the torch we all must hold
This is the mystery of the quotient - Upon us all a little rain must fall

In conclusion: Offer your treasure to "EVERYONE". And stay in harmony with the impartial essence of the Tao in all of your thoughts and all of your behaviors.

...Pulpit & Worship cont.

June Pulpit Schedule

June 5

Speaker: Leona Smith

Title: "Discovering Your Worth"

Topic: I plan to share a bit about my past growing up in poverty and how that contributed to the thought process that I was not a valuable member of society. I will explain how later coming to work for an agency that was more focused on my assets rather than my deficits allowed me to tap into my own abilities and discover my worth. I will also explain how NECIC does that through our community economic development work.

Leader: Cheryl Church **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DAY

June 12

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Title: "PSYCHOLOGY AND A COURSE IN MIRACLES – A NEW PATH OF SPIRITUAL PRACTICE"

Topic: What is "A COURSE IN MIRACLES?" (ACIM) It is a spiritual path. What does it have to do with Psychology? Everything! The prominence of Perceptual Psychology in Behavioral Science had its beginning in the 1960s. This occurred at the same time that two Columbia University Psychology professors received corrective truth messages of recorded and fraudulent religion. "A Course in Miracles" was born at that time. This document (A Course in Miracles) substantiated what we now know about Quantum Physics, Near Death Experiences, Past Life Experiences, Behavioral Psychology, and the messages of Spiritual Masters of the past. This is a spiritual path that is not favored by traditional, evangelical, and fundamentalist groups who continue to seek power and control over the minds and behaviors of people everywhere. ACIM is a personal metaphysical path and a path of personal responsibility and exceptional peace. This is an opportunity to learn everything you may have wanted to know about ACIM but might have been reluctant to ask.

Leader: Reed Richmond **Music:** Ayesha Manley

June 19

Speaker: Christopher Reynolds

Title: "Father's Day: A Journey out of Patriarchy Home to the Sacred Masculine."

Topic: How do we discern between patriarchy and the sacred masculine?

They are not the same. Patriarchy can be as damaging to men as it is to women and transgendered persons. Through songs and stories, this is a personal account of the intergenerational effort that goes into making a transition out of patriarchal ways of superiority into a mutually beneficial way of sacred masculine relationship with the sacred feminine and all our relations. Come celebrate Fathers' Day in a new, unexpected way.

Leader: Joan Richmond **Music:** Trio Alla Breve

FATHER'S DAY

June 20 – Summer Begins

...Pulpit & Worship cont.

June 26

Speaker: Pastor William Humphrey

Title: "UU Emergent Theologies"

Topic: We will explore aspects of the living tradition of human wisdom and spirituality, drawn of science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

Leader: Teasha Sargent **Music:** Ayesha Manley

Kenya Coin Collection & Potluck

Tao Bridge @ Old Bag of Nails 6p – 8p on the Patio

Peace, Love and Namaste to All Souls

...from Bruce Kilgore, Fellowship Trustee

Snacks have been extra good in the past weeks and months. The next potluck will be June 26.

The roasters, coffee pots, big Igloo drink coolers and the two warming trays are numbered and will be cataloged for members to borrow these items.

Saturday, June 18, is the date for the Bazaar. Items needed are salads, hot dog and round buns, a few desserts (homemade) and monetary donations to use for meat and noodles. I will have a sign-up sheet for those items and for help in the kitchen the day of the Bazaar. A few things that can be done in advance are wrap silverware and plastic ware (for carry-outs), table set-up and bathroom cleaning.

Thank you to everyone who has helped for coffee hour. Please check the list on the refrigerator. Some Sundays need social room and bathroom cleaners.

Pagan and Earth Based Spirituality "Summer Solstice"

Potluck and Service begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 24, at the home of Paula Sauder. We will have a bonfire and fellowship time. People are welcome to use the pool or the teepee. Drinks are welcome, but please bring your own. Any questions, contact Paula at sauderpaula@gmail.com.



Living Lotus Zen Sangha June Schedule

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, June 13: 6:30pm - 8:00 pm

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

Sangha members and friends are invited for coffee and informal discussion over a case in this Zen book.

Books: "The Gateless Barrier" by Robert Aitken 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" - "Case #12- Jui-yen Calls 'Master', (page 80-87)

"THE HIDDEN LAMP" - TBA

NEED NOT TO HAVE ATTENDED PREVIOUS SESSIONS TO jump in!

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



SITTING & SERVICE

Monday, June 27 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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/need to sit.

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

Schedule

6pm-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

Brief Beginner's guide to Zazen & Kinhin:

<http://global.sotozen-net.or.jp/eng/practice/zazen/howto/index.html>

For more info, find us on Facebook or visit our webpage, and request to be added to our monthly newsletter.

In gassho,
Jacqueline Moore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Ayesha Manley – June 26

Joanne Gillum – June 29

.....clip and save.....

JUST SO YOU KNOW

SPEAKERS FOR JUNE

June 5: Leona Smith

June 19: Christopher Reynolds

June 12: Dr. Walter Kania

June 26: William Humphrey

JUNE EVENTS

Children’s RE: “Love Surrounds Us” – Sunday, June 5 During the Service

General Congregational Meeting – Sunday, June 5 Following the Service

Highway Clean-Up – Sunday, June 5 Following Coffee Hour

Adult RE: “A Complaint Free World” – Sunday, June 12 @ 9:00 am

Children’s RE: “Love Surrounds Us” – Sunday, June 12 During the Service

Buddhist Book Discussion “The Gateless Barrier” & “The Hidden Lamp” - Monday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm
at Relax, It’s Just Coffee

Summer Bazaar & Luncheon – Saturday, June 18

Father’s Day – Sunday, June 19

Board Meeting - Sunday, June 19 @ 9:00 am

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Children’s RE: “Love Surrounds Us” – Sunday, June 26 During the Service

Kenya Coin Collection & Potluck - Sunday, June 26

Living Lotus Zen Sangha – Monday, June 27 @ 6:30 pm

Questions for Your Answers Discussion & Breakfast - Wednesday, June 29 @ 10:00 am at Bob Evans-Hanley Rd.

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