

ALL SOULS NEWSLETTER

NEW YEAR NEW GOALS Rev. Karen Bruno

As I think about my next 9 months at All Souls, (I am on this school year schedule for a while longer), I have a few goals in mind.....

1. organize a Task Force to discuss the future of All Souls
2. find a way to pay for new chairs for the Fellowship Hall! (my 'pet' project)
3. offer a monthly "All Souls 101 or 201" through May 2015
4. work with the newly organized board in their new roles
5. offer a workshop on End of Life decisions, when we actually write it out for others to have when needed
6. continue to offer pastoral care for life changing events and crisis moments

in more detail.....

Task Force: I would like to start a Task Force made up of old and new members and also regular visitors. The group would meet 4 to 6 times over the next 9 months, as determined by the group. The 'task' is to discuss the future of All Souls. Where are we going? Who do we want to be? How large do we want to be? What should be our focus? And do we want a minister in the future or function independently?

Anyone interested in participating in this Task Force please let me know! The first meeting will be sometime in late September. I will do my best to select a diverse group.

Fellowship Hall: Our attendance to church and coffee hour has been growing, and we need to find a way to comfortably seat 40 to 50 people downstairs. (I did say comfortably.) I will be doing some research on costs and, if the board approves, I will be working on creative ways to raise money to pay for a "Fellowship Hall Makeover".

All Souls 101 and 201: Alternating months on the first Sunday. These are explained in the weekly bulletin but, for those who have not been to church recently, here goes.... **"All Souls 101"**: If you have not had a chance to get to know your minister yet, get acquainted and ask her all of the religion and spirituality questions about which you have been wondering. Please join Rev. Karen Bruno, following coffee hour, for lunch @ Brumby's (self-pay). And **"All Souls 201"**: Considering joining our church? Just want to learn more about our history and current and future visions? Please join Rev. Karen Bruno, following coffee hour, for lunch @ Brumby's (compliments of All Souls).

"WE TAKE INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY SERIOUSLY"

Working with the Board: Well, actually, this is the easiest task around. Your Board is strong and motivated! They are embracing their new roles and getting busy working at their various duties. Please support them as they request assistance with special events!

End of Life Decisions: I will be putting together a presentation on end of life decisions and funeral planning. This will be something that is actual decision making and documenting, not just talking. Watch for this later this year.

Pastoral Care: Judy Shaffer and I are ready to serve and support. Please remember to let Judy know if you hear of someone who is struggling with illness or life changes (including yourself).

If you are concerned about a member in any way, please let her know. **Judy** will send cards to visitors, shut-ins and those experiencing illness or loss. Judy is looking for assistance in follow-up calls to visitors, visiting shut-ins, and just general check-ins with members and visitors on Sundays and occasional phone calls or visits.

Some Topics/Reasons You Might Contact Me: Significant life changes: divorce, serious illness, hospitalization, surgery, a close friend or family member dies or is hospitalized, you are experiencing some kind of loss, stress or minor mental health concern or you are spiritually or emotionally searching and want a listening ear.

This is going to be a great year! Come join the movement: leaning forward!

MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

...from Glenn Myers, President

Growth is Good

A church, or any other organization, must grow in order to maintain its current status. This is because of natural attrition, the need for adaptive changes to keep up with the times and complacency of its members. It's basically grow or die. Which is it for All Souls UU Church of Bellville?

Your Board of 12 members is committed to promoting the life of our church, but the answer to the above question ultimately depends on you, the members of the Congregation.

All Souls needs to grow beyond maintaining the status quo, our church must grow in numbers. It's true we have a wonderful group of members and friends, but our smallness limits the execution of some of our Seven Principles: Social Actions, Religious Education and Environmental Projects.

It is a given that we need to increase the income of All Souls, but there are other advantages in membership growth.

When a new member joins us, we gain a friend who brings his/her special interests, talents and knowledge to our mix. Therefore, our Unitarian Universalist covenant grows with the addition of each new soul.

So, let us shine our beacon for those who are outside our church doors but are aligned with the Seven Principles of the UU Church. We welcome them to join us.

...from Renie Maginniss, Secretary

As secretary of the Board of Trustees, I take notes and prepare minutes at the monthly Board Meetings. After they are approved, hard copies of these minutes will be placed in a notebook, with others from the current year, and will be available for viewing at the church. I will do my best to organize and summarize the business and reports from the officers and trustees of all the happenings at All Souls, and I thank you for entrusting me with this position.

...from Joanne Gillum, Treasurer

JULY 2014 REPORT

Income	\$4,320.01*	Pledges Made	\$2,534.00
Expenses	<u>2,681.60</u>	Pledges Received	<u>2,771.00</u>
Difference	\$1,638.41	Difference	+\$ 237.00

The proceeds from the July rummage sale totaled \$900.50, which is reflected in the income figure above.

* This amount will cover 11.7% of our expected expenses for the new fiscal year, which started July 1st.

...from Mike Garber, Finance Trustee

I am in need of two people to serve on the Financial Committee. We meet quarterly for review of financial reports and treasurer audits and to discuss fundraising and stewardship.

This committee is charged with maintaining and promoting the well-being of All Souls. Please talk to me if you are interested in filling this vacancy.

A major fund raising event is scheduled for November. Do you have any new ideas that might pump some additional interest into this? If so, let's talk.

...from Bruce Kilgore, Fellowship Trustee

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals at Meadow Rise Farm on Sunday, August 31. Please bring a covered dish, your own drinks and table service.

Don't forget to bring your Garden Goodies for the church's club table display at the Bellville Fair: fruits, flowers, vegetables, herbs, small potted plants, home canned goods and dried produce are needed. The table is to be in place by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 10.

September's pot luck is Sunday, September 28. Let's have a Taco Bar! I will have a sign-up sheet for ingredients. The church will furnish taco meat.

Thank you to all who have signed up for snacks and cleaning duties.

...from Reed Richmond, Social Action Trustee

Join the Social Action/Social Justice Discussion Group at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2. This will be the first of our monthly meetings (on first Tuesdays).

I will mention some plans I have, but the group needs your input on what you'd like to see the church do in Social Action. We will try to keep the meeting under one hour.

GODZILLA VISITS ALL SOULS

Godzilla is coming to Bellville!

September 4 at 7:30 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Bellville will show the original movie version of Godzilla.

We probably all remember Godzilla as one of our favorite B-movie monsters. Few people know that the original 1954 version, released in Japan, was actually a grave warning about the dangers of the nuclear arms race. The Americanized version (the one with Raymond Burr edited in as the visiting U.S. reporter) cut 38 minutes of social commentary from the original, which uses its oversized protagonist to deliver a starkly horrifying message.

The 2014 remake of Godzilla, soon to be out on DVD, may have entertainment value but does little to reinforce the powerful nuclear weapon warning of its original predecessor of 60 years earlier.

The movie is presented free at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Bellville, 25 Church Street (just one block from the St. Rt. 13 and St. Rt. 97 intersection in Bellville). Snacks and drinks provided. Donations are accepted.

...from Chuck Rhodes, Building & Maintenance Trustee

- Pine tree in back of church was removed because it was too big, too old and interfered with the electric lines.
- All Souls entered into an annual preventive maintenance agreement with Baumbarger Heating and Cooling Co. for our 2 furnaces and 2 air conditioners.
- The exterior frames of the stained glass windows are being prepared for painting. The painting may occur this month.
- Preparation of the site for the church sign is on hold. We were notified by the village that the current water line will be replaced with one of a larger diameter. The water line runs under the sidewalk in front of the church. We will receive new sidewalks, including the one recently installed by Eric Hansen.
- Please let me know if you have any concerns or recommendations that involve maintenance or safety, as both are closely related.
- Be safe and walk gently on this earth.

...from Judy Shaffer, Pastoral Care Trustee

PASTORAL CARE DUTIES

Teasha Sprague will be assisting me with the Pastoral Care Duties.
If you cannot reach Judy, please contact Teasha at 440-622-1611.

Please contact Judy Shaffer for the following areas of Pastoral Care:

- coordination of welcome and follow up with visitors
- coordination of cards and visits to shut-ins
- gathering of concerns about members: health, family and individual issues
- organizing a list of members willing to do visits when needed
- coordination of general contact and check-ins with members and friends

Please contact Rev. Karen Bruno for the following areas of Pastoral Care:

- significant life changes: divorce, serious illness, hospitalization, surgery, a close friend or family member dies or is hospitalized
- you are experiencing some kind of loss, stress or minor mental health concern
- you are spiritually or emotionally searching and want a listening ear

...from Liz Hansen, Religious Education Trustee

Religious Education Dates to Remember

Sept. 3 – Oct. 8 (Wednesdays) 6:30 - 8:30 pm: "Speaking Peace: The Art & Science of Compassionate Nonviolent Communication (NVC)" with Lisa Kreischer. For more information see flier on bulletin board in the fellowship hall under the "Religious Education" section. Contact Liz Hansen 614-378-6476 or lizhugenb@hotmail.com for more info or to register.

Sept. 7 - 9 am: Adult Religious Education will begin a 5 session DVD/Discussion course on Islam. We still need a facilitator(s) for this class. Facilitator duties will be to start/stop the DVD and to ask some discussion questions.

Sept. 7 during service: Religious Education for 5-10 year olds. "The Butter Battle Book" by Dr. Seuss. Liz will be sending the lesson plans to the teachers via e-mail in the next few weeks. If you forgot when you signed up to teach, the schedule is posted on the large bulletin board in the fellowship hall under the "Religious Education" section.

Sept. 14 during service: Religious Education for 11-18 year olds. "Popcorn Theology" featuring a discussion of a clip from the movie "Jurassic Park".

Just a reminder, if you have any ideas for Adult Religious Education or would like to facilitate a class, please talk with Liz Hansen!

...from Brian Moore, Pulpit & Worship Trustee

Greetings from the Pulpit Chair! At this time I would like to say we have our speaker and leader schedule complete up to January 4.

We have lots to look forward to in September.

Let's start with **August 31: Blessing of the Animals at Meadow Rise Farm**, always a great day of fellowship that we get to share with our loved ones who always have to stay at home (meaning our pets). Service at 10:30, with a potluck picnic, farm tour and nature walk. Our speaker will be Catherine Stoner, with Rev. Karen Bruno doing the Blessing of the Animals, and the Trio playing our music. But, the fun does not end there, because the next day Jacqueline & I (Brian), will be hosting our **Annual U.U. Labor Day Potluck Party. Monday, September 1 at 1:00 pm**. Please bring a covered dish and drinks to share. Rain or Shine.

Sunday, September 7

Speaker: Rev. Karen Bruno

Leader: Sandy Macpherson

Music: Ayesha Fry on the A.B. Felgemaker Organ

September 8: Living Lotus Zen Sangha 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 14

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania

Leader: Brian Moore

Music: Trio Alle Breve

September 18 – 21: Jijuyu-ji Fall Sesshin open to Living Lotus Sangha - contact Jackie Moore for details

Sunday, September 21

Speaker: Teri Cornell

Leader: Sandy Macpherson

Music: Ayesha Fry on the A.B. Felgemaker Organ

Board Meeting @ 9:00 am

Highway Cleanup after Coffee Hour

September 22: Living Lotus Zen Sangha @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday September 23: Autumn Equinox.....Good Bye Summer, Hello Autumn!

Sunday, September 28

Speaker: Julia Hemeyer

Leader: Joan Richmond

Music: Trio Alle Breve

All Souls U.U. Recycling Day Collection

Kenya Coin Collection

Potluck Coffee Hour

September 30: Living Lotus Zen Sangha FYI

Ben Connelly from the Minnesota Zen Meditation Center will be giving a talk at the Cleveland Buddhist Temple at 7:00 pm about his newly published book, "Inside the Grass Hut". This event is co-sponsored by Jijuyu-ji, the temple, and Shadybrook. The public is welcome to attend.

Namaste



OUR ANNUAL U.U. LABOR DAY POTLUCK PARTY

**Monday, September 1 @ 1:00 pm – Rain or Shine
at the Home of Jacqueline & Brian Moore
3072 St. Rt. 430 – Mansfield, OH
PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH & BYOB**

All Souls U.U. Recycling Collection Day

Sunday, September 28

Please bring your recyclables to the church parking lot.

The truck will be there for collection before and after the service.

Listed below are the main items Milliron accepts. Please keep them sorted by categories.

Aluminum Cans: Please rinse thoroughly

Steel Cans: Please rinse thoroughly and remove labels

Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Materials: Aluminum, Steel, Brass, Copper, Silver, Nickel, Platinum, Pewter, Bronze
Zinc, Die Cast, etc.

Plastic: Please rinse thoroughly and throw away lids. Only plastic bottles and jugs with the recycle emblem stamped on the bottom. #1 PETE – such a pop bottles and #2 HDPE such a laundry products, milk, juice and water jugs.

Newspaper: No books, magazines, phone books or mail

Corrugated Cardboard: No boxboard or chipboard

Office Mix: Please shred if able to do so

Automobile/Forktruck Batteries

PLEASE NO GLASS & PLEASE SEPARATE ALL CATEGORIES

You are welcome to bring recyclables to the Moore's barn prior to the collection date.

Contact: Jackie or Brian Moore at 419-589-7707.

All of the proceeds go to All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

THANK YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Analyssa Kilgore – September 1
Cheryl Kilgore – September 1
Colin Nugent – September 1
Dennis Mizer – September 4

Liz Hansen – September 6
Lana McBride – September 11
Venus Porter – September 17

Nula Hansen – September 19
Jane Price – September 27
LaDonna O’Neal – September 28

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JUST SO YOU KNOW

SPEAKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7: Rev. Karen Bruno
Sept. 14: Dr. Walter Kania
Sept. 21: Teri Cornell
Sept. 28: Julia Heymeyer

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Social Action/Justice Group Discussion: Tuesday, September 2 @ 7:00 pm

Speaking Peace: The Science of Compassionate Nonviolent Communication:

Wednesdays: September 3, 10, 17, 24 and October 1 & 8 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Popcorn & a Movie: The original “Godzilla”: Thursday, September 4 @ 7:30 pm

All Souls 101: Sunday, September 7 @ 12:30 pm at Brumby’s

R.E. Dr. Seuss Curriculum (ages 5-10): Sunday, September 7 during the service

Sangha Sit & Dharma Talk: Monday, September 8 @ 6:30 pm

R.E. Popcorn Theology (ages 11-18): Sunday, September 14 during the service

Board Meeting: Sunday, September 21 @ 9:00 am

Highway Clean-Up Day: Sunday, September 21 following Coffee Hour

Recycling: Sunday, September 28

Pot Luck Taco Bar: Sunday, September 28

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