

Dec. to Jan. 2014

**Upcoming
Speakers & Events**

December 15

Dr. Walter Kania

**December 22*

Holiday Service

December 24

**Christmas Eve
Service, 7 pm**

December 29

Rev. Karen Bruno

January 5

Rev. Karen Bruno

January 12

Michael O'Malley

January 19

Rev. Karen Bruno

**January 26*

Lisa Kreisher

***Whole Church Worship,
Kenya Coins, Potluck Lunch**



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Opening Words & Meditations

Christmas Meditation by Christine C. Robinson

Let us join our hearts and minds together in the spirit of meditation and prayer.

May these moments of quiet lead us to the heart of the season, which is peace.

May we breathe deeply of peace in this quiet place, relax into its warmth, know we are safe here, and let us open our hearts to the evening's story.

Like the wandering couple, may we find that our greatest trials issue forth from our greatest joys.

Like the harried innkeeper, may we find ways to be of help to others.

Like the lumbering beasts, may we be silent witnesses to the unfathomable glory of life.

Like the shepherds on the hill, may we know that we need never be afraid.

Like the journeying wise, may we always have the courage to follow our stars.

Like the angels, may we cry peace to a troubled world.

Holy one, to these prayers for our own transformation we add our prayers for all of those who suffer and grieve this evening. May they find comfort. And we add our prayers for all those involved in war; may they be safe. And may this season of peace and goodwill nudge our world towards its ideals, for then will Christmas truly dawn.

Amen.

Dec. '13 & Jan. '14 Calendar

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

December

18 Wednesday 7 pm Women's Spirituality Group - Holiday Celebration/Meeting

We will meet at Karen Bruno's home in Bellville. Even if you have not had a chance to visit the group yet, please join us for our Holiday celebration. Karen (more likely Chris) will provide non alcoholic beverages. (BYOB if you want something stronger). Please bring a snack to share. Not too much! We will have a short program and then just relax and watch Karen nod off in her hospital bed. (LOL)

22*# Sunday 10:30 am Holiday Service (Christmas hymns, stories, and more) Church Potluck to follow!

Leader: Joan Richmond

24 Tuesday 7 pm Christmas Eve Service (Rev. Karen Bruno will lead the service)

This service brings the values of liberal religion to a celebration of Christmas tradition.

Please bring a canned good, non-perishable food item, or household good or mittens, gloves, or hats for donation during a time designated in the service. Cash will also be accepted. All collections will go to local charities.

29 Sunday 10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: "Changing Behavior or Beliefs"

Leader: Brian Moore

If we have a goal for the new year, how can we achieve it? What is more successful? Changing our actions or our thinking? Of course it involves both, but my experience tells me that behavior sometimes has to come first.

Bio: Karen Bruno is part time pastoral care minister at Bellville All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. She attended Drew Theological School and was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 2002. She also works at Flying Horse Farms, a camp for children with serious illness, in Mount Gilead. She is thrilled to have found two amazing places with which to share her knowledge, experience and to build community. Karen lived in Ohio for her high school and college years and then after many years in Colorado returned in 2011 following her early retirement from Denver Human Services. In addition, Karen has worked as church pastor, hospice chaplain and religious educator. She and her partner live in Bellville.

January

5 Sunday 10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: TBA We will have a new member service on this date

Leader: Reed Richmond

12 Sunday 9 am Board Meeting (all are invited)
10:30 am Michael O'Malley Topic: TBA

Leader: Sandy Macpherson

19 Sunday 10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: TBA

Leader: Joan Richmond

*26 Sunday 10:30 am Lisa Kreisher Topic: TBA

Leader: Brian Moore



Birthdays for late December and January

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| D 17 Mell Wagner | 28 Sandy Macpherson | J 1 Elizabeth Nagel | 22 Bruce Kilgore | 26 Kristy Mandeville |
| 25 CiCi Bartsch | 31 Krista Pirog-Gerhart | 14 Melanie Seaman | 25 Grace Ehrmantraut | 30 Tom Miller |

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Some Church-running items to call to your attention: We mentioned last month that the Board approved the hiring of Shelley Mauk as a part-time (5 hours a week) secretary who will be assigned a number of small tasks to keep information flowing between members and friends and Rev. Bruno.

One of Shelley's new duties will be sending around an attendance list each Sunday. We know that signing in (filling out a clipboard as it goes around) at church may seem like a weird idea, but we need to get an accounting of visitors and friends as well as members so we can go about seeing who is there and who needs contacting by pastoral care. This is a small change that can really help.

I hope everyone has checked out our Facebook page and our web page (<http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org>). If you are not already on our e-mail list (google group), please let Shelley know. Those are the **three best ways** to catch up on the latest with the goings-on at the church.

Christmas Service/Christmas Eve Service: If you saw the calendar you may have noticed that we changed up the holiday services this year. We will have a regular service on December 22 and the church will provide the main dish for the Potluck following that service. Then on Tuesday, December 24, we will have a Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm. During that service, we will take a donation of a canned good or household item as well as mittens and hats for our Christmas donation to a local charity. Cash donations are gratefully accepted as well.

Please Note: We will have a new member service on January 5. See Rev. Bruno if you are interesting in joining church membership on this date.

On a personal note, my Mother is having surgery and I will be out from December 22 to into January. Please contact Brian Moore (VP) if you have a church-related issue. Rev. Karen Bruno will be recovering from knee surgery (done on Dec. 10). Don't miss her shindig on Dec. 18 (see the calendar).

Let me know if there's any way I or a Board Member can assist you. -- Reed Richmond, Board President, 419-631-7912 (cell).

November 2013 Financial Report

Revenue

| | November |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Collections | |
| Rummage Sale | 1,009.50 |
| Open Plate Offering | 393.55 |
| General Fund | 115.00 |
| Pledges | 2,267.00 |
| Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins) | 54.50 |
| Special Income (Winter Harvest) | 340.80 |
| Total | 4,180.35 |

Expenses*

2,563.65
+1,616.70

Expenses this month included \$335 for tuning of the organ. All other expenses were normal monthly expenses.

Average Attendance in November 46

November Pledge Report

| Pledged | Paid | Difference |
|---------|---------|------------|
| \$1,512 | \$2,267 | +755 |

2013-2014 Fiscal Year Total

| Pledged | Paid | Difference |
|---------|---------|------------|
| \$8,808 | \$9,515 | + \$707 |

2013-2014 Pledges

Although the Church pledges were collected in July for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, there is never a deadline for renewing, starting or increasing your pledge for the work of the Church. Please see Mike Garber for more information.

Lay Pastoral Training

January 18, 9:30 to 3 p.m. (leave Bellville at 7:30 a.m. Back by 5) Please join **Rev. Karen** on this one day training in Kirtland Ohio, offered at the East Shore UUA. Even if you do not want to take on a formal role in Pastoral Care, we can all learn how to be better listeners. If you are inspired after the training to work with Rev. K that will be an added bonus. Let's get at least one car load to go! RSVP to Rev. Karen by December 20th. There is a fee, \$30, but the church will pay for those who agree to use the training for the church. Thanks!

Official blurb states:

The training equips a Lay Pastoral Care Team to respond to the pastoral needs of the congregation in support of the minister and when the minister is away from the congregation. The training is a day-long event. Training facilitated by Rev. Mary Grigolia of the Oberlin, Olmsted and Sandusky congregations. \$35/for the first member of your team, \$30/for the 2nd, \$25/for the 3rd.

OMD News

Multicultural Training

The OMD is please to offer Building Capacity for Authentic Diversity on January 11 at the UU Fellowship of Wayne County with Rev. Renee Rutchotzke and Evin Ziemer. This training is for leaders to learn how to build relationships effectivity across differences including ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, gender and more. It is ideal for leaders of congregations who both have racial and ethnic diversity and those who do not. Details and registration available on the OMD website at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/648-diversity>

Interested in Multicultural Congregations?

OMD Growing in Racial and Cultural Equity Team is seeking people interested in helping organize cluster conversations. We're looking for ways to support each other in developing and exploring transformational strategies for building intentionally multicultural UU congregations. We're also seeking people of color interested in a spring gathering of UU's of color. Contact Evin Carvill-Ziemer (eziemer@uua.org) or Samuel Prince (sprince@coloursofliving.com) to get involved.

Looking for Youth Trainings?

There are several youth trainings on the calendar for this year - Becoming a Leader for Jr High Youth is happening in Rocky River on January 11-12. Peer Chaplain Training and a Spirituality Development Conference will be offered in Cleveland at the same time - January 31-February 2. For this one you must choose which training you want to participate in when you register. All these trainings are open to youth and their advisors. Chaplain Training is also open to young adults. For details and registration visit the OMD website events page at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/events/events>

CERG Regional Youth Con

The youth of the Central East Regional Group are planning a youth con for February 14-17, 2014. This is an opportunity to meet others from around the regional and learn about similarities and differences in con structures. For details visit <http://www.cerguua.org/cergevents/545-youthcon.html>

Find it at the CERG On Demand Learning Center

Looking for video or resources from Leadership Day, District Assembly or looking for a class on a topic you need? Check the CERG On Demand Learning Center. Learn at your own pace. New classes include Growth 110: Living in a Spiritual but Not Religious World; Membership 105: Grow Your Congregation with Hospitality Teams; Conflict 101: Meeting Resistance: What Causes Conflict in Our Congregations and How to Deal with it; Conflict 201: Compassion First! Finding the Jackals Without and Within on nonviolent communication. You must register to use the site, but all classes and resources are FREE! <http://www.cerguua.org/moodle>

District Assembly 2014 will take place at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center, Erie, PA March 28-29, 2014 with the Rev. Meg Barnhouse at the keynote speaker. Regionalization will undoubtedly be a topic of discussion. Put this date on your calendar, you won't want to miss it!

Santa Visits All Souls



Not sure if Nula is buying whatever Santa is trying to tell her.



Just when Santa thinks he's made some progress with Alden, he says "Not so fast!"



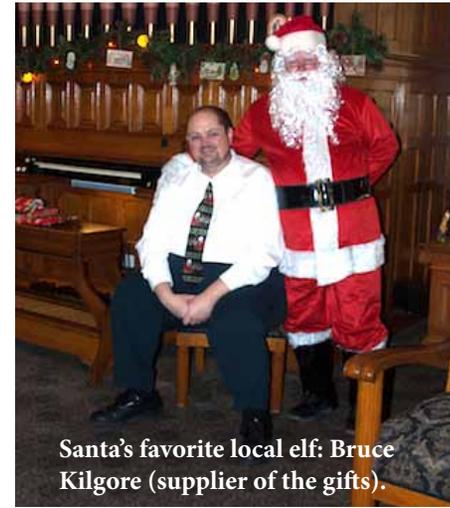
Kaiden looks upward for some gift inspiration.



Avery is waiting for some feedback to make sure he's on the good guy list.



Above: Cole ponders his wish list.
Right: CiCi tell Santa she wants a kitten for Christmas!



Santa's favorite local elf: Bruce Kilgore (supplier of the gifts).



Even Santa gets a gift: a dinosaur velvet art kit. Who knew?



Sylith is thinking hard about presents!



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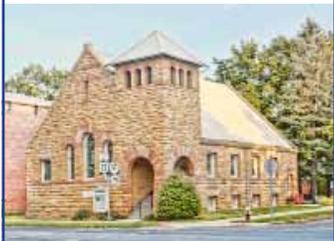
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All Proceeds to
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Next All Souls Recycle Day: Sunday, January 5

Please save and then bring your items for recycling to church. A truck will be there for collection from 10 a.m. - Noon. Below is the list of items Milliron accepts. Please keep them separated by categories:

- ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS: Please rinse thoroughly. • STEEL CANS: Please rinse thoroughly, and remove labels.
- PLASTIC: Please rinse thoroughly, and throw away lids. Only plastic bottles and jugs with the recycle emblem stamped on their bottom: #1 PETE - such as pop bottles (colored and clear) #2 HDPE - such as laundry products, milk, juice, and water jugs.
- NEWSPAPER: But NO books, magazines, phone books, or mail. • CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: But NO boxboard or chipboard.



Sunday Music

All Souls is fortunate to have many talented musicians playing for Sunday services.

Ayesha Fry plays the historic Felgemaker organ on alternate Sundays.

The Carol Bernhardt trio plays the other Sundays.

Whatever Sunday you visit, music is always a listening pleasure.

Contacting Rev. Karen Bruno

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phone: 419-612-9318

Spirit First Pastoral Care

Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals



Not sure what Quinn asked Santa for Christmas but I'm pretty sure he'll be happy with whatever it is!

ALL SOULS BOARD: *President:* Reed Richmond; *Vice-President:* Brian Moore; *Treasurer:* Chuck Rhodes; *Secretary:* Jenny Bartsch; *Religious Education Chair:* Liz Hansen; *Pulpit Chair:* Joan Richmond; *Trustees:* Cheryl Church, Judy Shaffer, Karen Gotter, Bruce Kilgore

The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;*
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*