

June 2014

**Upcoming
Speakers &
Events**

June 1

Rev. Karen Bruno

June 8

Dr. Walter Kania

Highway Clean-up

June 15

Board Meeting

Thomas Beck

June 22*

Recycle Day

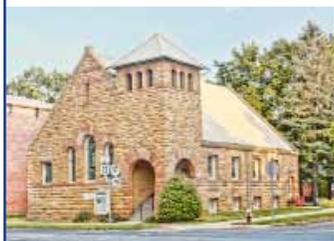
Violetta Chinni

June 29

All Souls

RE Group

***Potluck Lunch
WCW; Kenya Coins**



All Souls UU Newsletter

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Opening Words & Meditations

What Do Unitarian Universalists Believe?

David O. Rankin

1. We believe in the freedom of religious expression. All individuals should be encouraged to develop their own personal theologies, and to present openly their religious opinions without fear of censure or reprisal.
2. We believe in toleration of religious ideas. All religions, in every age and culture, possess not only intrinsic merit, but also potential value for those who have learned the art of listening.
3. We believe in the authority of reason and conscience. The ultimate arbiter in religion is not a church, nor a document, nor an official, but the personal choice and decision of the individual.
4. We believe in the never ending search for truth. If the mind and heart are truly free and open, the revelations that appear to the human spirit are infinitely numerous, eternally fruitful, and wondrously exciting.
5. We believe in the unity of experience. There is no fundamental conflict between faith and knowledge, religion and the world, the sacred and the secular, since they all have their source in the same reality.
6. We believe in the worth and dignity of each human being. All people on earth have an equal claim to life, liberty, and justice- and no idea, ideal, or philosophy is superior to a single human life.
7. We believe in the ethical application of religion. Good works are the natural product of a good faith, the evidence of an inner grace that finds completion in social and community involvement.
8. We believe in the motive the force of love. The governing principle in human relationships is the principle of love, which always seeks the welfare of others and never seeks to hurt or destroy.
9. We believe in the necessity of the democratic process. Records are open to scrutiny, elections are open to members, and ideas are open to criticism- so that people might govern themselves.
10. We believe in the importance of a religious community. The validation of experience requires the confirmation of peers, who provide a critical platform along with a network of mutual support.

June Calendar

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

8 Sunday 10:30 am Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania Topic: "The Power is Within You!"

Although we look outside of ourselves for answers, they always lie within. The one and only thing that heals every problem lies within. It is the power to love ourselves! Take a close look at the tapes that are playing in your mind.

Bio: Dr. Walter Kania is a licensed Clinical and Consulting Psychologist. He holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He has maintained an active Clinical and Consulting practice. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University. He is ordained in the Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), and The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served on the faculties of Texas Christian University, Bethany College, The Ohio State University, and The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University. He is the author of four books, "Healthy Religion," "A Believable Bible," and "A Credible Christianity." His newest book "Psychology and The New Paradigm for Religion, Spirituality Without Sin and Salvation" is scheduled to be available in 2013. He conducts seminars and is a frequent speaker in the fields of Psychology and Religion in Christian and Unitarian Churches.

Highway clean-up immediately following coffee and fellowship for those who signed up

9 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha (see Jackie Moore)

15 Sunday 9 am All Souls Board Meeting (all are invited; all newly elected Board members should attend)

10:30 am Speaker: Thomas Beck Topic: "Why Should I Have Less?"

The first concept in our Seven Principles states: "We ... covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person." Our nation is facing a serious challenge as social and economic inequality increases. During this message, we'll examine the meaning of the phrase "inherent worth and dignity of every person."

Bio: Tom Beck is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron. He and his partner Brian live on a 30-acre farm in Eastern Ohio. Tom is retired from the University of Akron after 35 years of service. Tom has three adult married sons and six grandchildren.

Father's Day Cookout after the service! Bring your own meat to grill out and something to share (salad, dessert, chips and salsa).

22* Sunday All Souls Recycle Day (bring your recycles to the Mid-Ohio Supply truck in the parking lot)

10:30 am Speaker: Violeta Chinni Topic: 'Art & Spirituality: Using Art to Overcome Life Hurdles'

The artist and owner of Niabos Art Gallery, Violeta Chinni, explores the ways to acknowledge our daily struggles while deliberately seeking pieces of art around us to help us cope with life challenges and find the strength to move on. Learn how art can be viewed as a grand gift of our Creator, a fuel for the soul and a way to renew our faith and restore our spiritual connections.

Bio: Violeta Chinni is originally from Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslavia, and was introduced to the world of art at a young age. Her father Djordje Blagojevic was a successful artist in her native Bosnia, who focused on oil painting and various works of mosaics. As a teenager, Chinni attended a specialized high school for architecture in Belgrade, Serbia before moving to France where she studied the art of photography in Lens, Pas-De-Calais. In 1998, Chinni earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and French from Mount Union College. Currently, she is a Marketing Director for Mansfield Memorial Homes in Mansfield. Chinni is also the owner of Niabos Art, an independent exhibition art gallery in downtown Mansfield. The gallery is open to the public for special events and niche exhibits. For more information, please visit www.niabosartgallery.com

29 Sunday 9 am Multigenerational RE "Muhammad: The Story of a Prophet and Reformer"

Glenn Myers will be our facilitator for this three week class.

10:30 am Speaker: All Souls RE Group Topic: "Articulating Our UU Faith"

Bio: In early spring, about a dozen members attended a class led by Joan Richmond, called "Articulating Our UU Faith." At our last class, we planned a church service to share our experience about how we can now respond to people who have questions about being a UU. We hope that you might also come away with a better idea of what your UU church means to you.

**All Souls Whole Church Worship and Kenya Coin Collection. Monthly Potluck Meal to follow the service.*

Birthdays for June

June 5	Jenny Bartsch	19	Rev. Karen Bruno	26	Ayesha Fry
14	Corby Smith	21	Pamela Mozzillo	29	Joanne Gillum



What is Stewardship?

We know homes require a lot of upkeep. And families like to participate in a lot of activities. Our church home and family is no different. For this reason, each year, the Stewardship Committee asks for your help. Stewardship is an ethic of responsibility that sustains something of value. We practice stewardship in a variety of ways – taking care of our facilities, supporting the work of our minister, musicians, and volunteers, keeping our commitment to the UUA/district, and practicing social action in our communities. Financial support is one way we practice stewardship, and at All Souls of Bellville, we pledge our financial support as a way of promising to help remain a sustainable community.

It is only through pledge contributions that we keep our doors open, provide fair and just incomes for our minister, secretary, and musicians, maintain our facilities, run our programs, keep our doors open. By promising to make a financial commitment, we can best create a budget that reflects our future and who we want to be.

Every year our members meet in June and pass a balanced budget. This is our opportunity as members to ensure our spending is in line with our values and goals. Our 2012-13 budget was \$31,297, down about \$500 from last year. Given that our official membership as of May 2014 is 44, that means that we need an average of about \$710 per member per year. Now, of course, not everyone has to give at that level. Some already give more, some less, and that's how we end up at that \$31,297 number. But it gives you an idea of the average required to cover our costs.

In addition to normal operating expenses, we are also facing some needs this year, including fixing cracks in the sanctuary plaster, augmenting lighting in the basement/fellowship hall, doing window repair, and erecting a new sign out front. We also love our music, but we want to pay our musicians fair compensation for their work and talent, a part of our budget that we very much want to maintain.

Is there a right amount for each member to give? We simply ask that you make your own monetary pledge as generous and realistic as you can.

Your pledge is kept strictly confidential and the Board only knows what our aggregate pledges are in order to create a responsible budget to present to the congregation for approval. Thank You!

2014-15 Pledge Form for church year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

We pledge to support the church for the coming year, contributing this gift of \$_____

- _____ weekly
- _____ monthly
- _____ quarterly
- _____ yearly

We understand that we will not be reminded about our pledge status beyond a quarterly statement. If we need or want to do so, we may contact the pledge manager, Mike Garber, and let him know of any change of plans.

Signature

Date

Please return this form by the June 1 annual meeting. You can give it to Mike at church or mail it to him at the church address. *Pledges are confidential.*

NOTES FROM THE PREZ

Since our last Newsletter, the congregation approved a re-organization of the church by-laws and then voted for a new slate of officers. Here's what your Board will look like starting in July, 2014:

President: Glenn Myers; Vice President: Brian Moore; Board Secretary: Renie Maginniss; Treasurer: Joann Gillum. Trustees will be as follows: Finance: Mike Garber; Building & Maintenance: Chuck Rhodes; Religious Education: Liz Hansen; Fellowship: Bruce Kilgore; Pastoral Care: Judy Shaffer; Social Action: Reed Richmond. Two trustee positions are unfilled: Pulpit & Worship and Advertsing and Growth. We very much need to fill the Pulpit position soon, even though speakers are covered into December.

Please mark your calendar for the Rummage Sale and Church Lunch and Bake Sale on July 12. This is a big fundraiser for us and will need everyone to help and contribute food and items for the rummage.

If you have not talked with Shelley (pastoral care secretary) please see her for updates and other information and get her any updates or changes you need to report, including concerns that Rev. Karen Bruno should know about.

Last: This is the final newsletter that Reed Richmond will be doing. The Board will discuss assigning this task to someone else or simply no longer doing one. We'd like your input as well. And if you need to reach the new Board President, Glenn's number is 740-501-5990.

LIVING LOTUS SANGHA

Based on discussion and feedback, due to recent attendance -- for the Summer only-- Living Lotus Sangha will move back to only having a sitting/dharma talk only on the 2nd Monday of the month, same time and place as usual.

The 4th monday of the month sittings are canceled through August.

We will be working on options for offering weekly practice options beginning in Fall. Additionally, the Intro to meditation class will continue throughout the summer on the NC State/OSU-Mansifeld campus. Details being worked out - more soon!

Thank you, *Jackie Moore*

FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT

Following the service on June 15 we will have a Father's Day cookout. There will be a couple of grills fired up outside for hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring your own meat to grill and your favorite beverage. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share: this can be chips and dips, salads or desserts.

Honor your Dad by burning some meat just like he used to!

This is one of those last second, loosely-organized things, so the details may change!

April 2014 Financial Report

Revenue	April
Recycle	\$65.36
Open Plate Offering	693.00
Pledges	2,153.00
Mission Offering	64.00
Special Services Income	100.00
Total	3,075.36
Expenses*	\$2,135.86
	+ \$939.50

Through April, our average weekly expenses are \$481.82 and our average weekly revenue is \$494.86. Thanks to all who contribute. Average Attendance in April: 50; Average for the Year: 44.

April Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,492	\$2,153	+ \$661

May Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,492	\$1,867	+ \$375

2013-2014 Fiscal Year to Date

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$19,814	\$20,789	+ \$975

2014-2015 Pledges

Church stewardship drive is ongoing. We are collecting pledges for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Please see Mike Garber for more information.

Multi-Generational Religious Education

This Summer, we'll have a multigenerational Religious Education program which will use the book “ *Muhammad: The Story of a Prophet and Reformer*” by Sarah Conover. Although the book was written for ages 12 and up, it is suitable as a read aloud for ages 10 and up. For this three session program, we will use the Discussion Guide created by the UUA. Glenn Myers will be facilitating the three sessions starting June 29. We'll have books available for purchase in the next month, if you need to borrow a book due to financial hardship, please talk with Liz. From the UUA website:

“Readers of the book, *Muhammad*, encounter a man very different from the figure often presented in Western popular culture. Conover, co-author of *Ayat Jamilah: Beautiful Signs: A Treasury of Islamic Wisdom for Children and Parents*, draws from biographies, the Quran, and hadith (Muslim tradition). She relates the story of a radical prophet who challenged the rich and powerful, guided his community of followers through a dangerous time of persecution and exile, formed alliances with people of different beliefs, and preached that one should ‘love for humanity what you love for yourself’.”

ALL SOULS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

For June 8th - After Coffee Hour

4 Teams of 4 People = 16 Volunteers needed to cover 4 Sections

2 Baggers & 2 Pickers - 1 team on Trash & 1 team on Recyclables

* Please Note: Clean Recyclables only - if it stinks or is nasty throw it in the trash. Recyclables include Steel & Non-Ferrous Metals, Aluminum Cans, 1&2 Plastics Only. NO GLASS.

TEAM A - Hang Traffic Control Sign. Park at the Fire Station

Pick up trash South to Liberty Lawn Care or Darr Events sign. Return on the opposite side, and pick up trash North back to the Fire Station.

TEAM B - Park at the 1st White Barn on the east-side

Pick up trash North to the Darr Events sign.

Return on the opposite side, and pick up trash South back to the 1st White Barn parking.

TEAM C - Park at the 2nd White Barn on the east-side

Pick up trash North to the 1st White Barn.

Return on the opposite side, and pick up trash South back to the 2nd White Barn parking.

TEAM D - Hang Traffic Control Sign.

Park by Pond on the west-side off of Ross Rd., pick up trash North to the White Barn.

Return on the opposite side, and pick up trash South back to Ross Rd parking.

Thanks to Brian Moore for organizing this.

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RE at 9 a.m.
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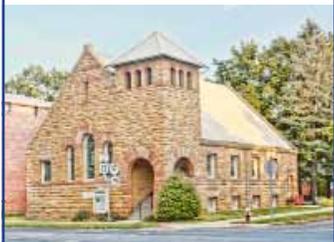
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All Proceeds to
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Next All Souls Recycle Day: Sunday, June 22

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. WE DO NOT TAKE GLASS!



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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Spirit First Pastoral Care: Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals

Requests for Pastoral Care or Church Concerns, please consider contacting first a member of the Committee on Ministry: Cheryl Church (740-501-0626); Ann Kilgore (419-961-6870); Brian Moore (419-589-7707); or Doug Wilson (419) 756-3529.

ALL SOULS BOARD (starting in July): *President:* Glenn Myers; *Vice-President:* Brian Moore; *Treasurer:* Joann Gillum; *Secretary:* Renie Maginniss; *Trustees* Liz Hansen; Judy Shaffer, Chuck Rhodes, Bruce Kilgore, Reed Richmond, Mike Garber. Church Secretary: Shelley Mauk.

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.