

**April
2013**

**Upcoming
Sunday
Speakers/Events**

April 7

**Rev. Karen Bruno
Team Meetings
Highway Cleanup**

April 14

**Board Meeting, 9 am
John Gardner**

April 21

Dr. Walter Kania

**April 28*

**Bob Mulkins
Church Potluck**

****Whole Church Worship
& Kenya Coin Collection***



The All Souls Reporter

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Opening Words & Meditations

On Stewardship - Rev. Karen Bruno

This is Stewardship month at All Souls. It is also the month when we celebrate Earth day. In my talk on April 7, I shared some thoughts about all the different ways that we are 'stewards'. We are given gifts and resources to care for.

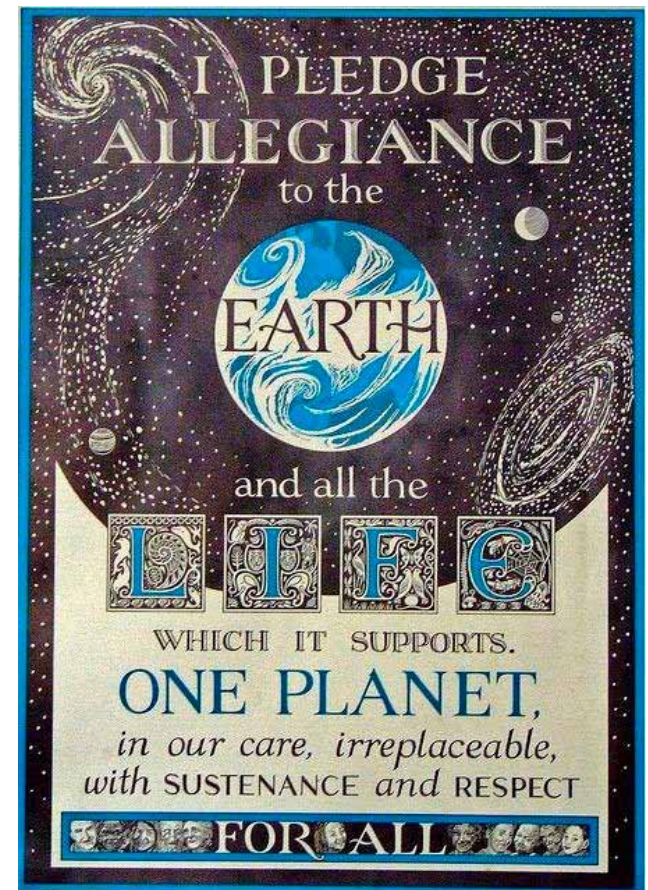
Of course we set a high priority on Stewardship of the Earth, it is one of a kind (or at least the only one we can get to). Many of us recycle, reduce and reuse. There is still so much more we can do.

We are also stewards of our community. We can be conscientious about helping our neighbor, being involved in local events and decision making. We might help those in challenging situations to better their lives. We DO have highway cleanup, which is an important part of caring for our community. But there is still so much more we can do.

And we are stewards of our church. We have a special gift in the building that has been handed down to us and we have a responsibility to see that it is here for the next generation of free thinkers.

During this month you will be asked to pledge time and financial support to your church community. Please consider what you can do to support this very special and important place.

Like I said in my talk, I love this church for the building, the people, and the vision it has for a better world. Let us take this sacred trust seriously and enthusiastically as we move forward as a church family.



April Calendar

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

April

7 **Sunday** 10:30 am **Rev. Karen Bruno** **Topic: Stewardship**

Stewardship: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. How are we doing on our stewardship of the earth? At Home? At Church? In our community?

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 Mansfield.

Team meetings and highway clean-up after the service and coffee and conversation.

8 Monday 6:30 pm Sangha meetings for Living Lotus

9 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Spirituality for Today"

13 Saturday 9 am-Noon *Annual Spring clean-up. Lots of easy clean-up assignments. Donuts and coffee to start; daycare provided; pizza after we are finished. The more the quicker for this very important day.*

14 **Sunday** 9 am **Board Meeting (all are invited)**
10:30 am **John Gardner** **Topic: "In Search of Certainty"**

Unitarians are generally comfortable with a certain level of ambiguity when it comes to religious questions. With the wider culture becoming ever more vocal in its certainty about such matters, where can we look for a similar level of confidence?

Bio: John Gardner was born and raised in Berea, Ohio, and graduated from The College of Wooster (not too far from Bellville). He has two Masters from Case Western Reserve, one in English, the other in Library Science. He has taught at Philips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and at Lake Erie College in Painesville. He served as Associate Librarian at Lake Erie, and for 17 years was the Director of Morley Library, the public library in Painesville. In retirement John has pursued his passion for world travel, especially to some of the most remote islands in the world, including all 7 continents and more than 100 countries, as well as gardening, bicycling, walking, cooking and entertaining, and always, reading.

16 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Women Who Care"

20 Saturday 3:30 pm Family fUUn Night at the Richland Carrousel Park (downtown Mansfield)

21 **Sunday** 9 am "Ethics for UUs" -- Adult Religious Education Class (final of series)

10:30 am **Dr. Walter Kania** **Topic: TBA**

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.

22 Monday 6:30 pm Sangha meetings for Living Lotus

23 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support and Discussion Groups: "Being Liberal in a Conservative Place"

28* **Sunday** 9 am "Low Impact May: Consumption" -- Adult Religious Education Class (first of series)

10:30 am **Bob Mulkins** **Topic: Spirit**

Spirit, spirituality, are all about mystery, awe and wonder, but all of these things are experienced in our day-to-day living, in just being human. For some, spirituality is inextricably linked to the supernatural, but that is only one world view. There is a "road less traveled" and I invite you to explore it with me.

Bio: Bob is retired from the graphic arts and lives with his wife of 41 years, Fran. They have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. He has been a member of the Olmsted UU Congregation since 1968 and is on the executive board of the Cleveland Astronomical Society.

As part of "Low Impact May" there will be a viewing of the movie "No Impact Man" after the Church Potluck supper.

*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection/Church Potluck



Birthdays for April

4	Walter Kania	21	Joan Rader
20	Teasha Sprague	28	LD Ball

March 2013 Financial Report

Revenue

Collections

Open Plate Offering	\$485.00
Pledges	1,380.00
Recycle	34.85
Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins)	81.50

Total 1,981.35

Expenses 2,200.98

- 219.63

Average Attendance in March: 50 (five weeks; high of 65)

There were no unusual expenses for March. There were five Sundays.

March Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,767	\$1380	- \$387 (- 21.3%)

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$14,679	\$15,208	+\$529 (+3.5%)

2012-2013 Pledges Received

18 Units 26 Members \$20,004

One pledge withdrawn beginning in February

You can make or increase your pledge for the 2012-2013 fiscal year at any time. Please see Mike Garber for more information.

Monthly and Fiscal Year financial reports are from Treasurer Chuck Rhodes. Please see Chuck if you have any questions. The Pledge report is done by Pledge Chair Mike Garber.

Support/Discussion Groups Continuing

Topic for support and discussion groups were voted on over the last two weeks and these are the topics selected. All Groups are on Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:15 pm at the church. Rev. Karen Bruno will be there to facilitate but not lead the groups.

April 2, May 7

Loved Ones with Addictions or Mental Illness

We just about all know someone with these challenges. How do we help and when is it time to walk away? Let us offer each other support on this difficult journey.

April 9, May 14

Spirituality for Today

Wondering what it means to be spiritual? Or wondering how to stay centered in your daily life? Let's gather and share ideas. We can practice meditation or share spiritual readings we have found helpful.

April 16, May 21

Women who Care

As women we are often still put into the role of care giver. It might be for young children or adult children, it might be for friends or neighbors, it might be for family members. This group will gather to share our journeys as caregivers, the ups and downs of that 'job'. We will provide each other support.

April 23, May 28

Being Liberal in a Conservative place

Ever think that you want to speak up when you overhear a conversation at work or at the grocery store that shows the conservative values prominent in this area? Wonder what it would be like to live in a place where the liberals are in the majority? Just want a place to feel safe saying what you believe? Join us for a conversation on how to survive being a liberal in Mid-Ohio!

After three months we will evaluate the needs of each group, and make plans for restarting/or trying new topics in Late Summer.

Religious Education

The current Adult Religious Education Class “Ethics for UUs” will have their final class on Sunday, April 21st at 9 am.

“Low Impact May” will be a celebration of Earth Day (lasting the entire month of May). We’ll have many activities to learn how to reduce our environmental impact. The inspiration for this came from the book/movie “No Impact Man” which chronicles the adventures of a family trying to live for a year with no environmental impact.

We’ll be kicking off “Low Impact May” with a viewing of the movie “No Impact Man” after church on Sunday, April 28th. Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education (9 am) will follow a curriculum offered through the No Impact Project.

The course is 5 weeks long and the topics are:

April 28 - Consumption

May 5 - Energy

Skip a week for the board meeting

May 19 - Food

May 26 - Transportation

June 2 - Water

To participate in the class you do NOT need to have read the book nor seen the movie. Short passages of the book are read and/or short video clips are viewed during the class to spark conversation around discussion questions.

On May 3rd, at 7 PM, there will be a 1 session book club for the book “No Impact Man”. To reduce your impact please plan to borrow the book from your library or buy used (if you absolutely must buy a copy, see Liz Hansen for help)!

We’ll also be offering some challenges for the entire church to participate in throughout the month of May. For those who are really interested in living with “No Impact”, there is a week long challenge you can do, sign up online at www.noimpactproject.org.

Liz Hansen

April Family fUUn Night & Fellowship

1. The next family FUUN get together will be Saturday, April 20 (so as not to conflict with Spring Cleaning day on the 13. We will be meeting at the Richland Carrousel Park at 3:30 pm- It’s open until 5, and people can get there whenever they want, but this might maximize riding opportunity if we start a little earlier. The Little Buckeye Children’s Museum is open until 6 pm, so we can head there after the Carrousel, and then find a place to eat on the square/downtown area.

2. The monthly potlucks have been a huge success..We’ve had great turnout and participation from the congregation. The next potluck will be Sunday April 27. Please remember to take home your leftovers and dishes!

Karen Gotter

Living Lotus Zen Sangha

We meet the **2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm** at the church, everyone is welcome to join us.

Beginning in September and continuing through the next several months, Sensei Dean Williams will be focusing the Dharma talks on the new “Living by Vow: A Practical Introduction to Eight Essential Zen Chants and Texts,” text by Shohaku Okumura.

For more information please visit our website at:

www.livinglotuszensangha.com

or find us on facebook under Living Lotus Zen Sangha.

Thank you, Jackie Moore



Sunday Music

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

Ayesha Manley 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.

All Souls Summer Day Camp & Camp Out

Mark your calendar for June 28 & 29! We had such a lovely time at Kokosing Lake Wildlife Area (just Northwest of Fredericktown in Knox County) for our youth day camp & camp out last year, we've decided to have it there this year too! Friday night will be the official camp out and Saturday will be the day camp.

We are still working out the details of this year's day camp. Last summer, Jenny Bartsch led the group in a letterboxing activity. For those not familiar with Letterboxing, according to "Atlasquest.com", it is "an intriguing pastime combining artistic ability with 'treasure-hunts' in parks, forests, and cities around the world. Participants seek out hidden letterboxes by cracking codes and following clues. The prize: an image from a miniature piece of art known as a rubber stamp—usually a unique, hand-carved creation. Letterboxers stamp their discoveries in a personal journal, then use their own rubber stamp, called a *signature stamp*, to stamp into the letterbox's logbook." Letterboxing is a fun activity for any age person!

We also swam and took a cruise around the lake in a row boat and canoe. The day ended with a very well attended lakeside potluck grill out for all members and friends. We are planning on swimming, boating and having the potluck grill out again this year!

Anyone interested in helping plan the day camp activities, please talk with Liz Hansen or Jenny Bartsch. Adult members are welcome to attend the day camp, it would be a nice way to spend time getting to know the young'uns in our congregation and an extra hand is always helpful!

More details will be available in future newsletters! If you have questions, ask Liz or Jenny.

Contacting Rev. Karen Bruno

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Spirit First Pastoral Care

Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals

Thanks, Highway Clean-up Crew!

Greetings UU's, hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy our warm weather of late.

This is a shout-out to everyone who made our HighWay CleanUp day this last Sunday a success- it also was a beautiful day albeit, very windy!

Thank you Fate, Melanie, Doug, Linda, Dennis, Edward, Raymond & Jessica for being road warriors.

And meanwhile, back at the ChurKitchen, Karen G, Corby & Avery prepared homemade wonderful, delicious- did I mention sumptuous yet- Pizza! Also, thank you Edward for covering the cost of the ingredients for the chow down.

Because all told, our group collected 8 Large Bags of Trash and 6 Large Bags of Recyclables and we were hungry. Pictures to soon follow!

Thanks again to everyone!
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Team Leaders

Mission, Outreach, Social Action – Brian Moore

Hospitality- Karen Bruno

Fellowship – Karen Gotter

Pulpit – Joan Richmond

Stewardship – Bruce Kilgore

Communication – Reed Richmond

Religious Ed – Liz Hansen

Building – Eric Sargent

Think about joining one of these teams if you haven't already.

Also, in addition to snack sign-up for fellowship after Sunday Service, there is also a sign-up for cleaning up after fellowship (dishes, vacuuming, etc.).

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OMD News and Events

Are You Ready for Leadership School?

UULTI - the UU Leadership Team Institute is back with 2 offerings this summer - UULTI by the Lake July 31-August 4 in Cananadagua, NY and UULTI on the Hudson August 14-18 in Stoney Brook, NY. Youth can explore their leadership skills at Goldmine Youth Leadership School West, July 31-August 4 also in Cananadagua, NY or Goldmine Youth Leadership School East, August 20-24 in Stoney Brook, NY. Details can be found at www.cerguua.org/uulti or www.cerguua.org/goldmine

The WV Youth Service Learning Experience is Back!

Last year 20 youth had an amazing experience working in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia providing services to families in need and learning about the unique culture and environmental challenges of the area. This year we return for new experiences the week of July 7-13. Registration is now open for youth who are interested. Adults interesting in chaperoning may also sign up. Learn more at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/omdevents/590-youthcamp2013>

OMDSI 2013

Join 600+ UUs for summer camp UU style. This year's theme speaker is the Rev. Art McDonald and the theme is Social Justice: A UU Central Path. Brochures are now available in all congregations and as a downloadable pdf from the OMD and OMDSI websites. Registration is now open. Learn more www.ohiomeadville.org/programs/omdsi or www.omdsi.org. Scholarships are available but you must hurry, deadline is May 31.

General Assembly 2013

This year's General Assembly is in Louisville, KY, an easy drive from all the congregations in the OMD. This year's theme is covenant and the social justice focus will be environmental justice. Local ministers from West Virginia and Kentucky are already working on programs and opportunities in this year. We'll be electing a new moderator as well as other positions. Learn more about the schedule, registration, housing and more at www.uua.org/ga

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

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.*