

**July
2013**

**Upcoming
Sunday
Speakers/Events**

July 7

Dave Fitzsimmons

July 14

Board Meeting, 9 am

Dr. Walter Kania

July 21

Religious Ed, 9 am

Rev. Karen Bruno

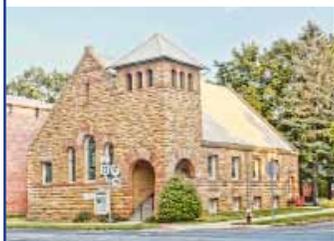
**July 28*

Religious Ed, 9 am

Speaker TBA

Church Potluck

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



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Opening Words & Meditations

Here's that Uncomfortable "Stewardship" Thing Again *Reed Richmond, President, All Souls*

I was editing several of our talks at the church recently (converting the file formats to get them ready to be added as a feature on our website: www.allsoulsuohio.org), including the one where Rev. Karen Bruno talked about stewardship. In it, she mentioned that, like evangelism, stewardship is one of those words we don't like to talk about at All Souls.

Rev. Bruno mentioned that everyone pretty much understands that "stewardship" is a code word for "money."

I'm bringing that word to the top of the page here to remind you about something that Rev. Bruno referenced in her talk. Say what you will, eventually it comes down to the fact that the church stays open due to income from its member's giving.

If you look at the year end financial report and pledge report on the third page, you'll see we ended the year in the black financially and almost met our goal for having all pledged money received (believe me, falling .02% short is very good). This is fantastic news and we are delighted.

However (you knew there would be a "however," right?), we need to take into account many things. First, we had budgeted for lawn care and only ended up spending a tenth of what we budgeted. That's because one of our members (you know who) continues to donate his time to making the church look nice outside and that was coupled with a mild summer and winter. Second, we suspended the payment of our dues to the OMD and UUA in order to free up funds for our part-time pastoral care. Third, we had several repair items and improvements for the church that have been suspended until we could see what our financial outlook is for the upcoming fiscal year (leveling the kitchen floor, installing the sink, erecting a new sign, fixing the bell tower pulley, fixing the foyer window, etc).

We love our beautiful historic church, but the plain truth is, she is old and needs regular upkeep. We also have many plans that we'd like to put into action to continue growing our church and its outreach. Those projects depend a lot on volunteer efforts but also, many times, money: primarily for supplies or expertise in getting the projects done.

Yes, stewardship also means volunteering your time and I don't mean for a second to underestimate the value of that. There are so many talented members and friends in our church who do not have the finances to commit more than service to the church. And that's fine.

We love All Souls. The church has been here since 1894 and is not going anywhere. We are a diverse group of people celebrating all faiths, all individuals, and all paths to spirituality. We are unique in the area in celebrating that view, and I think that is important, especially today. In conclusion, please consider your pledge for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you.

July Calendar

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

6 Saturday 3 pm Jackie and Brian Moore 20th Anniversary Ceremony (potluck after, all are invited)

7 Sunday 10:30 am David Fitzsimmons Topic: Curious Critters Leader: Sandy Macpherson

Author and photographer David FitzSimmons turned a series of mesmerizing animal portraits into an award-winning children's picture book, which sold out in 4 months and won five national book awards. Hear about David's recent research into picture books and biophilia and see pages from David's next CURIOUS CRITTERS books. For more photography by David FitzSimmons, visit fitzsimmonsphotography.com. For more on the CURIOUS CRITTERS picture book, visit curious-critters.com.

13 Saturday 8 am - 1 pm Church rummage sale and luncheon/snack sale (see additional information inside)
Bring your gently used items (or items you no longer use) for the rummage sale. We need volunteers to help in rummage sales upstairs and the cooking, sales and cleaning downstairs. Everyone needs to be available for clean-up after the event. Please see the sign-up sheet and volunteer your time or to bring items for the luncheon and bake sale.

14 Sunday 9 am Board Meeting (all are invited)
10:30 am Dr. Walter Kania Topic: TBA Leader: Bruce Kilgore

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.

21 Sunday 9 am Religious Education: "Wisdom from the Hebrew Scriptures"
10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: TBA Leader: Brian Moore

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 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.

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10:30 am Speaker and Topic TBA

*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection #Potluck Luncheon

Birthdays for July

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 Judy Shaffer | 6 Jackie Moore | 18 Alana Mizer | 21 Susan Mizer |
| Chuck Rhodes | 17 Kaiden Waltz | 19 Eric Hansen | 23 Paxton So |



June 2013 and End of Year Financial Report

Revenue

| Collections | June | For Year |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Open Plate Offering | \$587.00 | |
| Pledges | 1,751 | |
| Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins) | 57.50 | |
| Total | 2,395.50 | 33,999.52 |

Expenses

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| | 1,944.92 | 33,127.62 |
| | +450.58 | +871.90* |

Average Attendance in June: 40

Average Weekly Attendance for the Year: 46

*350.00 of the yearly income is in the Minister's discretionary fund.

Our Treasurer points out that we would not be in the black except that our church appearance outside (lawn care and snow removal) is being done by member volunteers. In addition, we have not paid our OMD or UUA Annual dues this year. In addition, we have suspended several church repair items until we could see what our finances are for the coming year.

June Pledge Report

| Pledged | Paid | Difference |
|---------|---------|---------------|
| \$1,767 | \$1,751 | -\$16 (-.01%) |

2012-2013 Fiscal Year Final Total

| Pledged | Paid | Difference |
|----------|----------|----------------|
| \$20,342 | \$19,996 | -\$346 (-.02%) |

2013-2014 Pledges

Mike Garber reports that not all of our pledges have been turned in yet and we are currently under last year's giving. Please turn your pledge in for the coming fiscal year (July to June) as soon as possible so we can work on church budget. 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.

Annual Rummage Sale associated with Bellville "Street Mart" Sale is Saturday, July 13 from 9 am until 1 pm

Remember, rummage sales are a major fund-raiser for us. Start gathering and pre-pricing items. Bring items to the church on Friday. We will have the church open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We could use help getting things ready that evening. Please pre-price all items.

Food/Bake Sale

Bake sale items should be restricted to cookies and candies (especially those that can be frozen until later events).

There are sign up sheets downstairs for Salads of all sorts, Pies, Pop and Hamburger Buns. For desserts, Pies sell the best followed by "Specialty" cakes. Food items should be dropped off in the kitchen by 9 a.m. on Saturday (or Friday night during set-up from 5 to 8 p.m.).

Rummage Sale

Donated items can be dropped off Friday, July 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. or Saturday, July 13 before 9 a.m. If you have an item to donate and can't make the above two times, call to make arrangements.

Please price your items to avoid shopper confusion! The volunteers doing the sale do not have time to price items for you.

Good sellers: CDs/DVDs/VHSs, current/classic novels & books, kids toys, board games, power tools, artwork, jewelry & sporting equipment, etc. Any item in good working condition or original packaging that would make a good gift is okay. Kid's clothing is okay but no adult clothes.

Poor sellers: DO NOT BRING magazines, old textbooks & encyclopedias, items not working at all or completely trashed, and dirty cookware.

Anything not sold will be donated. If you want your item returned to you if not sold, please be there at 1 p.m. to pick it up.

Volunteer Opportunities - sign up sheet downstairs. On Friday we need volunteers from 5 - 8 p.m. to help set up in the sanctuary.

On Saturday we need a lot of volunteers! See the sign up sheet downstairs. We need servers, table cleaners, people to work the cash box for both the food sales, bake sale and rummage sale items. We especially need people to clean-up afterwards. Some volunteers will need to show up at 8 a.m. to get ready.

Any questions? Want to volunteer, but won't be at church to sign up? Call Reed Richmond at 419-631-7912.

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Adult & Children

RE at 9 a.m.

Sunday Service at
10:30 a.m.

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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. Team meetings are the first Sunday of each month. 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.).



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.

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Spirit First Pastoral Care

Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals

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

Religious Education

We are using a curriculum from the UUA "*Wisdom from the Hebrew Scriptures.*" Don't panic, this is not a "bible study" course, but rather a UU exploration of some of the well known and not so well known Hebrew stories (such as David & Goliath, The Battle of Jericho, and Creation).

The course requires no outside homework or reading, just show up, the group will read the story and discuss! The curriculum indicates it is appropriate for kids 6 and older. Jenny Bartsch will be leading this RE and will guide the discussion so it is age appropriate for those in attendance. If you have any questions about the actual course, please ask Jenny.

"Wisdom from the Hebrew Scriptures" will begin on Sunday at 9 a.m. and has four more sessions remaining, starting with July 21.

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.*