

**March  
2013**

**Upcoming  
Speakers/Events**

*March 3*

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

*March 10*

**Board Meeting, 9 am**

**Lisa Kreischer**

*March 17*

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

*\*March 24*

**Church Potluck**

**Christie Anderson**

*March 31*

**Easter**

**Rev. Karen Bruno**

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



# *The All Souls Reporter*

**All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville**

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## *Opening Words & Meditations*

### **Global End statement from the UUA Board of Trustees**

The UUA uses Policy Governance to conduct the work of the board. An indispensable part of the board's work under this form of governance is setting the Ends of the Association. An "End" is an outcome an organization intends to achieve. Everything the Administration of the Association does is aimed at achieving the Ends. It's the board's job not only to set those Ends, but also to monitor progress toward them.

**1.0 Global End:** The UUA is a healthy network of covenanted Unitarian Universalist congregations and communities, in accountable relationships and alive with transforming power, moving our local communities and the world towards more love, justice, and peace at a justifiable cost that does not undermine long term sustainability.

- 1.1 Congregations have and use UUA resources necessary to enhance the spiritual and religious exploration by people in their communities and to enhance the ministry of their members.
- 1.2 Congregations are better able to achieve their missions and to spread awareness of UU ideals and principles through their participation in covenanted networks of UU communities.
- 1.3 Congregations are intentionally inclusive, multi-generational and multi-cultural in powerful mission to, and with, underserved and unserved communities.
- 1.4 We see a net increase in the number of people served by our congregations and covenanted communities.
- 1.5 We see a net increase in the number of mutually covenanted congregations.
- 1.6 We see a net increase in inspired religious leaders equipped to effectively start and sustain new covenanted communities.
- 1.7 UU institutions are healthy, vital, collaborative partners invested in the future of UUism, its principles and theologies.

In the coming months, in partnership with the Districts Presidents Association, the Board of Trustees of the UUA will be engaging in many conversations with Unitarian Universalists, testing these Ends, seeing if these are, in fact, the ways in which you want the Association to make an impact in the world.

Adopting new Ends is merely the latest step in a governance reform process that has been underway for four years. Having changed the composition of our board and having worked with districts toward governance change at the district level, we are now initiating conversations about how to strengthen the democratic process at General Assembly.

# March Calendar

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

## March

**3 Sunday 10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: Question the Pastor**

Do you have a question you wish you could ask a minister? Well, bring it with you on Feb 17th. Karen will gather written questions during the worship time and answer as many as she can in the time usually allotted for her message. Spirituality, Religion, Death, Sin, Forgiveness, Social Justice . . . Bring your questions and we will listen to Karen attempt to answer them. Questions may also be used for future presentations. This might be entertaining....“Try to stump the pastor”!

**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. Now retired from her full time career, she is thrilled to be working at Bellville All Souls. She lived in Ohio for her high school and college years and then returned to Ohio in 2011 following her early retirement from Denver Human Services, where she worked for 21 years. Many other jobs in various programs bring her total to about 30 years in Social Service agencies of all types. In addition, Karen has worked as church pastor, hospice chaplain and religious educator. She and her wife Chris live in Mansfield.

*Note: Team meetings following coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.*

**5 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support/Discussion Group “Loved Ones with Addictions or Mental Illness”**

**10 Sunday 9 a.m. Board Meeting (all invited)**

**10:30 am Lisa Kreischer Topic: “Listen with Your heart. Listen to Your Heart.”**

**Bio:** Lisa comes to us via an invitation by Liz Hugenberg, our UU Religious Education chair, who met Lisa several years ago in her role as Community Coordinator of the local IONS group. IONS stands for Institute of Noetic Sciences, a California-based organization that honors our human potential and sponsors consciousness research. She facilitates the monthly dialogue circles on various topics. Lisa has recently focused on learning the consciousness of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and has been advancing her study of the communication process. As a volunteer at Stratford Ecological Center in Delaware, she gets to experience and share all the wonderful things that go on at an organic farm. As a Farm & Nature Guide, she shows little people around the farm. She practices what she preaches by attracting opportunities to engage in what she loves: photography, sailing, gardening and teaching. Lisa’s passion and joy for life are contagious as you will see as she shares her story of inspiration.

*Note: There will be an informal “Meet the Pastor” for newcomers and prospective members after the service.*

**12 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support/Discussion Group “Spirituality for Today”**

**17 Sunday 10:30 am Karen Bruno Topic: TBA**

*Note: There will be a New Members class after the service for recent members and prospective members.*

**19 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support/Discussion Group “Women Who Care”**

**24\* Sunday All Souls Recycle Day (before and after church)**

**10:30 am Christie Anderson Topic: Mystical Experiences**

**26 Tuesday 6:30 pm Support/Discussion Group “Being Liberal in a Conservative Place”**

**31 Sunday 10:30 am Karen Bruno (Easter Sunday)**

*\*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection/Church Potluck*

## Birthdays for March

2 Quinn Bartsch	9 Ché Sahara	12 Brian Moore	21 Gary Roth
5 Cole Bartsch	10 Jay Gilbert	19 Jonathan Nagel	Bernie Mizer
Sam Kilgore	11 Mandy Waltz	20 Pam Ellis	22 Janet Chandler



## February 2013 Financial Report

### Revenue

Collections		
Open Plate Offering	\$	363.80
Pledges		2,039.00
Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins)		112.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,402.80</b>

<b>Expenses*</b>		2,081.74
	+	343.06

Average Attendance in February: 40

There were no unusual expenses for February and we had one of our highest collections for Kenyan AIDS Orphans.

### January Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,600	\$2039	+\$439 (+27%)

### 2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$13,299	\$13,441	+142 (+1%)

#### 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 Starting Tuesday, March 5

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.

**March 5, 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.

**March 12, 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.

**March 19, 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.

**March 26, 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.

## Meet the Pastor and New Member Class

There will be an informal “**newcomers meet the pastor**” gathering after church service on **March 10**. This will be for all new members or prospective members or those who just feel they haven’t had the chance to get to know Rev. Karen Bruno.

There will be a **new members class after church on March 24**. This class will be for prospective members (those interested or seeking membership) or those who have been thinking of joining the church but would like more information before making a decision. Also, this class may be of interest to anyone who wants to know more about Unitarian Universalism, our church history, and how All Souls operates behind the scenes.

The new members class will be facilitated by Rev. Karen Bruno, board president Reed Richmond, board vice president Bruce Kilgore, and religious education chair Liz Hansen.

A new member service is tentatively planned for mid-April.

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## All Souls Recycle Day: Sunday March 24

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.

**All Proceeds to All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church**



## 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.

## March Family fUUn Night

Just want to remind everyone that ALL souls are welcome at “family” fUUn night, not just those with kids/grandkids. It’s meant for our All Souls FAMILY to share an evening of fellowship at family friendly times (ie. not starting when the kids are usually being put to bed at 7 pm). We intend for this to be an inter-generational gathering where our little ones can get to know their All Souls cousins, aunts, uncles & grandparents, as well as a time for the adults to enjoy each other’s company!

Karen Gotter is organizing Family fUUn events. Karen is our Fellowship Chairperson (and she is also looking for friends to help on her team and for ideas from anyone).

The next Family fUUn Night will be announced by email and Facebook when details are known.

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## 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](http://www.livinglotuszensangha.com)

or find us on facebook under Living Lotus Zen Sangha.

Thank you, Jackie Moore

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## Coming Soon: Our new website

This has been months in the making (mostly because of the foot dragging by the guy in charge) but our new website should be up soon. Reed Richmond (web editor) says that initially the website will have a few “coming soon” pages, but eventually those pages (photo pages, sermons and talks on audio files, and past newsletters) will all be available as well.

The new website will located at: [www.allsoulsuuohio.org](http://www.allsoulsuuohio.org). There are several All Souls church and [allsouls.org](http://allsouls.org) and [allsoulsuu.org](http://allsoulsuu.org) as well as other choices were already taken. All Souls UU Ohio at least identifies our national location. If you still have the old site bookmarked, change it now. I’ll email when we are “live.”

## February Family fUUn Night: All Souls Bowling (and dinner)



22 bowlers (or people posing as bowlers) showed up at Lex Lanes for February's Family fUUn Night. After the bowling fun, 19 went over to Paul Revere's Diner for supper.



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Adult & Children

RE at 9 a.m.

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10:30 a.m.

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## OMD News and Events

### District Assembly Keynote: Rev. Peter Morales

Rev. Morales' keynote address at the April 2013 Ohio-Meadville/St. Lawrence Joint District Assembly is titled "Breaking Down Walls". He will talk about the changing religious landscape and our efforts in Congregations and Beyond to reach people outside the membership of our congregations. He will also highlight what congregations can do and are doing in this area. There will be a talk back session with Rev. Morales during the workshop period.

The Rev. Peter Morales was elected on a platform of growth and multiculturalism. Public witness is central to Morales's presidency; he is especially passionate about immigration reform and environmental justice.

Prior to his election, Morales served as the senior minister at Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, Colorado, one the UUA's largest and fastest growing congregations. Before entering the ministry, Morales was a Fulbright lecturer in Spain, a newspaper editor and publisher in Oregon, a Knight International Press Fellow in Peru, and a regional manager in California state government.

Learn more about Rev. Morales and the OMD /SLD District Assembly at: <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/districtassembly/dakeynote>

### District Assembly 2013: Out of Bounds: Moving Beyond Our Boundaries

Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls, NY ~ April 26-27, 2013

Keynote speaker: Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President, speaking on Breaking Down Walls

Gould Lecturer: Rev. Douglas Taylor, speaking on Polity, Pine Trees and Process Theology

Bridging for all OMD and SLD graduating youth!

Workshops on a variety of topics related to congregational life, social justice issues and more.

Marketplace with resources, ideas and more.

Add-on day available with the members of First UU of Niagara - find out more at: <http://firstuunf.org/UUNEX2013.html>

Registration is now open. Find out all the details at the OMD website.

**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.*