

**November
2012**

**Upcoming
Speakers**

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Rev. Karen Bruno

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Aloys Kamwithi

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Dr. Walter Kania

November 22
*Enjoy Your
Thanksgiving Day!*

**November 25*
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

Lesley Ashmall and her producer, Jim, from BBC arrived at our church on November 1 to interview our Pastoral Care Minister Karen Bruno, along with her wife Chris concerning gay marriage in Ohio along with thoughts on the election. They were wonderful people and we all loved Lesley's Scottish accent. The radio show played November 2 on the internet site BBC Radio 5 Live. Diana Sharp from the Bellville Star was able to be present for local coverage. A few of us were also interviewed and as a group we sang hymn "Spirit of Life." Also there in support were Edward Fox, Sandy Macpherson, Cheryl Church, Gary Roth, Judy Shaffer, Chuck Rhodes, Reed Richmond and myself.

Love and Light, Ché Sahara



Lesley Ashmall from BBC Radio 5 interviews Rev. Karen Bruno about gay marriage in the United States and how the issues affects voters in the presidential election. Lesley was focused on Ohio as a key swing state in the November elections.

To the left, Lesley asked if those attending could sing a hymn and Ed led us in "Spirit of Life."

November Calendar

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

November:

4 Sunday 10:30 am Speaker: Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: "Fear, Ignorance and Greed"

Rev. Karen Bruno examines how these three have controlled many religions and countries for centuries. She addresses the question: How do we move to Hope, Acceptance, and Compromise?

Karen Bruno is part time pastoral care minister at Bellville All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

7 Wed. 9 a-12 p LAST Craft making day for items for the Holiday Bazaar sale

8 Thursday 7:30 pm LAST Highlands Concert of 2012: Four Shillings Short

9 Friday 5-7 p Bring your holiday bazaar sale items and bake good to the church

10 Sat. 9a - 1 p Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale (Please sign-up to help)

11 Sunday 9am Board Meeting (all are invited)

10:30 am Speaker: Aloys Kamwithi

Topic: Fighting Village Hopelessness through Children's Education

Aloys Kamwithi is the Founder and Director of Huruma Rescue Mission, Inc., a non-profit 501 C (3) tax deductible organization which focuses on rescuing, rehabilitating and educating children orphaned by AIDS in his home village in Embu, Kenya. Kamwithi visits Kenya twice a year and will speak on the vision he has of providing hope to the orphans in his village through educational empowerment.

Kamwithi attended Ashland Theological Seminary, Ohio, where he did graduate studies in Christian ministry and clinical Counseling. Prior to coming to USA, Kamwithi studied psychology at United States International University, Nairobi, and theology at the Catholic University of Eastern and Central Africa, Kenya.

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

15 Thursday 7:30 pm Dr. Walter Kania: **"The Near Death Experience, Phase II, The Experience of The Light."**

Dr. Kania will begin the evening with comments and an introduction, followed by viewing of a DVD. After the DVD there will be time for questions and discussion. Dr. Kania is generously presenting this educational opportunity to our congregation and the community at no cost.

17 Saturday 4 pm All Souls Family fUUn Night at Bryan and Jenny Bartsch's house

18 Sunday 10:30 am Winter Harvest: bring canned goods, non-perishable food items and clothing for the BNOC (and special collection during the offeratory)

Speaker: Dr. Walter Kania Topic: "What Happens To Us When We Die?"

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 Thursday Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day

25* Sunday 10:30 am Speaker: Rev. Karen Bruno

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

*Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection

Birthdays for November

1 Alden Hansen (1)

3 Bryan Bartsch

5 Ed Fox

25 Carol Bernhardt

26 Eric Sargent



Calling to Your Attention: 2 Major Events

For Success: Your Participation Required

(1) Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale

associated with Bellville "Christmas in the Valley"
is Saturday, November 10 from 9 am until 1 pm.

Remember, this rummage sale is for Winter/Holiday/Christmas themed items. Start gathering and pre-pricing items. Bring items to the church Friday. We will have the church open from 5 pm to 7 pm. We could use help getting things ready that evening. Please pre-price all items.

Food/Bake Sale

Bake sale items should be restricted to holiday cookies and candies, especially those that can be frozen until holiday 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 am on Saturday (or Friday night during set-up from 5 to 7 pm).

Rummage Sale

Donated items can be dropped off Friday, Nov. 9, from 5 to 7 pm or Saturday, Nov. 10 before 9 am. Serious shoppers tend to start early and are finished before lunch! 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. Remember holiday items like decorations. Mugs are okay if Holiday-oriented. Any item in good working condition or original packaging that would make a good gift is okay.

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 2 pm to pick it up.

Volunteer Opportunities - sign up sheet downstairs. On Friday we need volunteers from 5 - 7 pm 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 am to get ready.

Any questions? Want to volunteer, but won't be at church to sign up? Call Reed Richmond at 419-886-4365 or Bruce Kilgore at 419-886-4797.

(2) Winter Harvest collection on November 18

As we did the last three year, we will have a special collection on **November 18** for needy families in the Clear Fork Valley as well as in our own church family. In addition to financial donations, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, daily essentials (paper towels, bath tissues, soap, detergent, etc.), and clothing -- especially children's clothing. Toys, games, and stuffed animals will also be collected. Thanks for your generous help and donations!



**Halloween
Mirth
Makers:**
Zombies,
C3PO, Bride,
Frank & Friend

October 2012 Financial Report

Revenue

Collection		
Offering	\$	639.00
Pledges		1,458.00
Recycle rebate		74.33
Peace Retreat registration		170.00
Total		2,351.33

Huruma Foundation (Kenya Coins)	50.00
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Expenses	2,382.79
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+	18.54
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Average Attendance in August: 42

Insurance payment was due in October and contributed to monthly expenses. Because of a possible shortfall in funds, the UUA and OMD dues were skipped this month as approved by an earlier Board decision.

October Pledge Report

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$1,620	\$1,458	-\$162 <2.8%>

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Pledged	Paid	Difference
\$6,814	\$6,469	-\$345 <8%>

2012-2013 Pledges Received

19 Units	27 Members	\$20,104
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There is still time to turn in your pledge for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. 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.

Social Action: AIDS/HIV Awareness



LD Ball, Reed Richmond and Brian Moore assist in hanging AIDS flags at the Health Department for AIDS Awareness Week in Ohio. Sandy Macpherson and Ché Sahara also assisted on a very windy Oct. 14.

Other Announcements

More Social Action: Please bring scarves, gloves, hats, and mittens for winter wear and place in the box at the back of the Fellowship Hall to be delivered to the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center. Donations can be made at anytime up to and including **Nov. 4.**

Cards and Letters to Tom Miller:

Tom Miller c/o
 SHARON BROOKS
 920 Sharon Valley Road #311
 Newark, OH 43055

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

HIGHLANDS OF OHIO FINAL 2012 CONCERT



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

Thursday, November 8, 7:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church, Bellville

Tickets: \$10 (reservations strongly suggested).

You can call 419-522-5058 and leave message or email us at highlands@neo.rr.com to reserve tickets.

Four Shillings Short have a repertoire of music that ranges from the Celtic lands to the Americas and from Medieval & Renaissance Europe to India. They are performers and educators who perform on a fantastic array of instruments (more than 30) including Hammered Dulcimer, Mandolin, Mandola, Bouzouki, Tinwhistles, Recorders, Medieval and Renaissance Woodwinds, North Indian Sitar, Charango, Bowed Psaltery, Banjo, Bodhran, Guitar, Percussion, vocals and even a Krumhorn. Celebrating their 16th year together, the husband/wife duo, of Aodh Og O Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California, tour in the US and perform at Celtic and Folk festivals, theatres & performing arts centers, coffeehouses, folk societies, libraries, schools, yoga & retreat centers, historical societies & churches. They have several different shows they offer as well as workshops.

In a single night, Four Shillings Short perform Traditional Irish tunes and airs, Indian Ragas, Folk Ballads, Old-Time songs, Medieval & Renaissance instrumentals and acappella numbers as well as contemporary folk and original compositions.

CRAFTING: Making items for sale at the Nov. 10 Bazaar!

FINAL CRAFT DAY: Wednesday November 7th, 9 am - 12 (last day before the bazaar! Bring sewing machines if you'd like.)

1. **Mini winter beanie hats as ornaments** - in local school colors. Using yarn, NO SEWING - cut and loop and tie and you are done!
2. **Mini winter mittens as ornaments** - in local school colors. Using felt. Minimal amount of hand stitching.
3. **Fabric gift bags.** Sewing in straight lines only!
4. **Paper star ornaments** - easy to do: just glue the edges together.
5. **Felt poinsettia/flower pins and hair clips** - requires only a couple stitches

Religious Education

Remember that Children's weekly RE now begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Adult RE is currently meeting at 9 a.m. to discuss "A Chosen Faith." Please join us at anytime (except 2nd Sunday which is the Board meeting).

Dr. Kania's class has been rescheduled for November 15th, 7-9 pm! Dr. Walter Kania will be presenting an evening class "The Near Death Experience, Phase II, The Experience of The Light". Dr. Kania will begin the evening with comments and an introduction, followed by viewing of a DVD. After the DVD there will be time for questions and discussion.

"A Chosen Faith" adult religious education will have the final session on November 18th (Sunday 9 am). Based on feedback from our survey this summer, multiple people expressed interest in topics that were specifically UU & UU history related. Based on this interest, our next adult RE offering will be "Our American Roots: Unitarian Universalism in North America" - a video & discussion series about the history of our faith. This class will meet Sunday mornings at 9 am on November 25th, December 2, 16, 30 (no class Dec 9th due to the board meeting and no class Dec. 23rd due to our Christmas Brunch).

In early December, we will welcome Reverend Joan Van Becelaere, the District Executive from the Ohio Meadville District (OMD) to give us an overview of what the Ohio Meadville District is and what it offers us as a congregation and as individuals. More details will follow at a later date about this chance to learn more about our district. If you are interested in doing a little research on your own about the OMD, the website is: www.ohiomeadville.org

If you have any special requests for adult religious education, please contact Liz Hansen. Your feedback is the only way I know if our programs are meeting your needs! I'd love to have an entire committee organizing religious education offerings, so if you have any interest, let me know! I'm hoping that we can run Sunday morning adult religious education continuously and I will try my best to get occasional weekday evening offers also.

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Adult & Children

RE at 9 a.m.

Sunday Services at
10:30 a.m.

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“This I Know” -- Seeking Speakers

On Oct. 28, Reed Richmond gave our inaugural “This I Know” talk at the Sunday service. Many of you might be familiar with the popular “This I Believe” series on National Public Radio. According to the PBS website, “During its four-year run on NPR, *This I Believe* engaged listeners in a discussion of the core beliefs that guide their daily lives. We heard from people of all walks of life — the very young and the very old, the famous and the previously unknown.”

The pulpit committee would like to invite UU members and friends to consider creating a talk for us to deliver at a Sunday service. You can decide when you’d like to do it, sometime in the coming year, even as soon as December. We figure that we have dozens of people who have lived thoughtful and interesting lives. We would like to hear you give a talk in which you focus on one particular thing that you have come to know so far in your life. We can all benefit from each other’s wisdom and insight.

If you have an idea for a “This I Know” talk, please contact Pulpit Committee chair Joan Richmond. Or, maybe there’s someone you’d like to hear, so nominate him or her. Then Joan can ask him or her about it. Joan can be contacted by phone at 419-886-4365 or by email at joan_richmond@me.com

Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

As you know, Hurricane Sandy has caused wide spread devastation along the Mid Atlantic coast in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and as far as eastern Ohio this past week. Many people are still without basic necessities such as warm clothes, blankets, shoes, food (perishables and non-perishables), cleaning supplies, batteries/flashlights and lanterns, demolition tools (pry bars, sledge hammers, garbage bags), etc. Several of our Central East Regional Group churches are still without power, people are dealing with personal property losses due to wind and water, and it looks like this will be the costliest disaster in American history.

To aid our UU congregations and members who have been affected by this tragedy, the CERG leadership has set up the CERG UU Disaster Relief Fund to collect donations to assist fellow Unitarian Universalists with storm damage clean up and members’ immediate needs and in the rebuilding efforts.

Checks can be sent to: CERG-UUA, 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 1008, Wilmington, DE, 19801

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.*