

MARCH 2025

SOCIAL JUSTICE HERALD



**WHAT CAN WE DO?
WHAT CAN I DO?**

**“INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS
A THREAT TO JUSTICE
EVERYWHERE. WE ARE
CAUGHT IN AN
INESCAPABLE NETWORK
OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A
SINGLE GARMENT OF
DESTINY. WHATEVER
AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY,
AFFECTS ALL
INDIRECTLY.”**

— MARTIN LUTHER KING

Look within:

Social Action Meetings

Immigration Justice

Food Justice

And more...

Dear All Souls,

We are excited to introduce The Social Justice Herald, our church's piloting of a newsletter dedicated to shining a light on justice, equity, and compassionate action. We'll explore pressing social justice issues, highlight advocacy and accomplice opportunities, and share inspiring stories of faith in action.

All Souls UU Church
Bellville, Ohio
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IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

WOMEN HAVE AGENCY OVER THEIR BODIES

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SOCIAL ACTION

"Social Justice is _____."

- Social Justice is love in action.
- Social Justice is equity for all.
- Social Justice is faith lived out loud.
- Social Justice is repairing the world.
- Social Justice is the work of community.

What's your answer...

How do you answer the call of Justice?

Social Justice Partners



**Unitarian Universalist
Justice Ohio**
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SIDE WITH LOVE

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Freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. I don't believe you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others.

— **Coretta Scott King**

FOOD JUSTICE AND MUTUAL AID



MATTHEW 25 OUTREACH CENTER

M25OC is a community-focused organization dedicated to providing fresh, healthy, and free produce to residents in Ashland, Medina, and Richland counties. Their distributions take place on Saturdays offering fresh food for individuals and families in need. All Souls have volunteered at the Mansfield and Ashland sites. M25OC supports local communities in combating food insecurity.. For additional information on volunteering or receiving this food, M25OC can be reached at 419-961-0110

SOLIDARITY · COMMUNITY · RECIPROCITY

HARD KNOX MUTUAL AID

KNOX COUNTY, OHIO

For Mutual Aid in Knox County

Anti-capitalist, they offer clothing, food, herbals, community and help

reach out to
hardknoxmutualaid.org



BNOOC

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The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center (BNOOC) supports families in the Clear Fork Valley. BNOOC provides food, new and gently-used clothing, and community enrichment activities.

Committed to improving the quality of life for those in need. If you need help or want to volunteer reach out on the website www.bnoc.org or call 419-886-8395

Events

February 28 Economic Black
Out Protest

March 15, 12-2pm ICE Protest
sponsored by "Like Minded
Geauga" --the goal is public
awareness of the injustice faced
by the immigrant community
This is at one of two ICE
facilities in Ohio
12450 Merritt Rd, Chardon, OH
44024

March 16, 6pm via Zoom
Mutual Aid & Right to repair-- if
you are interested in these
justice issues--email Rev. Will for
the link to the zoom meeting

March 22, 10am-1pm Training:
Leading with Love at the Center,
at UU Congregation of
Cleveland, Sliding Scale
registration--The church is
willing to pay for the training if
needed--contact Rev. Will at
will.allsouls@gmail..com
[www.uua.org/central-
east/events/region/leading-
love-center](http://www.uua.org/central-east/events/region/leading-love-center)

April 27, 3-5pm

Yom HaSho'ah

Holocaust Remembrance

Interfaith Service at

Emanuel Jacob Congregation,
973 Larchwood Rd, Mansfield,
OH 44907

ACT OF DEMOCRACY

Join the Act of Democracy: A Faithful Witness for
Justice

As people of faith, we believe in the sacred duty to
uphold justice, dignity, and democracy. Right now, our
democracy is under attack through voter suppression,
policies that harm marginalized communities, and the
erosion of rights we hold dear. We must speak truth to
power—not just in words, but in action.

What We're Doing:

We are organizing a coordinated, peaceful public
witness when our elected officials are scheduled to be
in their local offices. In 15-minute intervals, individuals
will personally hand-deliver postcards outlining the
faith-based concerns we have with these attacks on
democracy. No speeches. No rallies. Just a steady,
undeniable presence.

How You Can Take Part:

- ✓ Sign up for a 15-minute slot to visit your
representative's office.
- ✓ Deliver a prepared postcard that outlines our faith-
driven call for democracy and justice.
- ✓ Stand in solidarity with others ensuring a constant
presence throughout the day.

This is not about partisanship. This is about moral
accountability. If our officials won't listen to emails and
calls, they will see our faces and hold our words in their
hands.

**We need help in organizing this State Level action--
if you're willing to help--reach out to Rev. Will at
will.allsouls@gmail.com**

WHAT CAN I DO?

2025 is calling; how will Unitarian Universalists respond? In a world marked by political oppression and escalating crises, centering love is a radical and transformative act—one that calls for all of us to move into collective spiritual leadership. What grounding and skills do we need to practice Unitarian Universalism, offering this faith to ourselves, to one another, and to the world that needs us?

Whether you serve on your congregation's board, participate in committees, lead a program, serve as minister or staff, or simply love Unitarian Universalism and want to contribute, this day is for you. Join us for inter-congregational connection, skill-building led by Central East Region staff, and community-building as we model and practice loving transformation. Let us answer the call together!

What to Expect:

- Skill-Building Workshops: Learn and practice key leadership skills identified as essential for these times, including deep spiritual grounding, adaptive & emergent leadership, and simple practices for effective communication.
- Small Group Conversations: Reflect, share experiences, and collaborate in focused groups.
- Breaks and Restorative Space: Enjoy intentional pauses for rest, reflection, and informal connections.
- Relationship-Building: Form meaningful connections with other UUs across different congregations and roles.

All people welcome--reach out to Rev. Will for registration. UU Congregation of Cleveland, Shaker Heights, OH is hosting this event.

Timely registration is important to ensure that our in-person events can take place as planned. In-person events may be cancelled due to low enrollment. Don't leave registration for last minute.

Registration fee: In person registration fee is on sliding scale of \$30-\$40-\$50 and the online registration fee is on sliding scale of \$10-\$20-\$30. Registration fees are on a sliding scale, and if further assistance is needed funds are available through the minister's discretionary fund.

March 22, 10am-1pm Training: Leading with Love at the Center, at UU Congregation of Cleveland, Sliding Scale registration--The church is willing to pay for the training if needed--contact Rev. Will www.uua.org/central-east/events/region/leading-love-center

Immigration Justice Partners

Northeast Ohio Immigrant Rights & Response Networks
HOLA Ohio Provides support and advocacy for immigrant families. [\(440\) 210-4222](tel:4402104222)

Lorain Ohio Immigrant Rights Association (LOIRA)
Community-led immigrant defense organization.
lorainohioimmigrantsrights@gmail.com

Interfaith Worker Justice (IWP Akron) Advocacy and support for immigrant workers. [\(330\) 454 - 2220](tel:3304542220) iwpohio@gmail.com

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland (Lake & Ashtabula Counties Office) Provides immigrant outreach and assistance.
Valeria.Slutz@ccdocle.org

United We Dream MigraWatch Hotline
A nationwide line to report ICE activity and receive support.
Phone: 1-844-363-1423 (Open 24/7)

Remember--if you see something, say something
If you see ICE agents, post on social media, record and
document
but don't personally engage.