



April 2016 Newsletter

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All Souls is a welcoming spiritual community. We seek truth, practice love, and celebrate life.

April Worship Schedule

Theme: Peace

April 3
10:00am

A Wall Standing Alone

Borrowing from Rumi, we will consider the many ways we are stronger together. This Sunday will launch the All Souls annual stewardship drive, a time to ask ourselves what we value most about this church, and what we are willing to do to support it.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Scott Kunze

Musician: Debbie Reid

April 10
10:00am

Nurturing Peace in our Chaotic Lives

Nancy Hong will bring our focus to answering the question of "How do we as individuals find peace in our own lives when it seems there is anything but peace in the world we live in?"

Speaker: Nancy Hong
Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Debbie Reid

Nancy holds a B.A. in Art and Religion at Augustana College, Sioux Falls; a Master's of Counseling, M.A., B.S., a Master's of Divinity, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN; and Yoga Alliance certification. Nancy studied and taught dance most of her life.

April 17
10:00am

A Little HUUmor for the Soul

It's April, and we've missed Fool's Day, but it's not too late to share some Unitarian Universalist humor and the healing power of laughter. Bring your funny bone.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Joseph L'Amour

April 24
10:00am
(9:00am Choir)

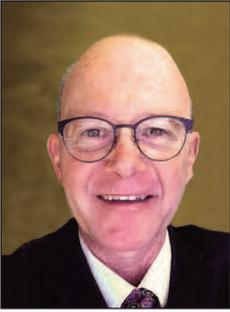
Passover/Peace/ The Rest of the Story

What do we really know about Passover? Is there a way to reconcile the death of the Egyptian first-born children even though it convinced them to set the Hebrews free? Jill Storm will share her thoughts on Passover and peace.

Speaker: Jill Storm
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

Jill Storm has taught Hebrew, Hebrew Readings, Judaism and Exploring the Christian Faith at Augustana College; Hebrew at Sioux Falls Seminary; and many classes about Genesis, Jesus, Judaism and other biblical subjects for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Sioux Falls.



From the Minister Rev. David Kraemer

Living Our Values

What do you value most about this congregation? We will be asking that of everyone as we begin our annual stewardship campaign in April. Here's your chance to get started on an answer.

My guess is that "community" comes up close to the top on many people's lists. The connection we find here together is the tie that binds.

But what, exactly, do we mean by "community"? Is it simply social, like a service club or a ball team? Is it that we find here others who hold similar values, who think like we do? Is it that by some unwritten covenant we agree to show up for each other when things do not go well?

I think I agree and disagree with all of that. We are social, there's no shame in that. We enjoy a good meal together, or dyeing Easter eggs, or pulling weeds in the garden. We can have fun.

We also find here some refuge for our ideals. We do find some of like mind. But this is sort of dangerous, too. We do not all think alike. Nor should we. We're not a debating club, but if we do not challenge each other from time to time, how will we grow?

And we do support each other in our need. Each Sunday, we offer up our hearts and minds as we share

our Joys and Sorrows. You know this part of the service gets talked about a lot in ministerial circles – how to control it, how to keep it from becoming an extended announcement, how to guard against a life-changing event from turning the mood of a carefully-crafted service and at the same time honor the event? I happen to still love Joys and Sorrows. It is one thing that makes us unique. And it's on my list of what I value most.

Community shares a root with communion, which I suspect gets us closer to what we actually mean when we say we value the community we find here. It think community goes deeper here than a social hour or even a support network. I suspect, too, that when we say community, what we really mean is something much deeper. Some sense of what truly matters.

As we ask what you value most about this church, we also will ask what you are willing to do to sustain it. It takes more than dollars, of course, but as we launch the stewardship campaign, make no mistake, it does take financial support to make this church run. As you consider what you value most, consider too, how you will sustain it.



David's schedule in Sioux Falls is April 3-17, 2016.

Office hours by appointment. (515) 231-2536
or email suurev@gmail.com.



From the President Paul Thompson

April 2016

It's an important month for our church. It is pledge time. Unlike some folks, I welcome this time.

I value our church. It's a place that I enjoy going on Sunday. I find the services interesting, moving, thoughtful.

Our minister David Kraemer challenges me and makes me think. I don't always agree with him, but I am glad to hear his remarks. He forces me to think of important topics, about long-term problems, contemporary issues, and the really big topics in life. His sermons are well-crafted, but I can usually remember them, and it is possible to easily define the main points. This is not always true. We went to a church previously with a famous minister, who was famously deep and thoughtful. At the end of the sermon, I often couldn't really explain the actual point. With David's sermons, I can understand, remember, and consider the point. Sometimes I don't agree with the point, but if we always agreed about everything, life would be very boring, wouldn't it?

I enjoy the music. I like to sing. Sometimes my singing

is good; other times I get funny ideas about harmony which don't work out. In our church, I can sing however I want! The pianists are great. Deb Reid is a wonderfully trained classical pianist. She always has something good to play. Kristi is a lot more contemporary, and her singing is an added plus to her playing. She makes the choir work, and is very flexible and jazzy in her relations to those of us in the All Souls Singers. It's a great part of the Sunday.

We are also blessed to have a very capable group of worship leaders, who support the minister, or whoever is delivering the sermon. Each has their own style. Some are somewhat casual, some quite formal. They give our church a character which is both friendly and approachable.

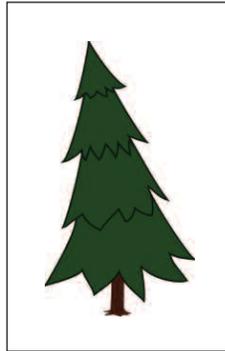
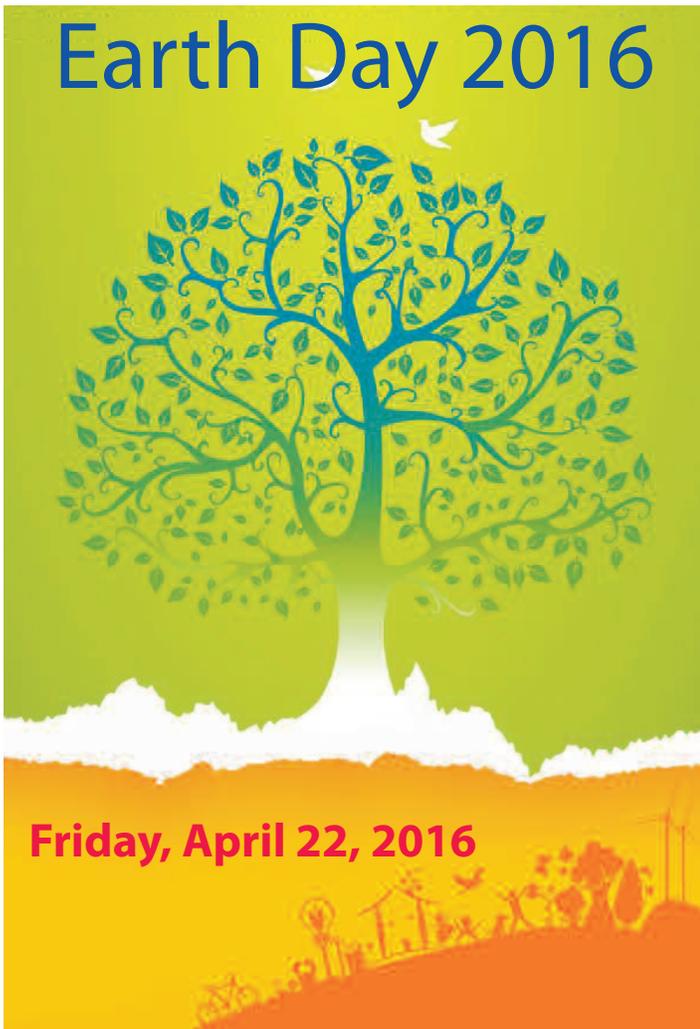
But now, we must come together to support our church. We are in an important year. We are working to bring a new minister to our church. To make our church an attractive place to minister to, we must have a successful pledge drive. This pledge drive, like every one I have had any contact with, is a challenge. We need to increase our pledges slightly (about 7% more) to ensure that our pledges can support the programs that we come to church for. In April, we will all come together to have several pledge dinners. You'll come, won't you? And please come with a hunger for both food and fellowship. Both will be served in generous portions. Please come. I'll see you at dinner.



Theology on Tap

All Souls invites you to a Wednesday night social event: Theology on Tap. Come for snacks and beverages of your choice and imbibe in a little theological discussion. Enjoy a good time together, good conversation on a worthy topic, with a little enjoyment, as well.

Theology on Tap will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. This month it will be on April 13. Please, bring your own beverage of choice.



Stewardship Kick-Off Dinners Planned

Unitarian Universalists value individual growth. As members of All Souls, we grow in faith, in understanding, in compassion, in curiosity, in acceptance, in self-confidence, in peace. We also grow as a congregation. We strive to increase our numbers by being a welcoming congregation, supporting a minister, providing membership classes, hosting interest groups and social events, educating our children, and maintaining and improving our buildings.

The growth that we experience individually and as a congregation enables us to strengthen our community. The All Souls community becomes stronger by maintaining ties to our national organization, inviting guest speakers, offering leadership development, and understanding the needs of our members and neighbors. Finally, we seek to strengthen the larger community ... by reaching out, remaining visible, having a voice, taking action, making a difference.

The goal of this year's stewardship drive is to sustain our growth and strengthen our community. Your participation in our community and your financial support are equally important.

We have scheduled four stewardship dinners to enjoy some of Reverend David's culinary skills, learn about our financial goals and necessities, and provide an opportunity for members to complete their pledges.

If you have not yet reserved a date, please do so by phoning the church (338-8652) or sending an e-mail: all-soulssfadmin@gmail.com. Dinners are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 6, 6 pm, at the church [wheelchair accessible]
- Thursday, April 7, 6 pm, at the church [wheelchair accessible]
- Saturday, April 9, 6 pm, at the parsonage [next door on Cliff]

Where can you find us?   

www.sfuu.org • twitter.com/AllSoulsUU • www.facebook.com
 www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Sioux-Falls/177302048964724
 Our private member Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/66794055861/>



Mid-American UUA Conference April 29-May 1

Submitted by Claudia Dail
The Mid-American UUA conference is coming up April 29 – May 1. I had the opportunity to go last year and found it more than helpful in gaining perspective on the larger organization and understanding how the UUA functions. The workshops were interesting and the variety of topics provided insights into many aspects of building and guiding a UU church and congregation.

Looking at the list of workshops for this year: https://www.midamericauua.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2536:workshops-2016&catid=89:regional-assembly&Itemid=665 ... there are several I would like to attend and see the value to All Souls. The theme and keynotes this year are certainly pertinent to our congregation: looking at WHO we want to be as faith communities in the coming years. Who will we Unitarian Universalists need to be, to be relevant? How will we get there? Who will be joining us on this journey?

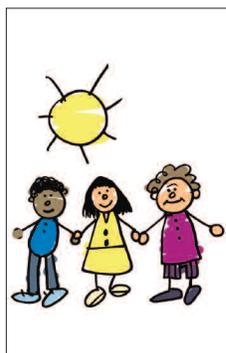
The conference registration fee will be covered by All Souls and includes most meals. That leaves hotel, mileage and a couple meals on the way there and back. I have a room booked and found a couple "interesting" (scary word but in a good way) places on Airbnb that would be less expensive. Clara mentioned that there is a great May Day event in the cities on Sunday, so it could be an added bonus if anyone is up for some adventure.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Joy (605) 332-1587 or email joyhembel@gmail.com.

We would love to have you join us and the plus is, All Souls will benefit and we will have a good time.

THE SEVEN UU PRINCIPLES

- 1- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- 2- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- 3- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth
- 4- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- 5- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
- 6- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- 7- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part



Children's RE

April Happenings

In April we will be studying paganism. You can register your child at any time throughout the year. The children's RE director is Aundrea Jorgensen, email her at reajorgensen@gmail.com.



NPR Sponsorship

Do you already contribute to NPR? Please consider directing your donation to NPR through the church, so that All Souls can sponsor a program and receive some extra exposure. The \$800 contract for the radio show is due in January; a special fund has been set up for this. If you would like to contribute, please contact Joy (605) 332-1587 or email joyhembel@gmail.com.

NOTICE: For security reasons, the basement door will be locked on Sundays from 10:00-11:00am. Please plan to use the front door if you will arrive during that time. Thank you!

It's Time for Spring Cleaning!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
APRIL 9 & 23 • 10:00AM



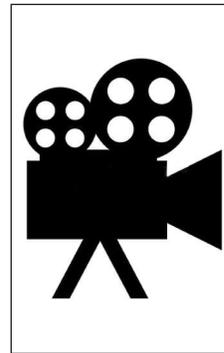
High School Youth Group

Who's interested in High School Youth Group?

Explore Unitarian Universalism with your peers and get to know other high school youths in the church community. All Souls UU Youth Group will meet the second

Wednesday of each month.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to Kelli Bul-tena: text/call: 351-8172 or email: b_kelli@hotmail.com



Digital Copies of Services Available

Submitted by Terry Lang

Several people have asked about either DVD or CD copies of our services. While my original idea was to film and record the services so that they could be put on the web, this does not seem to have materialized. Therefore, I

would be happy to make copies (within reason) of various services for the use of people who were not able to attend or for whom the material was especially meaningful. You can email requests to terrylang@mac.com.

"The day I understood everything was the day I stopped trying to figure everything out. The day I knew peace was the day I let everything go."
— C. JoyBell C.



**Make the most of your experience.
Get Involved!**

PEACE [pees]

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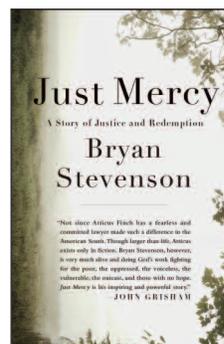
1. the normal, nonwarring condition of a nation, group of nations, or the world.
2. a state of mutual harmony between people or groups, especially in personal relations:
Try to live in peace with your neighbors.

All roads lead to Rome ...

or Monk's



Men's Un-Group
5:00p.m., Wednesday, April 20
Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls



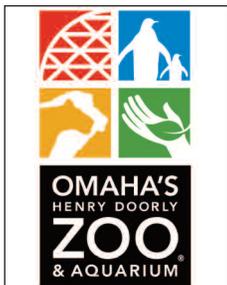
Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7pm, Monday, April 25, to discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice & Redemption* By Bryan Stevenson (non-fiction) with leader Cheryl Squires. The May 23 selection is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd (historical fiction) with leader Barbara Peterson.

Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. We are snack-free. Bookclub does not meet in the summer months.

Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson, who currently coordinates club activities at barbpeterson@sio.midco.net.

**"Peace cannot be kept by force;
it can only be achieved by understanding."**
— Albert Einstein



May 7 Omaha Zoo Trip Planned

Submitted by Paul Thompson

Join us for a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, NE.

As part of our Religious Education program, all are invited to the All Souls trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. If you have been there, you probably recognize that it is a fabulous zoo. If you have not been there, you should definitely go. There are exhibits there I have not seen anywhere else – many types of bats, for instance, some free-flying in a building you walk around in.

We will be going there on May 7, the first Saturday in May. We will arrange travel (car-pooling if possible) and leave early on Saturday morning. We'll spend the day at the zoo, and go locally for dinner (possibly to a great barbecue place).

It's going to be a fun time, and I hope you can come. If we can get 40 folks going, we get a small discount on entrance fees. We have invited our friends from Sioux City to join us and so hopefully we can meet some of them at the zoo. Please come!! It'll be fun!! It'll be a great way to get away from this winter and welcome spring with a fun trip.

Contact Paul if interested:
patjahsd@gmail.com



Path To Faith Classes and New Member Ingathering

Submitted by Mark Sanderson

Visitors to All Souls since last November will be sent special invitations to attend our upcoming Path to Faith (P2F) classes, AND interested members of All Souls, who want to meet and share with these new interested visitors, are encouraged to attend. Rev. David Kraemer and Membership Chair, Mark Sanderson, will facilitate the classes.

Session 1, Sat. April 2, 10-11:30 am: Sharing personal Journeys – what has led each person to this place, this time? Participants will be given a concise packet of UU and All Souls history, with emphasis on Michael Servetus, John Murray, Joseph Priestley, UU merger in 1961, and our All Souls Sioux Falls legacy. (Homework!)

Session 2, Sat. April 9, 10-11:30 am: Discussion of packet material with emphasis on personal insight and reflection.

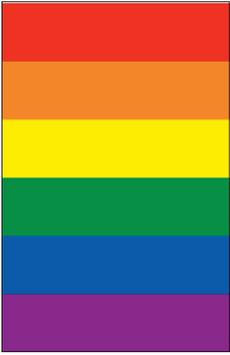
Session 3, Sat. April 16, 10-11:30am: Those interested in becoming members of All Souls will meet leaders of the congregation in order to understand how our church “works” and what the guidelines are to membership.

Ingathering of New Members, Sunday, April 17: New members will join All Souls during our Sunday morning service.

We welcome you to join our P2F classes. If you are interested, or have questions, contact Rev. David, Mark, or Holly Thompson, our office administrator.

MAY WE GROW IN BEAUTY AND IN LIGHT, TO SHARE OUR
GIFTS AS FREELY AS THE PLEASANT FLOWERS BLOOM





Sioux Falls Charter Amendment Addresses LGBT Civil Rights

Submitted by Susan Randall

The April 12 city-school election includes a proposal to amend the Sioux Falls city charter by adding sexual orientation to the list of prohibited classifications in the appointment or removal from any City employment position or appointive administrative office. The proposal would also replace the word "handicap" with "disability" to use more modern terminology. This measure is the sixth proposed amendment appearing on the City ballot. For more information, visit www.siouxfalls.org/council/city-clerk/election-information.aspx

All Souls Church is a welcoming congregation. The Social Justice Committee urges all members and friends who are city residents to vote at their precinct voting locations on April 12 and exercise their right of conscience.

--The Social Justice Committee

Terry Lang, chair; Susan Randall, Mark Sanderson, Rev. David Kraemer



KEEP CALM AND JOIN US

Women's Group
5:00pm, Tuesday, April 12
Kaladi's, Corner of 26th & Minnesota, Sioux Falls

"There is no 'way to peace,' there is only 'peace'."
— Mahatma Gandhi



Elections 2016 Living Our Values

Submitted by Susan Randall

All Souls can be proud that its accessible building will serve as a precinct voting site for the 2016 elections. City and County election officials approached All Souls Church with the request and church leaders said "yes."

Voting dates are Tuesdays—April 12, possible runoff election on May 3, primary election on June 7 and the general election on November 8. The main floor of the church will be dedicated to voting throughout the day on those dates.

Offering our church building for a voting site affirms one of our core UU principles: promoting the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.



Endowment Fund News: Leaving a Legacy

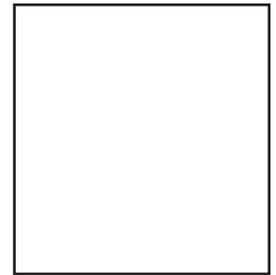
Through the All Souls Church Endowment Fund, you have a way to support the long-term financial stability of the church. Gift opportunities include planned gifts and outright gifts of current assets (stocks, cash, etc.). The Endowment Fund principal is invested according to approved guidelines set forth by the committee. A return of investment of up to 5% may be expended annually for operating support or special needs of All Souls, as determined in the budget approval process. Whatever your gift and whatever the amount, your support of the Endowment Fund leaves a legacy for the future. If you have questions please email Cheryl Squires at Csqi55@aol.com.



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All Souls Calendar

April 2016

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10 10:00 am "Nurturing Peace in our Chaotic Lives."	11 6:00 pm Finance Comm.	12 7:00 am Polling Place 5:00 pm Women's Group	13 5:30 pm Theology on Tap 7:30 pm Facilities	14 7:00 pm Board	15	16 10:00 am Path to Faith
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24 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Passover/Peace/ "The Rest of the Story"	25 7:00 pm Book Club	26	27 5:30 pm Fun Night	28	29	30