



March 2017 Newsletter

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

March Worship Schedule

THEME: FAITH AND HOPE

March 5
10:00am

Words I Wish I Wrote: A Tribute to Robert Fulghum

It was in 1986 that Unitarian Universalist minister Robert Fulghum first became known for *Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Fulghum, who will celebrate his 80th birthday in June, continues to write, saying he does so because he wants to be one of those people who "teach us, bless us, encourage us, support us, uplift us in the daily-ness of life." Debbie Reid will lead our service as we look at some of the ways Fulghum has shared his humor and philosophy since he advised us so wisely to share, play fair, take naps, and eat warm cookies and cold milk.

Speaker: Debbie Reid

Coordinator: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Debbie Reid

March 12
10:00am

Ingathering!

Community is always changing. Join us today to celebrate our newest members at All Souls. Minister Sarah will explore what membership means for our UU faith. How do we show up? What do we expect from each other?

Daylight
Savings
Time Change

Minister: Sarah Caine

Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler

March 19
10:00am

Denomination, Movement, Religion

How do we harness such a creature as our UU identity? What is our faith? Where is our faith? Minister Sarah shares some of her hope from and for our denomination.

Minister: Sarah Caine

Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts

Musician: Kristi Holler

March 26
10:00am

Becoming Enough

Join Amanda Johnson, author of *Becoming Enough*, as she takes us on an inspiring journey to the already perfect self. Originally from Sioux Falls, Amanda is a writer, teacher, and host of the Being Inspired radio show with more than 10 years of experience performing, educating, facilitating, and consulting with a personal mission to reach and inspire others. In this talk, Amanda will share her journey from being "never enough" to "always okay" and guide us through the common barriers that keep us from experiencing our true self.

Guest Speaker: Amanda Johnson

Coordinator: Mike Huber

Musician: Debbie Reid



Minister's Corner Minister Sarah Caine

As I write this, snow is steadily falling, but just yesterday I was walking around in short sleeves. From those few days of heat and sunshine, I gained renewed energy and hope. This month's themes are "Faith" and "Hope"... or is it "Faith and Hope"? These two things are

connected, as is much of life, but not exclusively so.

Faith is a hot topic, and it only takes a peek at history to know it always has been. (The Crusades, anyone? How about the Inquisition?) Right now, there is a strange and insidious movement for using "Freedom of Religion" as a mode of oppression. Faith is being defined by a small group of anti-LGBTQ+, anti-choice, usually white, usually upper middle class, people who hide under the title of Christian. This potential legislative protection for doctors who refuse care of trans patients, adoption agencies that refuse to allow LGBTQ+ parents to care for the vulnerable children who need them, employers who can take away medical care for people who use health coverage to receive birth control is dangerous and counter to our faith as UUs. Our faith calls for us to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of each person, allow them to use their voice for a vote in their lives, and to strive for justice, compassion, and equity in human relations. If these laws go into place, what happens to our faith? Where would our religious freedom be? Deporting immigrants, refusing refugees, these are directly counter to the commands of multiple traditions.

So we must use our faith. Use it as a source of strength.

Use our voice as people of faith, and reclaim the space that has been taken from us. Do not let others define who you are.

That is the Hope. The hope of progressive, inclusive, loving faith. Not just ours, but Pagans, Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and all who answer the call of Love. Those who use their faith to open their minds and hearts are the Hope.

May we find the Hope we need in times of trial. May we bring Faith so others may have it. Blessed be. Amen.



OFFICE HOURS

Sarah Caine, Minister

Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm, by appointment.

Friday 10-12, walk-ins at the church.

Monday is Sarah's day off and all emails will be

answered Tuesday. (Note: the week the Board meets, Sarah will take Tuesday off instead of Monday)

Sarah can be reached at ministersarahcaine@gmail.com or cell: 605.681.6712

Holly Thompson, Office Administrator

Mondays 10am-12pm

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From the President Claudia Dail

February 26 was a wonderful morning. Three people signed the membership book upon completing the Path to Membership series. I was invited to join the class and share a brief overview of All Souls' governance.

As I outlined our structure from the board to teams, committees, and social groups, I was reminded of how we function through the gifts of so many. Those who greet us with smiling faces and the order of service each Sunday, the special people who make sure we have coffee and goodies, the

crew who coordinate and lead our services. And that's just on Sundays!

All Souls has a board that is committed to keeping the doors open, balancing the budget, and maintaining a well-functioning organization. The work to make these things happen begins in teams and committees. Each has leadership and (hopefully) volunteers to carry out their goals. It truly takes a "village." Thank you to each and every person who helps. I am encouraged and motivated by your actions and commitment. Sunday mornings feed me spiritually, but the richness I enjoy from All Souls comes from the people. And now there are three more to get to know!

Cheers,

Claudia



GET INVOLVED! Make the most of your experience at All Souls.

Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.





Restructured Teams Meeting Dates for March

The January All Team Meeting (ATM) was held Wednesday, January, 25. The teams reviewed and tweaked the ATM format. Teams discussed whether the larger groups were effective or if breaking into smaller groups

would be more helpful.

Some teams chose to keep the large group format and some decided to break into smaller groups. Meeting dates for different teams are below:

Thu., March 2, 7:00pm - Finance Committee

Wed., March 8, 6:00pm - Social Justice

Thu., March 9, 6:00pm - Worship

Wed., March 15, 6:00pm - Team Leaders

Wed., March 22, 6:00pm - Outreach Team

Enrich your All Souls experience: VOLUNTEER!

Submitted By Paul Thompson

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church is a small and vibrant community. Our members contribute time and talent to accomplish the goals of our congregation.

Our paid staff is the core of our community: minister Sarah Caine, office manager Holly Thompson, and our Sunday morning musicians. Paid staff members are supported by a host of volunteers.

- Who plans the Sunday services? The Journey Team under Chris Provance.
- Who coordinates our communications program and ensures that we have coffee and refreshments on Sunday? Chelsea Pierce and Linda Hallstrom, the Outreach Team.
- Who plans meetings and coordinates our Board of Directors? Claudia Dail, the President of the Board of Directors.

Those of us who volunteer find that it brings satisfaction and a greater meaning to the church. Volunteers have the opportunity to direct the church in the ways that resonate with each individual ... worship, religious education, social causes, fellowship, fundraising, building upkeep, churchyard maintenance. Which area -- or areas -- are important to you?

If you feel that getting more involved would deepen your church experience, contact a member of the leadership team to talk about volunteer opportunities.

President, Claudia Dale

Past President, Paul Thompson

President-Elect, Janelle Lenser



All Souls Growing on Facebook

Submitted by Kevin Kolb

Our All Souls public Facebook page has 374 followers! I'm not good at keeping track, but we grew by about 10 followers one week in February alone. Six months ago, I think it had around 150 followers. Tell your

friends! Let's break 400!

The private group now has 180 members. A year ago it had approximately 140. We haven't established set guidelines for who is included, but some sort of connection to All Souls is usually the baseline--members, friends, friends of friends, or at least shared values and who live in the vicinity. (We get requests to join from people across the country and even from the other side of the globe.)

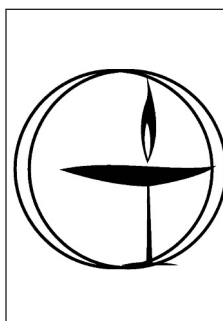
Please encourage friends and family that would appreciate the open minds at All Souls to join our facebook pages. It is a great way to do outreach to the community.

Our public Facebook:

www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Sioux-Falls/

Our private member Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/66794055861/



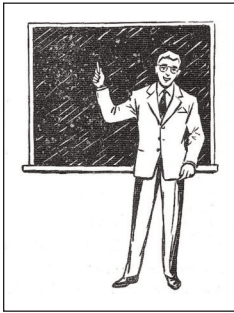
MidAmerica Regional Assembly - April 28-30

The MidAmerica 2017 Regional Assembly is scheduled for April 28-30 in Naperville, IL, near Chicago. Rev. Dr. Lee Barker, President and Professor of Ministry at Meadville-Lombard Theological School, is the keynote speaker.

His topic is "To Multi-faith: A Verb".

Rev. Dr. Barker will discuss how to promote constructive multi-faith engagement for increased understanding and enhanced harmony.

Registration deadline is April 21. Early bird registration ends April 5.



All Souls Job Opening Religious Ed Coordinator

Religious Education Coordinator

Do you love learning and enjoy facilitating learning for others? All Souls is accepting applications for a Religious Education Coordinator.

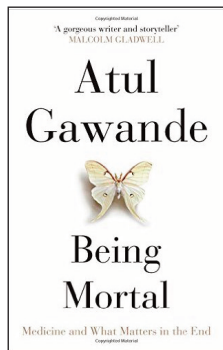
The RE Coordinator is a new position that will coordinate religious education programs for all ages consistent with UU principles. This part-time position requires 8 hours per week, including Sunday mornings and one Wednesday evening per month.

We are seeking a person who has:

- Knowledge of (or willingness to learn about) Unitarian Universalism and world religions.
- Proven experience as an office or program coordinator or a similar role.
- Good working knowledge of Word/ Excel/ PowerPoint/ Outlook and the ability to do Internet research.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience with planning and implementing programs and activities.

To request a copy of the job description or to submit a resume, e-mail: allsoulssfdocs@gmail.com

Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see the whole staircase.
~Martin Luther King, Jr.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7:00pm, on Tuesday, March 28, to discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande (non fiction) with leader Tom Houle.

On Monday, April 24, our selection is *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee (fiction) with leader Sally Scott.

In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, check All Souls' Facebook page. An email will be sent if possible. Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson, who currently coordinates club activities at barbpeterson@sio.midco.net.



Theology on Tap

All Souls is reviving our adult social event: Theology on Tap.

Join Minister Sarah at Hydra Beer Company at 2425 S. Shirley Ave., Suite 112, on Sunday, March 12, 4-6pm for Theology on Tap and continue the

community building.

Enjoy a good time together and good conversation on a worthy topic.



Saturday Morning Kids Yoga & Momosas

Join us Saturday, March 11, 10am, for kids yoga. While the kids exercise, parents can visit, meet new friends, and sip their choice of 'mimosas' or other beverages. We are pleased to offer this time for you and your family

to connect with our community, establish some healthy weekend habits, and learn more about All Souls Religious Education and Unitarian Universalist programs.



Church Board Minutes Available

A reminder that church board minutes are available for review in a binder in the church office, or you can request to have the minutes emailed to you by contacting the office ad-

ministrator at allsoulssfdadmin@gmail.com.



Men's UnGroup

5:00p.m., Wednesday, March 15
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls



All Souls Care Team A Call for CareMeals

Submitted by Mark Sanderson

Members and Friends of All Souls, Our Care Team has a mission – “Working with [our] minister, team members will provide caring needs to members and friends who are facing isolation, personal tragedies, bereavement, or various health conditions... celebrating the joyful events, and grieving the painful events.”

We need your help in this mission. We are gathering home-cooked meals, to be frozen, and ready to give to members and friends who may be celebrating...or grieving.

Here is what we need:

- Pint-sized or quart-sized freezer quality containers with complete nutritious meals – soups, goulashes, chili, or Grandma’s creative family dish – a meal that can be thawed, heated, and eaten. Or one portion of an entrée meal – meat, vegetable, carbohydrate, or dessert.
- Donate your own container or pick up a container provided by the Care Team on the display table in Eliza’s Kitchen.
- Label the container: ingredients (at least name common allergens and if it is meat-based, vegetarian, or vegan), date cooked/baked, any special instructions for reheating (simpler is better), and perhaps a message, ie., “Enjoy,” with your name (name optional).
- Return your frozen contribution to the church... to the freezer section of our refrigerator. Or contact and deliver to a Care Team member – Mark Sanderson, Marsha Vickland, or Minister Sarah Caine.

Then rest easy, knowing that you helped a member of our community in time of need.

HOPE [hohp]

noun

1. the feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best:
to give up hope.
2. a particular instance of this feeling:
the hope of winning.
3. grounds for this feeling in a particular instance:
There is little or no hope of his recovery.
4. a person or thing in which expectations are centered:
The medicine was her last hope.



Facilities Team Minutes Projects Planned for 2017

Submitted by Sue Ann Lang

Minutes of Facilities Team meeting

February 6, 2017: A welcome and Chalice lighting at 6 pm was followed by brief check-in by Sue Ann Lang; chair, Joy Hembel; and Paul Thompson.

An update of progress of the property management company to secure a renter was followed by work they suggested should be done to the parsonage. They include:

- Cleaning main floor shower floor and sink.
- Fix hole in wall that is at the top of basement stairs.
- Clean the bottom of dishwasher.
- Sweep the bugs off windowsills.

It was agreed that volunteers could do this work.

The company that removes the snow from church parking lot and sidewalks does the snow removal at the parsonage. The property management agency also said smoke detectors need to be installed in each bedroom. They are purchased and in the janitors closet.

The team agreed that professionals should install the stove vent (it is already purchased and in the basement), which is to be vented to the outside, and also trim branches off the roof. It is agreed that the items in the garages need to go to Goodwill or to the trash. Volunteers can do this also.

At the church several small projects need to be done to maintain the building. They include the list below.

- Paint risers on steps both sides.
- Clean walls on stairwell.
- Bumpers on welcoming table (Paul Thompson).
- This will keep it from scratching the wall.
- Do touch-up painting on upstairs walls and radiators.
- Attach plastic corner protectors to radiators by front door.
- Attach corner protectors upstairs at top of stairs.
- Fix hole in carpet (Paul T.).
- Paint door leading into basement at bottom of stairs.
- Touch up painting on walls leading to boiler room.

The chair will make a list of seasonal tasks that should be done and put together supplies needed in tubs for the various tasks.

There is a plan to wax social hall floor in May in order to maintain its surface.

There was a very short discussion on who is purchasing and filling paper supplies used in bathrooms and kitchen. Chair to follow-up.

Adjourned at 7 pm.

Getting to Know UU

Getting to Know UU Sarah Caine

By Julia Tibbetts

As you may remember, we have previously had a section in our newsletter highlighting members of our church community. If you're interested in sharing about yourself, we would love to hear from you! Email us

at outreach@sfuu.org

This month we will be highlighting our minister, Sarah Caine, who joined us officially on November 1 of 2016!

Sarah was introduced to UU at 9 years old. She found that the faith of UUs resonated with her morality. The experience of soul-enriching worship, connected her to amazing friendships and also to meaning for her life, including working in ministry.

Sarah was born and raised in Ridgecrest, CA, til 8, then spent a year in Virginia that was a part of the trajectory of a life path in UU faith. She spent a year in California, MD. It wasn't until settling in Tucson, AZ, that Sarah found the place she considers her hometown. She lived in Tucson until moving to Los Angeles her third year of university. Following college, Sarah taught English in South Korea for a year. After bouncing back to the US, Sarah felt the call to ministry and attended seminary in Berkeley. After a year in residence at Starr King, Sarah spent a year working and living in Davis, CA, while commuting to the Bay Area for some classes. The year before moving to Sioux Falls was spent back in the L.A. area.

Sarah's family is her 15-year-old cat, Kida, a very vocal calico who shares many opinions on life and assists in service writing. Sarah is close to her siblings: a younger brother, Anthony, lives in Oxnard, CA, and is a mathematician; a younger sister, Derussa, who lives near Portland and is in school for nursing while working as a CNA. They try to see each other as often as possible. Sarah is also hoping to add a rescue dog to her family soon!

At All Souls, Sarah attends the Journey meetings, and when we break out into the Worship, RE, and Social Justice committees, she will attend all of those. As a part of the ministry, she serves on the Board, and she really enjoys the satisfaction of being able to help an institution run well.

The volunteer work that Sarah is involved in is in the beginning stages. Since moving to Sioux Falls, she has

connected with activist groups. She attended the Pro-Choice Lobby Day in Pierre on Feb. 21. She hopes that helping with the Social Justice committee will provide more opportunities like helping at The Banquet, as well as possibilities of tutoring programs or park clean up.

The values that guide Sarah's life are Justice, Compassion, Art, Friendships, and pausing to be heart-full or mindful of the moment. Her values also include Love, which means in the big sense of loving your neighbor as yourself, loving ourselves and including the planet.

The passions that keep her life full are Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Muay Thai, which fills as much free time as she can spare. She would love to take a weekly dance class, as dancing is something that helped her through high school and it just happens all the time informally.



**When women get together as a group,
it is immensely powerful.
~ Annie Lennox**



All Souls Women's Group

**TUE., MARCH 14TH AT 5:00pm
CRAVE, 201 E 8TH ST, SIOUX FALLS, SD**

Where can you find us?

www.sfu.org • twitter.com/AllSoulsUU • www.facebook.com

Our public Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Sioux-Falls/

Our private member Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/66794055861/



Member Interest Page



Citizens' Climate Lobby Monday, Mar. 13 • 7pm

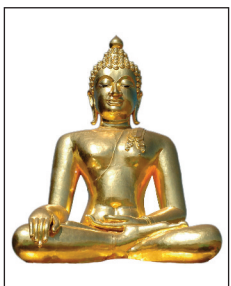
Citizens Climate Lobby will meet on Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. at All Souls Church. We will listen/watch the recording of the national meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The group meets monthly at All Souls.

If you have any questions contact Gary Pabst, gpabst@sio.midco.net or (605) 359-4356.

To learn more about Citizens' Climate Lobby, visit their website: www.citizensclimatelobby.org.



Monthly Meditation & Dhamma Talk

Our friends at Spirit of Peace, 6509 South Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls, have invited us to a Guided Meditation and Dhamma Talk from 6pm - 8pm on the following dates in 2017:

March 26, April 23, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 17, October 22 and November 26.

Everyone is warmly welcome to come and practice! Any free-will donation is accepted to help cover travel expenses for the monks .

The South Dakota Buddhist Vihara is part of the Minnesota Buddhist Vihara and its mission is to share the Buddha's message of Peace and Happiness and help create peace and harmony within ourselves and in the surrounding world. It is open to people of all faith traditions and cultures.

For more information.

Tel: 651 354 9228 | Email: sdbuddhist@mnbv.org

Website : www.southdakotabv.org

faith [feyth]

noun

1. confidence or trust in a person or thing:

faith in another's ability.

2. belief that is not based on proof:

He had faith that he would find a job soon.

3. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion:

the firm faith of the Pilgrims.

Tree of Life UU, McHenry, IL Travels to Romania/Transylvania

Submitted by Tom Steffens

Dear Fellow Unitarian Universalists,

This past June, our Choir at Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation had the honor and privilege of visiting Transylvania. During this 11-day pilgrimage, we performed one-hour concerts at four different Unitarian Churches and also experienced amazing points of interest, such as Bran Castle, the Black Church and the Frescoed Church in Szekelyderzs, the only Unitarian UNESCO World Heritage site. More importantly, this pilgrimage allowed us to foster a new understanding of our Unitarian history and build deeper relationships with each other and our fellow Unitarians.

We invite you to take a look at a video we created about our pilgrimage. This video is not a travelogue, but a documentary showing what the pilgrimage to Transylvania meant to the members of our choir.

<http://treeoflifeuu.org/worship/romaniatransylvania-choir-trip/>

Tree of Life has taken steps to having their own Partner Church in Transylvania. Please contact the Unitarian Universalist Partnership Church Council at www.uupcc.org for more information on pilgrimages to Transylvania and about the UU Partner Church Program.

Feel free to contact me at office@treeoflifeuu.org with any questions or comments.

Thank you,

Tom Steffens

Tree of Life UU Congregation, McHenry, IL

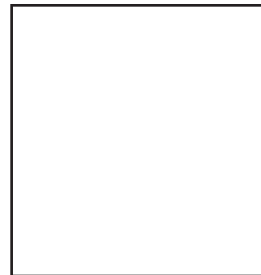




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All Souls Calendar

March 2017

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