

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

October Worship Schedule

October 4
10:00a.m.

Grace and Compassion

Can I see another's woe? How do we put ourselves in someone else's shoes? Can empathy be developed? What purpose does it serve in our lives? We will begin our month of reflection on the theme of "Grace and Compassion" by considering how we walk with others in the world.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts

Musician: Debbie Reid

October 11
10:00a.m.

Native Soul

Jerry Fogg is a cultural historian and artist. He is an enrolled member the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Jerry is the artist who created the artwork that graces the front of our church. Jerry will be drawing upon his mixed media art and gift of humor to explore these questions: Who are we? Where do we come from? Where are we going? Read more info on page 5 or at the website sfuu.org/journey

Speaker: Jerry Fogg
Coordinator: Mark Sanderson
Guest Musicians: Dr. George Eagleman & sons - Eagle Spirit Drum Group from Sioux Falls

October 18
10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

Turning Points and Moments of Grace

What events or circumstances have led you in a new direction? What turning points have we experienced together as a congregation? We will seek to take a balcony view of our lives and the life of the congregation.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler

October 25
10:00a.m.

Intergenerational Service-*The Barnyard Hero*

Puppeteer Jim Oliver presents: *The Barnyard Hero*. Farmer Brown's new puppy must save the barnyard animals from a hungry fox. Multiple critters become involved in the story, including a not-to-bright rooster, a donkey, and a hungry fox. More details are on page 3.

Guest Speaker: Jim Oliver, Puppeteer
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Debbie Reid



From the Minister David Kraemer

Grace and Compassion

I was driving down the road when up ahead a squirrel began to cross. I was watching and timing my trajectory and his, thinking he will make it across in plenty of time, when at the last moment, he turned where he was and raced back across the road to the edge, right in front of me.

He was more than half way when he turned. I guess squirrels, or this one anyway, have not yet learned that the yellow lines mark the middle, and that it was actually closer for him to continue on his path than it was to dart back to safety. Apparently he was more comfortable returning to whence he came than in embracing the unknown. (Humans, too, on their own roads, have not yet learned where the center lies).

Anyway, in the last couple of feet, he leaped, bounding into the grass. It was actually quite comical. I thought maybe this is how squirrels get their kicks. They wander into the open where something dangerous might happen, then dart back to safety at the last moment, tempting fate.

The squirrel was safe. I was free to indulge this reverie. Had he been a little slower, or had I been a little faster, he would be dead. I would be sorry. And I would

likely not have written this. As it is, here we are leaping and bounding into the unknown.

Our theme for October is Grace and Compassion. How do we travel through life gracefully, mindful of all the fellow travelers with whom we share the road? How do we find our center? Where is grace even in crisis? Where is compassion even in an unequal pairing of ability?

Religious education is in full swing. We are offering new programming this year, including Theology on Tap, a meditation group, Family Fun Night, and new interest groups, which you can read about in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Our physical space is increased with the availability of the common area in the parsonage. And we will offer opportunities for new member classes and leadership development. I'm thrilled to be venturing out into the open, where anything might happen.

Come join us.



David's schedule in Sioux Falls is Oct. 4-18, 2015.

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From the President Paul Thompson

October 2015

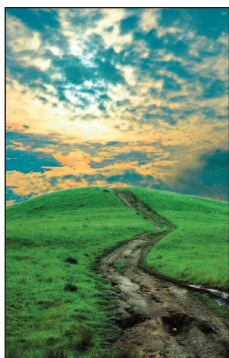
Every day, we have the opportunity to do things. Mostly, we are consumed by our normal routine. I get up at 6 AM (although sometimes I wake a little earlier). I often make coffee. I shower 4 times a week on alternative mornings. I do the Sudoku Wednesday through Sunday, while listening usually to NPR. I'm not totally habit-bound, of course. I just do pretty much the same things most mornings.

I do go to the local coffee shop. I don't like chain stores. Chains are a blight on our country. We have gone from a nation of shopkeepers to a nation of clerks in part-time positions, and this is partially due to chain stores, chain restaurants, and chain businesses of all sorts. I try to stay away from the chain stores, and shop locally. For coffee, I prefer Dunn Brothers. It is a chain business, true. But the local store is locally owned. Another chain, bigger and flashier, has opened across the street. So, I try to go to Dunn Brothers whenever possible, and sometimes schedule meetings there.

I was going to look at the roof of the parsonage, and stopped my car at the Dunn Brothers drive up window to get a coffee. I ordered a large dark coffee, just coffee. The bozo in front of me was halfway around the corner, and I thought "How rude!" Of course, when I got around the corner, I found there were several vehicles in front of the vehicle directly in front of me. I finally got to the window, and was getting my money ready when I was told that the coffee had been paid for by the person in front of me. What a pleasant surprise! I'm really glad I didn't honk at that person...

That is a small gesture, but it certainly brightened my mood. Since I was already late to the inspection, I hurried along, but did feel a lift in my thoughts. Tomorrow, I will go to Dunn Brothers, and I will do the same for the person behind me. This type of small kindness can really put a person into a good mood. When you buy that coffee, you get the nice feeling of the generous person, and when you get the coffee free, you get an unexpected surge of gratitude. It's called "paying it forward." I think the notion is that you return the favor, such as I plan to do tomorrow.

Perhaps you too might consider this small act of kindness yourself. And doing it at a local business is my preferred choice. That helps the person in the next vehicle, and supports a local business.



Path To Faith Classes Resume October 4

Path to Faith classes, which orient people to this church and this faith, will resume in October and November. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons, starting at 2 p.m., Oct. 4, Oct. 18 and Nov. 1. Mark Sanderson and Rev. David Kraemer will lead

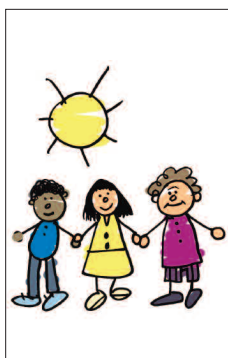
these sessions.

Path to Faith is for anyone seeking to deepen knowledge and connection to All Souls Church and to Unitarian Universalism. These classes prepare people to be ingathered as members of All Souls, though membership is optional. Classes will cover **what** UUs believe, including time for sharing individual journeys; **where** we come from, our history as a movement as a church; and **who** we are in the world, our social justice focus and our connection to the larger movement.

We welcome you to join us. If you are interested, please contact Mark Sanderson, Rev. David Kraemer, or Holly Thompson, our office administrator.

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!



Children's RE

October Happenings

During October, the Sunday morning children's religious education programs will be learning more about the UU faith and its history.

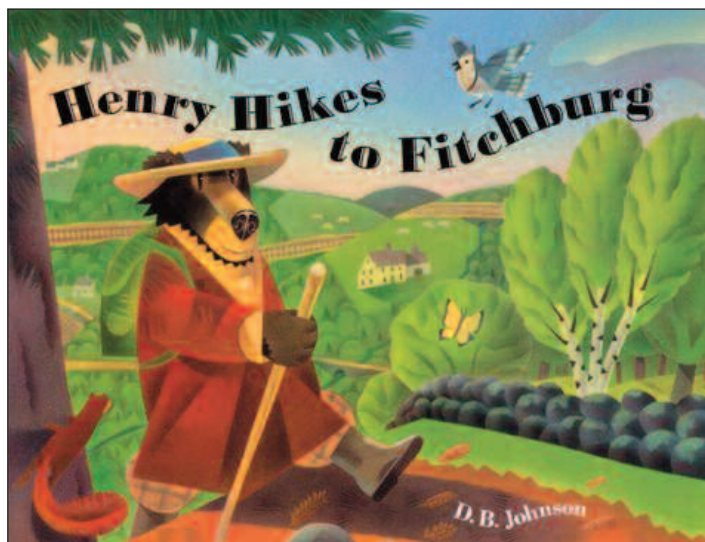
Oct. 4 - Francis David

Oct. 11 - *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*

Oct. 18 - UU Theology and Religious Symbols

Oct. 25 - Samhain (a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season)

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.



Oct. 11, Childrens RE will read *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*, a children's book by D.B. Johnson based on the writings of Henry David Thoreau.



Family Fun Night

First Monthly Family Fun Night

All are invited to attend the very first monthly Family Fun Night on Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We will gather at 5:30 with a light meal of soup, bread, and treats. We will have the tables in Eliza's

Kitchen set up with games, puzzles, Day of the Dead activities from coloring pages to sugar skulls just waiting to be decorated. There will be something for everyone.

This will be a monthly activity sponsored by different standing committees of our congregation. For additional information, contact Sue Ann Lang (see the directory for contact information.)

Intergenerational Service-Puppet Show "The Barnyard Hero," October 25

Join us for a fun, intergenerational service at 10am on Sunday, October 25.

Farmer Brown's new puppy must save the barnyard animals from a hungry fox. Multiple critters become involved in the story, including a not-too-bright rooster, a donkey, and a hungry fox.

Jim Oliver has been entertaining children and adults for over 30 years with his skill as a puppeteer (or "puppetator" as his children tagged him many years ago). He plied his skill for many years as a children's librarian at the Sioux Falls Public Library. Upon retirement Jim took his skill out into the community at large.



Theology on Tap

"In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria."

— Benjamin Franklin

The launch of Theology on Tap last month was met with a pleasant exchange of ideas and some pretty good insights into our society and ourselves.

Come join us at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, for more Theology on Tap. This month's topic is "What is Worship?" What does that mean? How do we practice it here? This event is BYOB. Wine, beer or soft drinks are all acceptable. Snacks, too.

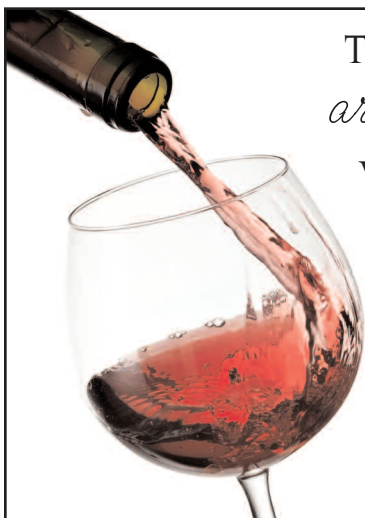
Come for snacks and beverages of your choice and imbibe in a little theological discussion. Theology on Tap will run on the Second Wednesday of each month for the coming year. We will meet informally around the kitchenette upstairs.



Treasurer's Report Terry Lang/Janet Kunze

The Finance Committee is happy to announce that the refinancing of the church and parsonage has been accomplished. We are in the process of moving accounts to Home Federal Bank from the credit union. Our loan is now at 4.5%, with significant savings being realized. Please be patient with checks that seem to be funny colored or notes from Vanco or the like which indicate that your money is not in the bank that we are used to.

On going needs of the church and parsonage have meant some increased expenses. We have resurfaced floors in the RE rooms and will soon replace the roof on the parsonage -- sorely needed maintenance that has been deferred for more than six years now. With a combination of volunteer labor and frugal spending, we have managed to do what needs to be done within the budget.



THE BEST WINES
are the ones shared
WITH FRIENDS

All Souls Women's Group
TUE., OCTOBER 13 AT 5:00pm-7:00pm
BRACCO, 5001 SOUTH WESTERN AVE., SIOUX FALLS

New Workout Program!



It's all in the attitude —
housework is exercise.
Slim your way to
a clean home church,
clean your way to a slim body!

~Terri Guillemets

**Looking for people
with attitude!**

JOIN THE FUN!
CHURCH CLEANING MORNING
OCTOBER 10 & 24 AT 10:00AM

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

The private Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/66794055861/>





Themed Dinners & Socials: The Fun Fundraisers

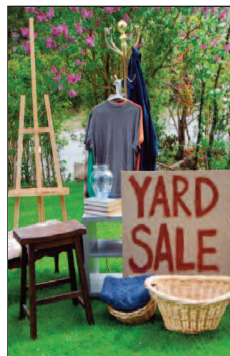
The Fundraising Committee is excited about bringing more weekend socials and theme dinners to All Souls this season. Sign-up sheets will begin appearing the last Sunday in September.

Claudia Dail will kick off the events with a **Wine & Beer Tasting** on October 17 from 7–8:30pm. For \$25.00, an established member can bring a newer member to enjoy an All Souls social event! Just in case you need help identifying newer members to invite, we will have a list available for you.

Barb Peterson will be opening a whole new world of exciting foods and flavors for 10 people at her **Vegan Dinner Party** on Nov. 21 at 6pm. Cost is \$30.00 each.

On December 12, Rev./Chef David Kraemer will demonstrate yet another one of his talents when he hosts **"Holiday Dinner at the Parsonage."**

Members of the Fundraising Committee are Marsha Vickland, JoAnn Huber, Joy Hembel and Janelle Lenser. Please contact a committee member if you have questions or would like to host an event!



Fundraising Rummage Sale October 2 & 3

A rummage sale to benefit the operating budget of our church will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3, at the parsonage. The sale will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Donations may be dropped off on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 5-7pm, at the church. If you are unable to drop donations off and need someone to pick them up, call Joy Hembel at 332-1587.

CDs, DVDs and books can be brought to the church library by Sept. 27. We are not accepting donations of clothing or electronics. Gently used housewares, toys, furniture and related items are much appreciated.

No rummage sale can be successful without volunteers. We will have a sign-up sheet available in mid-September. Volunteers will be needed to setup, sales and clean-up shifts.

Members of the Fundraising Committee are Marsha Vickland, JoAnn Huber, Joy Hembel and Janelle Lenser. Please contact a committee member if you have questions about the rummage sale.

Journey Towards Justice Set for October 11 & 12

On Sunday, October 11, 2015, Jerry Fogg, artist, cultural historian and enrolled member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, will do a presentation entitled "Native Soul," exploring the questions of who we are, where we come from, where we are going. We will also have a drum group—Eagle Spirit—providing music. This program will start Sunday morning at 10:00am at All Souls Church.

On Monday, October 12, at 6:30pm we present JR LaPlant, South Dakota's first cabinet-level Secretary for Tribal Relations, 2011 to 2014; attorney; director of Tribal Relations at Avera and enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. He will be discussing tribal/state relations. A question/answer session with speaker will follow LaPlante's remarks. Eagle Spirit Drum Group will open and close the program. Social with refreshments at 6:30pm.

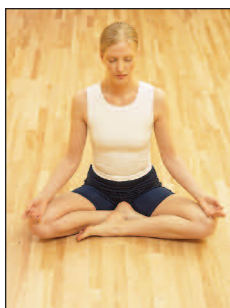
The event will take place at 7 p.m. Belbas Theater, Washington Pavilion, 301 S. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD

Everyone is welcome. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend. This program is partially supported by the South Dakota Humanities Council.

More info at the website sfuu.org/journey

Journey Towards Justice

Honoring Native American Day



Meditation Group to Meet in Parsonage

An established meditation group, the Lay Buddhist Meditation Community, meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, in the parsonage just north of the church.

All Souls members are welcome to join them. The fee is a free-will offering, so it is hoped our members take advantage of the opportunity. Here is a link to their Facebook page if you'd like to check them out or "like" them:

www.facebook.com/LayBuddhistMeditationCommunity



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

Getting to Know UU

Getting to Know UU Wendy Guitian

By Julia Tibbetts

Happy Day! This month we feature a new member, Wendy Guitian.

Wendy joined All Souls last spring, she has always been a UU at heart and just didn't know there were others out there! Finding All Souls provided spiritual fulfillment and a sense of community.

Wendy's family is spread across the seas and back: "We are everywhere." With her in Sioux Falls is her husband Nick, and two cats, Fancy Pants and Finn; a cockatiel, Hermione; and a blue tongue skink, Leroy Jenkins. (All were "rescued.")

Originally from South Carolina, most of her life has been in North Dakota.

Wendy's love for peace, animals, humanity, and the earth are apparent in her volunteer work and hobbies. She loves reading, coloring, drawing, and hiking, serves as a part of the RE committee, and volunteers at the Humane Society. If you see Wendy, be sure to welcome her to our church!



Each month we will be highlighting an All Souls member. If you would like to nominate someone or you're interested in being the next UU we get to know, contact Julia Tibbetts at juliatibbetts@sio.midco.net.

In Remembrance Kathy Coughlin

Kathy Talley Coughlin

March 6, 1963 - Sept. 22, 2015

Katherine Ellen Talley, daughter of Dr. Robert C. and Katherine Ann (Plocar) Talley, was born March 6, 1963, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Kathy lived in various cities due to her father's occupation and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1981. She then attended Augustana College and graduated in 1985. Kathy worked for Software Unlimited for 30 years until she became ill. She truly enjoyed her work.

Kathy was united in marriage with Daniel B. Coughlin on July 28, 1990, in Sioux Falls, SD.

Kathy enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, bicycling, kayaking and her cats. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

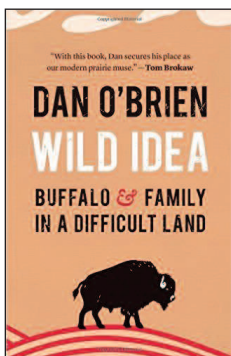
Kathy was very active in the All Souls Church when we were located in the "pink church." Her children, Bridget and Rick, attended the RE program and she was a familiar face among the All Souls family.

Our condolences go to her family. View the full obituary online at: www.heritagesfsd.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1660737

"The land is sacred. These words are at the core of your being. The land is our mother, the rivers our blood. Take our land away and we die. That is, the Indian in us dies."

- Mary Brave Bird, Lakota

Book Club



Book Club will meet at 7:00p.m., Monday, October 26, to discuss *Wild Idea: Buffalo & Family in a Difficult Land* (nonfiction) by Dan O'Brien. Discussion leader is Gordon Scott.

The November 23 selection will be *Gifts of Imperfection* (nonfiction)

by Brene' Brown leader Claudia Dail.

Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. We are snack-free except for the December meeting, which is a holiday pot luck.

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

Bits 'N' Pieces

News from Our Members

From long-time member Romy Klessen: "At age 99, my mom (Ruth Davie Klessen) died quietly in her sleep at 2:30 this morning (September 10, 2015), as she wanted--at home, in her own bed, with no one keeping her going artificially. I was with her.

"She decided for herself when she was ready to stop taking her meds, to stay in bed, to stop eating, and to stop drinking. If I live that long, I hope I will be able to make those choices clear, as she did.

"She was buried next to my dad, at Mt. Pleasant here in Sioux Falls. She had a 'green burial' and I picked out a wicker casket for her that looks just like a giant knitting basket. She would be very pleased."

Why so serious?



Men's Un- Group

5:00p.m., Wednesday, October 21
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls

Retreat and Workshops to Build Leadership Skills, Deepen Faith



In November, All Souls will launch an exciting leadership development curriculum aimed at both new and seasoned leaders beginning with a retreat weekend at Shalom Hill Farm in Windom, Minn. "Harvest the Power" is a Tapestry of Faith curriculum offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association which seeks to "not only to strengthen the skills and the confidence of individuals who have accepted a leadership role in our congregations, but also to provide the intentional faith development of integrated leaders who model healthy personal, spiritual and leadership practices."

The retreat weekend will run from 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Meals are included. Lodging will be at Shalom Hill Farm retreat center, which offers double-occupancy rooms. The All Souls board of directors will cover approximately half the cost of the retreat, which will make the cost to participants \$25 each for the weekend. Members of First Unitarian from Sioux City, Iowa, will be invited to join the retreat.

The curriculum will then continue with workshops one Thursday night each month from December through March here at church in Sioux Falls. The focus of the opening weekend retreat will be identity. "Participants will explore their own leadership and religious journeys, the meanings of power and authority, and turning points and change opportunities in their lives and congregations." The next two sessions, in December and January, will focus on purpose, or what ends we serve. "Participants explore the choices they make and how leaders can honor their own needs along with the needs of others in the leadership group and the congregation." The final two sessions, in February and March, will focus on path, "inviting leaders to learn skills and ways of thinking which will enable them to lead a congregation through change processes in a healthy way. This unit introduces congregational system theory and explores ways for leaders to respond to congregational conflict and difficult behavior."

More information on Harvest the Power is available on the web at www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/harvest.

Please contact Rev. David Kraemer if you are interested in participating.

Bias Awareness Training Offered October 30 & 31



Submitted By Rev. Kraemer

This is to be a bias awareness training aimed at service providers and others who are engaged with minority or other underrepresented populations. The seminar will run from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31,

at the University Center. Facilitator will be Priscilla Prutzmann. Sponsors of the seminar are South Dakota Peace and Justice and All Souls Church, Sioux Falls. Meals will be included.

Areas of focus will include gender, race, sexual orientation, age, ability, class and religion. In our multicultural and diverse culture, the interaction of groups and individuals of many walks of life is a daily occurrence. The goal of this seminar is learning to navigate the differences and gain awareness of our own place in the mix.

Our hope is to offer continuing education credits for professionals who take advantage of this training.

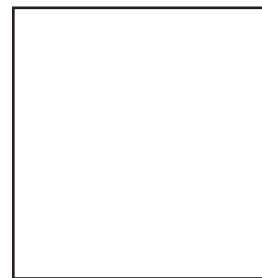
For more information, please contact Rev. Kristi McLaughlin, executive director, South Dakota Peace and Justice, at 605-231-3015, or Rev. David Kraemer, All Souls Church, 515-231-2536.



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All Souls Calendar

October 2015

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4 10:00 am Can I See Another's Woe? With Rev. Kraemer 12:00 pm RE comm 2:00 pm Path to Faith class	5 6:00 pm Finance Meeting 7:00 pm COC	6	7 7:30 pm Facilities	8 7:00 pm Board	9	10 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
Rev. Kraemer in Sioux Falls from October 4-18						
11 10:00 am Native Soul with Jerry Fogg	12 Columbus Day/ Native American Day 7:00 pm Discussion of Tribal Relations	13 5:00 pm Women's Group @ Bracco's 6:00 pm Meditation Group	14 4:00 pm LDC meeting 5:30 pm Theology on Tap Ad RE	15 Deadline for Newsletter	16	17 7:00 pm Fundraiser Social
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25 10:00 am "The Barnyard Hero" with Jim Oliver, Puppeteer	26 7:00 pm Book Club	27 6:00 pm Meditation	28 5:30 pm Family Fun Night	29	30 3:00 pm SD P&J Bias Awareness	31 Halloween 9:00 am SD P&J Bias Awareness