

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

August Worship Schedule

August 2
10:00 a.m.

"By Their Groups Shall Ye Know Them."

Unitarian theologian James Luther Adams puts a spin on the biblical "By their fruits" passage, illuminating how we find identity within social movements.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Joseph L'Amour

August 9
10:30 a.m.

Two Options:

Tri-State Gathering, Worthington, MN, or Extended Circle Discussion "Roots and Stems."

Tri-State Gathering, Worthington, MN. Rev. David Kraemer will lead worship for this gathering of Unitarian Universalists from South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. Since the days of the pioneers we have been breaking new ground here on the prairie. Come celebrate our common bonds and our unique vision. Gather at 10:30 a.m., worship at 11:00 a.m., potluck at noon.

OR

10:00 a.m.

OR **"Belonging." Extended circle discussion**, led by Peter Holland, here at All Souls, 10:00 a. m.

August 16
10:00 a.m.

"Hello, My Name Is ..."

What it means to be a member of a church, and in particular, this church? What are the benefits and the expectations?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

August 23
10:00 a.m.

Cookie Monster Sunday

Children's Religious Education begins again for the year. Homer Wilkins, UU Minister is our speaker.

Guest Speaker: Homer Wilkins

Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

August 30
10:00 a.m.

"Welcoming Congregation for LGBTQ"

Being welcoming means striving to create an inclusive environment for all people, and creating spaces that honor every part of our identities, backgrounds, and experiences. Religious spaces have not always been welcoming places for all people, especially when it comes to gender and sexuality. J.L. Jackson will speak about what it means to be welcomed into a diverse community, why it is important, and what a radically inclusive community might look like.

Guest Speaker: J. L. Jackson

Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler



From the Minister Rev. David Kraemer

I took a walk around the block one evening in July. It was a warm day, with clear skies, except for one massive, towering cloud, shining in the evening sun. It sailed slow and low, right over the tree tops, it seemed: majestic, regal, new parapets billowing out as it rolled along. I thought of ships at sea, of dragons and dinosaurs, of shapes in the clouds, and the human need to see something there.

I thought, too, of the millions of gallons of water that are suspended in our planet's system of respiration and renewal. And I thought of how clouds like this have marched across the prairie for eons, since long before there were humans here, and ever since.

I have been reading *Giants in the Earth*, the saga of the sodbusters who came to this land in the late 1800s to pioneer new settlements, new crops, new ways of living on the earth. It is a richly nuanced tale, full of grandeur, power and frailty. I hope to use this in preparation for the Tri-State Gathering on Aug. 9 in Worthington. On that Sunday, Unitarian Universalists from Sioux

Falls, Sioux City, Hanska, Okoboji, Mankato and perhaps other congregations across the great tallgrass prairie will gather to celebrate our "Roots and Stems," those common bonds that connect us, and the independent churches we have become.

Our theme in August is belonging. The Tri-State Gathering fits well with this theme as we consider how we belong to a historic movement within our denomination that brought liberal religion to the frontier, and how we belong to an even larger movement of thoughtful, compassionate people. We belong to each other. We belong to the earth. The skies overhead speak to the grandeur of our vision, and the persistence of our faith.



David's schedule in Sioux Falls is August 2 – 16, 2015.

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From the President Paul Thompson

Joy and I are making an official visit to Europe. However, our "presidential powers" have not gained us much advantage. We still have to pay for train fare, etc. We have visited Croatia (Zagreb, Dubrovnik, Split), Slovenia (Ljubljana), Austria (Salzburg), and Germany (Munich, Cottbus, Berlin, Frankfurt).

In Ljubljana, Slovenia, we found that there was a common relationship to our All Souls Church in Sioux Falls – there is a church called "the pink church." (Our previous building was known as "the pink church.") Of course, it is a little bigger. We attended a very interesting Sunday service, advertised as the "international service." The priest (a Franciscan, wearing the brown robe), began by determining which languages to deliver the homily in. He spoke in English about St. Methodius, who created an alphabet to spread the gospel to the Slovenes 1,000 years ago. It is similar to the Cyrillic alphabet. He also spoke in Italian, French, and Slovenian.

Although we are not Christian, we often visit churches on our trips. The great cathedrals have great art and a long history. Some cathedrals had a part in the good things of

WWII – saving the Jews and saving children of many groups. Some priests and cardinals were punished by the Nazis and the Communists.

Of course, through the ages, all churches have the same problems. They must help their members determine the important parts of life – surviving terrible events, celebrating new life, bringing meaning to the end of life.

And, through the ages, churches face the problem of

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Above: The Franciscan Church of the Annunciation in Ljubljana the capital of Slovenia is called the "the pink church."



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fundraising. In another part of Ljubljana, we found an archeological park. The park was an early church complex. They had a baptism pool. They had rooms that looked possibly like child-care rooms. But, even in the year 200 AD, they had the same issues that we do today – we must continually ask for funds from our members. Here is a picture of fund-raising in 200 AD – they put a mosaic floor in their church with the names of those who contributed to the church. Perhaps we need a mosaic floor in our sanctuary? The more things change through the years and centuries, the more they stay the same.

We returned to the US on July 21.

Right: In Ljubljana, a mosaic on 200 A. D. church floor lists the names of donors.



Photo credit: Paul Thompson



Successful Sioux Falls Pride Held June 20

Submitted by Julia Tibbetts

What does Pride mean to you? On June 20, Sioux Falls held its very own pride festival with a wide variety of people who came out to celebrate the diverse spectrum of gender and sexuality. All Souls Unitarian Universalism was represented there by volunteers (if you're interested in volunteering next year let us know!) as well as our friends from Spirit of Peace, the Siouxland Libraries (my favorite!), and many, many other groups who value the inclusion of people. I brought my 10-year-old child out to Terrace Park, where the festival was to be held just as set up was beginning. She was excited to see the rainbow balloon arch and the multitude of vendors who offered fun games, prizes, and information.

Why this is important to our family is that our child is bigender--they don't identify as a boy or a girl. Finding support in South Dakota for youth who are under the LGBTQ spectrum has been a difficult task. Exposure and understanding are huge in order to allow healthy development.

PFLAG (parents, families, friends, and allies united with LGBTQ people to move equality forward) is working on creating a youth group to move support they offer to adults to those youth who are in need.

How is All Souls an inclusive supportive community? I have seen this as a place my child feels safe and unjudged in their presentation, including clothing outside of gender norms, fun hair colors, and the option to be treated as a person, not just a child to be seen and not heard.

With the ruling in regards to marriage equality on June 26 it may seem as if there has been much accom-

plished - and there has! but there is also much work left to do. On August 30 J.L. Jackson will be speaking about experiences while growing up in a fundamentalist household and coming to terms with being a genderqueer person of color. With high suicide rates and murder rates of LGBTQ people, particularly with trans women of color, we at All Souls can offer more support.



Above: All Souls members staffed the booth at Sioux Falls Pride on June 20, 2015. Left to right: Rev. David Kraemer, Julia Tibbetts, Alice Tibbetts, Joy Hembel and Mariah Lockard



Above: All Souls Church members Clara Jacobs and Joy Hembel greeted visitors at the All Souls booth.

Photo Credit: Charles Taylor

We honor. . .

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and
encouragement to spiritual growth;

A free and responsible search
for truth and meaning.



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The New and Improved All Souls First-Floor Refreshment Station



One of the many recent improvements to the church was the installation of this first-floor refreshment station and coat rack. This has been especially useful at large meetings and gatherings on the first floor. Also, the entrance to the unisex restroom is now recessed, offering a little more privacy. The door to the minister's office can be seen on the right.

Above: Terry Lang and Tom Houle enjoy coffee and conversation at the new refreshment station.

Film night Thursday, August 13, to feature *Wilderness Journey*



Wilderness
Journey

Join us at 7 p.m. Thu., Aug. 13, for film night at All Souls. In keeping with our social justice and racial justice movie theme, we will see "Wilderness Journey: The Struggle for Black Empowerment and Racial Justice within the Unitarian Universalist Association, 1967-1970," a documentary of the Black Empowerment Controversy that nearly destroyed our movement shortly after merger. Ron Cordes filmed these interviews of many Unitarian Universalist leaders who lived through those complex times and created this essential historical record. The film will run 76 minutes and will be followed by discussion. Child care will be available upon request.

This is a rescheduled showing of the film originally intended for July.

Life's a Beach!



All Souls Women's Group

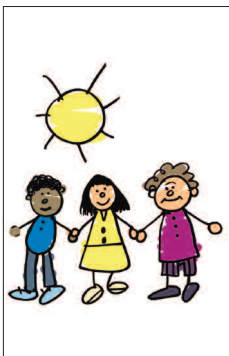
Tue., Aug. 11 at 5:00pm

Bracco's, 5001 S. Western Ave., Sioux Falls

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Children's Religious Ed Cookie Monster Morning

August Happenings

Summer is drawing to an end and soon it will be time for Children's Religious Educations (RE) to begin. Join us on Sun., August 23, 11am – 12pm for the start of the Children's RE school year.

Kids can enjoy a fun morning and parents can sign their child up for the 2015-2016 RE program.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help teach Children's RE. For more information, contact Aundrea Jorgensen at reajorgensen@gmail.com.

**Let the sunshine,
let the sunshine in.
The sunshine in...
The windows need cleaning.**

**Volunteers Needed • Church Cleaning
August 8 & 22 • 10:00am**



Book Club Resumes 7:00 p.m., August 24

August 24 will be the first gathering of the year for the book club. Discussion will be the selection of books to read for the 2015-2016 year.

Guidelines for the book selection.

1. Recommended books should be of length so it can be read in one month.
2. Person recommending book should have read it.
3. One recommendation per person.

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



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 (On One) and receive some extra exposure. The \$800 contract for

the radio show is due before the end of January; a special fund will be set up for this. If you would like to contribute, please contact Joy at (605) 332-1587 or email joyhembel@gmail.com.



Hey guys, I've got an un-plan.

**Men's Un-Group
5:00p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls**



Fundraising Rummage Sale Planned

Start saving your gently used items for our almost-annual UU Rummage Sale scheduled for early October. Watch for date and times in the September newsletter. Information on when and where to bring donated items will also be given,

Electronic equipment, clothing and shoes will not be accepted.

Our previous rummage sale made around \$1,000 for the church. With everyone's help, we hope to reach that amount this year.

If you have any questions about this upcoming event, please contact a member of the Fundraising Committee: Marsha Vickland, Joann Huber, Joy Hembel, and Janelle Lenser.

Rev. Kraemer to Speak at Tri-State Gathering August 9

Make plans to attend the Tri-State Gathering at 10:30am on Sunday, August 9 at Nobles County Pioneer Village, 1600 Stower Drive, Worthington, MN.

Gather for a service and potluck at the historic Nobles County Pioneer Village. Broaden the circle of our UU family. Join UUs from southern Minnesota, eastern south Dakota and northwestern Iowa.

Schedule: 10:30 Gather, 11:00 Service, 12:00 Potluck

Service: "Roots and Stems." by Rev. David Kraemer of All Souls UU Church in Sioux Falls, SD.

Potluck: Please bring a dish to share and your own place settings. For more information:

norachurch@sleepyeyetel.net

Nobles County Pioneer Village:

www.noblespioneervillage.com

**Save The Date
for the
2015
Tri-State
Gathering!**

~
sunday, august 9th

Our own
Rev. David Kraemer
will be the speaker.





Getting to Know UU

Who's Behind the All Souls Newsletter?

Submitted by Julia Tibbetts
Getting to Know UU

Happy Day! We are working on putting together a new column in our newsletter - where we visit with, share, and learn, more about each other. If you're interested in being highlighted, contact Julia Tibbetts or Kelly Christiansen.

Kelly Christiansen is our newsletter editor and has been a part of All Souls "officially" since 2012. Her daughter Casey Eekhoff had joined the church first, and after visiting the church with her found that she liked it. It was a place where she found a church that wouldn't tell her what to believe. That was important because Kelly embraces a lot of New Age beliefs that are not accepted in a traditional church. Along with that, her husband and three youngest children are of Cherokee descent, and so finding a church that honors Native beliefs and fit their family was hard!

Kelly and her husband Russ adopted 3 of their grandchildren 2 years ago and they each have 3 grown children from previous marriages. With 9 children between them, 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, they have a large and lovely family! Their family also includes a menagerie of horses, llamas, dogs, fish and a cat on acreage on the edge of Humboldt. Kelly was born in Washington, DC, but moved to South Dakota at 2 years of age and has lived here ever since. The acreage on the edge of Humboldt is a refuge of a home.

At 53, Kelly has found that family is the most important thing, and she has rightful pride in her work, which includes managing and producing a small advertising newspaper. Enjoying the important things in life like cooking, spending time with family, camping with children, and learning by spending time researching interesting subjects.

Kelly is a WONDERFUL addition to the All Souls family, and her joyful laugh and dedicated work in voluntarily running the church newsletter is greatly valued!

Next month we will be highlighting another member! Please send your information if you're interested in being our next UU we get to know! Send info to juliatibbetts@sio.midco.net.



Above: Kelly Christiansen poses with her husband Russ and their 3 youngest children; Arius, Aidan and Acydia.



Work-Play at All Souls

Submitted by Susan Randall

Several people have pitched in this summer with the expanded outdoor tending required by our beautiful green, growing plants. Tasks have included mowing, weed pulling, trimming, digging/planting, hauling and

distributing wood mulch, refurbishing wood benches, and watering. Ken Abbe spiced things up when he brought in his terrific (but cheap) mega water guns!

A big THANKS to these volunteers: Ken Abbe, Gina Hale, Liz Hunziker, Sue Ann Lang, Kevin Kolb, Janet Kolb, Logan Kolb, Ethan Kolb, Terry Lang, Pat Loughhead, Susan Randall, Mark Sanderson, Gordon Scott, Sally Scott, and Nelson Vollink.

More opportunities abound as All Souls Church took back its residential house at 2200 S. Cliff Avenue from the rental market, effective July 1. The house is being repurposed as a parsonage for our minister. If you wish to volunteer to help with painting and varied maintenance tasks, please contact Susan Randall, Facilities Committee Chair, at 605-941-4440 (phone/text).



Above: All Souls folks gather in the Peace Garden for a photo-op late June while tending the growing plants. Left to right: Gordon Scott, Pat Loughhead, Sally Scott “with four-footed friend”, Ken Abbe, and Liz Hunziker.



Above: Hedgemaster Mark Sanderson uses a ladder and electric hedge trimmer to master the ever-expanding, ever-taller hedge on the east side of All Souls’ property. Nelson Vollink completed the job a few days later, tapping his greater naturally acquired height. All volunteers—short and tall—are welcomed with gratitude at All Souls!



Above: Planting! Sue Ann Lang transplants green multicolored “Snow on the Mountain” from her garden to the shady landscape area east of the church’s bell tower. Her crowning touch was caution tape weaved in with wire fencing to alert eager soccer players to stay clear of the plants!

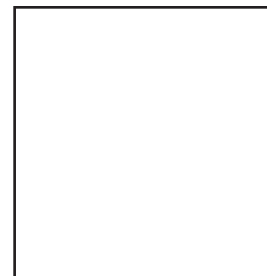
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August 2015

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