

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

December Worship Schedule

- December 4 10:00am** **A Blue Christmas with Debbie Reid**
This All Souls tradition help us prepare for the season of Light by acknowledging many of us are also confronting the reality that darkness is also part of the month. Debbie will share stories and song during this special time. There will caroling and an opportunity to participate in decorating a tree with blue and silver balls.
11:00am Sharing The Dream Guatemala - Craft Sale
Coordinator: Chris Provance Musician: Debbie Reid
- December 11 10:00am** **Risk as an important part of our spiritual and physical life**
Speaker: Sarah Caine
Coordinator: Mike Huber Musician: Debbie Reid
- December 18 10:00am** **Honor the Upcoming Solstice**
Speaker: Sarah Caine
Coordinator: Julia Tibbets Musician: Kristi Holler
- December 25 10:00am** **No service on Christmas Day**



Happy Holidays!
Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!
Season's Greetings!
HAPPY KWANZAA!
Solstice Greetings!
Happy New Year!

WHATEVER YOUR
CUP OF CHEER,
WE WISH YOU
A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON.

MAY YOU ENJOY THE
WARMTH AND COMPANIONSHIP
OF THOSE YOU HOLD DEAR

MAY YOU BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS,
JOY AND CONTENTMENT
THROUGHOUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.



Minister Sarah Caine Office Hours and Schedule

Sarah Caine serves as minister to our All Souls congregation and First Unitarian Church of Sioux City. She is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry (one of two UU-identity seminaries) and completed a year as a chaplain resident in Santa Monica at St John's Health Center. Sarah was raised a UU. Having spent her growing up years in the Sonoran Desert, she has a keen awareness of the interdependence of all life on this planet.

Sarah Caine's office hours

Monday are Sarah's day off.

Wednesdays 10-1, by appointment.

Meetings will be in semi-public places for these hours.

Fridays 10-12, walk-ins okay

Meetings will be at the church.

Holly also has office hours at this time.

Otherwise, by appointment.

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



Why We Give

"Welcome to All Souls Church."

Those words welcomed us the first time we entered this church and they welcome us—members, friends, newcomers—every week. Our church is dependent on the creativity, vision, and generosity of our members and friends. It is up to us to keep the door open and the welcoming hand extended.

Giving to a community we believe in is an opportunity for personal growth and for extending our presence to others looking for a religious home.

It is the act of giving that ennobles us, not the amount.

To give to the Endowment Fund, email joyhembel@gmail.com or call 605-215-3391.



From the President Claudia Dail

December 2016

I am writing this just before Thanksgiving, and gratitude is the theme of the week and season. It fits well with my thoughts and feelings. Personally, I am thankful to be spending 2 weeks with my son and his family in Salt Lake City. I have 2 of my grandkids to myself as their parents take a trip for a few days to celebrate their anniversary. The delight of one-on-one time with Misha and Ivan is immeasurable. We have checked out the snow at Brighton Ski Resort (not enough!), toured the Natural History Museum and checked out IKEA and Trader Joe's. They have great enthusiasm for the hangman word game and every night we read together before

bed. Each time I see my grands, I am amazed at how quickly they are growing and developing. Gratitude for their health, happiness and our time together.

My gratitude and thanks extend to All Souls. It has been an active month as Sarah arrives and takes on leadership in so many ways. The warmth from our community in welcoming her, the numerous details so many have tended to in helping her settle in, the open arms the team leaders and volunteers have extended. All Souls has been a spiritual home for me and so much more. I appreciate the community and spirit I find within the walls and understand the amount of time and energy it takes to keep it running. I often sign off personal emails with "life is good, I hope the same for you." I extend this salutation to each of you. May this wonderful time of the year be touched with joy.

Cheers,
Claudia

New Schedule for "Happenings" E-mails

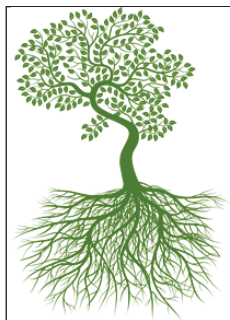
Stay up-to-date with the happenings at All Souls. "Happenings" will be e-mailed to you every Wednesday (a change from the Monday/Friday schedule.)

If you use a Gmail account, be sure to check the "Promotions" tab. Gmail often sends newsletters to that tab rather than the "Primary" tab. You can set your account so that "Happenings" is sent to your "Primary" inbox.

Help Us Help You Communications Survey

Watch your e-mail inbox for an invitation to participate in the Outreach Team's Communications Survey. Your answers will help the Outreach Team understand the best ways to communicate with members and friends.

Print versions of the survey will also be available at worship services during December.



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 out-right 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.

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The holidays are only holy if we make them so.

~ Marianne Williamson



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Outreach Team Email Is Now Streamlined

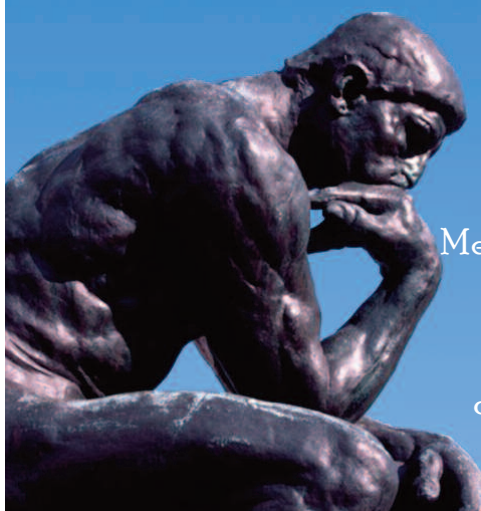
Do you want to promote an upcoming event? Do you have ideas or insights to share with All Souls members? How about photos from one of our services or events?

Submitting your information is as quick and easy as sending an e-mail. The Outreach Team can be contacted at outreach@sfuu.org. Whether you want an item in the monthly newsletter, a mention in the weekly e-mails, a post on Facebook, or help with a poster or brochure, all requests go to one e-mail. The team will take it from there.

We look forward to hearing from you and are happy to help share All Souls information.

One e-mail: outreach@sfuu.org; lots of creative solutions!

**A conclusion is the place
where you got tired of thinking.**



Men's Un~Group
at 5:00p.m.
Wed., Dec. 21
Monk's House
of Ale Repute,
420 E. 8th St,
Sioux Fall, 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/





All-Team Meetings December 7 at 5:30

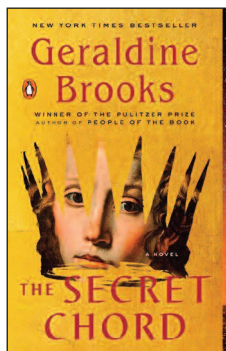
Don't forget our next meeting on the first Wednesday of December. We will continue starting with a light potluck/social time at 5:30, with the team meetings beginning at 6:00. This is an opportunity to learn how All Souls functions and to express your

thoughts.

With our team structure, all teams meet the same night. This allows people interested in committee work to check out what the teams do. And it reduces the number of meetings for everyone. The meetings of our teams are held on the first Wednesday of each month, and everyone is invited.

The teams are Journey (which includes Worship, RE and Social Justice); Outreach (Communications, Hospitality, and Membership); and Finance (which includes Stewardship and Fundraising and Facilities).

Bring food to share, if you like, and join us for an evening of discussion and planning.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 6:30pm, December 19, to discuss *The Secret Cord* by Geraldine Brooks (fiction) with discussion leader Marcy Reisetter. This is also our holiday gathering.

The January 23 selection is *Brutal Telling* by Louise Penny (fiction mystery) with leader Barb Iverson.

Meetings are usually the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the church. We are snack-free.

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.

Adult RE on Tap Transforming Grief into Gratitude

On December 14, 5:30-8:00pm, we will be looking at the meaning of loss in our lives and the possibility for transforming loss into wisdom. To that end we will embark on a study of a classic (1961) short book *Good Grief* by Granger Westberg. It describes what happens to us when we lose something or someone important. It covers our little losses as well as grief experiences that overwhelm. We will conclude with our third discussion on this series. *Good Grief* books for this series are still available in the office for \$5.00.



January 6 Banquet Serving



All Souls and Spirit of Peace, UTC, Churches will again serve together at the Banquet on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Please mark your calendars and look for the famous green clipboard on Sunday mornings in December,

and sign up to help cook 2-5pm and/or serve 5-8pm.

Sign up directly by contacting Mark Sanderson at marksanderson@sio.midco.net or 334-0726 (leave a message if I'm out and about). The process: not just a hand-out, but a hand-up. Please help make it happen.

UNFORTUNATELY... THE HOUSE ELVES
ARE BUSY THIS MONTH AND WON'T BE
AVAILABLE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH.

**Volunteer
Elves are
Needed!**

**Mon., Dec. 19
at 5:30pm
Cleaning Evening**





In Remembrance Dr. Mary Patterson

Dr. Mary Alice Crabill Patterson
Feb. 8, 1927 - Nov. 11, 2016

Long-time All Souls member Dr. Mary Alice Crabill Patterson of Sioux City passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, at her home, surrounded by her family, tender care of Joey Manning, and Hospice of Siouxland.

Mary was born to Jacob and Mary Emmaline Crabill on Feb. 8, 1927, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Her character and humanity were spawned by reading library books during the Great Depression, developing an avid adult appreciation of science and crime fiction.

Her rich operatic alto voice and commanding stage presence led her to singing and theatrical roles, often with her husband, Perry.

Dr. Patterson earned her PhD at the University of Colorado, Boulder; MA, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and BA, University of Sioux Falls. Mary taught Speech and Communications at the University of Sioux Falls, University of South Dakota, and Augustana College.

She served in the South Dakota House; numerous advocacy groups, including as South Dakota's lone on-call ACLU representative; and was an active leader of All Souls Church. Mary owned Patterson Speech and Language Services, worked in hospitals with children in Lincoln, Neb., and work as Chief Speech Pathologist at Royal C. Johnson VA Hospital.

She is survived by her sons, Charles Jacob and Daniel Alexander and his wife, Eleanor May-Patterson; and her four grandchildren, Angela Robinson, John Patterson, Seth May-Patterson and Claire May-Patterson. Mary was an optimistic, loving, full-time wife, mother, grandmother and neighborhood mom, participating actively with school, church, performing arts and sporting events of each of her loved ones.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Lina Anderson and Don Taylor; daughter-in-law Julie Merdink Patterson; and her beloved husband, Perry.

In lieu of gifts or cards, the Drs. Mary and Perry Patterson Fund is established at every Wells Fargo Branch, based at 2015 So. St. Aubin, Sioux City, IA 51106, account 6329085721. The fund has and will continue to sponsor fine arts programs for Sioux City youth.

As teacher, activist, therapist and poet, Mary's favorite work ends like this:

This flower now gives to you and me
Color, joy and a feeling of free.
The key to its life is TLC:
The key to all life is TLC.



Upcoming Fundraising Events

The mission of the Fundraising Committee at All Souls is to raise money for the operating budget of our church, to be used as determined by the board. Money raised can help pay for an RE director, a minister, church repairs, sending members to

workshops, or any area of improvement designated by the board. Your participation in the fundraising activities will help keep the church alive for all of us.

Here is a brief description of the upcoming fundraising events this fall and winter:

- December--On Dec. 11 and 18, we will be having our annual Christmas Bake Sale after the service. We ask everyone to bring their favorite Christmas baked item for the sale.
- January--Plans still under construction
- February--The 3rd Annual Super Bowl Party will be held at Walker and Yoshi's home at 5 p.m. Feb. 5. Delicious snacks and a variety of beverages will be served. Suggested donation is \$15 per person.
- February 12--Valentine Cookie Sale after church. Please bake something with a Valentine theme to include in the sale.
- March--A "Bento Box Luncheon" will be provided by Yoshiko Sato. Date, time, and place to be announced.



Bake & Buy Holiday Treats! December 11 & 18

Watch for the annual Christmas Bake Sale on Dec. 11 and again on Dec. 18 following the service from 11am to 12:15. You are encouraged to bake festive holiday goodies to contribute to this fundraiser. A baked goods sign-up sheet will be available several Sundays in advance of the sale. This is another major fundraiser for our operating budget, so please your tummy and help the church. Please bring your items to church between 9:30 and 9:45 the mornings of the sale.

Holidays are all different depending on
the company and time of your life.
~Dominic Monaghan



Children's RE Program

Julia Tibbets has agreed to be the Journey Committee co- Chair for Religious Education.

We will be using the Journey Committee meeting time on Wednesday, December 7, at 5:30/6 to discuss RE for both kids and adults. Please plan to attend. We are looking at a new process for proposals!

We will be rolling out volunteer sign-up for kids' RE beginning in January. Look for announcements about the RE program starting December 11.

Our plan is to split the childcare time into two one-hour slots. First to do a pre-planned activity and the second to do a pre-planned 'energy burner' to burn off the snack and excitement. We will have the RE Coordinator on hand and the hired helper, so no one person is stuck wrangling the tiny humans alone!

Please contact Julia if you have questions.

"Blessed is the season which engages
the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

- Hamilton Wright Mabie



Sharing The Dream Guatemala Shop on December 4, 11:00am

This mission work is made possible by the sale of handcrafted items that will be for sale after the service on December 4. There will be no circle discussion that day so there will be time to shop.

Bring your wallets! Cash and checks only! No credit cards! Your chance to do early holiday shopping and provide a living for indigenous women and families.

Visit their website at www.sharingthedream.org for more information.

NOTICE: For security reasons,
the church 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!

Women's Group Holiday Gathering



All Souls Women's Group
Tuesday, December 13, at 5:00pm
Granite City, 2620 S Louise Ave, Sioux Falls



Fall Fest Dance Fundraiser and Birthday Bash Update

Submitted by Gina Pfarr

Thank you to all the great dancers who came out to the Fall Fest dance and to Joy for all the beautiful accents and decorating! And thanks to all for the great contributions to the wonderful meal.

For all who were asking and interested in more dance classes - Ken and Gina have had great fun learning the East Coast and other dances at the Dance Ballroom and Studio, address: 140 North Carla Avenue, Tea, SD, 57064.

Website: <http://danceballroomandstudio.com>.

See you on the dance floor!



Member Interest Page



Citizens' Climate Lobby Monday, Dec. 12 • 7pm

Citizens' Climate Lobby exists to EMPOWER citizens to connect with and influence their members of Congress; to spread the idea that each one of us can address climate change solutions like Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation. Ordinary people can make this happen.

The next meeting of the Sioux Falls Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby will meet at All Souls Church on Monday, December 12, at 7:00pm.

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.



Above and below: A group of All Souls members got together and baked banana bread for protesters at Standing Rock. Minister Sarah Caine and All Souls friend Sandra Jeane then delivered the baked goods to the camp.

In The News: Love Trumps Hate Rally

Some All Souls members, attired in our yellow "Standing on The Side of Love" tee shirts, joined a Love Trumps Hate peaceful rally in downtown Sioux Falls on November 10, 2016. Local media picked up on the story and it was in the Argus Leader.

Read more here:
<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/politics/-2016/11/09/love-trumps-hate-group-demonstrates-downtown/93556114/>



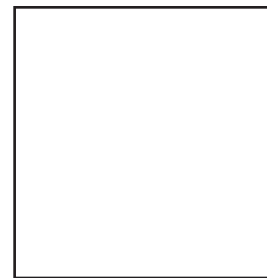
GET INVOLVED! Make the most of your experience at All Souls.
Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.



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All Souls Calendar

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:00 am A Blue Christmas with Debbie Reid	5	6	7 5:30 pm All Team Meetings	8	9	10
11 10:00 am Risk as an important part of our spiritual and physical life	12 7:00 pm Board 7:00 pm CCL	13 5:00 pm Women's Group	14 5:30 pm Adult RE	15	16	17
18 10:00 am Honor the upcoming solstice	19 5:30 pm Cleaning Evening 6:30 pm Book Club	20	21 5:00 pm Men's Un-Group	22	23	24
25 10:00 am No worship service today	26	27	28	29	30	31