



February 2016 Newsletter

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

February Worship Schedule

Theme: Hope

February 7
10:00am

Let the Good Times Roll! (Mardi Gras)

If life's a choice, choose beignets. What difference does attitude make and how do we style ourselves in our community and world? Come dressed in purple, green and gold. (Beignets are french donuts popular in New Orleans)

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Scott Kunze

Musician: Debbie Reid

February 14
10:00am
(9:00am Choir)

Chocolate Communion

We join together in communion in some sense each time we meet. This Valentine's Day chocolate communion celebrates the gift of love AND chocolate! In the spirit of thanksgiving (Eucharist), bring a thought to share about how any of the forms of love has shaped your life.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler

February 21
10:00am
(9:00am Choir)

A Thing With Feathers

Riffing on Emily Dickenson's famous quote, we will look at where we can find hope amid despair, strength amid a troubled world. Circle discussion this Sunday will be replaced by a presentation on mental illness by Chuck Taylor, long-time friend and member of this congregation.

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Musician: Kristi Holler

February 28
10:00am

Sharing Our Wisdom

How have people found wisdom and what kind of wisdom do they wish to pass on to other people?

Worship Leader: Peter Holland
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Debbie Reid



From the Minister David Kraemer

Hope

I made a small project of reading Frederick Manfred's book, *Lord Grizzly*, then seeing the movie *The Revenant* in January. They each are fictionalized versions of the true story of trapper and frontiersman Hugh Glass, who, in 1823, crawled 200 miles to safety through the South Dakota wilderness after being mauled by a bear and left for dead by his companions. There is a monument to Glass and a scrap metal sculpture of the attack in Lemmon.

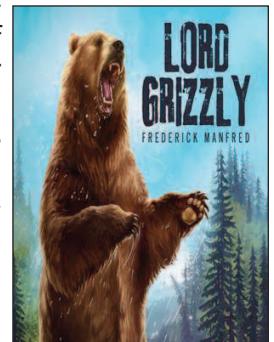
The book is better than the movie. No big surprise. What I found interesting, in addition to the gritty detail and fastidious research, were the hues of an American Western ethos that rode off through the writing like the colors of a proverbial sunset – Glass revels in the frontier, where people (men) lived by their own code, independent, free of any laws or the obligations of society, where justice is meted out quickly and by those immediately involved. I think you can see that attitude still alive and well throughout the now completely tamed United States, and maybe especially in the West. We have a way of holding on to old fictions in the face of a completely different reality.

One big difference between the book and movie is that the movie, of course, has a Hollywood ending. A

righteous Hugh Glass comes to a showdown with the man who left him for dead and in bloody, hand-to-hand combat; retribution is served. In the book, an equally indignant Glass does track down his offenders under a self-righteous banner of Divine Authority, but in the end, backs down from exacting his revenge, forgives his trespassers, and leaves vengeance to the Lord.

Despite the dark tones of both the book and the movie, and Glass's vengeful motivation, I think that the motivational factors that would propel a bleeding, festering person across the wilderness on hands and knees have to include a good measure of hope. My own version of the ethos of America is built on this. This is a land of hope. Even in constant conflict, injustice, need and competing visions of what America truly is, I think we have always operated on a good measure of hope. Hope for the rule of law. Hope for democracy. Hope for justice. Hope for a shining future.

Our theme for February is hope. We will address this with a good measure of fun, sweetness, and courage. I hope to see you here.



David's schedule in Sioux Falls is Feb. 7-21, 2016.

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From the President Paul Thompson

February 2016

Our interim minister David Kraemer introduced the notion of the monthly theme. In February, the theme is "Hope."

What do we think about with the idea of "hope"? Hope is how we see the future. We see choices, plans, and options in the future, and we view it all with hope. We lie in bed in the morning, and hope gets us up, taking that shower, prepping for the day, hoping for the best.

All the cosmetic companies, all the clothing companies, all the personal care companies work on our hope for ourselves. We all hope to make our person look good, and this can be sometimes difficult. When you start in the morning, sometimes you think that you make yourself look pretty good; other times it seems less successful. At least, that's the case with myself.

When you are a parent, you begin with hope. A couple creates a child in the act of affection and love. And this is

done in hope. The child arrives after the 9-month time, filled increasingly with the hope of the future. The child is unformed and very demanding. There is the need to feed the child, to comfort the child, to keep the child happy and optimistic. Every time you kiss your child, you are hoping for the future. There are little hopes, such as "I sure hope that Lizzie gets toilet-trained soon." We are working in hope to make those little improvements in the child all the time. But the little hopes are always done with bigger hopes in the background. We are working with our child in the hope that they will be successful, that they will be independent. And of course the biggest hope is that they live a life which is satisfying to them. Every child is a long attempt at using hope to make a good person out of the baby. Some of us succeed, sometimes the hopes are not realized. When you see the little baby, the hope is there, but you don't think of the possibility that all your hopes will not succeed.

We must never let go of hope, because hope will keep us trying to improve, trying to succeed, trying to make our place in our world. Never lose hope. Hope is really the very thing of life itself.

Here's hoping you found this interesting, and see you in church.

MIC! Member Interest Center

Introducing MIC Member Interest Center

A new endeavor will provide members and friends a way to share volunteer opportunities or activities with others. Serving at the Banquet sparked the idea. Many members are active in organizations that need volunteers for projects. If you are aware of such a need, there will be 3 ways to share the information:

- o Signup sheets in Eliza's Kitchen
- o A section of the newsletter
- o All Soul's Facebook page

The responsibility for communication is the event coordinator. You may complete a signup page and post it on a clipboard in the kitchen. If you'd like it in the newsletter, send the details (don't forget date/time/location and organization) to allsoulsnews@gmail.com prior to the 15th of the month. You may post the event on All Souls' private Facebook page as well.

Use MIC to share information on activities that may be of interest to members as well.

We hope this MICrophone provides another means to share our interests, support the community and enhance fellowship. The items posted are not endorsed by All Souls; this is simply a new way to share information.

Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul
--and sings the tunes without the words
--and never stops at all.
~ Emily Dickinson



Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Sun., January 24

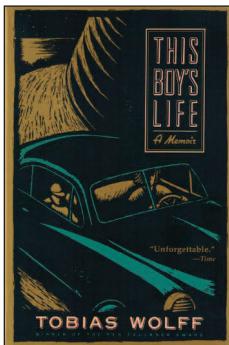
The Mid-Year Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, January 24, and was well attended with 28 voting members present.

President Paul Thompson lead the meeting. Highlights of the meeting included a presentation on church finances by Terry Lang, a facilities management update by Susan Randall, and a ministerial search update by Paul Thompson.

The congregation also voted on and approved all of several Proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) for the UUA:

- A National Conversation On Race
- Climate Change and Environmental Justice
- The Corruption of Our Democracy
- Ending Gun Violence in America

The meeting closed with remarks by Rev. David Kraemer.



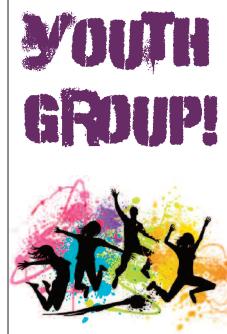
Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7:00p.m., Monday, February 22, to discuss *Call the Mid-Wife* by Jennifer Worth (fiction). Discussion leader is Pat Loughhead.

The March 28 selection will be *The Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber (science fiction). Discussion leader is Barry Nichols.

Meetings are the 4th 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.



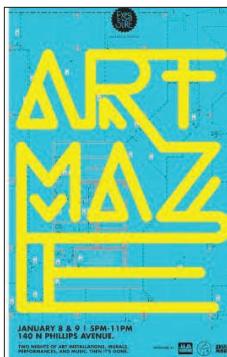
High School Youth Group

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 Bultena: text/call: 351-8172 or email: b_kelli@hotmail.com

REMINDER: Please submit your news articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month prior to publication. **Thank You!**



Out and About New Group Enjoys Art Maze

A group from All Souls ventured out in the cold to experience Art Maze and enjoy dinner together. The night was great fun and we hope to have an activity each month. It may just be dinner and conversation, connecting with others and having fun is the goal.

This is a casual, sometimes spontaneous and low-maintenance-to-organize group. Marcy and Claudia are spearheading it and open to ideas for restaurants and things to do. Activities will be posted through MIC (see related article) and by email. If you'd like to be included in communication, give your email address to either of us. Otherwise, look for signup sheets in the MIC area of Eliza's Kitchen, a newsletter posting (when timing allows) or Facebook.



The first Out and About adventure was a success and enjoyed by those who attended.

Hope is like the sun,
which, as we journey toward it,
casts the shadow of our burden behind us.
~ Samuel Smiles



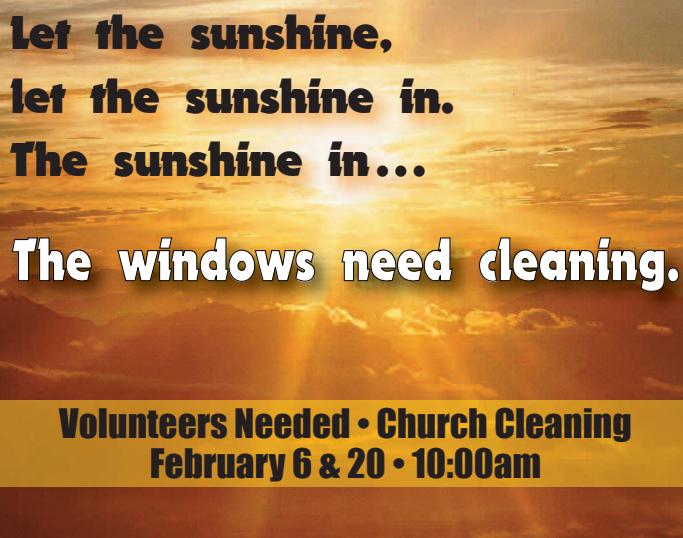
Out and About - Feb. 6 Artists of the Plains Show

The 36th Annual Artists of the Plains Art Show & Sale will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Sioux Falls. This event is sponsored by the Center for Western Studies at Augustana University.

The Out and About Group is planning on attending late afternoon 4:30-ish Saturday and then having dinner at Ode to Food around 6:15.

Contact Marcy 351-8496 mreisett@usd.edu or Claudia 271-2904 claudia@rpcoaching.com if you'd like to join the group and be put on the email list. Signup sheet is posted in the MIC area of the kitchen.

See also www.augie.edu/center-western-studies/events/36th-annual-artists-plains-art-show-sale



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!



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/>



Super Bowl Party Fundraiser

Thanks to Joy and Paul for hosting our cozy, cold-weather barbecue dinner with warm beverages on Sat. January 16.

Walker and Yoshi will be hosting our February fundraiser, a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 7. Walker asks that guests arrive at 5 p.m. to watch the sun set. Super Bowl begins at 5:30. There is no limit to the number of guests. Cost is \$25.

At 6:30 on Saturday, March 12, Joann Huber will host an Irish Dance and Dinner Party in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Joan Reddy will be our Ceille dance instructor. Joann will serve shepherd's pie, Irish soda bread and apple tart to round out the Irish experience. Cost is \$25.

We have had such a good time so far this year building community while raising funds for our church. Thanks to all who have taken part.



Theology on Tap

Sola gratia – Augustine

Sola fide – Luther

Sola scriptura – Calvin

So la ti do – Julie Andrews

What do these doctrines, famous in Christianity, (well, except for the last one) actually mean? Are they relevant in our lives today, especially as UUs? We will dig in to solae at All Souls in February, during Theology on Tap 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, which also happens to be Ash Wednesday, giving us plenty of stuff to talk about.

Theology on Tap is intended to be a stimulating discussion of theological topics with a light libation and food. In recent months, the food has become so much a part of this we've considered changing the title to "Food for Thought." For now, we will leave it as it is. But please come join us for a little nourishment for the soul.

Hope [hohp]

noun

1. the feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best. (See also "Bob Hope.")

verb

1. to look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.



Meditation Group to Meet in Parsonage

An established meditation group, the Lay Buddhist Meditation Community, meets at 6pm every Tuesday in the parsonage just north of the church.

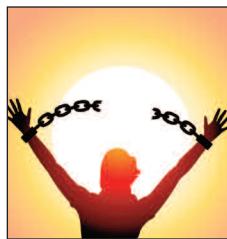
All Souls members are welcome to join them. The fee is a free-will offering, so it is hoped our members take advantage of the opportunity. Here is a link to their Facebook page if you'd like to check them out or "like" them: www.facebook.com/LayBuddhistMeditationCommunity

CABIN FEVER? Venture out by horse or by dogsled

Wednesday, February 17 - 5pm

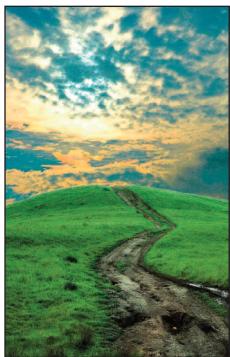
Men's Un-Group

Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls



February 1 National Freedom Day

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, organized a movement for a national holiday to commemorate Lincoln's signing of the 13th Amendment. The resulting National Freedom Association proposed having a memorial date to call attention to the continuing struggle for freedom for African-Americans. Since President Lincoln had signed the 13th Amendment on the first day of February, that date was chosen.



Path To Faith Classes

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.



"Spirit of Life"

"Spirit of Life" is prayer that was offered by Rev. David Kraemer on Dec. 15 at the Interfaith Prayers Service for Peace held at the First United Methodist Church.

Rev. David says, "I was honored to be invited to speak along with representatives of the Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Jewish communities in Sioux Falls, and doubly honored to by a strong participation in the vigil by many from All Souls."

Spirit of life,

We come from many paths, many traditions
We come not knowing even our own minds
Let alone the mind of another
We come in grief and in fear, in sorrow and need
We come seeking here some small shard of a broken
world
Through which we might still see some light.

We come with this belief: that the truth seen by another,
freely shared and graciously received,
can help each of us see more clearly
and together, we can build a better world.

We seek forgiveness for all we have misunderstood
We seek reconciliation with those we have wronged
And with those who have wronged us
We seek healing, for our souls, for our nation, for the
world community
May we find right relation with all people, and worth and
dignity in each one.

This we promise, to remember here our highest aspirations
To make these manifest in the world
To keep an open mind and a warm heart
To always seek the answer to one more thing than we
know
And to know love, seek justice, find peace.

In the name of all that is holy,

Amen

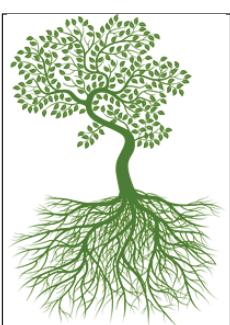
Bits 'N' Pieces News from Our Members

Former member Shaylee Healey sends us a note from Boise, Idaho.

"Things are good here and baby is doing great. I will be 24 weeks soon and feel really good.

Hope all is well there in Sioux Falls too. Please say hello to everyone for us."

Shaylee



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 Csqui55@aol.com.



Fun Night Wed., February 24

Social Justice Team will be hosting the February Fun night on Wednesday, February 24. Activities and fun for the whole family.



January 1 Banquet Serving

Submitted by Mark Sanderson
All Souls Unitarian Universalist and Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ jointly served at the Banquet on January 1, 2016 – new years day. All Souls was the prime sponsor of this event, preparing the meal under the direction of Banquet Chef Omar, and providing the funds for the meal. Seven All Souls members prepared the meal in the afternoon, and about 40 volunteers from both churches served the evening meal. We served 270 meals, including 27 for children. A delicious meal of turkey, roasted vegetables, mashed potatoes, an orange, along with coffee, water, and 27 gallons of milk was enjoyed by all.

We have already booked our next serving at the Banquet: Friday, January 6, 2017 – mark your calendars. And we look forward to assisting in a late spring/early summer, serving with our Banquet partner, Spirit of Peace.

Attention: If you are driving past and notice that the church sign out front is messed up (because the letters have been jumbled) please feel free to stop and fix it. We would appreciate it!



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

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

~ Joseph Addison



Children's RE

February Happenings

In the month of February we will be learning about Judaism and the beliefs and symbols of the religion. We are planning on learning about Christianity next.

Our next RE meeting will be February 7 after Circle Time.

We are also looking for an individual for child care during the months of June and July. If you are interested please contact Aundrea Dybing-Jorgensen at 605-645-0084 or reajorgensen@gmail.com.

IS THERE LIFE OUT THERE?

All Souls WOMEN'S GROUP

TUE., FEBRUARY 9TH AT 5:00PM
BRACCO'S, 5001 S. WESTERN AVE.
Sioux Falls, SD



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

February 2016

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	1 7:00 pm COC	2 6:00 pm Meditation	3	4	5	6 10:00 am Cleaning Morn 4:30 pm Out & About 6:15 pm Out & About Dinner
7 10:00 am "Let the Good Times Roll!" with Rev. Kraemer 12:00 pm Youth RE meeting	8 5:45 pm Finance Comm.	9 5:00 pm Women's Group 6:00 pm Meditation 7:15 pm Worship Team	10 4:00 pm Leadership Dev Comm. 5:30 pm Theology on Tap	11 7:00 pm Board	12	13
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