



## February 2017 Newsletter

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

## February Worship Schedule

### THEME: LONGING AND WONDER

**February 5**  
**10:00am**

#### **Wonder and Imagination**

Guest Speaker Wesley Hromatko will discuss how author Kurt Vonnegut's book *Wonder and Imagination* can stir up our own wonder and longing.

**About Wesley Hromatko:** Dr. Hromatko is a UU minister who has served congregations on the East Coast and in the Midwest. Several of his articles are featured in denominational publications. He is currently doing research for an article about novelist Kurt Vonnegut for the Dictionary of UU History. (In addition, he is a book scout and manages the family farm in southwest Minnesota.)

**About Kurt Vonnegut:** Contemporary author Kurt Vonnegut was driven by curiosity and wonder. He longed for a better world. He wondered about the consequence of automation in his early novel *Player Piano*. He wondered about why things happened. He shared his imaginative reflections on his World War II experiences in his best-selling *Slaughterhouse-Five*.

Guest Speaker: Wesley Hromatko

Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler

**February 12**  
**10:00am**

#### **Missing Piece/Peace**

We are all complete and also in progress. There is a longing for partnership that is innate in our being, but it doesn't mean that we need others to be whole ourselves. Join Minister Sarah Caine as she explores personal longing for wholeness.

Minister: Sarah Caine

Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts

Musician: Kristi Holler

**February 19**  
**10:00am**

#### **Wonder Across Traditions**

We Unitarian Universalists are not alone in the wonder we feel at the universe. As far back as humans go, there are explanations for the natural world. Join Minister Sarah Caine for this small peek at different expressions of "Oh, Wow!"

Minister: Sarah Caine

Coordinator: Scott Kunze

Musician: Kristi Holler

**February 26**  
**10:00am**

#### **Kristyne Wallth from the Center for New Americans**

Guest Speaker, Kristyne Wallth, speaks on the Center for New Americans, a program of Lutheran Social Services. LSS began providing resettlement services for refugees as early as 1948, when the organization resettled displaced people from Europe following World War II. While the origin of populations resettled shifts depending on global conflicts, LSS continues to provide these services as part of its mission.

Guest Speaker: Kristyne Wallth

Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

**Path to Membership classes:** Every Sunday in February from 11:30 to 12:15



## Ministers Musings Minister Sarah Caine

As we continue this new year, moving toward spring and the lengthening days, I feel the anticipation of warmer weather and also know there is more time to wait. Our themes for worship this month are Longing and Wonder, which fit so well any time of year, but particularly so in these “just before” moments. Just before the holidays, just before the spring, or just before summer vacation. Instead of being the middle of a pattern, we are in the middle of the shift. Temperatures peak but promise to fall again. Teasing the winter away for a bit of flirtation with the Sun.

Imbolgc, celebrated on what many know as Groundhog’s Day, is a European-rooted pagan celebration of this anticipation of the Sun’s return. When I was a child living in Tucson, my mom started the tradition of hanging paper snowflakes from the ceiling during December and January. On Imbolgc, we would try to shoot them down with Nerf guns or grab them by balancing on the furniture, symbolically turning the seasons in our home as they turned outside.

Along with Imbolgc, February holds Valentine’s Day — which presents longings and wonders of a different nature — and the entire short month is declared “Black History Month.” Every February, I long for a turning in the seasons of our telling of history. A turning to weaving the stories all together as the one story of interconnectedness that history and life truly is, not compartmentalized into months of acknowledgement along the year of whiteness and maleness. Since the movie *‘Hidden Figures’* was released, there is more dialogue about the stories that get pushed aside or silenced. There has been dialogue before, and the conversation gets lulled by other needs. However, with the persistent calling back to consciousness of the Black Lives Matter, Water Protector, Trans Lives, and Undocumented and Unafraid movements, I can feel the transitions around the ways we tell our history, we are reaching the Tomorrow mentioned by Langston Hughes in “I, Too.” Slowly, consciously, and consistently people are working to make this possible.

Tomorrow,  
I’ll be at the table  
When company comes.  
Nobody’ll dare  
Say to me,  
“Eat in the kitchen,”  
Then.

Besides,  
They’ll see how beautiful I am  
And be ashamed—

I, too, am America.

by Langston Hughes - “I, Too.”

May February bring awareness to the wonder at the beauty and possibilities of the lengthening days and renewed energy the Sun can bring. May we be in touch with the action motivated by the yearning of our hearts and consciences—for justice, for connection, for learning.



“Until We Are All Free” by Mar Pascual,  
<http://www.untilweareallfree.com/>

### Sarah Caine's office hours

**Mondays** are Sarah’s day off. (The week the Board meets, Sarah will take Tuesday off instead of Monday.)

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

**Fridays** 10-12, walk-ins okay at the church.

Holly also has office hours at this time.

Otherwise, by appointment.

Sarah can be reached at [ministersarahcaine@gmail.com](mailto:ministersarahcaine@gmail.com)  
or cell: 605.681.6712

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## From the President Claudia Dail

### February 2017

Greetings, All Souls!

Another busy month! Our midyear meeting on the 22 gave insights into our progress:

- The Endowment fund has increased

substantially due to generous donations from a former member, Reed Eaton who bequeathed \$5,000 to All Souls in his will, and a current member, Tom Houle, who has made annual contributions since the fund was established. Thank you!

- Our first video ministerial report since Sarah Caine was delivered during the midyear meeting.

- There were also reports on the yoking arrangement with First Unitarian, the joint session of both churches facilitated by Rev. Ian Evison of the UUA, and a brief overview of the transitioning team structure.

Speaking of the teams and committees, there was an All Team Leaders meeting in January to evaluate the new structure. It was decided to use the All Team Meeting on the 25th to look at the responsibilities for each team/committee and determine how to best move forward. Outreach -- which incorporates membership, communications and hospitality -- will continue to function as they have. Sustainability/finance decided to meet monthly rather than every other month. The Journey team comprised of worship, RE, and social justice will separate in meeting/functioning as well as leadership of each. They will meet jointly on a quarterly basis to coordinate planning. The dates and times of meetings for each of these will be in the calendar and weekly email. The initial goals of transparency and openness will continue and you are encouraged to attend any meeting to learn more of their work and share your thoughts.

A new website is in the works, which will also give us greater technology and communication tools. Help the Outreach Team to have a better understanding of your communication preferences: take their survey. Another committee looking for your feedback is Fundraising. They do a terrific job of raising funds for All Souls and would like your input on their survey. Continue to share your thoughts in person or you can email Sarah at [ministersarahcaine@gmail.com](mailto:ministersarahcaine@gmail.com), Outreach at [outreach@sfuu.org](mailto:outreach@sfuu.org), or myself at [claudia@rpcoaching.com](mailto:claudia@rpcoaching.com). We want to hear from you and take your comments seriously. I'll be spending the first two weeks of February with my family in Utah to celebrate my grandson's birthday. See you on the 26th or at the All Team Meeting on the 22nd. Stay warm!  
Claudia

## Holiday Appeal THANK YOU Members and Friends

Generous members and friends gave \$1,500 to the All Souls Board's special appeal in December for support of The Banquet feeding ministry and Feeding South Dakota.

The proceeds will be split between these two organizations that respond to food insecurity needs of our community. All Souls members also provided their time and talent in partnership with sister congregation Spirit of Peace UCC on January 6 to serve a turkey dinner to Banquet guests.



## All-Team Meetings Wednesday, February 22

The February All Team Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22. Please note the change to the third Wednesday. Plan to gather at 5:30 for a bit of social time with light potluck fare. Team meetings start at 6:00.

With our team structure, many 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.

**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!

## Facility Team Meeting



## All Souls Facility Team Meeting February 6

All Souls Facility Team will meet Monday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the church. A one-hour meeting is planned.





## Remembering Reed Eaton

The late Reed Russell Eaton of Madison, SD, named All Souls Church, Sioux Falls, as one of the beneficiaries in his will. The gift of \$5,050 was received in December to support the operations of All Souls Church. The Board of Directors voted to place this gift in the All Souls' Endowment Fund so that earnings on the principal can continue to support the daily operating needs of the congregation into the future.

Reed Eaton taught American history and political science at Dakota State University in Madison, from 1965 to 1995. He was proud of having developed a course in Native American History with a focus on South Dakota. His daughter Patricia Morris writes, "I admire him for that. He rocked the boat to raise some consciousness. He and Mom hosted an annual United Nations dinner at their home for foreign students and teachers."

Former member Bob Feragen recalls, "Reed was one of the most unpretentious persons I have ever known, especially among the 'intelligentsia.' When our Madison friends gathered as opposing teams in a Trivial Pursuit game, I always tried to get on Reed's side. He was a source of so much history and social studies information. Reed's demeanor was always engaging, eager to be in the discussion."

Reed was born in Grove City, PA, received his BA from Grove City College, an MA at the University of Pittsburgh, and a Ph.D. from Kent State University. He married Alice Arlene Hartman in 1958 in Youngstown, Ohio. They had one daughter, Patricia Morris of Lake Tahoe, CA.

Reed was a friend of All Souls Church who supported it faithfully with regular pledges over several years. He attended services periodically and enjoyed occasional church picnics and socials. Member Eric Berg remembers Reed as a warm and engaging person who relished All Souls' social gatherings.

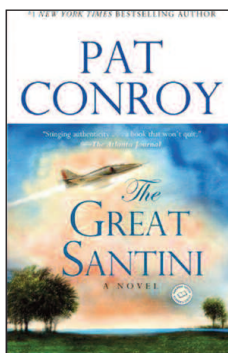
Reed died at the age of 86 at Bethel Lutheran Home, Madison, on June 4, 2015. He is survived by his wife Arlene of Madison, daughter Patricia Morris, a grandson Ben Morris, and one brother Dr. James Eaton of Grove City, PA.

## LONGING [LAWNG-ING, LONG-]

noun

1. strong, persistent desire or craving, especially for something unattainable or distant:

*filled with longing for home.*

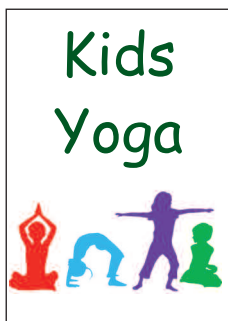


## Book Club

Book Club will meet at 6:30pm, February 27, in the home of Bob Vrchota. We will do an author study on Pat Conroy. Read one or more of his books, your choice. Leader is Bob Vrchota.

On March 27, our book is *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande (non-fiction) with leader Tom Houle.

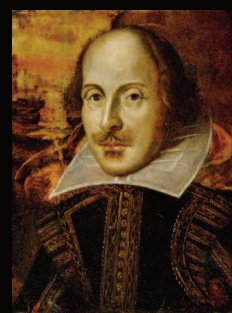
In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, check All Souls' Facebook page. An email will be sent if possible. Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson, who currently coordinates club activities at [barbpeterson@sio.midco.net](mailto:barbpeterson@sio.midco.net).



## Saturday Morning Kids Yoga & Momos

Join us Saturday, Feb. 11, 10am, for kids yoga. While the kids exercise, parents can visit, meet new friends, and sip their choice of 'momos' 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.

**"I drink to  
the general joy  
o' the whole table."  
~ William Shakespeare,  
Macbeth**



**Men's Un-Group**  
5:00p.m., Wed., February 15  
Monk's House of Ale Repute,  
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls



## Adult RE – Living Our Values

February's Adult RE session will focus on how we, as Unitarian Universalists, live our values in public. In today's political climate, it is absolutely critical that All Souls' Social Justice Team be aware and active. The members and friends of All Souls are potentially a very influential group of people. February's session will focus on how to use that influence.

Explore past Unitarian, Universalist, and UU actions that worked (or didn't) as a foundation for planning a local course of action and involvements. It's not all marches and protests. South Dakotans live in a state that allows the privilege of knowing legislators personally and influencing policy more potently.

**Date: Wednesday, February 8**

**Time: 5:30 p.m., Social Time**

**6:00 p.m., Facilitated Discussion**



## Football and Valentines 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.

### **Sunday, February 5**

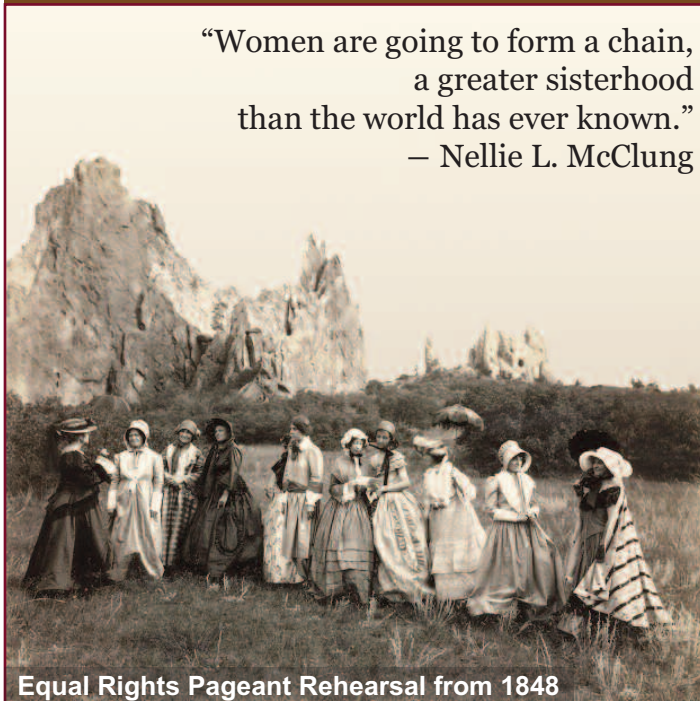
The Fundraising Committee is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Super Bowl Party at the home of Joy Hembel and Paul Thompson, Sunday, Feb. 5 beginning at 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$20 per person. A variety of foods and beverages will be served. Being a football fan(atic) is not a prerequisite for attending this fundraiser!

### **Sunday, February 12**

On Feb 12, following the Sunday service, there will be a Valentine's bake sale. Donations of homemade baked goods and candies with Valentine's themes would be greatly appreciated. As with the Christmas bake sale, donations should be brought to the church basement between 9:30 and 10 a.m. Thanks in advance for your help.

## SISTERHOOD

"Women are going to form a chain,  
a greater sisterhood  
than the world has ever known."  
— Nellie L. McClung



Equal Rights Pageant Rehearsal from 1848

### ALL SOULS WOMEN'S GROUP

TUE., FEBRUARY 7TH

5:00PM AT CRAVE,

201 E 8TH ST, SIOUX FALLS, SD



## Path To Membership Classes to Resume

### **Are you ready to choose membership?**

Minister Sarah Caine and Mark Sanderson will conduct Path to Membership (formerly Path to Faith) classes for interested visitors and friends during February. The classes prepare participants for official membership at All Souls Church. Path to Membership includes classes which will meet on Sundays after services (11:30 to 12:15). A light snack and beverage will be served during class; child care is available upon request.

**February 5** – Sharing our Faith Journey. Mark Sanderson, facilitator

**February 12** – Unitarian Universalism, an historical and theological overview. Minister Sarah Caine, facilitator

**February 19** – All Souls: Who we are -- here, and in the world. Minister Sarah Caine, facilitator

**February 26** – Choosing Membership. Mark Sanderson, facilitator

If you have questions or if you wish to register for this class, please contact our Outreach team at [outreach@sfuu.org](mailto:outreach@sfuu.org), Minister Sarah Caine at 605-681-6712, or Mark Sanderson at 605-941-1841.





## Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Sun., January 22

All Souls Church Mid-Year Congregational Meeting was held on January 22, 2017, at 11am, following the worship service.

The meeting was led by All Souls President Claudia Dail. Previous meeting's minutes and that day's agenda were approved by a quorum of members. Highlights included a budget presented by Treasurer Susan Randall. Susan also announced that deceased All Souls member Reed Eaton has left a financial gift to our church.

Minister Sarah Caine was absent, but gave a videotaped report to the congregation.

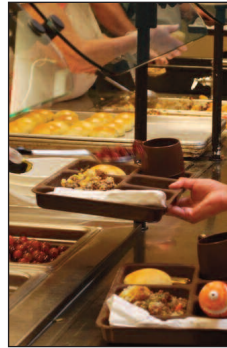
Minutes of this meeting are available by contacting Holly at the office [allsoulssadmin@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulssadmin@gmail.com).



Above: President Claudia Dail addresses the congregation.



Above: Minister Sarah Caine delivers a report via video.



## Banquet Serving Successful Event

Submitted by Mark Sanderson  
*Ad Hoc Coordinator*

All Souls, along with our Brother/Sister Congregation, Spirit of Peace UCC, served 354 people, including 40 children, at The Banquet at our annual event on the first Friday of the New Year, 2017. The menu of turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and banana was delicious and nutritious. A special thanks goes out to our cooks Gina Pfarr, Jeannie Brudvig, Mark Beverage, Terry Lang, Eric Berg, Holly Thompson, Michaellyn Ragan, and Mark Sanderson. Kudos also to the 20 members and friends of All Souls who served and shared their time and energy with our banquet guests. Minister Sarah Caine opened and closed our serving event with a word of prayer.

The cost for this meal is paid for with the generous contributions from members and friends through our Annual All Souls Holiday Appeal. Thank you all! Your generosity is so appreciated!

We have reserved the first Friday of 2018, January 5 to serve again. Mark your calendars!



## Brought to you by ... All Souls!

All Souls is proud to sponsor *On Being* Sundays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting. *On Being*, hosted by Krista Tippett, explores questions that are central to human life.

You can listen to past episodes and explore commentary in the blog.

And, every Sunday, listeners learn a little about All Souls with our tagline: "All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Sioux Falls. Open hearts and open minds—standing on the side of love since 1887."

Check out "our" program [www.onbeing.org](http://www.onbeing.org).

If you appreciate the message and would like to contribute to "our" program, Please consider directing your donation to NPR through the church. The \$800 contract for the radio show is paid in January; a special fund is set up for this. If you would like to contribute, please contact Joy (605) 332-1587 or email [joyhembel@gmail.com](mailto:joyhembel@gmail.com).

*"We are homesick most  
for the places we have never known."  
— Carson McCullers*

# Member Interest Page



## Citizens' Climate Lobby Monday, Feb. 13 • 6pm

Citizens Climate Lobby will meet on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at All Souls Church. We will focus on writing letters to elected representatives. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

To learn more about Citizens' Climate Lobby, visit their website: [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org).

## 3,300 Peaceful Protesters at Women's March on January 21

Many All Souls members joined the Sioux Falls women's March on January 21. Estimates of as many as 3,300 peaceful marchers joined many similar marches across the country. The local group, organized through social media, peacefully marched to show their strength, courage, and solidarity with WOMEN and South Dakotans, including the LGBTQ community, people of all faiths, people of color, immigrants, disabled citizens, and people of all genders. They stand united for equal human rights.

All Souls member Sue Ann Lang spoke to local media about her motivation for attending the event.

## Compassionate Sioux Falls Visit the Living Library

"Compassionate Sioux Falls," a gathering of citizens affirming and promoting the diversity of our greater community, is sponsoring a unique program in which individuals become the book, sharing their life story.

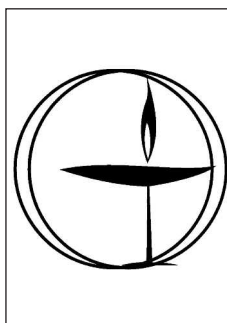
### Visit the Living Library

Don't judge a book by its cover. Talk with human "books" to hear a unique story, see a new perspective, and broaden your understanding of our diverse community.

**Sunday, February 12, 2-4pm**

**Oak View Branch Library**

**3700 East Third Street 367-8060**



## 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. mation about All Souls' participation.

## Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) is a vibrant progressive organization committed to economic justice for all. Our philosophy is rooted in the UU liberal religious tradition--to create a world of justice, equity, and compassion. Our work contributes to a broader movement for social change, in collaboration with the UUA, UU Service Committee and grassroots organizations. We seek to inspire UUs to study our society's economic and social systems and to become advocates for justice.

Read their newsletter here: <http://uujec.com/>



## February 1 National Freedom Day

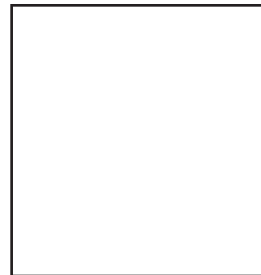
Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, organized a movement for a national holiday to commemorate Lincoln's signing of the 13th Amendment. The resulting National Freedom Association proposed having a memorial date to call attention to the continuing struggle for freedom for African-Americans.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



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## All Souls Calendar

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 5:00 pm Caring Comm. 6:00 pm Safe Congregation	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Finance	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Speaker 10:00am Wesley Hromatko on Kurt Vonnegut, Author of <i>Wonder</i> and <i>Imagination</i> 11:30 am Path to Membership 5:00 pm Fundraiser Super Bowl Party	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Facilities	<b>7</b> 5:00 pm Women's Group	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm Adult RE & Social Justice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Kids Yoga & RE Planning
<b>12</b> 10:00 am Missing Piece/Peace 11:15 am Valentine Cookie Sale 11:30 am Path to Membership	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm CCL 7:00 pm Board	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:00 pm Men's Un-Group 6:00 pm All Team Leaders	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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