

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

## January Worship Schedule

### Theme: Courage/Justice

**January 3**

**10:00am**

(9:00am Choir)

#### **Retrospective Inventory—2015**

We welcome in the New Year, by looking back—as we move forward—by reminiscing on loved ones or persons who have died the previous year. What can we learn from loved ones or noted individuals who are no longer with us?

Following our speakers, we will pass the microphone around to the congregation gathered, so that others can briefly share and honor other lives that have passed away the previous year.

Speakers: Greg Boris – on Nek Chand; Linda Hallstrom – on Sir Nicholas Winton,  
Elwyn Beck – on his Mother-In-Law, Ruby Jansen; Romy Klessen – on her mother, Ruth Klessen  
Coordinator: Mark Sanderson                      Musician: Kristi Holler

**January 10**

**10:00am**

(9:00am Choir)

#### **Fear Not!**

Drawing on Christian and Buddhist teachings, especially through the work of Pema Chodron, we will talk about fearlessness in difficult times.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer  
Coordinator: Dan Davis                      Musician: Kristi Holler

**January 17**

**10:00am**

#### **Fighting for Justice and Equality in a Cynical World**

Originally from Buffalo, NY, long-time Sioux Falls resident Vaney Hariri has worked in the areas of diversity and youth advocacy for over 15 years. He served as a member and chair of the City of Sioux Falls Human Relations Commission and was the 2014 recipient of the Mayor's Leadership award.

Speaker: Vaney Hariri  
Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts                      Musician: Kristi Holler

**January 24**

**10:00am**

#### **The Soul of the Whole**

Building on the work of Rabbi Edwin Friedman, this service will explore the personality of our congregation as it meets a changing world. The service will be followed by the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer  
Coordinator: Scott Kunze                      Musician: Debbie Reid

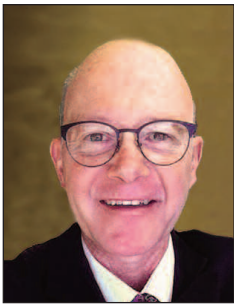
**January 31**

**10:00am**

#### **Soft Front, Strong Back**

Greg Nooney will be providing some insights gleaned from 30+ years of working as a mental health therapist.

Speaker: Greg Nooney  
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang                      Musician: Debbie Reid



## From the Minister David Kraemer

### Courage

"In January, it's so nice, while slipping on the sliding ice, to sip hot chicken soup with rice. Sipping once, sipping twice, sipping chicken soup with rice."

These are the opening lines of a favorite children's book by Maurice Sendak, *Chicken Soup With Rice*. It is a book of months, celebrating what each one brings in season, all the while savoring the constant, "sipping once, sipping twice." I guess chicken soup goes with just about everything.

It's a good book especially for January, looking toward the year ahead. I also am beginning to count the months. I have been here now for a year and a half. You are now in search for a new minister. And I am in search for a new position. July – and the end of my contract -- is a ways off yet. But I have a growing awareness that our time together will come to an end.

As this dawns on me, I admit to some anxiety. I am thinking of all the things I would like to get done. All the work still to do to prepare for a new minister. All the work I need to do to prepare myself for a new job. I need to remind myself of all that we have accomplished, and that there will always be more to do.

Together, this congregation has hoped and dreamed, it has celebrated, it has worshipped. It has

eaten many meals together. And sung songs. And built things. And built more things. It has forged new partnerships, and maintained old ones. It has welcomed in new members, and said good-bye to some others. You have held each other up in your personal struggles. You have worked through tons of details. And you have found time to share a beverage each month, to read a book together, and to take a trip to California. And we're not done yet. We never will be.

Our theme for January is "courage and justice." We will explore the courage it takes to live in this society, to be a part of a world community, and to just be ourselves. It takes courage to be a congregation, as well. I am looking forward to the months ahead.



**David's schedule in Sioux Falls is Jan. 10-24, 2016.**

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## From the President Paul Thompson

### December 2015

This is my first column of the year. As this is the start of the year, we have a chance to look forward to the new year. What will we do? Where will we go? What will happen to us this year?

January is named after the pagan god Janus, guardian of doorways, he of the two faces, one facing in, the other out. Janus looks also forward and back. We have the previous year behind us. Was it a good one for you? Did you do what you wished to do? Is the year one you will remember for good events? Is it one that had unfortunate things occurring?

It was good for me, in many ways. I had a good year at work. We accomplished some advances in medical care. One daughter is on her way to becoming independent, another daughter got engaged, and my son is on his way to sorting out his situation. In other ways, the year was some-

what sad. I had two friends with whom I did not do much in the last few years who died this year. That was quite a shock, as both are roughly my age.

What do I want to accomplish for the next year? Now THAT'S the important question. It's important to have a plan for your life, at least in the short term. Plans give a shape to our efforts, and help us to separate the important actions from the unimportant ones. With a plan, we can decide to do something to further the plan. Without a plan, our actions are somewhat more arbitrary and aimless.

For the next year, we do have plans for our church. First, we hope to call a minister who will minister jointly to both our church and to 1st Unitarian in Sioux City. Second, we will hopefully have a good response to our holiday appeal. Third, we hopefully will increase our stature and standing in the community. These will all be very important for our church.

What are your plans? That's what a New Year's Resolution is all about. We need to find a path to improve ourselves and our church.

May your new year bring happiness, success, and prosperity. And may all your plans be fulfilled.

## Ladies' Supper Club Forming Friends, Food, Conversation

Submitted by Claudia Dail

Would you like to dine out at some of Sioux Falls' wonderful restaurants with church friends? Join us for a monthly adventure of good food and conversation. Details of when and where are in the formative stages, so share your thoughts. Contacts are Marcy Reisetter, 351-8496, and Claudia Dail, 271-2904.



**Above:** Barb Peterson, Lisa Galaini and Joyce Hembel, attended the women's holiday gathering on December 11. A good time was had by all.

### 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!



## Why We Give

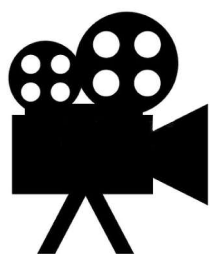
*"Welcome to All Souls Church."*

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](mailto:joyhembel@gmail.com) or call 605-215-3391.



## Digital Copies of Services Available

Submitted by Terry Lang

Several people have asked about copies of either DVD or CD of our services. While my original idea was to film and record the services so that they could be put on the web, this does not seem to have materialized. Therefore, I

would be happy to make copies (within reason) of various services for the use of people who were not able to attend or for whom the material was especially meaningful. You can email requests to: [terrylang@mac.com](mailto:terrylang@mac.com)



## Theology on Tap

All Souls invites you to a Wednesday night social event: Theology on Tap. Come for snacks and beverages of your choice and imbibe in a little theological discussion. Enjoy a good time together and good conversation on a worthy topic.

Theology on Tap will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. This month it will be on January 13. Please bring your own beverage of choice.



## "Harvest the Power" Leadership Series

The "Harvest the Power" leadership series continues in January with a workshop on Imagination and Creativity.

This workshop explores reasons and ways to include many voices in the visioning work of the congregation. Participants learn how to pay attention to voices on the margins of the faith community. When the leadership intentionally invites all members to share their ideas, life experiences and wisdom, the community becomes more adept and creative in meeting challenges.

The 2-hour workshop will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at All Souls. All are welcome. Come join us as we seek to grow.



## 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.

Our next class is starting in April. If you are interested, please contact Mark Sanderson, Rev. David Kraemer, or Holly Thompson, our office administrator.

# Happy New Year!



## 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 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 (605) 332-1587 or email [joyhembel@gmail.com](mailto:joyhembel@gmail.com).

It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends.

~ J. K. Rowling

## 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!  
JANUARY 9 & 23  
AT 10:00AM**

## Where can you find us?

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





## Fundraiser News More Socials Planned

There are more winter fundraising socials in store for All Souls members and friends.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, there will be a "Mid-Winter Biathlon." Depending on the weather, participants can ski, snowshoe or simply hike the trails at

Good Earth/Blood Run State Park, meeting in the parking area of the park at 3-ish to enjoy brisk exercise. At 5 p.m. Joy Hembel and Paul Thompson will invite everyone back to their home for the second part of the biathlon: eating chili and taco soup, corn bread, salad, hot beverages, and apple strudel. Cost is \$25. You do not need to participate in Part 1 in order to attend part 2. You may also arrive before 5 p.m. if you want. Limit: 25 guests.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, Yoshi Sato and Walker Wynkoop will host a Super Bowl Party with great finger food to accompany the boos and cheers. Cost is \$25. Limit is 25.

Watch for details on the Mardi Gras party to be hosted by Joann Huber on Friday, March 11.

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to host a fundraising social and to all who have attended them, thereby contributing to the operating budget of All Souls.



## Social Justice Committee Report

Submitted by Terry Lang

The Social Justice Committee held the Journey to Justice again this year. Mr. Jerry Fogg spoke during the service October 11 and Mr. JR LaPlant presented at an evening meeting held at the Washington Pavilion. The committee tried very hard to reach a wider audience with these messages and registered 72 people at the Sunday morning presentation and 55 for the evening presentation. Evaluations showed that more than 90% of the people felt that the programs were worthwhile and a like number said that they would attend similar presentations in the future. Our numbers are up, but never as high as we would like, or as high as we think it ought to be.

The committee is small and the work we do is very important. If you have an interest in this area let us know and feel free to join us. You may contact Terry Lang at [terrylang@mac.com](mailto:terrylang@mac.com) for more information.

## courage [kur-ij, kuhr-]

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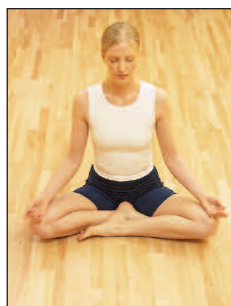
1. the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger, pain, etc., without fear; bravery.

**"I drink to  
the general joy  
o' the whole table."**

**~ William Shakespeare,  
*Macbeth***



**Men's Un-Group**  
5:00p.m., Wed., January 20th  
Monk's House of Ale Repute,  
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/LayBuddhistMeditationCommunity)



## Fun Night Wed., January 27

January Fun Night, 5:30 to 7pm on Wed. January 27th. Activities and fun for the whole family.

January's Fun Night is sponsored by Youth RE.

Efforts and courage are not enough  
without purpose and direction.

*~ John F. Kennedy*



## Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Sun., January 24

**Please Note the Date!**  
**Mid-Year Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2016**

**WHO:** All Members of All Souls Church

**WHAT:** All Souls Church Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

**WHEN:** 11 am following the worship service on January 24, 2016

**WHERE:** All Souls Church Sanctuary

**DETAILS:** Tentative Mid-Year Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order, Lighting of Chalice & Opening Words  
-Paul Thompson
- Certification of Quorum (25% of Members)  
-Clara Jacob & Mark Sanderson
- Distribution of Meeting Packets to Members
- Review & Approval of Meeting Agenda
- Review & Approval of 5/31/15 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report-Janet Kunze & Terry Lang
- Facilities Management Update-Susan Randall
- Ministerial Search Update-Paul Thompson
- Minister's Reflections-The Reverend David Kraemer
- Adjournment, Closing Words & Extinguishing of Chalice

*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;  
 courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.*

*~ Winston Churchill*

## Getting to Know UU

### Getting to Know UU Kelli Bultena

By Julia Tibbetts

Happy Day! Kelli Bultena is a born and raised South Dakotan. She started attending All Souls in 2009 and became a member in 2010. She was raised in a Lutheran church and never questioned beliefs in some-

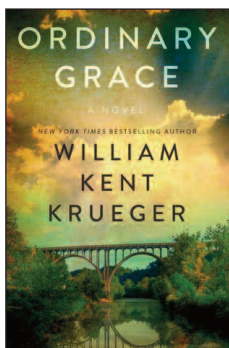
thing greater. As she grew, Kelli began to realize she and her childhood church just viewed things differently - very differently. A big issue occurred when the church she was attending vocally disagreed with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which in 2009 voted 55% in favor of ordaining homosexuals in an "active" relationship. Kelli's belief in affirming the same relationships her local church deemed wrong was a "serious departure from the biblical standards" and so she began a spiritual journey that led her to where she is today—a happy, settled UU, comfortable in discovering her own truth with the support of the All Souls family. All Souls provides Kelli with the opportunities to feel inspired, learn more and meet wonderful people along the way.

Kelli has been married to Jason for 18 years, and together they have 3 children: Max & Zach, both 15, and Cassie, 10. They have 2 dogs: 10-year-old Dukes (beagle) and 5-year-old Oreo (suspected shitzhu). Her family and friends are cherished as one of the most important things in her life, as is being there for the people she loves. Kelli's mom once said, "you should try to make your corner of the world better," and she has used it as inspiration to contribute to the greater good in some way — even if it's just a small act of kindness.

Kelli likes to make stuff! Writing poetry, playing with clay, ModgePodge, and painting rocks are just a few of the ways she creates. She also loves to pick rocks from the field in spring before planting. She serves on the Children's RE Committee and Ministerial Search Committee, and volunteers in her community, serving on the Lennox Area Community Fund committee and volunteer at various Lennox and Tea area events.



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](mailto:juliatibbetts@sio.midco.net).



### Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7pm, Monday, January 25, to discuss *Ordinary Grace* By William Kent Krueger (fiction). Discussion leader is Bob Vrchota. This book is this year's One Book SD selection.

The February 22 selection will be *Call the Mid-Wife* by Jennifer Worth (fiction), leader is Pat Loughhead.

Meetings are the fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson at [barbpeterson@sio.midco.net](mailto:barbpeterson@sio.midco.net).



## WhaleCoast Alaska 2016

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2016 is for you! Four Alaska UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program next summer! See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Seward, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, seals, and otters. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Forget the cruise ships – our program is the best way to visit Alaska! Programs led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and Alaska travel expert. Find out more about this



Alaskan trip of a lifetime. Visit [www.WhaleCoastAK.org](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org), email [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org), or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!



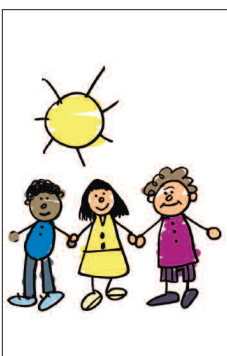
## Treasurer's Notes Terry Lang/Janet Kunze

### January 2016 Report

The financial status of the church is about where it ought to be for this time of year. At the end of November we should have collected 41.66% of pledge income and were at about 42%. The collection plate giving is slightly behind and our income from interest is slightly ahead. We have spent a great deal on renovation of the parsonage and expenses for the house are above expectations. On the other hand, we have invested huge amounts of sweat equity in the house and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have contributed with their sweat as well as their money. We now have a parsonage that is being used as housing for our minister but also houses the South Dakota Peace and Justice Center.

All in all, we are doing fine. Thanks for all that you do for All Souls.

*He who is not courageous enough to take risks  
will accomplish nothing in life.  
~ Muhammad Ali*



## Children's RE

### January Happenings

This January we are going to begin exploring world religions. The first religion will be Islam. We will learn about their basic beliefs, the Quran, and Muhammad.

We will also be looking for someone to work as a child care teacher for the months of June and July for this upcoming year. If you are interested, please contact Aundrea Dybing-Jorgensen either by email ([reaajorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:reaajorgensen@gmail.com)) or by phone 605-645-0084. Thank you.

*You will never do anything in this world without courage.  
It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.*

*~ Aristotle*



**All Souls Women's Group**  
**TUE., JANUARY 12TH AT 5:00pm**  
**BRACCO, 5001 SOUTH WESTERN AVE., SIOUX FALLS**

**GET INVOLVED!** Make the most of your experience at All Souls.

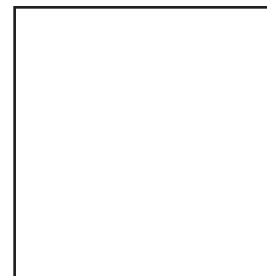
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## All Souls Calendar

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day 2:00 pm Cook at Banquet 5:00 pm Serve at Banquet	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 9:00 am choir 10:00 am Retrospective Inventory—2015	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm COC	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Meditation	<b>6</b> 7:30 pm Facilities	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
<b>10</b> 9:00 am choir 10:00 am Fear Not! with Rev. Kraemer	<b>11</b> 5:45 pm Finance Comm.	<b>12</b> 5:00 pm Women's Group 6:00 pm Meditation	<b>13</b> 4:00 pm Leadership Dev. Comm. Meeting 5:30 pm Theology on Tap	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Board	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Worship Team 3:00 pm Fundraiser hike and Joy/Paul's
Rev. Kraemer in Sioux Falls from January 10-24						
<b>17</b> 9:00 am choir 10:00 am Fighting for Justice and Equality in a Cynical world.	<b>18</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Meditation	<b>20</b> 5:00 pm Men's Un-Group	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Harvest the Power	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
Rev. Kraemer in Sioux Falls from January 10-24						
<b>24</b> 10:00 am The Soul of the Whole w/ Rev. Kraemer 11:00 am Congregational Mid-year Meeting	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Book Club	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Meditation	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Fun night	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:00 am Soft Front, Strong Back with Greg Nooney						