

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

January Worship Schedule

THEME: INTROSPECTION AND REFLECTION

January 1
10:00am

Retrospective Inventory

We welcome the New Year by looking back — as we move forward — reminiscing about loved ones and others who died the previous year. What can we learn from loved ones or noted individuals who are no longer with us? Members sharing their stories of loss: Greg Boris on John Glenn, Linda Hallstrom on Lance Truman Hinkle, and Janet Kunze on Linda Shuts. We will then pass the microphone so that members of the congregation can briefly share and honor the lives of others who passed away in 2016.

Speakers: Greg Boris, Linda Hallstrom, and Janet Kunze
Coordinator: Mark Sanderson Musician: Kristi Holler

January 8
10:00am

Star Stuff

We are made of star stuff, Carl Sagan reminds us. Join Minister Sarah Caine in exploring the wonder of our existence through the words of scientists who had a touch of poetry in their work.

Minister: Sarah Caine
Coordinator: Chris Provance Musician: Kristi Holler

January 15
10:00am

Remember Who You Are

In times that seem like reality is heading in a dangerous and confusing direction, it is anchoring to remember who one's self is. Join Minister Sarah Caine in re-anchoring and following the advice of Shakespeare, "This above all, to thine own self be true."

* Join us after the service for a special fellowship hour welcoming Minister Sarah Caine to All Souls.

**Welcoming
Sarah Caine**
11:00am

Minister: Sarah Caine
Coordinator: Peter Holland Musician: Kristi Holler

January 22
10:00am

The Power of Culture

Any organization with more than one person has a culture; we address the power that lies within and explore what focusing on the culture of an organization can do in maximizing the potential of their team for both the employee and the employer.

* Our mid-year meeting convenes after the service. Join us to hear an update on the work of All Souls, including a financial report. Refreshments will be served. Full agenda on page 6.

**Mid-year
Meeting**
11:00am

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

January 29
10:00am

Poetry Day

Children's RE will present a poetry reading, sharing the poems they have worked on during January. Members and friends are invited to participate by bringing the work of a favorite poet or an original poem of your own.

Speakers: All Souls Poets and Poetry Lovers
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang Musician: Kristi Holler



From the Minister Minister Sarah Caine

New years bring with them a certain feeling of starting over. People are excited for a blank slate, or a formal marker of opportunities to do better and be more of whom they dream to be. Winter offers us plenty of time to be alone with our thoughts, which can be terrifying and a blessing. Left alone with our introspection, we are forced to feel deeply or keep busy to avoid the places we regret or of which we feel ashamed. At the same time, we can rejoice in the gifts we have and accomplishments we have made this past year. Life is a funny, complex thing.

As a person new to this community, I am getting to know the church personality and the individuals who make up the congregation. I find myself asking quite often "Who am I? As a minister? As a new leader to this community? As a young adult in a new city?" I also want to know "Who are you? As a UU? As a member or friend of All Souls? As a parent? As a child? As a grieving person?" We are building something with pieces of our identities interwoven throughout and I feel the energy around all the possibilities for the future.

This January, our worship theme is **Introspection and Reflection**. It's fitting that at the beginning of a new year we are looking back at and looking within. As T.S. Eliot wrote, "The end is where we start from." Join us in our Intropective, Reflective beginning to 2017!



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 10-1, 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 or cell: 605.681.6712



From the President Claudia Dail

January 2017

This will be a busy month for All Souls. Sarah's welcome on the 15th, the Mid-year Meeting on the 22nd and a bit of fun with the next fundraiser on the 21st. Add Adult RE on the 11th and All Team Meeting on the 25th and our calendar is bursting at the seams.

This is a time of new beginnings and appropriately we will officially welcome our new minister Sarah Caine on the 15th. Come and hear her message, then stay for cake and coffee. We will also have a volunteer from each Team available after the service to answer questions about the work of their Team and what is planned. Come and join us in giving a hearty welcome to Sarah.

The next week, Jan. 22 will be our Mid-Year Meeting. I promise it will be as brief as possible, but also informational. We will have a financial report with a budget update and

share the use of For the Future funds to repay the mortgage. This is also a good opportunity to share with you the work of our Teams and recognize some of the outstanding volunteers who keep the church running. I look forward to seeing you on the 22nd.

As I reflect on December, I am so pleased to be part of a Board that is cohesive, collaborative and progressive. You have elected members who are committed and moving All Souls forward. We also had an All Team Leaders (CoC) meeting this week, where there was good discussion and a supportive nature to help each other. As a cadre of independent thinkers, it is not always easy to find consensus, yet these two groups make decisions based on "what is best for All Souls" and keep the best interest of our congregation in the forefront. Thank you to every person who volunteers their time and talents. All Souls could not function without your contributions.

As this New Year unfolds, I wish you a wonderful, healthy and happy adventure.

Cheers,
Claudia

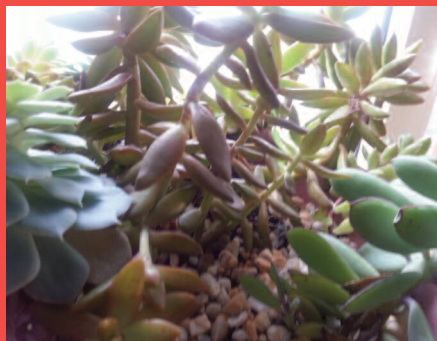
Welcome Event for Minister Sarah Caine



Join Us
Sunday, January 15, 2017
11:00 a.m.

All Souls Church
After our Sunday service

Join us in Eliza's Kitchen
for cake and ice cream.
Help us give Sarah a warm
welcome to All Souls.



Janelle Lenser accepts President-Elect Position

Janelle Lenser, a 25-year member of All Souls, has accepted the position of President Elect. Janelle's term begins immediately and runs through June 30. After serving as President Elect, Janelle will be installed as President of All Souls. She replaces Clara Jacobs who stepped down from the president-elect position due to health reasons.

Janelle previously served as President of All Souls when the congregation conducted its search for the present building. Most recently, Janelle has served as chair of Fundraising and has been instrumental in many fundraising events.

Thank you for your past, present, and future service, Janelle!

INTROSPECTION [in-truh-spek-shuh n]

noun

1. observation or examination of one's own mental and emotional state, mental processes, etc.; the act of looking within oneself.



All-Team Meetings Date Change to January 25

The January All Team Meeting (ATM) will be held Wednesday, January, 25. Please note the change to the fourth Wednesday. Plan to gather at 5:30 for a bit of social time with light potluck fare. Team meetings start at 6:00.

Team Leaders have planned a meeting for January 18 to review and tweak the ATM format. Stay tuned for more information.

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.



Camp UniStar Positions Open for Summer 2017

Camp UniStar is hiring! Spend the summer working where natural beauty is rich, life is simple, and community is cherished on Star Island in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Positions include: Camp Director, Food Service Director, Lead Cook, Lead Baker, Waterfront Director, Assistant Director, Children's Program Director, Youth Program Director, Program Area Staff.

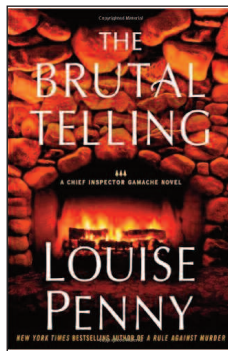
Qualifications: lived away from home 1+ year; experience working in team; self-starter and motivated to help; able to live and work in the North Woods; experience in food service (kitchen jobs); experience working with youth or children (Children and/or Youth program); have or are willing to get lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid training (reimbursable).

Training and camp season is June 5 to Sept. 2, with some personalization of schedules possible.

Starting salary for first-year general camp staff is \$270 per week, room and board included.

Application and position details at: www.CampUniStar.org Please contact 612-354-6566 or jobs@campunistar.org with any questions.

Applications due January 31, 2017



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 6:30pm, January 23, to discuss *Brutal Telling* by Louise Penny (fiction mystery) with leader Barb Iverson.

On February 27, join us as we do an author study on Pat Conroy. Read one or more of his books, your choice.. Leader is Bob Vrchota.

For the months of January and February, book club will meet in the home of Bob Vrchota.

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.



Subscription Information for Newsletter E-mails

Stay up-to-date with the happenings at All Souls. The All Souls Newsletter is emailed once a month.

To unsubscribe from All Souls monthly newsletter, send an e-mail to outreach@sfnu.org with "unsubscribe from newsletter" as the subject line.

Thank You, All Souls!

The Baby Steps Prenatal Group at South Dakota Urban Indian Health received a gift of \$500 in late November from all of us at All Souls Church. This donation was made possible from collection plate cash gifts given on Sunday mornings at All Souls Church.

Baby Steps meets monthly with pregnant women and their partners during the pregnancy. The program provides support and education in addition to a prenatal visit with a healthcare provider. The benefits of participation in Baby Steps are that babies are born at healthy weights and closer to their due date. Moms are reported to be more prepared for baby and have easier birth experiences.

All Souls donation will assist in purchasing portable Pack 'N Play cribs for the family following birth.

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom."

— Aristotle

CABIN FEVER? Venture out by horse or by dogsled

Wednesday, January 18 at 5pm



Men's Un-Group
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St., Sioux Falls



WhaleCoast Alaska 2017

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2017 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 before our tours sell out! Visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!



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.

Saturday, January 21

The All Souls Fundraising Committee will host **"Hot Drinks for the New Year."** This Happy New Year event starts at 7 p.m. at the home of Marsha Vickland and Janelle Lenser. Several popular hot winter drinks will be served, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, along with tasty snacks.

This is a new member and friend social. An "established" member may invite a newer member, friend, or recent visitor and donate for him/herself and the guest. Suggested donation is \$15 per person. Bringing a guest is not required; however, it is a great way for established members to get better acquainted with newcomers.

Sunday, February 5

Our annual Super Bowl Party will be held at the home of Joy Hembel and Paul Thompson. Guests may arrive at 5p.m. Suggested donation is \$20. A variety of foods and beverages will be served.

Sunday, February 12

After Sunday service, there will be a Valentine's Bake Sale. The committee would be grateful for contributions of cookies, candies and other goodies with a Valentine theme for the sale.

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions in time, effort and money that support the ongoing life of All Souls, which is so important to all of us.



Jan. 11 - Adult RE Brainstorming Session

Adult RE will be meeting on January 11 at 5:30pm for a brainstorming session to determine our educational needs and topics to be covered in the upcoming year in Adult RE.

All interested adults are invited to attend and give input. Minister Sarah

Caine will facilitate the meeting.

REFLECTION [ri-flek-shuh n]

noun

1. the act of reflecting, as in casting back a light or heat, mirroring, or giving back or showing an image; the state of being reflected in this way.
2. an image; representation; counterpart.
3. a fixing of the thoughts on something; careful consideration.
4. a thought occurring in consideration or meditation.

Valentines Bake Sale February 12



After Sunday service, there will be a Valentine's Bake Sale. The committee would be grateful for contributions of cookies, candies and other goodies with a Valentine theme for 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.



Mid-Year Congregational Meeting Sun., January 22

Please Note the Date!
Mid-Year Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2017

WHO: All Members of All Souls Church

WHAT: All Souls Church Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

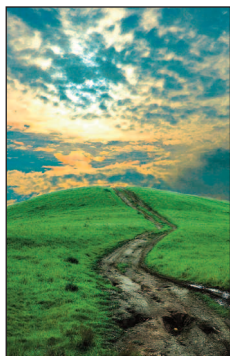
WHEN: January 22, 2017 at 11 am following the worship service.

WHERE: All Souls Church Sanctuary

DETAILS: Highlights will include budget updates and other agenda items to be determined.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

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!



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, Minister Sarah Caine at 605-681-6712, or Mark Sanderson at 605-941-1841.

IS THERE LIFE OUT THERE?

All Souls Women's Group

TUE., JANUARY 10TH AT 5:00pm

**GRANITE CITY, 2620 S LOUISE AVE,
SIOUX FALLS**



"Your visions will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes." — C.G. Jung



January 6 Banquet Serving

All Souls members and friends will again serve together at the Banquet on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Those who volunteered as Meal Preparers are scheduled 2 to 5pm. Servers work 5:15 to 7:45 p.m.

If you signed up, Mark Sanderson will give you a gentle reminder during the week before the event. If you have questions, call or text Mark at 605-941-1841.

Where can you find us?



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Our public Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Sioux-Falls/
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Member Interest Page



Citizens' Climate Lobby Monday, Jan. 9 • 7pm

Join members of the Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) to watch and discuss *Years of Living Dangerously: "Safe Passage."* This episode from the National Geographic series features the work of the CCL.

Everyone is welcome to attend on Monday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. The group meets at All Souls.

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.

Women's March Set for January 21 in Sioux Falls

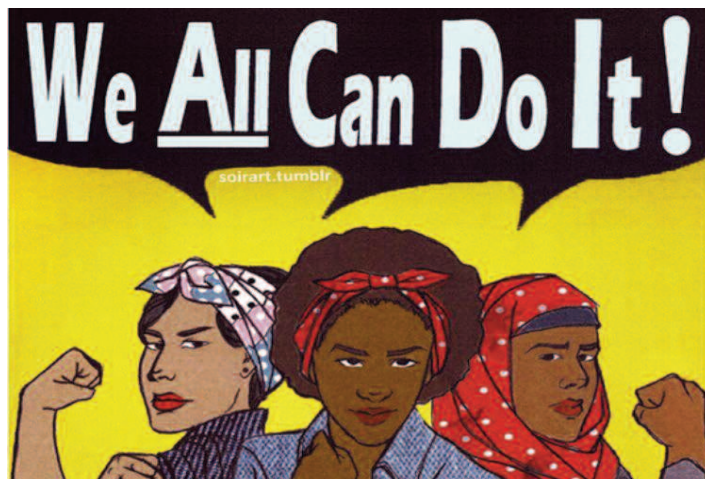
A local group, organized through social media, is peacefully marching to show our strength, courage, and solidarity with WOMEN and South Dakotans, including the LGBTQ community, people of all faiths, people of color, immigrants, disabled citizens, and people of all genders. They stand united for equal human rights. Check the ASUU Facebook page for most current information.

9AM: Gather at Federal Building 400 S. Phillips Ave.

10AM: Begin Marching down Phillips Ave to City Hall 224 W. 9th Street

Marchers will gather at City Hall and have a couple of strong women in our community stand up and speak on local and state issues.

11AM: Head to TBD location for coffee and camaraderie.



UUs Well Represented at Oceti Sakowin camp

Submitted by Lawrence Novotny

[Lawrence Novotny of Brookings attended the international faith gathering at the Oceti Sakowin camp on Sunday, December 4, and shared this account.]

UUs have been well-represented at the Oceti Sakowin camp at Cannonball, ND, the site of the Standing Rock water protectors' resistance against Dakota Access Pipeline.

An international faith gathering was held at the camp on Sunday, December 4, around the sacred fire. UUs were easy to spot from the stoles worn by clergy and the Standing on the Side of Love shirts. UUs came from North Dakota, Utah, New York, California, Oregon, Kansas, and no doubt from other states. Several UU ministers spoke during the forenoon service. Speakers representing other religions were Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, and Quaker. The only speakers representing mainstream Christianity were Methodist and Catholic. No doubt other denominations were present but not speaking. (Episcopalians held a gathering a few weeks earlier.) While the sun was blessing the service, the monitoring helicopter was continuously circling overhead.

Some 5,000 to 8,000 veterans started to arrive at the camp that same day. It was estimated that the total attendance was around 20,000 that day, including campers, veterans, and people attending the interfaith gathering. In the afternoon the attendees formed a prayer circle around the perimeter of the camp. The announcement was made that the Army Corps of Engineers had suspended the drilling permit. Drums came out and the dancing and celebration started.

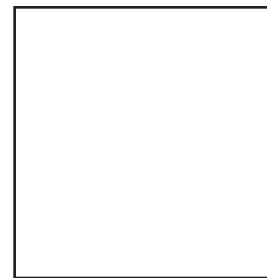




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All Souls Calendar

January 2017

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| 8 10:00 am "Star Stuff" | 9 7:00 pm CCL 7:00pm Board | 10 5:00 pm Women's Group | 11 5:30 pm Adult RE | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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