

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

July Worship Schedule

July 5

Two interesting Sunday morning options!

Please join us for the INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND POTLUCK, which will be held at All Souls in lieu of service. Gather at 10:30 a.m. Grilling with Eric Berg will begin shortly with eating to follow. Please bring your own plate, silverware, beverage, a dish to pass and food for the grill. Please feel free to use the south door on the lower level. The hosts will be the Berg/Loughead family.

The second option will be joining a group off All Soul's people carpooling to Sioux City to visit the First Unitarian Church of Sioux City's fellowship there. Our Rev. Kraemer will be leading the discussion circle in Sioux City. Carpool gathers at 8 am, leaving by 8:15. Their summer service begins at 10:00 a.m.

July 12

10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"Is the World Broken, or is It Just Me?" (Pun intended)

What do we mean when we speak of brokenness? Is brokenness a quality of the world? Is it a quality of people? Is everyone broken? Can we be fixed?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

Coordinator: Scott Kunze

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: TBA

July 19

10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"Why Forgive?"

Our Universalist forebears believed in ultimate forgiveness from a loving God. What does that mean for us? Do we forgive people for their sake, or for ours? Do we have to forgive everybody? What does it mean to "forgive and forget?" Do you have to do both?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: TBA

July 26

10:00a.m.

The Power of Forgiveness

It is easy to forget that forgiveness is more for the forgiver than the forgiven. We can overlook the ripple effect of forgiving. Sometimes good accounting and good memory are over rated. Lawrence Diggs will explore these ideas in a short presentation, which will include some of his poetry. *Read the full article on Lawrence Diggs on page 4.

Guest Speaker: Lawrence Diggs

Coordinator: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Joseph L'Amour

Sound: TBA



From the Minister David Kraemer

The worship committee met this month to set themes for the coming year. Each month follows a particular theme. The idea is to build worship around these and to extend them into Religious Education and other areas of church life. This thematic approach is being used in many churches now as a way of organizing what we do.

The theme the committee chose for July is "brokenness/forgiveness." I was struggling a bit with the term brokenness – I know we use it a lot, but what does it really mean? Then I googled it and came to the Free Online Dictionary.

Beyond the first definition, "Forcibly separated into two or more pieces; fractured: (as in) a broken arm; broken glass," the subsequent meanings seemed particularly poignant when viewed in a religious context:

2. Sundered by divorce, separation, or desertion of a parent or parents: children from broken homes; a broken marriage.
3. Having been violated: a broken promise.
4.
 - a. Incomplete: a broken set of books.
 - b. Being in a state of disarray; disordered: troops fleeing in broken ranks.
5.
 - a. Intermittently stopping and starting; discontinuous: a broken cable transmission.
 - b. Varying abruptly, as in pitch: broken sobs.
 - c. Spoken with gaps and errors: broken English.
6. Topographically rough; uneven: broken terrain.
7.
 - a. Subdued totally; humbled: a broken spirit.
 - b. Weakened and infirm: broken health.
8. Crushed by grief: died of a broken heart.
9. Financially ruined; bankrupt.
10. Not functioning; out of order: a broken washing machine.

I like this variety. I like this depth. I like how much the subject matter of these definitions is so often the very stuff of religious life – divorce, parenting, grief, separation, promise. How often have I been subdued totally or in disarray. How many times have there been gaps and errors in the things I say. How frequently am I weak and crushed, intermittent and incomplete. How much have I born grief. How much I have sobbed. Even the topographic definition gets me – how often our world is rough and uneven.

Unitarians and Universalists over time have come to reject the idea of original sin. But we often say things like this: We are born into a broken world. In July, we will consider what that means. Is the world really broken? Are we

the ones who are broken? How do we restore the world? How do we restore ourselves? How does forgiveness fit into this? Who should we forgive, and why?

Here are some quotations on brokenness (You might not like all of them. The point is to get you thinking):

"The wound is the place where the Light enters you." — Rumi.

"And in the end, we were all just humans... drunk on the idea that love, only love, could heal our brokenness." — F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"Some of the people with the best smiles are actually broken inside." — Mya Waechter.

"When you are broke, all around you are broke too." — Basil Patel.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." -- Frederick Douglass.

"We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions." — Ronald Reagan.

"Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken." — Albert Camus.

"It makes my heart sick when I remember all the good words and the broken promises." — Chief Joseph.

"A broken bone can heal, but the wound a word opens can fester forever." — Jessamyn West.

"Chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken." — Warren Buffett.

"Any product that needs a manual to work is broken." — Elon Musk.

"Don't tell me the moon is shining; show me the glint of light on broken glass." — Anton Chekhov.

"The reason why the world lacks unity, and lies broken and in heaps, is, because man is disunited with himself." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Here are some resources to consider when thinking of brokenness and forgiveness and letting go, with thanks to Chris Provance for finding these.

Ted Talk

www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE7TaUG3qQI

Poetry

www.mindfullivingprograms.com/poetry.php

Philosophy

califia.wordpress.com/2009/08/21/buddha-on-forgiveness-reconciliation-and-right-wrong/

Friedman's Fables

www.thecruxmovie.com/pdf/TheBridgeShort

Story.pdf

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDZYlgdcKuc

David's schedule in Sioux Falls is July 6 – 19, 2015.

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From the President Paul Thompson

I am now president of the Board of Directors of All Souls. I'm happy to be in this role, although I am sort of a con-script. About May 2014, Joy Hembel, my wife, informed me that my next mission was to be president-elect. So, after a year, I am now president, having all the power and the high salary that goes with the position! (Note, just in case you are not sure, there is no salary.)

At that time, I had not been that involved with the functioning of the church. Susan Randall tried to recruit me to be Facilities Committee chair, but I told her I was too busy. Now, of course, being President of the Board and Chair of the Ministerial Search Committee, I am much busier. Things are always interesting in life.

What's the point, you ask? Let's talk about how a church functions. How are worship services run? How do we end up with a fine musician playing Sunday morning? How does the church get cleaned? How do we provide religious education for our children? Where do the good snacks come from on Sunday morning, and how do they get there? It's a matter of volunteers. Our church has a paid 1/2-time consulting minister (the Reverend David Kraemer). We have a Church Administrator (part-time), Holly Thompson. We also have a part-time Children's Religious Education Director, Aundrea Dybing-Jorgensen. And, we usually have at least one paid child care provider when needed.

Everything else is done by volunteers. The word "volunteer" means "someone accepting a job without coercion." We have a number of committees (Worship, Facilities, Finance, Ministerial, etc.)-- all run by volunteers. And, things being what they are, many different committees have the same people. That's because, although there are many op-

portunities to help out, some people are willing to do more than one job, so those volunteers usually end up on several committees.

Sometimes on our surveys, we see the following comment: "Our church is run by a small group of insiders. They should open themselves up and involve others." Well, let me be very, very clear: if you want to help our "small group," we would love to involve you in one or more of several committees. Most (but not all) committees are open to any volunteer. And, here's a funny thing: the more you involve yourself with the church, the more meaning and value you will find in the church. If you help out, it becomes more YOUR church.

How do you get involved? Joy Hembel, the past president, is now chair of the Leadership Development Committee. Talk to her about getting involved. We will be providing leadership training opportunities this fall and would love to have many more active volunteers. Finally, if someone asks you to join a committee, please say "YES"! Your church needs you!



Above: President Joy Hembel presents Rev. Kraemer with a door nameplate at the local celebration of Rev. Kraemer's Ordination in May.

Photo Credit: Charles Taylor



Newly Elected Church Officers

Congratulations!

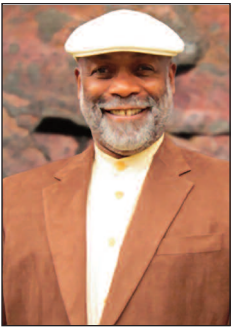
Newly elected officers at the May annual meeting are Claudia Dail, president-elect, (pictured on left) and Clara Jacob, secretary. Members also elected Shaylee Healy to a three-year term on the Endowment Committee and Marcy Reisetter to a two-year term on the Leadership Development Committee. Also, appointed to member-at-large to the Board was Matt Healy.

If you are interested in training and serving as a future church leader, contact the Leadership Development committee.

Wanted: Volunteers to do the "Dirty Work"



Join Us for
Church Cleaning
July 18
at 10:00am



Lawrence Diggs Guest Speaker July 26

Who is Lawrence Diggs? Lawrence J. Diggs is busy living. His interests in life have spanned careers in broadcasting, health, and the arts, as well as food and culture. He has written and produced documentaries, written books, and made presentations around the world on various subjects. He has founded The International Vinegar Museum in South Dakota, designed and created a national emergency medical system in Burkina Faso, and helped plan and build a Buddhist temple in San Francisco. He has been honored with numerous awards from various countries including a Medal of Honor with gold stars from Burkina Faso. He serves on the Board of Directors of the South Dakota State Poetry Society and is a Buddhist Chaplain for the South Dakota State Prison System. But underneath all of the activity, he is searching for the point of it all. He is not sure he can find the answer, or even if there is an answer, but feels it is important to keep searching. All of the activity is just a way to run experiments on life; to run "what if" scenarios in the hope that some useful nugget of knowledge will be uncovered.

Find out more at www.ldiggs.com.



Stories from the All Souls Archives

Submitted by Cheryl Squires

Stories from the Archives:

Out of curiosity, I have started to assemble and organize our archival files here at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist church. One way to grow the membership in the late 1800s was by presenting our message out in the public to as many groups of people as possible. This is a method that worked in the past and can work today. The following entries were found in the area newspapers for July 1887. Please enjoy these historical timeline snapshots.

In the *Canton Advocate* on July 7, 1887, the following statement was made: Mrs. E. T. Wilkes preached at the court house last Sunday evening to a good congregation. Mrs. Wilkes will be obliged to omit Canton hereafter in her course of meetings, as the rapid advancement of the Unitarian church in Sioux Falls confines her to home work.

In the *Sioux Falls Daily Press* on July 17, 1887, the following announcement appeared: Unitarian Church: Preaching in the Adventist church by Miss Bartlett before the Unitarian society on "Doubt."



Film night Wednesday, July 15, to feature *Wilderness Journey*

Join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, for film night at All Souls. In keeping with our social justice and racial justice theme, we will see *Wilderness Journey: The Struggle for Black Empowerment and Racial Justice within the*

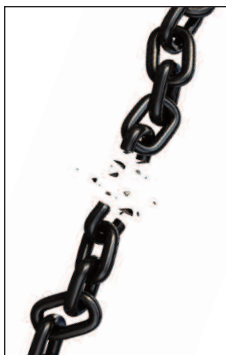
Unitarian Universalist Association, 1967-1970, a documentary of the Black Empowerment Controversy that nearly destroyed our movement shortly after merger. Ron Cordes filmed these interviews of many Unitarian Universalist leaders who lived through those complex times and created this essential historical record. The film will run 76 minutes and will be followed by discussion. Child care will be available upon request.

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere!

All Souls Women's Group
Tue., July 14th at 5:00pm
Bracco's, 5001 S. Western Ave. Sioux Falls

Where can you find us?
www.sfu.org • twitter.com/AllSoulsUU • www.facebook.com





Raising Awareness for Human Trafficking

Submitted by Kelli Bultena

Cyclists raise awareness on human trafficking; make stop at All Souls

All Souls was blessed with a visit from three young men on a journey to raise awareness on human trafficking. On May 18, 2015, Jay Atlas, Sylvester (Sly) Williams, and Jonathan

Moore from the Philadelphia, PA, area started a journey bicycling from Fargo, ND, to San Antonio, TX, to raise awareness for human trafficking and raise funds for Worthwhile Wear's housing program, The Well. The three young men were in Sioux Falls on Sunday, June 14. Williams said the three men hoped to make it to Omaha in two days.

In Sioux Falls they stayed with local cyclist Greg Boris and attended church at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church to speak to members about the issue. Williams said they rely on the hospitality of area cyclists and make connections by reaching out to churches and community groups along the way. He added, "We tent it, if we have too."

Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar industry where perpetrators profit from the control and exploitation of others. Atlas said the issue affects everyone. According to statistics on the Trafficking Resource Center website, South Dakota had eight human trafficking cases reported, along with 83 calls in 2014; for this year, as of March 2015, eight calls had been logged.

The cyclists hope that the more people are made aware of the issue, the more reports will be made and

the more lives saved. The money they raise on their journey will serve to support a safe house in PA. The Well program was created to provide long-term housing and to empower women affected by commercial sexual exploitation or sex trafficking, providing them with the necessary coping tools to work through past trauma, complete educational benchmarks if necessary, provide long-term employment options, and secure affordable housing.

For more information about the program visit, www.worthwhilewear.org.



Above: Jay Atlas, Sylvester Williams, and Jonathon Moore visited with folks after the Service at All Souls on June 14, 2015.

UU men have a secret plan to proselytize, one barstool at a time.



Men's Un-Group

5:00p.m., Wednesday, July 15

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

Fundraising Rummage Sale Planned



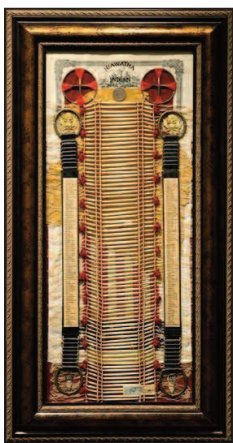
The Fundraising Committee will be having its sometimes-annual rummage sale in October.

Please consider donating items, such as toys, gently-used furniture, housewares, tools, and related items to the sale. Money raised will go to the operating budget of our church.

All donations should be in good or working condition. If you have items to donate that need to be stored, we can arrange to store them until time of sale.

Items not accepted: electronics of any kind, nor clothing, nor shoes. More details to come in the August newsletter.

Members of the Fundraising Committee are: Marsha Vickland, Joann Huber, Joy Hembel, and Janelle Lenser.



Jerry Fogg Artwork featured at the Governor's 6th Biennial Art Exhibit

Jerry Fogg's award-winning piece, "Hiawatha Indian Insane Asylum," will be featured at the Governor's 6th Biennial Art Exhibit at Washington Pavilion (310 S. Main Ave) from June 12, 2015 until October 14, 2015. This juried show consists of 53 pieces by 48 South Dakota artists, and is traveling the state for a two-year period. After Sioux Falls, the exhibit will move to USD.

"Hiawatha Indian Insane Asylum" will have its own room at the Pavilion. On August 22, 2015, there will be a reception highlighting this work and a multi-media presentation about the asylum by the Keepers of the Canton Native Asylum Story, including South Dakota Humanities Council Scholars Jerry Fogg and Anne Dilenschneider. Tennessee author Carla Joinson, whose book about the asylum will be published by the University of Nebraska Press in 2016, will also be present.

You can visit Jerry's facebook page here : www.facebook.com/NativeSoulArt



Getting to Know UU

A New Newsletter Column by Julia Tibbetts

Happy Day! We are working on putting together a new column in our newsletter --visiting with, sharing, and learning more about each other. If you're interested in being highlighted, contact myself or Kelly Chris-

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To start, I'll share about myself! I'm Julia Tibbetts -- I joined All Souls in March 2015 after visiting for a year and finding the community that I had looked for elsewhere, but couldn't find. My child Alice and I enjoy the people and support we have found. My child identifies as bi-gender, which has been difficult, in addition to our determination of being outside typical Judeo-Christian beliefs. My partner Colin and I have been married for 9 years on July 9 - Being with him has given me much to strengthen who I am as an individual. I was born in Rapid City, but grew up in southern California in a city called Ontario. In 2003, I moved back to South Dakota. After a failed semester at Black Hills State due to illness, I moved to Sioux Falls where I met Colin online -- yay for technological match makers! We had Alice shortly afterward and have been working through challenges of mental health issues and

reconciling our lived experiences with our goals as parents and people. Our goals include being body-positive, sex-positive, peaceful parents that align with our values as intersectional feminists and humanists. I blog at hope-filleddreamer at wordpress. Enjoying journaling and reading are passions that help me through difficult times. As a family, we enjoy being outside as much as possible, hiking, swimming, gardening, and biking. Our family has 4 pets: 2 dogs, Triton & Shadow Baby; a rat named Annabelle; and a snake named Isis. I am looking forward to returning to school for graduate-level degree in Ministry and Social Change, following that we will travel throughout the country in a camper, serving, before returning again to South Dakota to make a home.

Next month we will be highlighting more UU members! Please send your information if you're interested in being our next UU we get to know! Send info to juliatibbetts@sio.midco.net



Living Our Values Renovation II Completed Celebration

Submitted by Susan Randall

All Souls celebrated another milestone in its journey of growth on Sunday, June 14: the completion of building renovation – phase two. To mark the accomplishment, Rev. David Kramer led worshippers to the west side of the church, where Mark Sanderson cut down the campaign banner which inspired the congregation's fundraising.

All Souls Church now has a front door with push-button handicap access, welcoming all. Other improvements completed by the \$45,000 renovation include an expanded front foyer, offices for the minister and office administrator, a workroom for church leaders and committee chairs, a kitchenette, expanded coat hanging capacity, and a library-conference room.

At a reception following the service, celebrants toasted the building as the people's house and thanked the volunteers and donors who made it possible.

Right: A cake featuring the floor plan construction drawing by Next, Inc., was served up to the 57 celebrants at the June 14 commemoration. Scott and Janet Kunze hold up the blue print cake.



Above: A jubilant congregation exited the church through the newly remodeled front entrance to take down the "For the Future" banner.



Above: Rev. Kraemer (left) and president Joy Hembel (right) thank Steve Larson, Next, Inc. (center) for his firm's design and management of the project.



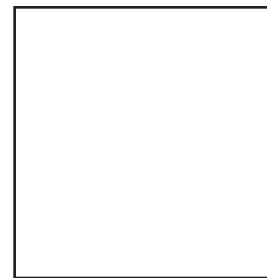
Above: Mark Sanderson, with assistance from Walker Wynkoup and Rev. Kraemer, cuts down the "For The Future" banner that inspired fundraising for Renovation II.



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July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Independence Day observed	4 Independence Day
5 8:15 am Sioux City with Rev Kraemer 10:30 am Independence Day Picnic	6 5:30 pm Facilities	7	8 10:00 am Worship Team 7:00 pm 7pm COC	9	10	11
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12 10:00 am "Is the world broken, or is it just me?" Pun intended.	13	14 5:00 pm Women's Group	15 Deadline for newsletter 5:00 pm Men's Un Group 7:00 pm Film "Wilderness Journey"	16	17	18 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
19 10:00 am "Why forgive?" with Rev. David Kraemer	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:00 am "The Power of Forgiveness" with Lawrence Diggs	27 NO Book Club 7:00 pm Board Meeting	28	29	30	31	