

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

July Worship Schedule

Theme: Change

July 3
10:00am

POTLUCK PICNIC!

Today we will pause to come together in community sharing a meal in celebration of our country, the United States of America. We invite you to join Janet and Scott Kunze, the hosts, for a potluck picnic. The doors will open at 10, the grill will be fired up, and all are welcomed. Please bring your own beverage, a dish to pass and your food for the grill.

July 10
10:00am

If You Are Who You Were

A retrospective on two years of interim ministry at All Souls: Where we've come to and where we might go.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Kristi Holler

July 17
10:00am

Faith and Authenticity

A transgender woman's journey through the intersections of faith and authenticity, believing that they are mutually exclusive, and discovering that they are very much one and the same. (See bio for Stephanie Mott on page 5.)

Speaker: Stephanie Mott, MSW
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Joseph L'Amour

July 24
10:00am

Kairos: The Time is at Hand

From the ancient Greek, Kairos means the right or opportune moment, a moment of indeterminate time in which an event of significance happens. As Rev. David Kraemer's ministry comes to an end here in Sioux Falls, we will find a new vision for moving forward, a vision to not just survive, but thrive.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer
Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts

Musician: Kristi Holler

July 31
10:00am

What Stays the Same and What Changes Going Forward?

We will celebrate the tradition of self-reliance in an abbreviated service together. We will sing some familiar hymns, share stones and have a children's message about moving together when facing threat.

We will hear from our leadership about plans to thrive and grow, then gather ideas from all of our members (including children and young people). How do you hope that we will worship on Sundays? What themes/topics would you like us to add? What new ideas do you have?

Coordinator: Julia Tibbetts/Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler



From the Minister Rev. David Kraemer

Editor's Note: Mark your calendars! After two great years, Rev. David will be leaving us on July 31. Two farewell events are planned for July 16 & 22. See page 7 for more details.

I have a friend who says that children grow by the fevers they suffer. It has always struck me as a bittersweet observation, a little sad, a little true. Each time, they come out older, wiser, appreciating more the frailty of life, but better for it.

It seems to me that maybe this pattern continues, on all kinds of levels – it shows itself in individuals, communities, whole societies, maybe even the earth itself feels the night sweats. Nothing ever stays the same. Everything is always incomplete, always unsettled. It is a necessary process. The universe is in motion, and will continue to stay in motion as energy dissipates. There is a stretching, a tear in the muscle that needs to heal itself to grow. Sometimes change is gradual, like snow melting. But always there is some discomfort. Change is hard.

One mark of our liberal religion is to embrace change, hard as it is. We are often the ones pushing back, pointing out, kicking things into motion. The flow of things is closely related to the interrelatedness of things. We are shaped by events of the past and all things around us. At the same time, we are not bound by them. We believe in the freedom to change in new directions of our own accord.

This month, our theme is “change,” which is perfect for now. My time here as your interim minister is coming to an end. I am hoping that you do not think back on these two years as one long fever. But without a doubt, there has been heat, there have been chills, we have poured out sweat and a little blood. And we have grown. As I leave, I am glad for such good health in this church. The events of June alone demonstrated how engaged,

responsive and compassionate you are. Our response to the mass shooting in Orlando, and to the pressure on local governments from national groups that would discriminate against our transgender brothers and sisters was exemplary. I appreciate the support you all showed for me in that time, too. We served as models for our community.

We also experienced a remarkably successful stewardship campaign that saw increases in giving across the board, especially among those who have the least amount to give. It is hard to avoid thinking of the parable of the widow's mite from the Bible. Your giving is a tangible measure of your commitment to this community. Moving into the months ahead, our worship committee has a strong plan for providing quality Sunday services aimed at fulfilling the many needs and purposes of worship. Several caring individuals have stepped up to provide pastoral care upon request. And a strong leadership team on the board, led by incoming president Claudia Dail, will keep the administration of the church on track. Your search committee, led by past-president Paul Thompson, has worked hard over these two years to build an attractive web site, portfolio, and most importantly, partnership with First Unitarian Universalist in Sioux City. While the candidate pool this year proved to be thin, and the search process challenging, I have no doubt that you will be able to find the called minister you are looking for. A minister who will love this church as I have.

May you always seek truth, practice love, and celebrate life. Thank you for a great two years.

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

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THE SEVEN UU PRINCIPLES

- 1- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- 2- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- 3- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth
- 4- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- 5- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
- 6- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- 7- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part



Above: A blast from the past: then-president Joy Hembel presents Rev. Kraemer with a nameplate commemorating his ordination on April 12, 2015, as a Unitarian Universalist minister.



From the President Claudia Dail

July 2016

I am stepping into very large shoes with a lot of responsibility at a time of transition with an element of the unknown – wow, what did I get myself into?

One thing I am certain of, All Souls will continue to support, nurture and nourish our congregation of members and friends. The Caring Committee led by Mark Sanderson will continue to provide pastoral care and outreach to members in need. Chris Provance and the Worship Committee are working on themes, topics and speakers to keep us engaged and stimulated. Paul is leading the Ministerial Search Committee seeking to fill the pulpit and alternatives until we have a called minister. The Board is evaluating and prepared to fill in any gaps created by David's leaving. It is a time of transition and there will be a few bumps, but the future is bright.

When I accepted the position of president-elect, I set goals for my year:

- Build community
- Efficiency in time, efforts and materials
- Build a relationship with the Sioux City UU Church

I listened to the comments made at the Stewardship Dinners and read through the notes David recorded, and community stands out as the most important component for our congregation. I hear you and will continue to keep that as my number one goal. As a small church with limited resources, efficiency is important and I will continue to streamline where possible.

We have an outstanding opportunity to build the relationship with Sioux City by joining them for a farewell picnic they are hosting for David on July 16. There is an article with all the details – join us for a fun time, good food and the opportunity to meet our “sister” congregates.

We will be sending information on a session in early July to evaluate the current committees and structure. Everyone is invited to participate and share your suggestions. All Souls currently has just shy of 20 committees, so with efficiency as a goal, we will be evaluating what is in place and what it could be. You don't have to volunteer on a committee to be included in the discussion, just come for the session and share your thoughts.

All Souls is a team, and each of you is a member of the team. Let's band together and support each other as we enter this new year for the church. My door is open and I welcome comments and suggestions – call or email and I will respond as quickly as I am able. I ask each of you to stay engaged and speak up rather than letting frustration simmer or that you walk away.

The worship theme for July is “Change.” How appropriate! Stay tuned and involved. We will continue to evolve and grow in the directions you tell us are important to you. Cheers,
Claudia Dail



**Make the most of your experience.
Get Involved!**

“Yesterday I was clever,
so I wanted to change the world.
Today I am wise,
so I am changing myself.”
— Rumi



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www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Sioux-Falls/177302048964724

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





Church Board Minutes Available

A reminder that church board minutes are available for review in a binder in the church office, or you can request to have the minutes emailed to you by contacting the office administrator at allsoulssfadmin@gmail.com.

*"The world as we have created it
is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed
without changing our thinking."*

— Albert Einstein



Above: A dozen All Souls Members took a shift sitting at the Pride booth. They talked to many people and gave away a lot of Unitarian Universalist literature. The weather was great too! Photo by Kevin Kolb



Fun Night July 27 At the Outdoor Campus

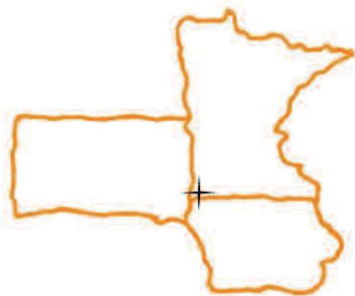
Join us at The Outdoor Campus (across from the Butterfly House and Marine Cove) for a fun-filled evening outdoors. We will take a hike around the lake using an orienteering map, have a picture scavenger hunt for the younger kids, and explore the pelts and tracks made by South Dakota animals of prey. Meet at the front of The Outdoor Campus building at 5:15. We will have hot dogs on a bun, chips, and water. Feel free to bring anything else you or your family would like to eat.

They Are Here!

2016-2017
Church
Directory



Be sure to stop by the church office and pick up the latest copy of the Church Directory.



Save the Date
2016
Tri-State Gathering
Sunday, August 14

Nobles County Pioneer Village,
Worthington, MN

gather

Rev. Wesley Hromatko preaching



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!

**Who doesn't want a cold drink
on a hot day?**



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



Mott to Speak July 17 on Transgender Faith

Stephanie Mott, MSW is the Founder/Director of the Transgender Faith Tour and President/Executive Director of the Kansas Statewide Transgender Education Project. She is a columnist for *Liberty Press* and *LGBTQ Sr.*, and a volunteer blogger for *Huffington Post*. She has published more than 100 articles about being transgender. She has provided nearly 400 workshops and presentations related to gender identity in venues from college classes to mental health centers to jails, prisons and hospitals. She is currently serving as the community liaison for transgender inmates with the Shawnee County (Kansas) Jail.

Stephanie is President-Elect at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka and completed her Master of Social Work program at Washburn University in Topeka in May 2016. She is currently serving as the state vice-chair of Equality Kansas. In addition, she is a board member of the Topeka Human Relations Commission, the Topeka Chief of Police Advisory Board, Topeka Pride, and Capital City Equality Center, as well as serving on the advisory board for the Beacon Youth Group.

Her awards include the Pioneer Woman from the University of Kansas Emily Taylor Center for Women and Gender Equity, the Kansas Stonewall Marsha P. Johnson Award for Exceptional Activism, and the Donna Love Award for Outstanding Social Work Student from Washburn University.



July 1 Banquet Serving

All Souls and Spirit of Peace Church (UCC) will again serve at The Banquet on Friday, July 1, 2016.

We are the supporting sponsor this time. We serve 5:15-8:00pm.

Sign up directly by contacting Mark Sanderson at

marksanderson@sio.midco.net or 334-0726 (leave a message if I'm out and about).

The process: not just a hand-out, but a hand-up. Please help make it happen.

“If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading.”

Lao Tzu

We Can Do It!



**July 18
at 5:30-7pm
Church Cleaning**

Join the Clean Team!



Standing on the Side of Love T-Shirt Orders

The most recent LGBT issue the Sioux Falls city council was facing raised a comment about All Souls members attending and wearing "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts to make a statement.

If there is enough interest in ordering more t-shirts we will put in a new order. They are \$20 each from the UU with a minimum order of 10. The group order will save members the shipping costs. See them here: www.uuabookstore.org/Standing-on-the-Side-of-Love-Adult-T-P17932.aspx Contact Holly to place an order at allsoulssinfo@gmail.com



July Fundraiser Shish Kabob Buffet

Plan ahead for the "Shish Kabob Buffet" at the home of Chris Provance on Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m. This is a child-friendly event. Guests will build their own shish-kabobs with a variety of ingredients. Chris will also serve a tomato, spicy greens and grilled bread salad, with watermelon sunrise cocktails (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). S'mores can be made for dessert.

Bean bag toss and badminton will keep energetic guests entertained. Chris asks that guests bring a lawn chair, if possible. Cost is \$25 per adult, and \$5 per child 12 and under.

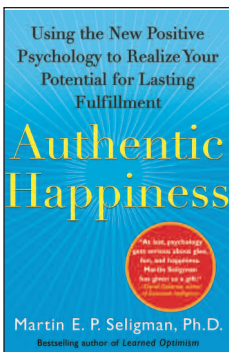
Again, thanks to all friends and members who generously open their homes and give of their time to help raise money for the operating budget of All Souls.



Ice Cream Social July 31 at 11:00am

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!

After the July 31 service and meeting, we will adjourn to Eliza's Kitchen and the garden for an ice cream social. Neighbors will be invited to the ice cream social.



Adult RE on Tap Authentic Happiness

Get serious about having fun!

Walker Wynkoop referred to Martin Seligman's work aligning the latest in brain research and the psychology of happiness in his presentation last month. Let's "get serious about having fun" and join Walker and others on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm starting on July 13, August 10 and September 14 to discuss Seligman's research and methods using Seligman's book as a guide while enhancing our own mental, moral and spiritual well-being. Participants are asked to purchase *Authentic Happiness* and read the first three chapters in time for the first discussion July 13, 5:30 – 7 at the church. Bring a beverage of your choice, a munchie to share, and be ready to engage in a light and lively discussion about self-discovery.



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 or call 605-215-3391.

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere!

All Souls Women's Group
Tue., July 12th at 5:00pm
Granite City, 2620 S Louise Ave., Sioux Falls



Joint Picnic Potluck for Rev. Kraemer on July 16 at Nature Preserve

Make plans to attend a potluck picnic with First Unitarian Church of Sioux City to say Farewell to Rev. David Kraemer.

Join our sister congregation for an old fashioned church picnic on July 16 at 11:00 to 2:00 (come anytime). We will gather in the picnic shelter at Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve, 272 Westshore Drive, McCook Lake, SD (Northwest of North Sioux City).

There is no park entrance fee, and a guide will be available to give a tour of the homestead.

Bring a dish to share, table service, and drink for yourself. Bug spray and sunscreen are recommended, but optional. There will be picnic tables, but bring a chair if you have one and an outdoor game to add to the fun.

It will be a fun, casual afternoon to celebrate Rev. David's service to our congregations and his new position in Wisconsin.

There will be a signup sheet on the MIC board downstairs and include if you'd like to carpool. For directions, see www.gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/adams-homestead/

**"Never doubt
that a small group of thoughtful,
committed, citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
— Margaret Mead**



Mid-American UUA Resolution on Muslim Solidarity

Drafted by Southeast Michigan UUMA Cluster

WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist Association's Principles call us as member congregations to affirm and promote "The inherent worth and dignity of every person" and, "The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all";

WHEREAS our living tradition draws from many sources, including "Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life" and "Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves";

WHEREAS the United States Constitution is founded in part on the freedom of religious belief and practice;

WHEREAS the histories of Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism affirm the importance and centrality of freedom of religious belief and practice in this country;

WHEREAS Muslims in the United States have faced increased levels of discrimination and hate crimes since 9/11;

WHEREAS an additional layer of fear, prejudice; and xenophobia have arisen following the Paris and San Bernardino terrorist attacks in 2015; and the refugee crisis in Syria has become a target of this fear, prejudice, and xenophobia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The 2016 MidAmerica Regional Assembly expresses its love and support for Muslims in our communities and encourages congregations in the MidAmerica Region to:

- build bridges of partnership with Muslim neighbors in our local areas;
- increase understanding of Islam within and beyond our local congregations;
- learn more about the realities of religious discrimination and the Syrian refugee crisis; and
- work to foster greater inclusion of all peoples, regardless of their religious, ethnic, national, or racial identity(s).

**You don't fight racism with racism,
the best way to fight racism is with solidarity.
~ Bobby Seale**



Local Farewell Potluck for Rev. Kraemer on July 22

All Souls members and friends wish to give Rev. David a grateful send-off as he prepares to begin new duties at a congregation in Wisconsin.

Everyone is invited to a farewell potluck at the home of Joann Huber (2112 E 54th St., Sioux Falls) on Friday, July 22, beginning at 7 p.m. Please bring a food item to share and a beverage of choice. We hope to see as many as possible at this event.

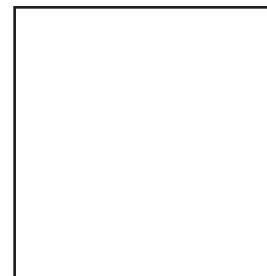
GET INVOLVED! Make the most of your experience at All Souls.
Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.



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All Souls Calendar

July 2016

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