



March 2015 Newsletter

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

March Worship Schedule

March 1
10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"Ah, the Bitter Sweetness of Life"

"Who promised you a rose garden?" my Mom would say when I sniveled about what life handed me. "We live in a limited world. Get used to it," she would say. After a few remarks from Mark, the microphone will be passed around for congregational input on the question "How do you live with hope in a limited world?"

Speaker: Mark Sanderson

WSC: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Kristi Holler Sound: Terry L. and Ken A. Sound

March 8
10:00a.m.

"Letting Go"

It is a platitude to say that some good always comes from a bad situation. But how is it that we deal with failure and loss? Can we find some victory even in defeat? This Sunday we also will join with other UU congregations across the country to commemorate the historic march on Selma, Ala. A special offering will be received.

Minister: David Kraemer

WSC: Chris Provance and Sue Lang

Musician: Debbie Reid Sound: Terry Lang & Ken Abbe

March 15
10:00a.m.

"Living the Dream"

What do we mean when we say ours is a "lived faith?" What does it mean to live our faith? "By their fruits you shall know them," is the old line. Do people know we are UUs by our love?

Minister: David Kraemer

WSC: Scott Kunze

Musician: Debbie Reid Sound: Terry Lang & Ken Abbe

March 22
10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"Spring Equinox"

As our movement changes and grows, our congregations have come to embrace earth-centered traditions in some old and some new ways. In this service we will honor the turning of the seasons, the hope hidden inside seeds, and our connection with the earth.

Speakers: The CUUPS Team (Covenant of UU Pagans)

WSC: Peter Holland

Musician: Kristi Holler Sound: Terry Lang & Ken Abbe

March 29
10:00a.m.
(9:00am Choir)

"Forks in The Road"

When we are faced with/forced with/or unexpectedly put upon a life situation where we need to make a decision before we move on, it is not always easy to make the choice. It is more complicated than Yogi Berra's advice, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

Speaker: Mark Sanderson

WSC: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Kristi Holler Sound: Terry Lang & Ken Abbe



From the Minister David Kraemer

Just last month I came across a Spirituality Type Survey I filled out many years ago when I first came to Unitarian Universalism. I was surprised by some of my answers, but was mostly struck by how similar they were to how I would respond now. I guess I haven't changed all that much.

Under the heading "Religious Emphasis," I said "A central purpose is that we live according to our values and ethics." And under "Concept of God/Truth," I answered "We participate in the mystery of the universe when we become co-creators of the universe through our actions."

I think I have always seen religion as very much of this world. I think that is true of Unitarian Universalism, in various degrees, as well. This is a lived faith, and this is a Living Tradition. What we mean by that is our beliefs change and grow as the world turns around us. We no longer believe in a flat earth, or that the whole of what we see rests on the back of a turtle, which stands on another turtle, on another, and it's turtles all the way down.

We come to new understandings, new insights, new revelation, with each new day. Truth, for us, is not handed down in an ancient manuscript that stands for all time, but is shown to us every moment in ways both small and large.

At the same time, what we do means at least as much as what we say. The true measure of righteousness is in how we live our lives, how we carry our faith into the world. I am thinking of a quote by Anton Chekov: "Don't tell me the moon is shining. Show me the glint of light on broken glass."

I like the sharp edges of this quote. The world rarely presents itself in a completely comfortable way. Life is messy. A faith that is of this world is necessarily messy business.

Our lived faith, our living tradition, and the messiness they lead to, are what we will be talking about in Sunday services and religious education in March. March itself is a pretty messy month!

During this time, we also will begin renovation of the offices at church, and we will be launching our annual stewardship drive – both of which fit perfectly with the theme. One more quote in this line, "Don't tell me what your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I will tell you what they are." (James W. Frick).

Come participate in the mystery of the universe. Let your life shine like the moon on broken glass. Let new revelation strike you and move you. And show your truth as well as you say it.



David's Schedule: March 2-8 and Mar. 15-22
Office hours: by appointment. (515) 231-2536



From the President Joy Hembel

March Message

This time of year, as we prepare for our annual Pledge Campaign, I often think about why I first became, and continue to be, a Unitarian Universalist. As a child, I was raised in the Congregational Church, and honestly, I never felt that all of my questions were satisfactorily answered. Even if some answers were provided, they did not necessarily make any sense to me. That is probably why I drifted away from organized religion as a young adult.

Later, when my husband and I had three small children, we decided to join a church which could help us give our children a religious education; however, we did

not want a church that would give our children answers to memorize. We wanted a church that would educate both our children and ourselves to intelligently ask more questions and be encouraged to find our own answers. That is when we found and joined our first UU Church in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Each time we have moved since then, we have joined a UU congregation where we were welcomed, inspired to seek our own truth, challenged to live our values, and moved to take positive action for a better world. That is why I continue to be a UU. Sometimes I think our slogan should be, "Come if you've got questions—stay and you'll have even more questions!" What I love about



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being a UU is that we can all share our questions about our beliefs and have healthy and stimulating discussions about those questions. Of course, I also love the sense of community and the way we are loved and respected for who we are, no matter where we are on our spiritual journey. We are a religious community, consisting of all of us—members and friends, newcomers and staff, children and youth—who seek to make a positive difference in our own lives and in the lives of others who are touched by our work.

When we make monetary contributions and financial pledges to our annual pledge campaign, we are supporting what we value in this religious community:

- Worship Services and Music
- Adult Learning & Fellowship Opportunities
- Religious Education for Children and Youth
- Social Justice & Community Outreach
- Facility Operations & Maintenance
- Supportive Relationships with UU National and World-wide Organizations

So, when you receive your personal invitation in the mail for our 2015-16 “Under Construction” pledge campaign party, please say you will attend. At this party you will learn about our dreams and plans for the future, as well as learn how your generosity can change these dreams to reality.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: RENOVATION SCHEDULE

- **March 2 to 15:** Offices move to temporary location in classroom 1, lower level; demolition of existing walls and removal of accordion folding divider (east end of sanctuary).
- **March 16 to April 15:** New walls, doors, electrical, and plumbing installed.
- **April 16 to April 30:** Painting, floor coverings completed.
- **May 1:** Move-in day!

When renovation does begin, everyone will do their best
to keep disruptions to a minimum
—but do expect several adjustments as we get through this.

The Facilities Management Committee

Children’s RE



March Happenings

During March, the Sunday morning children’s religious education programs will have the same themes as our worship services. These themes will focus on growth and change.

March 1 - Values

March 8 - Living Our UU Principles

March 15 - Stewardship

March 22 - The Equinox

March 29 - Living Our UU Principles



Seeking Leaders and Doers

The search is on for candidates to fill officer, board, and committee leadership positions that will be changing in June. If you have an interest in serving, please let members of the Leadership Development Committee know before May. Training opportunities are available to help prepare our church’s leaders.

Looking forward to hearing from you . . .

The Leadership Development Team: Lisa Gallaini,
Susan Randall, Terry Lang



Library News

by Cheryl Squires

In January, we were able to add 21 picture books to the children's fiction book section, of the library. One of the popular titles was *Grandma's Biscuits* by Robert Little. It is a story about spending time with his Grandma and learning about working together to build relationships between the generations. It also infers the importance of passing on family traditions.

We would also like to thank John Hutchinson for his donation of a six-part history series that is written about Thomas Jefferson and his career. Since the library is a self-sustaining program within our church, we are always glad to receive book donations.

*"It is what you read
when you don't have to
that determines what you will be
when you can't help it."*

~ Oscar Wilde

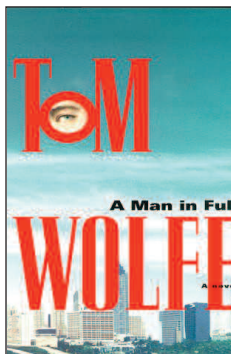
In Gathering - March 15 Welcoming New Members

Please join us as we welcome several new members to our church at 10:00 a. m., Sunday, March 15.

Classes are offered for newcomers, visitors and friends who are interested in getting more involved with our congregation and learning about the UU faith. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Mark Sanderson at 605-941-1841.

*We cannot live only for ourselves.
A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.
~Herman Melville*

Book Club



Book Club will meet at 7:00p.m., Monday, March 23, to discuss *A Man in Full* by Tom Wolfe. Discussion leader is Bob Vrchota.

Our selection for April 28 is *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life* by Megan Marshall (biography) with

leader Sally Scott.

This group meets the fourth Monday of each month at All Souls Church. If you have questions, please contact Barb Peterson at barbpeterson@sio.midco.net

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

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 in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
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.



THE BEST WINES
are the ones shared
WITH FRIENDS

All Souls Women's Group

TUE., MARCH 10TH AT 5:00PM-6:00PM

BRACCO, 5001 S. WESTERN AVE., SIOUX FALLS



Kraemer to be Ordained April 12 in Rochester, MN

by Interim Minister David Kraemer

Ministers become ministers in our Unitarian Universalist tradition through a long process of education and practical experience. To ordain is to invest with ministerial functions. It is ordination that confers the title "The Reverend." In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, the power to ordain is reserved for congregations alone: the denomination does not ordain.

Mary and I joined the Rochester church in 2000, shortly after moving to that city and as I began my seminary career. I worked as a part-time intern in Rochester in 2011-12 and served as summer minister in 2014.

Rochester has served as my sponsor throughout the credentialing process and I am grateful for their willingness to ordain me.

While the actual act of ordination will be conferred by the Rochester church, the Sioux Falls congregation will be invited to offer greetings and will be asked to affirm this ordination, as you are now "my" church. I am extremely proud to be serving the Sioux Falls congregation and hope many will be able to attend and represent our church.

Please Join me for my ordination into the Unitarian Universalist ministry at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2015, at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1727 Walden Lane SW, Rochester, MN.



Themed Dinners & Socials Help Raise Funds & Foster Fellowship

"What's the deal with all of the Fundraiser Parties?" a member recently asked. In case you were wondering, the All Souls Fundraising Committee is trying something new to raise funds this fiscal year. The Fundraising Committee is responsible for raising funds in addition to the funds raised through the Annual Pledge Campaign.

Instead of having one annual "Heart and Hand" silent auction, which we have sponsored over the past three years, we thought it would be fun to have a series of dinner parties and socials at the homes of different members over the course of the entire year. Parties were among the most popular items at the Silent Auctions, so we have decided to spread them out, hoping that more people will be able to participate.

This is why you often see a table at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings with sign-up sheets for the fundraiser parties. Tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings from Marsha Vickland, Joy Hembel, Janelle Lenser or Holly Thompson, our Office Administrator. If you would like to host a party, please contact Marsha, Joy or Janelle. We have had several delightful parties so far this year, and there are still more to come.

At 7:00 p. m. Saturday, March 7, Yoshi Sato and Walker Winkoups will be hosting a "Japanese Hors d'oeuvres and Sake/Wine" party. It will cost \$35 per person. On Saturday, April 4, Marcy Reistetter will host a Downton Abbey English dinner party. There is space for 12 guests at \$30 per guest.

Our thanks to Claudia Dail for hosting the wine and beer tasting in February. The committee is grateful to all the members that have opened up their homes for these enjoyable fundraisers.



In the two photos above, All Souls members enjoyed a Balkans Wine Dinner at the home of Paul Thompson and Joy Hembel on January 17, 2015.

Race: The Power of an Illusion 3-part PBS film series, March 18 with facilitated discussion

By Julia Tibbets

"The House We Live In," which is the third segment of the PBS series *Race: The Power of an Illusion*, will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

As a part of the discussion in regards to BlackLivesMatter, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and other issues the Social Justice team facilitated by David Kraemer has found All Souls host to the first two installations of the PBS documentary series *Race the Power of Illusion*.

In January, the first section, entitled, "The Difference Between Us," we considered how recognizing differences is not inherently problematic and that race is a social construct that has no biological determination. While the students in the documentary learned that their DNA was not further from each other than that within communities across the globe, so did the 40 in attendance. Ideas that many held as truth were challenged and changed through the information presented. The discussion that followed was insightful and provided foundations of dialogue, including terminology to assist in conversations.

The second section, "The Story We Tell," was shown in February, during which we were introduced to the origins in the idea that race in and of itself held power to dictate the content of a person's intelligence and character. Those misperceptions, along with social control, implicated with race created the foundation for racism of which power plus

prejudice negatively impacted lives of African and Native Americans. The span of history detailing how race changed in line with political power and social desires. The discussion following was difficult, with those in attendance venturing into new territory of the discomfort needed to bring about the change that sprouts from recognizing the privilege and disadvantage race imbues due to a history none of us chose.

Join us for the final episode "The House We Live In" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2015, followed by discussion.

Learn more online at:

http://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-about-01.htm

Participate in conversations online by following us on Facebook and joining that All Souls Facebook group.



Above: Participants joined in a facilitated discussion after a viewing of "Race: The Power of Illusion" on Wednesday, February 18.



CUUPS Covenant of UU Pagans

Everyone is welcome to join the Prairie Moon Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) chapter and/or to attend our public events. To learn more about us, please visit and like our Facebook page (search "Prairie Moon CUUPS" or email priariemoon.cuups@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Universalist church in America was organized in 1779.

Men's Un-Group

5:00p.m., Wednesday, March 18

Monk's House of Ale Repute,

420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls





Mid-America UUA Regional Conference

Mid-America UUA Regional Conference is set for April 17 to 19, 2015, in Naperville, Ill.

"The NEW in the New Era of Unitarian Universalism" is the theme as our newly formed 12-state Mid-

America Region of the UUA gathers in one place for the first time this spring in Naperville, Ill., (near Chicago). All Souls' Leadership Development Committee encourages members to plan to attend this ground-breaking conference featuring two keynote speakers: Rev. Marlin Lavanhar, senior minister at All Souls UU, Tulsa, Okla.; and Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, president of Starr King Seminary.

Registration cost is \$175/adult. All Souls Church has some scholarship funds available. Contact Susan Randall at 605-941-4440 if you are interested.

For more information, visit
www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly



Sturgis Rally Home Hospitality

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Rally. That means that thousands of UU bikers on motorcycles will be driving past Sioux Falls, looking for a place to stay. If we provide home hospitality for folks, we could raise \$75 per room per night,

for 3-4 nights before the rally (July 30-Aug 2), and 3-4 nights after the rally (Aug 11-13). Would you be interested in working with us on, providing home hospitality or otherwise working on this great fundraising opportunity for our church? If so, contact Paul Thompson (605-332-1587) or Greg Boris (605-321-5514). This is a great opportunity to help our UU biker friends and raise funds for our church.

*"What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies."
~Aristotle*

March 21, "Under Construction" Party

Mark Your Calendar for 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21 and attend the "Under Construction" Pledge Party. You are all invited to our 2015-16 pledge kickoff party. Since the pledge campaign will take place during the remodeling of our church offices, we decided to use an "under construction" theme.

The meal starts at 6:00 p.m. and is a Potluck. Please join us and help construct our future on Saturday, March 21!

DUST BUNNY HERDING:

**A FUN, HANDS-ON GAME YOU PLAY
WITH OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS.**

**March 7 & 21
at 10:00am
Church Cleaning**



JOIN THE FUN!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION POTLUCK

WHAT: An "Under Construction" Potluck Party to kick off the 2015-16 pledge campaign.

(Construction Costumes Optional)

WHEN: 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015

WHERE: All Souls UU Church

DETAILS:

- Enjoy the fellowship, food & fun.
- Hear Interim Minister David Kraemer speak.
- Hear about our dreams and how your generosity can allow us to build them.

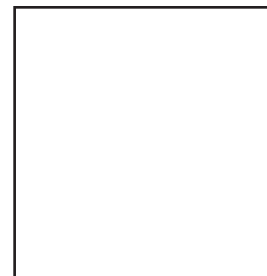
**Join us and help
CONSTRUCT OUR FUTURE
on Saturday, March 21!**



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All Souls

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am "Ah, the Bitter Sweetness of Life" with Mark Sanderson	2 7:00 pm Path to Faith	3	4 7:00 pm Worship Team	5 7:00 pm COC	6	7 10:00 am Cleaning Morn 7:00 pm Japanese Hors d'oeuvre & Sake Fundraiser
8 Daylight Saving Time starts 10:00 am "Letting Go" with Minister David Kraemer	9 7:00 pm Finance Comm. 7:00 pm Path to Faith	10 5:00 pm Women's Group	11 7:00 pm OWL	12	13	14
15 10:00 am "Common Cents" with Minister David Kraemer 10:00 am Ingathering	16 7:00 pm Board	17	18 5:00 pm Men's Un-Group 7:00 pm PBS film series	19	20	21 10:00 am Cleaning Morn 6:00 pm Stewardship Campaign Starts
22 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Spring Equinox. with CUUPS	23 7:00 pm Book Club	24	25 7:00 pm OWL	26	27	28
29 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am All Souls worship service	30	31				