



## March 2016 Newsletter

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

## March Worship Schedule

Theme: Wisdom

**March 6**  
**10:00am**

### **Holy Human Jesus**

This month, as we explore the wisdom from which we spring, we will pay particular attention to the Christian sources of our faith. Who was Jesus? What was he like? The evidence we can draw from the gospels paints a different picture of the man than we usually get from church.

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer  
Coordinator: Scott Kunze

Musician: Debbie Reid

**March 13**  
**10:00am**  
**Daylight Savings!**

### **Being Elvis or Lady Gaga**

### **Daylight Savings Time begins!**

The curse of eternal life? The certainty of a journey's end might make better travelers of us all. Brief bio: Steve Corum is the Associate Director for clinical pastoral education with Avera Health. Steve and his wife, Jill, have four adult children living near and far. Steve's vocational history includes youth pastor, pastor, interim ministry, church conflict resolution, military chaplain (retired), mental health chaplain and 25 years as a clinical pastoral educator.

Speaker: Rev. Steve Corum  
Coordinator: Sue Ann Lang

Musician: Debbie Reid

**March 20**  
**10:00am**  
**(9:00am Choir)**

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

I will be providing some insights gleaned from 30+ years of working as a mental health therapist. Rescheduled from an earlier date.

Speaker: Greg Nooney  
Coordinator: Chris Provance

Musician: Kristi Holler

**March 27**  
**10:00am**  
**(9:00am Choir)**

### **Risen Again, and Again, and Again**

It is Easter, a sometimes confusing day for humanist UUs. Yet the allegory of resurrection can help us find meaning in our own lives and our world. What can the biblical story mean for us?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer  
Coordinator: Dan Davis

Musician: Kristi Holler



## From the Minister David Kraemer

### Wisdom

I don't usually describe myself as wise. It seems unwise to do so. I am a wise-acre, sometimes. But not wise. There is too much opportunity to prove myself wrong.

We have a lot of collective wisdom, though. The wisdom of this congregation is immense. We have the wisdom of age, we have the wonder of youth.

We have doctors and cooks, office administrators and engineers. We have counselors and publishers, students and call center employees. We have writers and musicians, statisticians and artists. We have teachers, and more teachers, and power plant managers, and ski instructors. We have volunteers and activists. We have political goals in mind, and we have personal ties in our hearts. The "wisdom from world religions" we claim as a source of our faith brings to us greater diversity than you can find in many places. And as we sang last month, we believe that sharing, growing, living and questioning truly is an answer.

Our theme for March is "wisdom," so I'm going to do

my best to wise up. The Sundays I will be leading worship include Easter, and we've been hearing for some time from folks who would like to hear a bit more about Christianity in our services, so this seems like the perfect opportunity. The first Sunday I'll be here is March 6, and I'll be talking about "Holy, Human Jesus," a picture of Jesus you might not get from a typical Sunday School class, but one you can definitely find in the actual Bible. On Easter, March 27, we will talk about the resurrection story, its roots, and my take on its place in the narrative of the Bible.

I expect that I'll hear from the collective wisdom of this church following each service. Please join us.



**David's schedule in Sioux Falls is March 6-17 and March 24-27, 2016.**

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## From the President Paul Thompson

### March 2016

Our interim minister David Kraemer introduced the notion of the monthly theme. In March, the theme is "Wisdom".

I am a well-educated person. In 1983, I was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology degree at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. I had been studying at UNC-CH since 1975. In total, I spent 12 years in school before college, and 12 years after going to college. I feel that I had a lot of knowledge.

But is that wisdom? What specifically is the relationship between knowledge and wisdom? The dictionary states that wisdom is "the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment." So, my long years of education gave me part of the mix which leads to wisdom. The part that I was missing was "experience and good judgment." It's interesting, of course, that in gaining the knowledge that led to my Ph.D., I deprived myself of much of experience. When you stay in the academic environment for as long as I did, you have a restricted set of experiences.

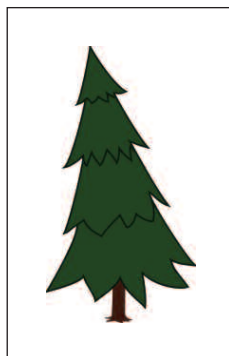
What about good judgment? Can this be taught in an academic setting? This is sort of what MBA schools purport to teach. Supposedly, if you get the MBA, you have good

judgment, at least in the business context. Now THAT is a pretty suspect idea! It seems that the MBA teaches the business person that the best way to get ahead in the business world is to fire a lot of people. If that's good judgment, I'm not interested in that.

Good judgment may be teachable. Another area in which judgment (making decisions between choices) is taught is--philosophy. Philosophical guidance for judgment usually comes down to rules for living. But the part of philosophy which examines "good judgment" is really the area called religion. In religion, ideas about rules, principles really, for good living and good judgment are considered. These include "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," which is the Golden Rule.

We do not really have a simple statement in Unitarianism which is equivalent to the Golden Rule. The Second Principle, "justice, equity, and compassion in human relationships," is somewhat close to this, but a bit more abstract. Luckily, we are comfortable with the tradition of Christian thought and belief, although a little unsure about the nature of the deity. I myself prefer the Golden Rule as a guide to my own judgment.

I'm now 63. I have more experience than I did 33 years ago when I received my degree. I hope I am wiser, but the door to wisdom is always open. We say "revelation is not sealed," and this is true for wisdom as well. We learn a little each day, and hopefully this makes us wiser, not merely more conscious of our knees.



## Stewardship Kick-Off Dinners Planned

**SUSTAIN OUR GROWTH**

**STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Please be our Guest at one of the  
Stewardship Kick Off Dinners .**

### FOUR DINNERS ARE PLANNED:

**At the Church: [wheelchair accessible]**

**-Wednesday, April 6**

**-Thursday, April 7**

**At the Parsonage: [next door on Cliff]**

**-Saturday, April 9**

**-Saturday, April 16**

All dinners will be prepared by Chef David Kraemer and will be limited to 20 people

Please reserve at least one of these dates. If you want to reserve your date now, please call Holly at the church office [338-8653] or leave a voicemail there.

**Thanks. We look forward to your participation.**

Stewardship committee members:

Linda Hallstrom, Joy Huber, Joann Huber, Marcy Reisetter, Walker Wynkoop



## Introducing MiC Member Interest Center

A new endeavor will provide members and friends a way to share volunteer opportunities or activities with others. Serving at The Banquet sparked the idea. Many members are active in organizations that need volunteers for projects. If you are aware of such a need, there will be 3 ways to share the information:

- o Signup sheets in Eliza's Kitchen
- o A section of the newsletter
- o All Souls' Private Facebook page

The responsibility for communication is up to the event's coordinator. You may complete a signup page and post it on a clipboard in the kitchen. If you'd like it in the newsletter, send the details (don't forget date/time/location and organization) to [allsoulsnews@gmail.com](mailto:allsoulsnews@gmail.com) prior to the 15th of the month. You may post the event on All Souls' private Facebook page as well.

Use MiC to share information on activities that may be of interest to members as well.

We hope this "MiCrophone" provides another means to share our interests, support the community and enhance fellowship. The items posted are not endorsed by All Souls; this is simply a new way to share information.



## "Harvest the Power" Leadership Series

The final workshop in the "Harvest the Power" leadership series will be on "Productive Distress." We will learn to identify and address the emotions and concerns that feed congregational conflict. We will meet at 7pm, Thursday, March 17, at church. Even if you have not attended any previous sessions in this series, you are welcome to join in. This workshop will be led by Rev. David Kraemer.

It's not what you look at that matters,  
it's what you see.  
~ Henry David Thoreau



## Treasurer's Notes Terry Lang/Janet Kunze

### Holiday Appeal Report

The total collected for Holiday Appeal was \$1940.00 and the bill for The Banquet's January 1st dinner was \$758.03.

The surplus that the banquet received was \$1181.97.

Thanks to all who donated!

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



**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.







## 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, good conversation on a worthy topic, with a little enjoyment, as well.

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 March 9. Please, bring your own beverage of choice.

## 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



## Service of Hope

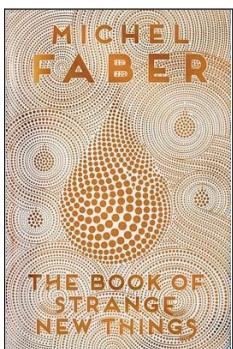
The 19th Annual Service of Hope, a vigil against the SD Death Penalty, will be observed on Good Friday, March 25, noon to 1pm. The opening words are: "This time during which

we gather is holy. This space in which we congregate is sacred. We come together in this circle to promote reconciliation and healing."

The service will be held near the flag pole, east of the prison, on Falls Drive. Park in the east parking lot. All are welcome.

The sponsors for this event are South Dakotans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, the SD Peace & Justice Center, Pax Christi, Just Peace Committee from Spirit of Peace UCC Church, and the Social Justice Committee from All Souls UU Church.

The only true wisdom  
is in knowing you know nothing.  
~ Socrates



## Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7pm, Monday, March 28, to discuss *The Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber (science fiction). Discussion leader is Barry Nichols. The April 25 selection is *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice & Redemption* By Bryan Stevenson (non-fiction) with leader Cheryl Squires. This book is the UUA's Common Read selection.

Meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. We are snack-free.

Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson, who currently coordinates club activities at [barbpeterson@sio.midco.net](mailto:barbpeterson@sio.midco.net).

## DUST BUNNY HERDING:

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

March 5 & 19  
at 10:00am  
Church Cleaning



JOIN THE FUN!

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





## Irish Dance & Dinner Party Fundraiser Planned

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Joann Huber will host an Irish Dance and Dinner Party on Sunday, March 13 at 6 pm in her home. Our own Joan Reddy, well-known to Ceilli dancers, will instruct guests in the fine points of Irish dancing, and a dinner of shepherd's pie, Irish soda bread and apple tart will be served. Dinner - Dance is \$25 per person.

On April 23, Richard and Mariah Lockard will host a "Thai Food Bar" at their home in Sioux Falls. Watch for details in the next newsletter and upcoming announcements in church.

Many 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.



## Path To Faith Classes Starting in April

Our next Path to Faith class will be starting April 2. 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.

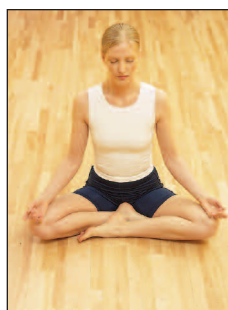
We welcome you to join us. If you are interested, please contact Mark Sanderson, Rev. David Kraemer, or Holly Thompson, our office administrator.

## wisdom<sup>1</sup> [wiz-duh m]

noun

1. the quality or state of being wise; knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; sagacity, discernment, or insight.

2. scholarly knowledge or learning:  
*the wisdom of the schools.*



## Meditation Group to Meet in Parsonage

An established meditation group, the Lay Buddhist Meditation Community, meets at 6pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 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)

# Why so serious?



## Men's Un- Group

5:00p.m., Wednesday, March 16  
Monk's House of Ale Repute,  
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls

# YOUTH GROUP!



## High School Youth Group

Who's interested in High School Youth Group?

Explore Unitarian Universalism with your peers and get to know other high school youths in the church community. All Souls UU Youth Group will meet the second

Wednesday of each month.

If interested in attending, please RSVP to Kelli Bul-  
tena: text/call: 351-8172 or email: [b\\_kelli@hotmail.com](mailto:b_kelli@hotmail.com)





## Legislative Update

Submitted by Rev. David Kraemer  
Members of All Souls took their convictions on the road to Pierre in February, participating in testimony before House and Senate committees.

We're sorry to report that the results of our work were not what we had hoped, but participating in the process is worthwhile all on its own.

### REPEAL OF THE DEATH PENALTY

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the House State Affairs Committee met to hear testimony on SB 94, a bill crafted by former circuit court judge, Republican Art Rusch, to repeal the death penalty in South Dakota. Mark Sander-son and two Pax Christi members, Leona and Norma, traveled to Pierre to hear the testimony.

Testimony supporting the bill began with Sen. Rusch detailing his experience of guiding a death penalty case to its conclusion, and now feeling that the hurt for such a process is not worth the hurt to those involved.

Denny Davis, director of South Dakotans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, arranged for some very credible input to support the bill.

A former South Dakota Attorney General, who in his younger years adamantly supported the death penalty, affirmed he could no longer do so.

A daughter, who was present during the murder of her father, detailed the long and painful journey of forgiveness, a life-giving process for her, which resulted in the perpetrator receiving a life sentence, not death.

A former Georgia Supreme Court judge, involved with several death penalty cases, detailed the same journey from avid supporter of the death penalty to a vocal opponent.

The testimony against repeal was led by Attorney General Jackley, who affirmed that some people need to be executed to assure they cannot kill again.

A family member whose husband was killed and whose perpetrator is currently on death row gave an emotional testimony about being left behind – the painful life of being a victim.

A state's attorney described his journey from being against the death penalty to being a supporter after experiencing the prosecution of a cold and evil man. His concern was that he could kill again.

The committee asked clarifying questions before the call to vote.

A "do-pass" motion was voted down 6-3. A motion to move the bill to "Day 41" (kill the bill – not for future discussion) was 7-2. SB 94 died in the State House Affairs Committee.

### TRANSGENDER "BATHROOM BILL"

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the Senate Education Committee considered HB1008, a bill to prevent transgender public school students from using restrooms and locker rooms in accordance with their gender identity. Rev. David Kraemer traveled to Pierre along with three other clergy from Sioux Falls to oppose the bill.

Proponents of the bill included Rep. Fred Deutsch (R-Florence) who is the bill's main sponsor, as well as an attorney for a right wing think tank, and a representative from the Catholic Diocese. Deutsch argued that the bill would "protect all students" and was called for by some school superintendents in his district who were having difficulty accommodating trans students.

Testimony against the bill was impassioned. A mom of a transgender man spoke, as well as two trans men, one of whom currently attends a Sioux Falls High School. A representative from the ACLU spoke against the bill, as well as the state secretary of education and a former attorney general.

Rev. Jean Morrow from Spirit of Peace UCC presented a heartfelt plea to the committee, noting that, as clergy, we baptize and care for these children throughout their lives. Those who are in danger here are not straight students, but the trans students who are marginalized by their identity and already potential targets of discrimination and bigotry in their schools. Rev. David offered testimony, as well, bolstering Morrow's argument and noting that the biology that the bill's sponsor relies upon is itself not definitive.

Committee members questioned whether this bill would actually solve an existing problem, a question that Deutsch was hard-pressed to answer. But on the argument that this bill needed the full debate of the Senate, the bill was passed out of committee to the Senate floor on a vote of 4-2. On Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Senate passed the bill, 20-15.

*Editors Note: On March 1, Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed HB 1008, a bill that would have required transgender students in public schools to use bathrooms and locker rooms that matched their sex at birth.*



**Above:** Local clergy lobbied for repeal of the death penalty and against a law directed at transgender teens' bathroom use.



## Digital Copies of Services Available

Submitted by Terry Lang

Several people have asked about either DVD or CD copies 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).



## 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 in January; a special fund has been 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).

## 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!



## Fun Night Wed., March 23

March Fun Night is 5:30 to 7pm on Wed. March 23. Activities, food and fun for the whole family.



## Children's RE

### March Happenings

We will be continuing to study Judaism and beginning Christianity during the month of March.

We will also have our committee meeting on the 6th of March at 12pm.

You can register your child at any time throughout the year.

The children's RE director is Aundrea Jorgensen. You can Email her at [reajorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:reajorgensen@gmail.com).

When women get together as a group,  
it is immensely powerful.  
~ Annie Lennox



## All Souls Women's Group

TUE., MARCH 8TH AT 5:00pm

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## All Souls Calendar

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Meditation	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
<b>6</b> 10:00 am "Holy Human Jesus." with Rev. Kraemer 12:00 pm Children's RE Committee	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Finance 7:00 pm COC	<b>8</b> 5:00 pm Women's Group	<b>9</b> 4:00 pm Leadership Dev 5:30 pm Theology on Tap	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Board	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Worship Team
Rev. Kraemer in Sioux Falls from March 6-17						
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Time starts 10:00 am Being Elvis or Lady Gaga with Rev. Steve Corum 6:00 pm Irish Dinner Fundraiser	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Membership Comm 7:00 pm Social Justice Comm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:00 pm Men's Un-Group 7:30 pm Facilities	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm Meditation 7:00 pm Harvest the Power	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
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<b>20</b> 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am Soft Front, Strong Back with Greg Nooney	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Fun Night	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Rev. Kraemer in Sioux Falls from March 24-27						
<b>27</b> Easter Sunday 9:00 am Choir 10:00 am "Risen Again, and Again, and Again." with Rev Kraemer	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Book Club	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		