



May 2015 Newsletter

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

May Worship Schedule

Theme: Growing In Spirit And Mind

May 3 **Pete Seeger—An Appreciation**

10:00a.m.

How much do you know about Pete Seeger? Come and learn a few things about the great singer/songwriter (and UU!) that might surprise you. And be ready to sing a bit!

Guest Speaker: John Hutchinson

WSC: Peter Holland

Musician: Debbie Reid

Sound: Terry Lang

May 10

10:00a.m.

(9:00am Choir)

"Pay Attention"

Mindfulness, being present in the moment, right relationship, paying attention, all point in a similar direction. Spirituality is said to be the art of noticing. How are we paying attention to what surrounds us?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

WSC: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang

May 17

10:00a.m.

"Of Like Mind"

We come together to be with people we know, people we care for. What is it that connects us with other UUs across South Dakota and the Midwest? How can we grow in spirit even as we grow in number?

Minister: Rev. David Kraemer

WSC: Julie Tibbetts

Musician: Debbie Reid

Sound: Terry Lang

May 24

10:30a.m.

No Service. Please join us for congregational potluck.

No Service! Today will be the annual Memorial Day potluck picnic at the church. Scott and Janet Kunze will be hosting with a "grill meister," yet to be announced. Begin gathering at 10:30 with grilling to begin at 11:00 and eating shortly thereafter. Bring your own service, beverage, a dish to pass, and something to grill. Please feel free to park on south side of church.

Hosts: Scott Kunze and Janet Kunze

May 31

10:00a.m.

(9:00am Choir)

Three Perspectives on Truth and Meaning

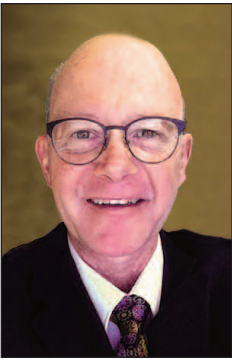
What currently gives your search meaning? What barriers get in the way of your search? What do you see on your horizon of hope? **Annual Meeting to follow service.**

Guest Speaker(s): The Worship Team

WSC: Scott Kunze

Musician: Kristi Holler

Sound: Terry Lang



From the Minister David Kraemer

"Practice, practice, practice."

"Do you think people can grow in spirituality?" my son asked a couple of years ago during a visit.

"Of course," I said. He should know. This is a man who spent hours on the piano during his late adolescence and early adulthood, running figures and arpeggios over and over again with a furiousness you would never have guessed from his usual quiet demeanor. The repetition and the sheer volume, I admit, sometimes drove us out of the house. But the result was he grew into a stunning pianist.

Of course you can grow in spirit, I said. Just as you have grown in musicality. How does it happen? "How do you get to Broadway?" goes the old joke. Same answer. Practice.

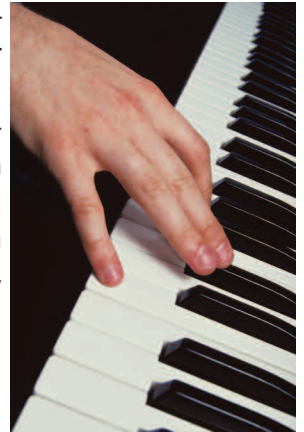
We understand the discipline inside the word "practice" when it comes to playing piano or even just following a recipe for cake. It is harder to see the end when "practice" means "spiritual practice," as in meditation, or reflection, journaling or prayer. Sometimes, we are leery of spiritual practices because we are not sure what spirituality means in the first place. Other times we think of spiritual practices as ends in themselves. And they can be. But just as readily, they are quite actually practice for when it all comes down for real.

How do we respond when events don't go as planned? What do we lean on when the culture erupts in racial strife triggered by stereotypes, desensitization and fear? How do we roll with job loss, or frayed relationships, or illness and death? How do we keep ourselves going?

Practice can help with this. Practice does not always make perfect. But practice can be a lifeline, even when its exercise seems repetitive and uninspired. Spiritual practice can be as uncomplicated as taking a deep breath. Or it can be quite disciplined and intentional. You get to choose how and what you practice, how you want to play your piano.

This month's theme is: "Growing in Spirit and Mind." We will be talking about how we do this individually and collectively. In between we will serve ourselves a potluck, and we will hear from congregants on their own search for truth and meaning.

Through all this we will consider what it means to have a spiritual practice, a figure you play over and over so that when it comes time to face the music, you can.



David's Schedule: May 10-17
Office hours: by appointment. (515) 231-2536
or email davek_27@yahoo.com



From the President Joy Hembel

May Message

What an honor it was to have participated in the ordination of our minister! If you have not already done so, please congratulate the Reverend David Kraemer when you next chat with him.

And thanks to those of you who also attended and participated in the ordination on April 12 at the First UU Church in Rochester, MN. We had 15 All Souls members and friends in attendance. As president of David's current congregation, I was asked to formally give greetings from our church. Since not all of you were able to attend, here is some of what I learned and said:

As I greeted everyone on behalf of All Souls, I was

able to reflect that this ordination was yet one more example of the close ties that our congregation has had with the Rochester congregation over the years.

Only two ministers have been ordained at Rochester's First UU Church: Eliza Tupper Wilkes and David Kraemer. When our congregation's founding minister, Eliza Tupper Wilkes, was the minister to the Rochester congregation from 1870 to 1873, she was ordained there in 1871. She would go on to establish our Sioux Falls All Souls Church in 1886.

Another connection our two congregations share is with the Reverend Dillman Baker Sorrells, who served the First UU Church of Rochester from 1992 to 2005 and has also served our church. For the past eight months, our interim minister has been David Kraemer, who entered the seminary to become a UU minister while being a member of the Rochester congregation. Again, thanks to

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 the Rochester congregation, the All Souls congregation has become all the richer.

Preparing for and attending our minister's ordination made me particularly thankful that I am a Unitarian Universalist. Being a UU is not only being a member of a local church community, although that is clearly important. It is also being a member of a broader community of UUs to whom we are deeply connected. We share a history, we share beliefs in our seven UU principals, and we generously continue to share our love with each other and the world.



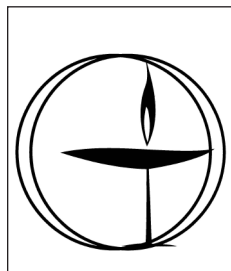
Above: Joy speaks at Rev. Kraemer's ordination.



Annual Meeting May 31

The Democratic Process in Action

All Souls members gather at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 31, for our Annual Member Meeting. Important items to be decided include the election of officers—president elect and secretary, Leadership Development representative, and Endowment Committee member. The most important document of the year will be voted upon: the budget. This policy document shapes where our resources are directed. Results of the member survey will be presented along with written reports from committees. Exercise your democratic rights – attend!



Rev. Kraemer's Ordination

The ordination of Rev. David Kraemer into the Unitarian Universalist ministry was well attended by friends, family and church members on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at First Unitarian Universalist Church in Rochester, MN.

Speakers included Joy Hembel, Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson of Rockford, MN, Rev. Dr. Carol Hepokoski of the

Rochester church, and Rev. Lisa Friedman of St. Paul who is David's mentor in fellowship. Others who spoke were professors or clergy who have come to know David along his formation. The Sioux Falls congregation voiced its affirmation of the ordination in a litany during the service. A strong contingent was there to represent.

Stoles were presented to David from his spouse, Mary Duerson, who called upon long-time friend Molly Nesbitt to create the long blue stole using fabric from Africa; and from the Rochester congregation, which commissioned member Anne Black-Sinak to create the green stole in harmony with colors present in the sanctuary.



Photo credit: Walker Wynkoop



Members Interest Survey

Wow! What a great response, 30 people shared their thoughts and ideas by responding to the survey. Thank you! This information is being taken seriously, and initially 3 areas of focus have been identified: 1) activities/gatherings such as circle suppers, 2) affinity groups and 3) opening the church to host events especially spiritual practices/development. The results have been shared with the board, will be shared with the COC for use in committee planning and are available to you. If you would like to read through the responses, email claudia@rpcoaching.com or AllSoulsSFAdmin@gmail.com.

The Members Interest Survey is an offshoot from the Strategic Planning Sessions held last fall. It is important that the congregation have a voice in the future of All Souls, and this was a successful outreach.

Thanks again for taking the time to share your comments.



Children's RE

May's Journey

In May we will be learning about prayers from different religions, the goddess, meditation, then having our end of the year party on May 31.

May 3 - Prayers

May 10 - Goddess

May 17 - Frog Meditation

May 24 - No Services (potluck)

May 31 - End of Year Party

I also want to send out a special Thank You to all the Children's RE volunteer teachers. Thank You to Kelli Bultena, Ellen Arens, and Joy Hembel.

If you are interested in volunteering for Children's RE, please email me at reajorgensen@gmail.com



Orange City Tulip Festival May 16

There is a casually forming group interested in going to see the tulips on May 16. This would be a day trip and details are still being discussed.

If you are interested, contact Claudia at claudia@rpcoachin.com or

Marcy Reisetter. More info at www.octulipfestival.com.



Caring Referral Box

We Care!

The CARING REFERRAL BOX is located in the foyer by the nametag board. If you know someone in need of a friendly call from one of the caring team please drop a note in the box or contact Mark Sanderson at

605-941-1841.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7:00p.m., Monday, May 25, to discuss "The Orphan Train" By Christina Baker Kline (book in a bag).

The club currently meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to share and discuss observations, insights

and opinions about a book we read that month. Meetings are held monthly at the church except, for June and July.

REMINDER: Please submit your news articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month prior to publication.
Thank You!

May 9 & 30 at 10:00am Church Cleaning

Join the Clean Team!

Pledge Campaign Harvesting the Power of One and Many

All Souls has hit the mark: The \$70,000 pledge mark for increased ministerial services in fiscal year 2016, which runs July 1 to June 30.

Fifty-six pledge units representing 76 individuals and a stretch pledge challenge from an anonymous donor pushed giving to the goal allowing Rev. David Kraemer's ministerial services to increase from one-third to one-half time.

The Board will develop a budget for adoption at the May 31 annual meeting of members incorporating this critical expansion of service.

Thanks to the generosity of the many members who increased their pledges from last year (57%) and to the eight who s-t-r-e-c-h-e-d to meet the \$1-for-\$1 match offered by a generous anonymous donor.

2015 Pledge Ambassadors

Joy Hembel, Janet Kunze,
J.A. Murphy, Susan Randall,
Mark Sanderson,
Paul Thompson

* Photos from the Saturday, March 21, Under Construction event courtesy of Charles Taylor.



Above: Rev. Kraemer addresses the group attending the Pledge Campaign Pot Luck on March 21.



Above: Musician Kristi Holler provided the entertainment.



Above: A great catered dinner was enjoyed by all who attended. Appetizers and desserts were potluck.



KEEP CALM AND JOIN US

Women's Group
5:00pm – 6:30pm, Tue., May 12
Bracco's, 5001 S. Western Ave. Sioux Falls



Sturgis Rally Home Hospitality

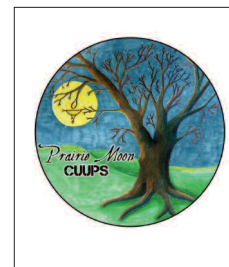
This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Rally. That means that thousands of UU bikers on motorcycles will be driving past Sioux Falls, looking for a place to stay. If we provide home hospitality for folks, we could raise \$75 per room per night, for 3-4 nights before the rally (July 30-Aug 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.



Committees About the Garden Gurus

Each year on Earth Day Sunday, (April 26 this year) All Souls Members take time to clean and prepare the Peace Garden and grounds for the upcoming growing season. This is a big project that requires many hands to get everything cleaned up, trimmed back and prepared for summer. The rewards are stunning as our Peace Garden is a beautiful attraction to our church lot and the neighborhood.

Volunteers continue to meet regularly throughout the summer to work on the grounds and the garden. If you enjoy gardening and would like to become one of the Garden Gurus, contact committee chair Janelle Lenser at 605-339-2601.



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 prairiemoon.cuups@gmail.com.

Men's Un-Group

5:00p.m., Wednesday, May 20
Monk's House of Ale Repute,
420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls





Renovation New Space Ready to Go

Submitted by Susan Randall

An expanded new entry door that works for limited mobility folks, expanded front foyer, a privacy office for the minister, a library-conference room, reception space for small gatherings, work space for committee chairs and the office administrator, and, not to forget—a janitor’s closet with a mop sink—are improvements being celebrated daily at All Souls. Renovation phase II, guided by architect firm Next, Inc. and general contractor DeNeui Construction, is now complete. All Souls’ members participated with their own sweat equity in demolition, insulation, and painting.

A huge THANKYOU to these “sweat equity” volunteers: Dan Davis, Nic Guitian, Wendy Guitian, Joy Hembel, Cena Keller, David Kraemer, Janet Kunze, Sue Ann Lang, Terry Lang, Susan Randall, Marcy Reisetter, Mark Sanderson, Paul Thompson, and Nelson Vollink. And a huge THANK YOU to the many donors to the For The Future campaign which made these improvements possible.

Watch for an invitation to the Grand Opening Celebration coming soon. Photo Credits: Susan Randall



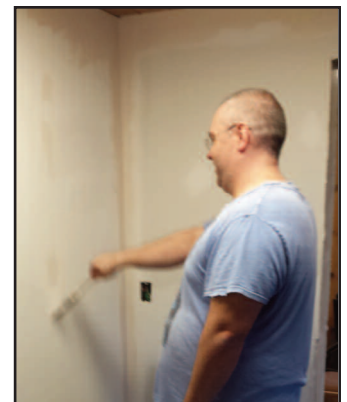
Above: Volunteers Cena and Marcy paint one of the new walls.



Above: Nelson and Marcy discuss who should hold the ladder still and who should climb up it.

Top Left: Janet Kunze is ready to get some painting done.

Right: Dan Davis touches up the paint on the new walls.



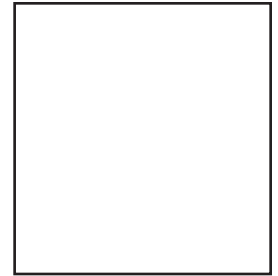
Above: Joy Hembel and Susan Randall paint the trim.



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All Souls

May 2015

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3 10:00 am Pete Seeger - An Appreciation with John Hutchinson	4 5:30 pm Finance Mtg 7:00 pm COC	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 am Cleaning Morn
10 9:00 am Mothers' Day Choir 10:00 am "Pay Attention." with Rev David Kraemer	11 5:30 pm Social Justice Board 7:00 pm	12 5:00 pm Women's Group 6:00 pm Leadership Dev 7:00 pm Worship Team	13 6:30 pm Safe Cong Team	14	15 Deadline for newsletter	16
17 10:00 am "Of Like Mind." with Rev David Kraemer	18	19	20 5:00 pm Men's UnGroup	21	22	23
24 10:00 am NO SERVICE Please join us for a Congregational Potluck	25 7:00 pm Memorial Day Book Club	26	27	28	29	30 10:00 am Cleaning Morning
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