



November 2016 Newsletter

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

November Worship Schedule

November 6

10:00am

(Reminder: Time
change for day-
light savings)

Living Our Democratic Values

With the General Election 2016 just two days away, we will explore the opportunities South Dakota voters have to express their voice. A shortened service will give a brief overview of the ten ballot measures and resource tables around the sanctuary will give participants an opportunity to educate themselves on the issues. A laptop will be available for those wanting to look-up their legislative district and voting location.

Speaker: Susan Randall & Mark Sanderson

Coordinator: Mark Sanderson

Musician: Kristi Holler

November 13

10:00am

Moving Grief and Gratitude

Join us as our new minister Sarah Caine speaks on moving grief and gratitude.

Minister: Sarah Caine

Coordinator: Julia Tibbets

Musician: Debbie Reid

Remaining services for November will be announced as they are planned. Watch the weekly Order of Service, our "Happenings" e-mails, and our Facebook pages for more information.

November 20 TBA

10:00am

November 27 TBA

10:00am



Everybody Gets 1 VOTE!

DON'T FORGET TO

VOTE

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8



From the President Claudia Dail

November 2016

October has been a busy month and November will be as well. All Souls and First Unitarian (Sioux City) have a working agreement for yoking a minister. Sarah Caine has accepted our offer! Sarah will join us in November. The details of allocation of her time will be worked out by the Joint Committee of Ministry, which has members from each church. November will be a transitional month, but we will have a minister again.

The Board also evaluated Children's RE and determined it was best to temporarily suspend the program. With limited volunteer and staff resources combined with few children, it has been a struggle to keep the program going. We are confident that with Sarah's direction and energy the we

will be able to offer Children's RE again soon.

Fun Night was also a topic at the Board meeting, and due to lack of attendance, will be discontinued. If there is an activity or event a member would like to host or sponsor, the MIC board and announcement format can be utilized to share information with members and friends.

Our first All Team Meeting (ATM) was a success, we look forward to more members and friends joined us on November 2 meeting. This is an opportunity to learn more about how All Souls runs and to share in making it happen.

Sarah's commitment and arrival in Sioux Falls means the Ministerial Search Committee has completed their task. This dedicated group of four: Paul Thompson, Clara Jacob, Kelli Bultena, and Gordon Scott, has met for over 2 years to follow the process outlined by the UUA. Please join with me in expressing appreciation for their hard work and efforts.

Cheers!

Claudia



Sarah Caine Accepts Ministerial Position

Sarah Caine has accepted the offer to join All Souls and First Unitarian in Sioux City. She will serve All Souls on a half time basis and First Unitarian one fourth time. A Joint Committee on Ministry has been established with members from both churches, and they will work together to establish her schedule. Sarah will move to Sioux Falls and start her ministry early in November.

Sarah recently completed a year as chaplain resident in Santa Monica at St John's Health Center. While at St John's, Sarah was one of two chaplains for the oncology unit, the main chaplain for the emergency department, and supported the medical/surgical unit in addition to co-facilitating a six-week bereavement group and participating as a member at First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles.

Sarah was raised in the UU faith and felt the call to ministry while participating in the yearlong Spiritual Activist Leadership Training program with the UU Justice Ministry of California.

Sarah shared this about herself: "Born in the Mojave Desert and raised in the Sonoran Desert, I have a keen awareness of how interdependent our lives are with all that exists on this planet — justice has always been central to my understanding of faith. From the use of water to the treatment of people crossing the US-Mexico border, and just how much there is to learn about the many stories not told in classrooms. Beyond the joy of ministry, I love to spend time with my siblings and friends."



Ready to volunteer? Sign up is easy!

Would you like to help out as a greeter or hospitality host/hostess on Sunday morning? The jobs are fun and easy; the rewards are many! A friendly greeting, a warm cup of coffee or tea, and a place to be welcomed and accepted are valuable gifts we give to our members, friends, and visitors.

Not sure what you are supposed to do? We will answer all of your questions beforehand and provide printed instructions at your volunteer station.

We can work with your schedule – sign up for the occasional Sunday or commit to a monthly schedule. This year we have implemented stress-free online sign-ups at <https://signup.com>

Contact the Outreach Team to volunteer or for assistance with the online signup. outreach@sfuu.org.



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



All-Team Meetings First Wednesday of Month

Would you like to help out—but you're not sure where?

The meetings of our new teams are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on December 7. Come at 5:30pm to snack and socialize, and we'll start

the team meetings at 6 pm.

With our new structures, all teams meet the same night. This allows people interested in committee work to check out what the teams do. And it reduces the number of meetings for everyone.

The new teams are Journey (which includes Worship, RE and Social Justice); Outreach (Communications, Hospitality, and Membership); and Finance (which includes Stewardship and Fundraising and Facilities).

Bring food to share, if you like, and we'll see you then!



Endowment Fund News Leaving a Legacy

Through the All Souls Church Endowment Fund, you have a way to support the long-term financial stability of the Church. Gift opportunities include planned gifts and out-right gifts of current assets (stocks, cash, etc.). The Endowment Fund principal is invested according to approved guidelines set forth by the committee. A return of investment of up to 5% may be expended annually for operating support or special needs of All Souls, as determined in the budget approval process. Whatever your gift and whatever the amount, your support of the Endowment Fund leaves a legacy for the future.

To give to the Endowment Fund, email joyhembel@gmail.com or call 605-215-3391.



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Outreach Team Email Is Now Streamlined

Do you want to promote an upcoming event? Do you have ideas or insights to share with All Souls members? How about photos from one of our services or events?

If you have used several e-mails in the past to reach each person who plays a part in communicating the All Souls story, life just got easier.

Submitting your information is as quick and easy as sending an e-mail. The Outreach Team can be contacted at outreach@sfuu.org. Whether you want an item in the monthly newsletter, a mention in the weekly e-mails, a post on Facebook, or help with a poster or brochure, all requests go to one e-mail. The team will take it from there.

We look forward to hearing from you and are happy to help share All Souls information.

One e-mail: outreach@sfuu.org; lots of creative solutions!

**Guys will
try anything
to justify
a visit to
the pub.**

**Why not
bring church
to the flock?**



Men's Un-Group
5:00p.m., Wed., November 16
Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E 8th St, Sioux Falls

Where can you find us?

www.sfu.org • twitter.com/AllSoulsUU • www.facebook.com

Our public Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/All-Souls-Unitarian-Universalist-Sioux-Falls/

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





Good Clean Fun

Submitted by Linda Halstrom

I hate housework. On my list of priorities, housework occupies the bottom spot. Always.

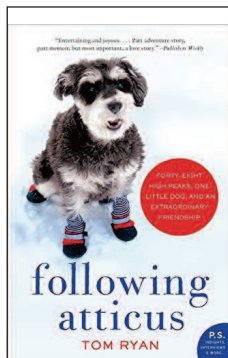
So, it was with a great deal of reluctance that I ventured to my very first Cleaning Night at All Souls. Here's the surprise: I had a great time.

No one handed out tasks or barked orders. In typical UU fashion, we all followed our own paths to fulfillment. One volunteer hated cobwebs. She took a portable vacuum with a long hose to hunt down and eliminate every sneaky cobweb from the building.

Another volunteer attacked the refrigerator, which is now nearly a work of art. Two more volunteers took on the routine tasks of vacuuming floors and emptying garbage. And me? I have been bothered by the disarray on the nametag board. I spent my time alphabetizing and rearranging nametags, which no one seemed to find odd.

Best of all, in between tasks, we found time to visit with each other. We made connections and enjoyed the company.

I believe that we all left with a sense of accomplishment, community, and service. I will be back in November. Join us for a great time of teamwork and friendship – even if you hate housework. Next cleaning evening: Monday, November 21, 5:30 p.m.



Book Club

Book Club will meet at 7pm, November 21 to discuss *Following Atticus: 48 High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship* by Tom Ryan (nonfiction) with discussion leader Barbara Peterson.

The December 19 selection is *The Secret Cord* by Geraldine Brooks (fiction) with leader Marcy Reissetter. This is also our holiday pot luck gathering.

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

In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, check All Souls' Facebook page. An email will be sent if possible. Questions or comments can be directed to Barb Peterson, who currently coordinates club activities at barbpeterson@sio.midco.net.

**Don't forget to fall back!
Daylight savings time change
on Sunday, November 6**

**This Thanksgiving we give thanks for
those that come and clean the church!**

**Nobody notices what you do,
until you don't do it.**

Thank you from all of us!



May 2016 Clean Team

**SUPPORT OUR CLEAN TEAM
NEXT CHURCH WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 5:30PM**

Journey Toward Justice Event Held on Sunday, October 9

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church held another Journey towards Justice event on October 9. Musician, Bryan Akipa, entertained us and guest speaker, JR LaPlante shared "Reflections on Native American Day."

Learn more about the "Journey Toward Justice" program at All Souls on our own website: www.sfu.org/journey/





Getting to Know UU: Meet Claudia Dail

By Julia Tibbetts

Claudia Dail, current president of All Souls, when asked what she likes best about our church, says, "The people!"

Claudia is employed as a consultant by two companies – one in Baltimore, MD, and the other in Portland, OR. Thanks to the "virtual world," Claudia does her work from home here in Sioux Falls. She has been a member of All Souls for five years and has served as secretary and as a member of Safe Congregations and the Endowment Committee.

Claudia's focus during her term as president is efficiency. "As many know, I am into efficiency – if there is a way to do it with less time or energy expended, I'm all for it. I also look at other possibilities for how something can be accomplished. I prefer to work collaboratively with a group than alone."

A native of the Chicago suburb of North Riverside, Claudia used a shortcut through the Brookfield Zoo when she walked to high school. Brookfield also provided Claudia with her first "real" job. (Babysitting and a paper route were already on her resume.)

She spent five years living overseas in Bremerhaven, Germany, and Rota, Spain.

When not tending to All Souls' duties, Claudia loves spending time with her grandchildren. Claudia's son Brian and his wife Tizra live in Salt Lake City with children Misha and Ivan. Daughter Becky and husband Kyle live in Garretson with their four children Corbin, Talia, Whitney, and Hayden.

Claudia supports the local arts community by helping artists build their business skills. She has offered basic business classes through JAM and Exposure Gallery.

Each month we will be highlighting an All Souls member. If you would like to nominate someone or you're interested in being the next UU we get to know, contact Julia Tibbetts at juliatibbetts@sio.midco.net.

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!



Upcoming Fundraising Events

The mission of the Fundraising Committee at All Souls is to raise money for the operating budget of our church, to be used as determined by the board. Money raised can help pay for an RE director, a minister, church repairs, sending members to workshops, or any area of improvement designated by the board. Your participation in the fundraising activities will help keep the church alive for all of us.

Here is a brief description of the upcoming fundraising events this fall and winter:

*November--"A Swinging Fall Festival and Birthday Bash" is Saturday, Nov. 19, 6:30-9 pm and will be at Joann Huber's place. An evening meal of fall foods will be served, and we will sing a rousing "Happy Birthday" to Nelson and Joy, who both have birthdays on Nov. 9. After our meal, Ken Abbe and Gina Pfarr-Natz will be instructing us on the fine points of the East Coast Swing. Suggested donation is \$20. All parties must sign up by Monday, November 14.

• December--On Dec. 11 and 18, we will be having our annual Christmas Bake Sale after the service. We ask everyone to bring their favorite Christmas baked item for the sale.

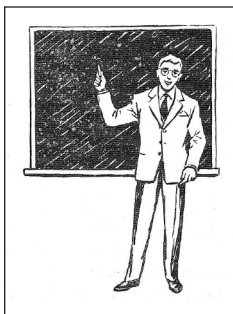
• January--Plans still under construction

• February--The 3rd Annual Super Bowl Party will be held at Walker and Yoshi's home at 5 p.m. Feb. 5. Delicious snacks and a variety of beverages will be served. Suggested donation is \$15 per person.

• February 12--Valentine Cookie Sale after church. Please bake something with a Valentine theme to include in the sale.

• March--A "Bento Box Luncheon" will be provided by Yoshiko Sato. Date, time, and place to be announced.





All Souls Job Opening Religious Ed Coordinator

Religious Education Coordinator Position

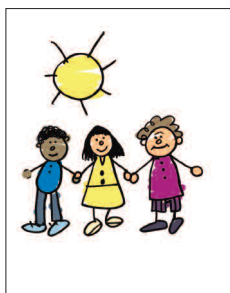
Do you love learning and enjoy facilitating learning for others? All Souls is accepting applications for a Religious Education Coordinator.

The RE Coordinator is a new position that will coordinate religious education programs for all ages consistent with UU principles. This part-time position requires 8 hours per week, including Sunday mornings and one Wednesday evening per month.

We are seeking a person who has:

- Knowledge of (or willingness to learn about) Unitarian Universalism and world religions.
- Proven experience as an office or program coordinator or a similar role.
- Good working knowledge of Word/ Excel/ PowerPoint/ Outlook and the ability to do Internet research.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience with planning and implementing programs and activities.

To request a copy of the job description or to submit a resume, e-mail: allsoulssfdocs@gmail.com



Children's RE Program Discontinued for Now

ATTENTION: Children's RE program has been discontinued for now.

The Board has decided to suspend Children's RE temporarily. Child-care for children 5 and under will be available. The library will have some games/activities for older children who become restless during the service. The Board regrets this difficult decision, but looks forward to offering Children's RE again when staff and volunteers are in place. See article to left for the RE Coordinator job description.

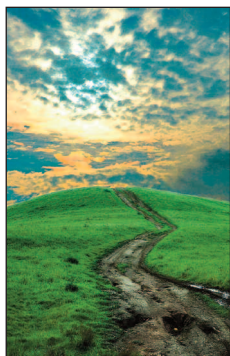
UUA produces new video "We Are Unitarian Universalists"

We are Unitarian Universalists, people of many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values. Together, we offer a guided path towards a better you and a better world. Get to know us in this short animated video.

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/video>



All Souls Women's Group
Tue., Nov. 8th at 5:00pm
Granite City, 2620 S Louise Ave, Sioux Falls



Path To Faith Classes Resume this Fall

Path to Faith classes, which orient people to this church and this faith, will resume this fall.

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 or Holly Thompson, our office administrator.

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Get involved in the many groups and committees here. There is something for everyone.

Member Interest Page



Citizens' Climate Lobby November 12 • 11:30am

Citizens' Climate Lobby exists to EMPOWER citizens to connect with and influence their members of Congress; to spread the idea that each one of us can address climate change solutions like Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation. Ordinary people can make this happen. The second meeting of the Sioux Falls Chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby will meet at All Souls Church on Saturday, November 12, at 11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions contact Gary Pabst, gpabst@sio.midco.net or (605) 359-4356.

To learn more about Citizens' Climate Lobby, visit their website: www.citizensclimatelobby.org.



The Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation

Submitted by Linda Halstrom

Are you looking for a different approach to meditation? Following a labyrinth combines movement and meditation.

A labyrinth is a design created on a floor or on the ground with a single continuous path that leads the walker to the center of the design and back out again.

The Washington National Cathedral, which offers the opportunity to walk a Chartres labyrinth, says this of the practice: Walking the labyrinth is a way of praying with the body that invites the divine presence into an active conversation with the heart and soul. By engaging in this walking meditation, we are fully engaging our minds, bodies, and spirits at the same time.

Grace Cathedral, an Episcopal church in San Francisco, explains the stages of walking a labyrinth this way:

- Purgation (Releasing) ~ A releasing, a letting go of the details of your life. This is the act of shedding thoughts and distractions. A time to open the heart and quiet the mind.

- Illumination (Receiving) ~ When you reach the center, stay there as long as you like. It is a place of meditation and prayer. Receive what is there for you to receive.

- Union (Returning) ~ As you leave, following the same path out of the center as you came in, you enter the third stage, which is joining God, your Higher Power, or the healing forces at work in the world. Each time you walk the labyrinth you become more empowered to find and do the work for which you feel your soul is reaching.

Sioux Falls residents don't have to travel to Washington, D.C. or to San Francisco to find a labyrinth. Spirit of Peace Church at 6509 South Cliff in Sioux Falls has an indoor labyrinth that non-members are welcome to use.

The labyrinth is available when the church is open (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.) Call ahead for daily schedule, 334-2802.

An outdoor labyrinth is available at the Dell Rapids Cemetery 15 miles north of Sioux Falls.



Elections 2016 Living Our Values

All Souls can be proud that its accessible building will again serve as a District 13 precinct voting site for the 2016 general election.

Voting date is Tuesday, November 8. The main floor of the church will be dedicated to voting throughout the day with set-up to occur on Monday evening, November 7, beginning at 6 pm.

Offering our church building for a voting site affirms one of our core UU principles: promoting the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

Please also exercise your right and responsibility to vote on November 8 at your assigned precinct location. To find out your voting location and see a sample ballot, put the following address in your browser:

<https://sos.sd.gov/Elections/VIPLogin.aspx>

**I am grateful for what I am and have.
My thanksgiving is perpetual.
~ Henry David Thoreau**

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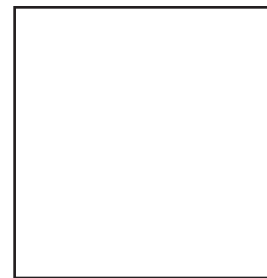
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All Souls Calendar

November 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 5:30 pm Social before meetings 6:00 pm All Team Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 *Daylight Savings 10:00 am Living Our Democratic Values with Susan Randall & Mark Sanderson | 7 | 8 Election Day 7:00 am Polling site 5:00 pm Women's Group 7:00 pm Board | 9 5:30 pm Adult RE | 10 | 11 Veterans Day | 12 11:30 am Citizen's Climate Change Meeting |
| 13 10:00 am Moving Grief and Gratitude | 14 | 15 | 16 5:00 pm Men's Un-Group | 17 | 18 | 19 6:30 pm fundraising |
| 20 10:00 am All Souls worship service | 21 5:30 pm Cleaning Evening 7:00 pm Book Club | 22 | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving Day | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10:00 am All Souls worship service | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |