



# All Souls Church of Braintree

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## *The Chimes* ❤️❤️

### *February 2018 Newsletter*

#### **February Sunday Services – Our Spiritual Celebrations**

Service takes place Sunday morning at 10:30 am followed by food and fellowship at an informal coffee hour. Children are welcome at service; there is an area with toys for them in the Sanctuary as well as in the Parish Hall for those who wish to use it.

**The only measure of your words and deeds  
will be the love you leave behind  
when you're done.**

Fred Small, UU minister

#### **SERVICE THEMES**

##### **February 4 The Larger Hope**

Universalism changed the way large numbers of people thought, the idea that God was love was given meaning.

##### **February 11 Valentine's Day**

Cupid's Day is not just about greeting cards and candy. Exploring the origins of a holy day.

## February 18 The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person

The twentieth century Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote.: “Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy,  
The first century Rabbi Jesus said, “Love one’s neighbor as oneself.”

## February 29 Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations

Cornell West wrote: “Justice is what love looks like in public.” The second principle extends the first Principle to our conduct.

## Book Group

The **book group** will meet on **Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm** in the Elliott Room to discuss ***American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America*** by Colin Woodard.

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After that, we will read another of Louise Penny's superb crime mysteries called ***Bury Your Dead***. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 6 at 7 pm** in the Elliott Room to discuss this novel.

Here's *Booklist's* description of ***Bury Your Dead*** (courtesy of Amazon.com):

*Louise Penny constructs an absolutely airtight ship in which she manages to float not two but three freestanding but subtly intertwined stories.*

*Front and center are the travails of Armand Gamache, chief inspector of the Sûreté du Québec, who is visiting an old friend in Quebec City and hoping to recover from a case gone wrong. Soon, however, he is involved with a new case: the murder of an archaeologist who was devoted to finding the missing remains of Samuel de Champlain, founder of Quebec.*

*As Gamache is drawn into this history-drenched investigation—the victim’s body was found in an English-language library, calling up the full range of animosity between Quebec’s French majority and dwindling English minority—he is also concerned that he might have jailed the wrong man in his last case and orders his colleague, Jean Guy Beauvoir, back to the village of Three Pines to find what they missed the first time.*

*Hovering over both these present investigations is the case gone wrong in the past, the details of which are gradually revealed in perfectly placed flashbacks. Penny brilliantly juggles the three stories, which are connected only by a kind of psychological membrane; as Gamache makes sense of what happened in the past, he is better able to think his way through present dilemmas. From the tangled history of Quebec to the crippling reality of grief to the nuances of friendship, Penny hits every note perfectly in what is one of the most elaborately constructed mysteries in years. Reviewer: Bill Ott*

As always, you are invited to join us for stimulating conversation, light refreshments, and warm friendship!  
Deb Bloomberg

## Braintree Folk

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**Doors open at 7 pm, Show starts at 7:30 pm**  
**Tickets Available [HERE](#) \$15**



Catie Curtis headlines on March 10th.



Lindsay Straw opens.

**Braintree Folk is delighted to bring  
Catie Curtis to Braintree with Lindsay Straw opening the show.**

[Catie Curtis](#) is a seasoned performer who brings heart to her lyrics and music. In addition to being a popular headliner at concerts and festivals, her songs have been featured in films and on television. She has performed at Carnegie Hall and the White House, and has been hailed a "folk rock goddess" by The New Yorker.

[Lindsay Straw](#) has uncovered a treasure trove of traditional folk music that celebrates feminine triumph and ingenuity. Together, they promise to give us an exceptional evening of heart-felt music!

Enjoy the warm and welcoming environment of Braintree Folk, hosted by All Souls Church in Braintree. Sample delicious pastries from Fratelli's Bakery and Fair Trade Coffee from Equal Exchange (available for purchase). [Tickets in Advance through Brown Paper Tickets](#) \$15 plus processing fee. Tickets at door the night of the show - \$18.00 (if available)



## A Traditional English Tea

### Repeat of a Sell out!

**Our Third Annual English Tea will be Saturday, April 14 at 3 pm.**

Come Enjoy a Traditional English Tea in our Gothic revival church.  
One of our most popular events.

Relax.

Enjoy.

An Assortment of Teas will be available with both savory and sweet snacks .... petite sandwiches, scones, pastries and cakes. The tables will be set with our best china and service will be provided by white-gloved waiters and waitresses.

Wear your favorite hat (or make one!)

**Tickets are \$20 per person, ONLY available by advance purchase.**

***This year, no tickets will be sold at the door.***

Visit our [ticketing site](#) online – there is a link [on our website](#), or directly through [our Facebook event page](#), or just visit our [Facebook page](#) and search through our events. Or speak with Marcia Flaherty, Event Coordinator, on Sundays at church before the event.



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Reservations Required  
**\$20**

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**Tea Party**

Wear your favorite hat!

**\$20**

Reservations Required

**April 14 at 3 pm**

All Souls Church Hall 196 Elm St Braintree

The flyer features a central illustration of a tea set (teapot, cups, saucers) surrounded by floral and leafy branches. The text is arranged around this central image, with the event title 'Tea Party' in a large, elegant script font.

## From the Minister's Corner

There is an expression in the English language, "a necessary evil." I wonder how something could possibly be both evil and necessary.

But, as February approaches and winter persists, I ask myself if waiting for spring is an example of the necessary part of that puzzle. On a cold, wet day, winter plays the role very well of the other part.

For Europeans, February 2 was a special time, a festival - mid winter's night. The halfway point between the December Solstice and the March Equinox. The Gaelics called this time to celebrate Imbolic, literally "the sheep's milk." Soon it would be birthing time for the flocks.

The Church marked the time as Candlemas, with parades around the church with fiery torches. It was supposedly the time that Jesus was presented to the Temple. The Protestants, thinking it another pagan relic, invented ground hog day to remind people that it was indeed still winter. Does that rodent ever not see a shadow?

Yet, somehow, midwinter means spring is coming. January flows into February. In January, I will have given a sermon on the origins of our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes. And begun the 30 days of love with Martin Luther King's vision of mutuality. In February, we explore Universalism and Valentine's Day and go deeper in our Principles and Purposes.

There is a blessing in the hunkering down of winter, we can find a time to reflect and go deeper. I hope that this time of the cold and long nights will be more blessing and no "necessary evil" for you.

~ Rev. Clyde

## Board of Trustees

**Save the date!!** On Saturday morning, February 3, the Board will have its annual retreat in the Parish Hall. We will be considering future directions for All Souls. YOUR input is important to us. We need to know what works and does not work for you (or could work better) Please speak with me or any of the board members. Rev Grubbs will be leading us through an asset mapping activity that will help us assess where we are and, hopefully, clarify future directions. We invite you to attend this part of the retreat. We expect to start this activity at 10:30 AM. Here is a link to the process

[https://alban.org/uploadedFiles/Alban/Bookstore/pdf/resources/Asset\\_Mapping/resource2.pdf](https://alban.org/uploadedFiles/Alban/Bookstore/pdf/resources/Asset_Mapping/resource2.pdf)

Lauren McGrath has signed the membership book and was voted in as a member at our last meeting. Lauren has already been active in the choir and is running a Friday night empowerment group again this February. As of this date, we now have 66 members, which we are reporting to the UUA for the Annual Congregational Certification.

After the resignation of our previous custodian, we have hired a new person, John Egan. He has started the week of January 22. Please welcome him if you should see him.

Jane Fogg, John Cobble and I attended a grant information presentation by the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund to learn about the process.

It was wonderful to see so many people from outside the congregation as well as some of our own members who attended the Social Action Committee's forum on Mass Incarceration as the New Jim Crow. There were more than 50 attendees who came to listen and meet with the five excellent panelists. Congratulations to the Social Action Committee for organizing such a successful event.

~ Linda Steiner

## Notes from the Office

If you have an urgent need to **communicate with our minister**, please call the office and leave a message. Whenever calls come in, I get an alert and will forward your message to Rev Clyde promptly.

To **reach a member or friend** of All Souls Church, please see the directory on the member page of our website. If you need the password for the Members Section, contact Maggy at the office for help accessing it. 781.843.1388

**In case of inclement weather:** Call the church office 781.843.1388. Notices of cancellations of service or programs will be recorded there. Also, check WCVB Channel 5 and online at [thebostonchannel.com](http://thebostonchannel.com), scroll down to weather and click on closings. As always, please use your best judgement if traveling to church might prove difficult for you.

**Just a reminder about our ongoing textile recycling fundraiser.** The bin in the church parking lot is accessible year-round for your unwanted textiles in ANY condition as long as they are clean and dry - including stuffed animals - which many donation sites will not accept. Just bag up anything you don't want ... the list is on the picture on the next page of this newsletter ... and put it in the bin. Baystate Textiles stops at the church on a regular basis and picks up whatever is inside. The church is paid by weight. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this very **GREEN** effort!

Deadline for the March Chimes is February 22.



~ Maggy Evans



# All Souls Church

## Ongoing Textile Recycling Fundraiser



### Acceptable Items for Recycling

All of the following can be donated in any condition as long as it's clean and dry:

#### Footwear:

Shoes	Boots	Sneakers
Heels	Work Boots	Cleats
Pumps	Dress Boots	Slippers
Sandals	Winter Boots	Flip Flops

#### Clothing:

Jerseys	Pants	Undergarments
Sweaters	Jeans	Socks
Sweatshirts	Sweatpants	Shirts
Dresses	Skirts	Slips
Tank Tops	Shorts	Pajama's
Blazers	Slacks	Coats

#### Accessories:

Hats	Gloves	Scarves
Pocketbooks	Book bags	Backpacks
Belts	Ties	Bathrobes

#### Linens:

Sheets	Aprons	Comforters
Blankets	Dish Towels	Throw Rugs
Curtains/Draperies	Table linens	Pillows/Pillow cases



### Stuffed Animals

In any condition, 95% of all textiles can be recycled or reused

45% of textiles collected are reused, the good is NOT shredded!!!

## Please Bag Your Donations

Donation box located in All Souls Church parking lot.

When cleaning out your closets, re decorating , or updating your house hold linens, support All Souls Church !!!

*Program generates a rebate of \$100 per ton on textiles collected*

[www.baystatetextiles.com](http://www.baystatetextiles.com)

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## The Chimes – February 2018



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### **Calendar Highlights – read this newsletter for all the details**

Mindfulness Workshop Friday, February 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7 pm \$20 for all 4 nights  
Board Retreat Saturday, February 3 at 9 am  
Drumming Sunday, February 4 at 7 pm  
Chalice Circle Monday, February 5 at 7:30 pm  
Book Group Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm  
Singing Meditation Monday, February 12 at 7 pm  
Social Action Tuesday, February 13 at 7:15 pm  
LGBT So Shore Seniors and Friends Brunch Saturday, February 24 10 am \$2 for age 60+, \$5 under 60  
Pot Luck Supper Saturday, Feb 24 6 pm Free, just bring a dish to share  
Buddhist Reflections Tuesday, February 27 at 7 pm  
Writing Group Wednesday February 28 at 4 pm