



All Souls Church of Braintree

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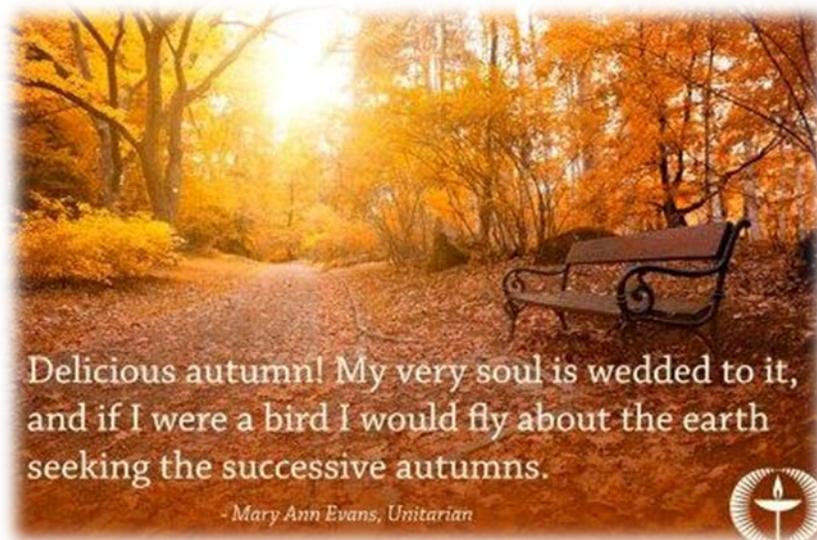
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October 2017 Monthly Newsletter

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes all people to our faith community. Services are held on **Sundays at 10:30 am, September through June**, followed by an informal coffee hour. We ask all who attend to bring a simple 'finger food' to share during coffee hour. All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation and handicap accessible. We welcome visitors.

Children are welcome to attend service; we have a children's 'playground' in the Sanctuary and a children's corner in the Parish Hall used during coffee hour. Once a month, children join in our 'Secret Service' program – volunteer opportunities geared towards kids ages 5-14. We take part in activities like park clean ups, toy drives for Toys for Tots, assemble care packages for children affected by natural disasters, and collect items for birthday party boxes to donate to homeless kids in shelters because every child should have a party.



Graphic by Jessica Ferguson

Newcomers Meetup Sunday, October 1 at 12 noon

For those who are new or exploring All Souls Church or Unitarian Universalism in general, this session will be held with Rev. Clyde Grubbs on the first Sunday of the month at noon in the minister's study. The minister's study is located up the ramp in the Parish Hall behind the stage. Bring your coffee.



Sunday Services

October 1 The Blessing of the Animals. In the tradition of Francis of Assisi, we bless our animals, for they have blessed us. We invite you to bring your pets for a Blessing of the Animals during service. Bring either secured pet(s) or a picture of your pet for blessing. The photograph allows for the blessing of late and departed pet loves, or pets you are unable to bring with you. All are welcome. Intergenerational Service. Rev. Clyde Grubbs

October 8 Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day. How did Columbus "discover" this land when people were already here? Rev. Clyde Grubbs

October 15 The Larger Ministry, Answering my call. Rev. Michelle Walsh discusses her in coming to community ministry. Rev. Michelle Walsh

October 22 Playing God, A user's guide. What does it mean to be creative? Rev. Clyde Grubbs

October 29 All Souls Sunday. In Unitarian Universalist congregations, this Sunday is set aside to honor the ancestors, the beloved ones who have passed away. Bring a memento or a photograph of a loved one. Rev. Clyde Grubbs

Kids

Secret Service is Sunday October 15 – park cleanup

Family Night October 21 at 5:30 pm – Halloween Party

Writers Workshop

The All Souls Writing Group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 4 pm in the Elliot Room to share our writings on thought-provoking topics, real or imagined. This month the meeting will be on Wednesday, October 25.



Book Group

The All Souls Book Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Elliott Room.

On Tuesday, October 3, we will discuss *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Penny.

Amazon's description of *The Beautiful Mystery*:

"No outsiders are ever admitted to the monastery of Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups, hidden deep in the wilderness of Quebec, where two dozen cloistered monks live in peace and prayer. They grow vegetables, they tend chickens, they make chocolate. And they sing. Ironically, for a community that has taken a vow of silence, the monks have become world-famous for their glorious voices, raised in ancient chants whose effect on both singer and listener is so profound it is known as "the beautiful mystery."

But when the renowned choir director is murdered, the lock on the monastery's massive wooden door is drawn back to admit Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and Jean-Guy Beauvoir of the Sûreté du Québec. There they discover disquiet beneath the silence, discord in the apparent harmony. One of the brothers, in this life of prayer and contemplation, has been contemplating murder. As the peace of the monastery crumbles, Gamache is forced to confront some of his own demons, as well as those roaming the remote corridors. Before finding the killer, before restoring peace, the Chief must first consider the divine, the human, and the cracks in between.

The Beautiful Mystery is the winner of the 2012 Agatha Award for best novel, the 2013 Anthony Award for best novel and the 2013 Macavity Award for best novel.

From the Board of Trustees

The church year has started off vigorously and much is happening and will be happening over the next few months. Committees are hard at work planning activities and your board has been working on near and far off projects.

We have hired a new custodian, Margaret Lydon, who started on Wednesday September 20. She will be here on Wednesday and either Friday or Saturday. If you should see her, please make her feel welcome.

We need people to do set up and clean up for coffee hour each Sunday. Please take a turn and sign up on the sheets in the Parish Hall.

Mary Mitchell, John Cobble and I had a telephone conference call (and will meet in person in October) with Jeff Gonyeau of the Massachusetts Preservation Circuit Riders program. This is an organization that assists churches and other venues that are involved in historic preservation with grant information. Many of you may remember that we were fortunate enough to get a sizable grant in the past to replace our copper gutters. We are now looking for ways (grants, etc.) to fund some needed work on masonry repointing and window restoration. These are long-term issues that we need to address to maintain our beautiful building. Along with Mary Mitchell, Tom Bularzik, and Jane Fogg, I attended a retreat in Maine on Sacred Spaces preservation and will be bringing back more ideas as well.

The beginning of the church year is a good time to remind ourselves of some on-going activities/programs. I wanted to remind you about the Textile recycling box out in the parking lot. We are paid by weight for all the textiles that are put into it. This is free money that we use to help balance our budget. So if you have any old clothes, stuffed toys, blankets, shoes, purses, etc. that you have cluttering your closets, put them in a plastic bag and toss them in the textile bin when you come to church. Every little bit helps!

Linda Steiner



Social Action

Social Action / Environmental Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 10 at 7:15 pm

On Wednesday, October 11, we will be serving the meal at the Braintree Community Food Pantry located at First Baptist Church, 594 Washington Street. The meal starts at 5:30 and volunteers are needed to help serve and provide the food. Maggy has offered to make lasagna; we should probably have both vegetable and meat. Bread, salad and a dessert are also needed - enough for about fifty people. Please be at the food pantry by 5 pm for set up. Any and all assistance is greatly appreciated. Please [contact Joe Maloney](#) to volunteer and with any questions.

Dickens Festival News



Father Christmas by Michael Domina

**Dickens Planning Meeting will be Wednesday, October 4,
at 7 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to help us plan!**

We are off to a running start and could still use support. Assistance will be needed in contributing items, volunteering during the week of the festival and staffing on the day of our festival. There will also be a meeting scheduled this month to plan our festival.

Don't forget to join in on decorating for our festival on Saturday, November 11 from 2 pm to finish followed by a meal.

Please look for announcements, emails and updates.

You can contact the Dickens Festival Coordinators of Roger Hatch at [781-843-5088](tel:781-843-5088) or Joe Maloney at jopmal@yahoo.com with any questions or to help out.

Our most important fundraiser of the year – here's how you can help.

Sponsors We are once again publishing our popular program book for the Dickens Festival. Ads range in price from \$25 to \$500 (the \$500 back cover ad space has been sold). If you would like to place an ad for a service or business, [contact the church office](#). Two lines of type from individuals (like 'Happy Holidays! From Maggy E' may be placed in the program for \$25.

Donate Ingredients for Sandwiches and Pies, Donate Home-Bakes

As you do your shopping, please keep these food items in mind that we will need for the Dickens Festival. Frozen food items may be brought to the church any time for storage in our freezer in the basement. You can place your donation in the kitchen freezer and a member of the Dickens crew will relocate it to the basement. Please label it 'Dickens'.

- Food items for roast turkey sandwiches, especially including Frozen Turkey Breasts, Cranberry Sauce, Mayonnaise and Stuffing mix (please place frozen turkey in the freezer in the kitchen)
- Apples, Butter, Cinnamon and Sugar for Pies by Guys
- Refrigerated Pie Crust for Pies by Guys – the roll out kind as well as the crust in pie tins – we especially want the crust in tins.
- Home-Baked Bake Sale items such as cookies, breads, cakes, muffins (Please include an index card with ingredient list to help with customer questions. You don't have to share the recipe!)

Donate Attic Treasures:

In November, we will be accepting donations for Attic Treasures coordinated by Rick Anderson. Please don't bring your attic treasures yet, an announcement will be made when we are ready to accept them. Please do not pile donations in the Elliot Room. The Elliot Room is rented out to UU Mass Action and is also used for several meetings; and the parish hall stage will soon be needed for Magic Years Preschool's annual holiday concerts. As in years past, we will be setting up a donation area in the sanctuary, hidden from view.

- Attic Treasure Items are high quality, white elephant items, new or re-giftable, preferably with a holiday theme, such as jewelry, dishware, gifts, and decorations.

Volunteers will be needed in all areas ... especially, to bring down supplies and decorations from the attic for church decorating day on Saturday, November 11, and to set up tables in the parish hall and sanctuary on Wednesday or Thursday, November 15 or 16. We will soon post sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.

Don't miss out on this chance to take part in this wonderful event! Please give generously of your time as you are able. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors to kick off the Holiday season in true Dickens style!

Music!

Braintree Folk begins its Fifth Season at All Souls Coffee House under the leadership of new directors, Mary Mitchell and Tom Bularzik, on Saturday, November 4, 2017.
7:30-10:00 p.m. Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. Please Note: Ticket Link is not yet live.

Saturday, November 4, 2017 7:30 PM

BRAINTREE FOLK presents



Cold Chocolate is a fresh and exciting Americana band with a unique sound that fuses bluegrass and folk with a dash of funk. With original tunes and technical prowess, this trio from Boston is mesmerizing audiences with guitar, upright bass, percussion, and three-part harmony. Since their formation in 2011, Cold Chocolate has been quickly gaining recognition for their high-energy performances.

"Cold Chocolate plays a style of bluegrass that is so ridiculously good, that I really love Cold Chocolate. Singer and guitarist, Ethan Robbins has a depth and soul to his voice that blends certain aspects of soul and blues music into their traditionally instrumented sound, creating a unique quality that makes their music far more than a couple pickers playing Bill Monroe tunes. This is something special. High energy, excellent harmonies, and, of course, killer picking from the group makes Cold Chocolate an experience that you won't want to miss out on." Brian Carroll, [Red Line Roots](#)



Opening: Eric George

Writing with the lyrical conviction of an early Dylan and singing with the graceful twang of an Appalachian balladeer, Eric George is a Vermont-based songwriter immersed in American folk music. With melodies and lyrics that stray off the beaten path, every song, album, and book is evidence of diligent practice rooted in tradition.

"Eric George is one of the smartest songwriters in the entire indie folk scene and nobody knows it. That isn't to say that nobody knows him—or, at least by this point he should have the entire state of Vermont on his side—but he wraps his way around the intricacies of his arrangements so deftly that one wouldn't be mistaken, from a laymen's perspective, to call his work 'simple.'" - Jonathan Frahm, [For Folk's Sake](#)

All Souls Parish Hall Coffeehouse, 196 Elm St, Braintree MA
Doors Open 7:00 ~ Show 7:30 pm ~ More Info (781) 380-3574

Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$18 at Door

<http://braintreefolk.org>

Thank you to our generous sponsor of Braintree Folk:



Minister's Corner



October!

We are already into the church year, and there are lots of activities for this new minister to catch up with. But catching up is good to do, it means we are not starting up from standing still.

Ongoing projects are proceeding, and planning for the months ahead in terms of major events, social justice work and Sunday services is proceeding apace.

We open the October with the Blessing of the Animals. This ritual comes out of the Roman Catholic Church usually held on the day of the feast of Francis of Assisi, Unitarian Universalists have adopted and evolved this celebration. We do it on the Sunday closest to that day to allow maximum participation. We celebrate with stories and music that reminds us that animals are a blessing to us, and our ritual blessing is therefore mostly an acknowledgement of their presence in our lives. It is fine to bring a leashed or caged pet, but it is important to remember that our pets are often shy in crowds and around other pets. But it is just as wonderful to bring a photograph or smart phone image of the pet. Beloved companions can be honored with a photo or a beloved object. It will be a wonderful Sunday to bring children.

We close October with All Souls Sunday. The traditional celebration of All Souls is actually November first, the day after Halloween. We celebrate it on the Sunday before the traditional celebration this year. Many Unitarian Universalist congregations celebrate this special day, many influenced by the way the people of Mexico celebrate it, as the Day of the Dead. Whether you call it Day of the Dead or All Souls, it is a time to remember our beloved departed. It is an opportunity to bring an object of remembrance, for example a picture, and share a spoken memory with one's fellow congregants. Unitarian Universalists consider this a special time.

There are five Sundays in October and, as you will see in the Chimes, each of those Sundays will offer something meaningful. My goal is that Sunday morning will not only inspire you, but also deepen each person's capacity to live intentionally in this complex and challenged world of ours.

~ Rev. Clyde

Office Notes

The Minister's Office Hours are usually Tuesdays in the afternoon. If you need to reach him, the best way to do so [is by email](#). Or call the office and we will get a message to Rev Clyde. 781 843-1388.

The **Church Office** is staffed by Maggy on Tuesdays, with phone and email monitored continuously. Please feel free to call the office (781) 843-1388 or [send an email](#). When calling, you will most likely reach the answering machine. Please don't be discouraged, just leave a

message and best time to contact you. **To include something in The Chimes**, issued monthly, or in the weekly email news brief, [please email](#) or drop off the article or notice at the church office. We're also happy to have any current photos or videos of services or events at All Souls. We can't show people's faces without permission; so if it's a visitor or a child whose parents we can't reach, I will blur them a bit.

As often happens to me when I am working alone at the church, some of you have recently been approached on Sundays by people requesting money. How you respond to these requests is your choice; but we now have a small brochure written by the Board of Trustees that you can give you to anyone making such a request. The brochures are available on the buffet outside the sanctuary door. The brochures explain that the church does not give cash to visitors but welcomes them to have a free cup of coffee and a snack and lists a few resources. I hope this is of help to you. I will add some more resources to the brochure once I verify they are current. If you have suggestions, please let me know.

Do you have a plastic gallon container with tight fitting cover you could donate to the church kitchen? We need to replace the one that is sitting to the left of the sink and where we put coffee grounds. We can also use another one for some random items that need a home. If you have one, please bring it in. You can label it 'kitchen' or 'coffee grounds' or even 'Maggy' so it doesn't get put in the recycling bin. Thank you.



If you have a friend you think would enjoy this newsletter, please pass it along. We are happy to add others to our email list (we never share email addresses with third parties). Just email the office and sign up, or [visit our website](#) and click on [Subscribe to our news](#).
~ Maggy



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Calendar

Please **visit our website** allsoulsbraintree.org or allsoulsbraintreechurch.org and click on **Calendar** for live listings.

	Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
OCTOBER	9a Choir Practice 10:30a Animal Blessing Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 7p G A in PH 7p Drumming	3:30p Irish Step 7p Quincy Bay AA	11:30a Women's Circle bring lunch 7p Book Group 8p AA in PH	6:45p Women's AWOL 7p Dickens Planning Meeting 7:30p Chalice Circle	9:30a Homeschool co-op 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Gay Men's Discussion Group		
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	9a Choir Practice 10a Kids Secret Service 10:30a Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 7p G A in PH	3:30p Irish Step 7p Quincy Bay AA	11:30a Women's Circle bring lunch 7p Board Trustees 8p AA in PH	6:45p Women's AWOL 7:30p Chalice Circle	9:30a Homeschool co-op 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Gay Men's Discussion Group		9a CPR 5:30p 5:30pm Family Night Hall
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The Chimes Newsletter

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Animal Blessing Service – Sunday October 1 at 10:30 am **Newcomers Meetup** – Sunday October 1 at 12 noon
Hand Drumming – Sunday October 1 at 7 pm
Book Group - Tuesday October 3 at 7 pm
Dickens Festival Planning Meeting – Wednesday October 4 at 7 pm
Chalice Circle – Wednesday October 4 and 18 at 7:30 pm
Singing Meditation - Monday October 9 at 7 pm
Social Action/Environmental Committee – Tuesday October 10 at 7:15 pm
Serving a Meal at Food Pantry – Wednesday, October 11 Gather at Pantry at 5 pm
Private Wedding Rental Whole Church – Saturday October 14 (setup October 13)
Kids' Secret Service – volunteering for Park Cleanup – Sunday October 15
Board of Trustees – Tuesday October 17 at 7 pm
CPR – Saturday October 21 at 9 am **Family Night** – Saturday October 21 at 5:30 pm
Buddhist Reflections – Tuesday October 24 at 7 pm
Writers Workshop – October 25 at 4 PM in the Elliot Room
LGBT Senior Brunch – Saturday October 28 at 10 am
Pot Luck Supper – Saturday October 28 at 6 pm
Yoga Group weekly on Thursday at 6:30 pm
Gay Men's Support Group weekly on Thursday at 7:30 pm
Women's Sharing Circle weekly on Tuesday at 11:30 am