



All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church

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Open Hearts ~ Open Minds ~ Open Doors

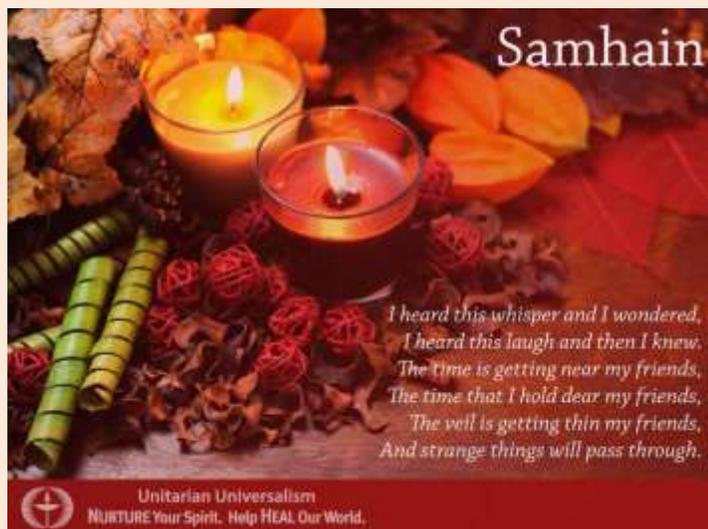
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All Souls Church

November 2014



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November Sunday Services

Service takes place Sunday morning at 10:30 am followed by food and fellowship in our parish hall. (Religious Education at the same time as service). Free childcare is available for little ones up to age five.

November 2 The Biology of Compassion On this Sunday, we are going to feel the simplest, humblest and ironically most revered of religious emotions. Where do these deep feelings come from? How do we cultivate our own compassion? Is compassion a divine gift, or an evolutionary afterthought? Today is about feeling and deepening our understanding of those emotions and sentiments we hold most sacred.

November 9 A New Approach To God Beginning with some of the scholarship done by UU Pastor Galen Guengerich, on this Sunday we will look at God with new eyes. Are you ready to consider a God that does not deny reason, one that is not as much defined by a pronoun as characterized by interconnection and gratitude? Come for a new perspective on an old and enduring name, word, idea. Come.

November 16 Big Money, Small Democracy, Voting Rights, and the Fight for What's Fair We will hear from someone on the front lines of the effort to challenge those who believe that money is speech, corporations are people, and voting is a privilege. Nick Nyhart, the President and CEO of the non-profit organization "Public Campaign", will speak during the service about the connection between all of the above. This Sunday the Social Action Committee will bring before us not only a window to the fight for justice in DC, but a chance to ask your own particular questions you can't get Rachel Maddow to answer no matter how hard you tap the TV.

November 23 The Consequences of Violence This service utilizes a simple step-by-step training model I learned as an undergrad to track the unromantic life cycle of how anger leads to violence. Looking at violence with a clinical distance just may tell us about who we are and how we relate to the most volatile part of our emotional life.

November 30 LAY LED SERVICE DESIGNED BY THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE TOPIC TBA

December 7 Sermon Auction Winner-TBA As has become a tradition, the winner of our Dickens sermon raffle will pick the topic for the first week of December.

Sunday Coffee Hour

Most Sunday coffee hours are 'pot luck' when all are requested to bring a little something to share. Finger foods are best (but not just dessert items, please) fruit, pretzels, breads, cheese, cookies, cream for coffee. **Flowers for the communion table** are appreciated and **Help with Cleanup** is always needed and gratefully accepted!

We need gently used dish towels.

If you have some used dish towels to spare, please donate them to the All Souls kitchen. We especially need them for the Dickens. Thank you.

YOUNG EXPLORERS - This Month in Religious Education

Wow! October is almost over and November is coming up quickly. Our children will be getting ready for the Dickens Festival. This year we're making animal treats and toys. Since this was a big hit some years ago, we've decided to bring it back. We really could use some helpful hands from any older children who could help the young children making the treats. This would be very good if any older children need

some community service hours. It's also not too late to contribute to our "Cans for Cats" drive which will come to a close by Nov. 2nd.

We have open enrollment for our Young Explorers Religious Education program. This program not only teaches our children the UU principles but helps them learn to live them. We had a great September start and hope this continues. There are many themes and events coming up with our RE program, so keep watching.

Kelly Santilli-RE Director



News from the Social Action Committee

At the UU General Assembly last June, the UU membership voted a new Congregational Study Action/Issue (CSAI) focusing on Escalating Inequality in America. The UUA will be studying this issue and providing information and action plans. As part of this effort, the Social Action Committee is reading a book by Stephen Caliendo called "Inequality In America - Race, Poverty, and Fulfilling Democracy's Promise". We are planning to have a worship service in early 2015 that will focus on a discussion of this book for the entire congregation.

On Sunday Nov 2 before the election, Social Action will host a table during coffee with information on the 4 ballot questions to be voted on in the NOV 4th election. Stop by and pick up some literature to help you make your informed decision. What does a yes or no vote mean on these issues ?? And don't forget to vote on Nov 4th,

- Q1: Automatic gas tax repeal
- Q2. Expand the Bottle Bill
- Q3. Repeal law allowing casinos
- Q4. Earned Sick Time for workers

Upcoming Social Action activities with an opportunity for YOU to participate:

On Saturday Dec 6 , we will again prepare and serve lunch at The Table at Mainspring House in Brockton. We are always looking for people to bake dessert goodies beforehand, and to come and help us make and serve the meal.

We will be coordinating the holiday giving program from All Souls for family clients of the Dianne DeVanna Center. Your generosity in the past has meant a lot to these families. We hope you will consider participating again this year. Look for members of Social Action at a table during coffee hour. We usually get the names of our assigned family/families in late November with gifts due back early to mid-December.

Next meeting is Tuesday Nov 11 at 7:15 pm in the Elliott Room. Please come join us.

~ Lin Steiner

Dickens Festival Update

Dickens! Our 20th Annual Dickens Festival is 3 weeks away. Craft vendor booths are full. Sponsor ads are selling well, and we have 30+ attractive raffle prizes. So we are off to a great start.



Now it's up to YOU—every member and friend of All Souls—to supply your time and the donations that will insure the success of the Dickens Festival.

1. On Nov. 2 and Nov. 9, at coffee hour, please sign up to volunteer for the many crews that make Dickens work: decorating, cooking, pricing, cashiering, set-up, clean-up, etc. Sign-up sheets will be in the parish hall.
2. Also on Nov. 2 and Nov. 9, at coffee hour, please volunteer to supply some ingredients for our signature turkey sandwiches, pies, fudge, etc. The ingredients we need—and the date we need them—are listed on index cards.
3. Bring in your high-quality yard sale items for Rick Anderson's "Attic Treasures" booth (no clothing, footwear, or books). Rick especially appreciates "re-giftable" items in their original containers.
4. Bring in old cotton tee-shirts (clean, any color, any design) for the RE students to make recycled dog chew toys to sell at the Festival.
5. If you can't join us for coffee hour on Nov. 2 or Nov. 9 and would like to sign up, please contact the Bloombergs (debbloomberg@aol.com or 781.856.1988).

Important dates to remember

Decorating of the Parish Hall and Sanctuary Saturday, November 15 from 2 pm to finish with pizza afterwards for all helpers.

Fudge Making Sunday, November 16 after coffee hour

Pricing items for the Attic Treasures Tuesday, November 18, Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20 from 2 to 9 pm or until finished

Pies by Guys Thursday, November 20 from 2 pm to finish

Vendor Table Set-up Thursday, November 20

Vendor Set-up Friday, November 21 beginning at 7 pm and Saturday, November 22 beginning at 8 am

The Dickens Festival Saturday, November 22 10 am to 3 pm



Board of Trustees

Letter from the Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees

Our church is powered by the energy and dedication of a few part-time staff members, and it is also fueled by the passion of our members who embrace a mission that nourishes the church community as well as themselves. Our church community is filled with such people, and the Board of Trustees recently expressed its appreciation to a few of them for their remarkable commitment and contributions to All Souls.

- Marcia Flaherty was inspired to organize last month's Antique Appraisal Day, taking great care with every aspect of the event. She was assisted by the Development Committee and members of the church who baked and brought their belongings to be appraised. It was good to be together at the event, and it grossed \$850.
- John Cobble has made the care of the church building a high priority in his life. We are fortunate that he checks in on the building daily and keeps an attentive eye if anything is amiss. When something goes awry, he often holds the clue in his extensive institutional memory. He can also be found setting things up on Sunday morning (placing our flags outside our front doors, lighting the candles), and cleaning up after coffee hour.
- Don Swanson dedicates so much of his energy in ways that benefit All Souls Church. He chairs the Sunday Service and Music Committee, leads a weekly Yoga class and Gay Men's Discussion Group, as well as the monthly Singing Meditation Group and Buddhist Reflections. He composes the beautiful selection of images that are the visual accompaniment to our Sunday services.
- Rick Anderson can be relied upon to prepare our weekly coffee hours, making the coffee and setting the serving tables with lovely tablecloths that he provides. He is always ready to welcome newcomers at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.

The Board hopes to regularly recognize the contributions of our members that enrich our church community. If there is someone you would like to recognize, please get in touch with Mary Mitchell with your suggestion.

Our church leadership has been in a state of flux this year. Two of the people we elected to positions at the Annual Meeting (Chair of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer) have needed to step back, so the Board has re-envisioned its structure to accommodate the current situation.

- We have established a "Leadership Core", consisting of Rev. Steve, Mary Mitchell as Acting Chair and Pat Mascelluti and Linda Steiner as Co-Vice-Chairs. Responsibilities will be more equally shared among the people on this team.

- Treasurer duties have been divided so that the day-to-day duties of bookkeeping are being managed by our Church Administrator, Maggy Evans. Other responsibilities that had fallen to the Treasurer in the past are being assumed by a number of people. Jane Fogg is generating reports, Linda Cozzens is picking up the mail, and Mark Cozzens and Jane Fogg are handling Sunday morning responsibilities. The church needs someone to fill the position of Treasurer. It requires competence dealing with numbers and computers. You must be organized and reliable. Please speak to someone on our Leadership Core (Rev. Steve, Mary, Lin, or Pat) if you could be this person!

The Board appreciates the willingness of Sandra Lingley to Co-Chair the Development Committee when the Chair position became vacant at the end of the summer. We seek a person to serve alongside Sandra to steer this committee through the year, organizing a few fun events that bring the church community together.

The Board also needs to appoint someone to serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. This group tries to match up people and their interests with tasks that are needed in the church. If you could envision yourself as this kind of “matchmaker”, please speak to someone on our Leadership Core (Rev. Steve, Mary, Lin, or Pat).

Our church community is a blessing to so many of us. It is a place where we feel welcomed and loved. It is also a place where we can try out new skills, new ways of being, feel empowered, and supported. Active involvement in our community fosters our individual spiritual growth as we are encouraged to step outside our comfort zones and try new things.

Please think about what you are passionate about. How can that passion be harnessed to create a growth experience for you and serve the mission of All Souls Church at the same time?

Thanks for listening,
Mary Mitchell

Minister's Corner

Exactly Six Years Younger than my Dad. Sixty-nine years ago this last Friday the largest war of all time (World War II) finally ended.

Nearly everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

It was a war that started less than twenty years after the previously largest war of all time, (World War I).

And in a mix of hope of what could happen if they did, and a fear of what would happen again if they didn't, shortly after war's end 51 countries met in San Francisco October 24th 1945 to create the United Nations.

Most of the people in that room had a living memory that twenty five years prior in the beautifully mirrored halls of Versailles when the treaty to end the war that was supposed to be the end of all wars, we had not figured out how to get to peace.

I like to imagine the movers and shakers, the many nations and peoples who pulled together the United Nations, thinking back to that long thin most beautiful of rooms in Versailles.

And I imagine them thinking, like an addict who with a mix of anguish and relief looks at themselves in the mirror and says I just can't do this anymore, we collectively have to get this right this time.

I want you to channel the energy that those people who knew that the surrender of Germany at Reims, and the surrender of Japan on the Air Craft Carrier Missouri, just had to stick.

And when they knew that it had to stick, you know what they did, just a month and a half from the end of the war, they did not so much look to punish the Germans as they had in WWI, or take out vengeance on the Japanese, they wrote a document that similar to our principals affirmed "faith in fundamental human rights of all people and lifted up the dignity and worth of all humans in nations large and small." To me, the UN gets it, and that is why we dedicated a Sunday to it, and why UU's have a larger presence at the UN larger than our numbers would demand.

Sometimes with news of Isis, testosterone, ridden hooligans running ruff-shod across a region under the guise of religion, and yet another school shooting ...

If you want peace in the world, work for Justice. Want peace in the world, create healthy loving environments for people and peoples to grow in. This may not be a perfect recipe every time. It may be impossible to get in front of every sociopath and mad person with a gun, but both we and the UN know deep in our bones and rich in the history books that justice is the only recipe that will work to create long term peace. You know when Ireland more or less cured itself of the Catholic/Protestant violence, it was when nearly everyone had jobs.

We as UU's have a long history of believing that working for justice creates peace. Say it with me, "creating justice creates peace." One more time, "creating justice creates peace." Sure, we don't have faith in anything, sure we don't. Sometimes, because the work of creating peace is so slow and silent, that it is hard to forget that we UU's (for all of our love of diversity and tolerance) actually have some meat on that bone. Sometimes it is hard to forget that the first viable organization dedicated to preventing war and cultivating peace is just entering its senior years.

~ Steve



Outside Community

Events sponsored by Sustainable Braintree

Sustainable Braintree is advocating for passage of the extended bottle bill by supporting the "Yes on 2" campaign. Join them on Saturday, Nov 1st at a Stand Out in South Braintree Square at the intersection by Rite Aid and Braintree Rug. We will hold signs for "Yes on 2" between the hours of 8 and 10 am.

Saturday, Nov 8th at 10 am - SWITCH – Loring Hall Cinema in Hingham. View this film about changing the way we use energy to realize many economic and environmental benefits of efficiency.

BRAINTREE FOLK presents

BRAINTREE
COOPERATIVE BANK
COMMUNITY
Concert Series



The Hillary Reynolds Band and Special Guest Marina Evans

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2014

**ALL SOULS PARISH HALL COFFEEHOUSE
196 ELM STREET, BRAINTREE MA
TICKETS \$12 ADVANCE or \$15 at DOOR
HTTP://WWW.BRAINTREEFOLK.ORG**



We recommend buying your tickets in advance online as seating at the Braintree Folk Coffeehouse is limited. [GO HERE](#) to buy tickets

Writing Workshop

Writing for a Spiritual Purpose-Writing as a Way of Healing has gotten off to a good start with about 7 or 8 at each gathering. We will continue to meet on November 4th and 18th. This is a change from the original November schedule. All classes are set from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Upcoming topics include writings on "The Importance of Place," "Unexpected Joy," "Dream a Little Dream of You," "A Poet but Didn't Know It," and "Re-creating a Scene."

Office Notes

The Minister's Office Hours are usually Tuesdays from about 11 onward, *subject to change*. If you need to reach him, the best way to do so is by phone. Reverend Steve Wilson welcomes your call (617) 852-2292.

The **Church Office** is staffed by Maggy on Tuesdays, with phone and email monitored each day. Please feel free to call the office (781) 843-1388 or send an email to office@allsoulsbraintree.org. If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message and best time to reach you. **To include something in The Chimes**, issued monthly, please email office@allsoulsbraintree.org or drop off the article or notice at the church office. **Deadline to have something included in the December Chimes is November 24.**

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If you have a comment or suggestion, please let us know

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Closing Humor

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The third verse of the hymn will be sung without musical accomplishment.

A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.

NOVEMBER AT ALL SOULS CHURCH [Click here](#) for live calendar or visit www.allsoulsbraintree.org



NOVEMBER	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7	Sat 8
9a Choir Practice 10:30a 10:30am Sunday Service 12p Development 12p Newcomers 7p G A in PH 7p Drumming	3:30p Irish Step Class 7p Quincy Bay AA	11:30a Women's Sharing Circle 3:30p Writing Workshop 8p AA in PH	6p AWOL in PH 7:30p Chalice Circle	11-1 Homeschool Group PH 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Gay Men's Discussion Group	7p Ballroom Dance 7:30p 12 Step in ER	7:30p Braintree Folk	
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DECEMBER

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November Calendar Highlights – All are Welcome to the activities below
Visit our website for more information www.allsoulsbraintree.org

Hand Drumming Sunday November 2 at 7 pm

Singing Meditation Monday November 17 at 7 pm

The Dickens Festival Saturday November 22 10 am to 3 pm

Buddhist Reflections Tuesday November 25 at 7 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 with Reverend Steve weekly on Tuesday Drop In 11:30 am - 1 pm (bring bag lunch)

Please check Online Calendar for changes due to holidays www.allsoulsbraintree.org