

The Chimes

January 2022 Monthly Newsletter

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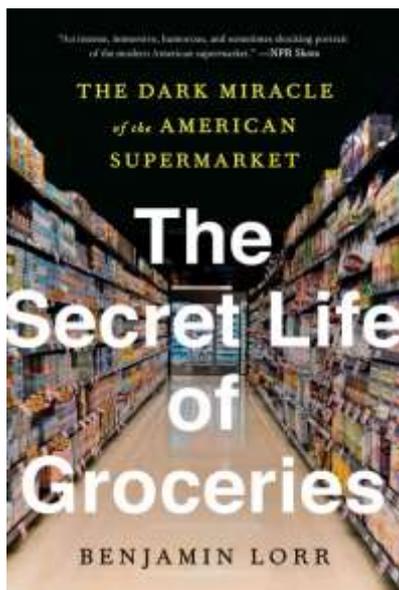
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes all people to our faith community. Join us for Services at 10:30 am Live on Zoom. We gather virtually on Sunday mornings for reflection and connection, keeping our beloved community safe during this phase of the pandemic.

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Upcoming Worship Services

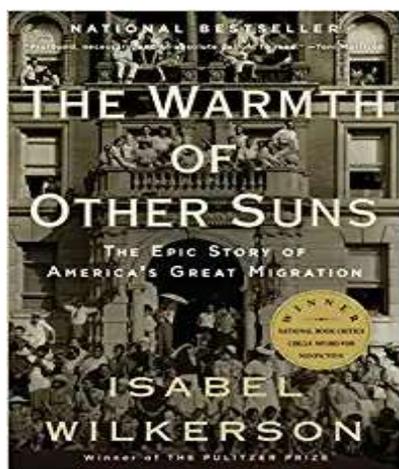
The theme for January services is Living with Intention. We do not yet have the service titles for this month.

Book Group



The Book Discussion Group will convene on Zoom on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 to discuss *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket*, by Benjamin Lorr. Published in September, 2020 it is now available in paperback.

Reviewer Adam Chandler writes, "A titanic achievement of reportage, insight, humor, and humanity. *The Secret Life of Groceries* will forever change the way you think about the American food system. Lorr journeys deep into our troubled supply chain with propulsive force and insight and brings us back the goods."



The Book Discussion Group's February 2022 selection is *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, by Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson.

Published in 2010 and reviewed by Janet Maslin of *The New York Times*:

"In a book that, quite amazingly, is her first, Ms. Wilkerson ... has pulled off an all but impossible feat. She has documented the sweeping 55-year-long migration of black Americans across their own country. She has challenged the dismissive assumptions that are sometimes made about that migration ...

[Ms. Wilkerson's] hard work, keen insight and passionate personal commitment make *The Warmth of Other Suns* a landmark piece of nonfiction ... Her closeness with, and profound affection for, her subjects reflect her deep immersion in their stories and allow the reader to share that connection....A book sure to hold many surprises for readers of any race or experience."

Join the Zoom conversation about *The Secret Life of Groceries* on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7 pm.

Join the Zoom conversation about *The Warmth of Other Suns* on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7 pm.

Textile Recycling

Please remember the Textile Recycling box out in the church parking lot. We are paid by weight for all the textiles that are put into it.

Often times, after the holidays, we put aside a coat or gloves that have been replaced with something new. Or we wonder what to do with old stuffed animals because many charities will not take them. Don't put them in the trash! You can put those items in our textile recycling bin. If you have any old clothes, stuffed toys, blankets, shoes, purses, old sheets, and towels that you have cluttering your closets, put them in a bag and toss them in the textile bin. The list of accepted items is in the image that follows. Items **MUST** be bagged, not put in loose. This list is also on our website for easier viewing.

Donations can be in any condition. Everything is graded and sorted in a warehouse in Pembroke. Some items are reused as is, some are repaired, some materials are broken down for other purposes. Thank you for your support.

~ 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
Hoops
Pumps
Sandals

Boots
Work Boots
Dress Boots
Winter Boots

Sneakers
Cleats
Slippers
Flip Flops

Clothing:

Jerseys
Sweaters
Sweatshirts
Dresses
Tank Tops
Blazers

Flirts
Jeans
Sweatpants
SKIRTS
Shorts
Slacks

Undergarments
Socks
Shirts
Slips
Pajama's
Coats

Accessories:

Hats
Pocketbooks
Belts

Gloves
Book bags
Ties

Scarves
Backpacks
Bathrobes

Linens:

Sheets
Blankets
Curtains/Drapes

Aprons
Dish Towels
Table linens

Comforters
Throw Rugs
Pillows-Pillow cases



Stuffed Animals

In any condition, 99% of all textiles can be recycled or reused
40% of textiles collected are reused, the good is NOT recycled!

Please Bag Your Donations

Donation box located in All Souls Church parking lot.

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

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

www.baystatetextiles.com

Social Action / Environment Committee

The Social Action and Environment Committee will meet Tuesday, January 11, at 7:15 pm on zoom. Everyone is invited to be a part. As we meet through zoom, those wishing to attend please contact me, George Goss, 781 690 7268, Agdgs@aol.com. In our last

meeting, we discussed the fact that the recent elections for the school committee have produced a group that may raise questions around support for diversity and what sort of views of the world should be allowed and what sort should be blocked.

We will be doing some investigation prior to the January meeting and will be discussing possible plans for work. Everyone interested in following developments and/or has opinions or ideas of working with other congregations or groups on. Issues that may come up and welcome to contribute to our discussion. George Goss, 781 690 7268, agdgs@aol.com.

A Message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Happy 2022! We hope that you had a good holiday season.

The Board of Trustees will be starting off the new year with some business from last year- a continuing discussion of having in-person and hybrid service.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Monday the 17th at 6:30 via Zoom.

Please contact a member of the Board of Trustees with any questions.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2022 ! Here is an article you might enjoy (<https://www.rd.com/article/new-year-wishes/>)

Sincerely,

Joseph Maloney, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

Ross Edwards, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

The Minister's Corner

Message will be coming soon.



Connection Circles

Mid-Week Connection Circles on Zoom help us make connections across time and space.



Each week there are two opportunities to engage in conversation and community. Our meetings last for one hour, and are confidential and supportive. We begin with “check ins”, an opportunity (always optional) for each person to share how they are doing, or what’s on their mind.

Mid-Day Meet-up: Beginning in January, we will begin meeting on Tuesday afternoons (no longer on Mondays) at 3:30 pm. In these Zoom

gatherings, the conversation usually evolves informally. It’s a chance to stay connected with church friends through friendly, safe, free-flowing conversations. We will meet on Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Friday Coffee Hour: on Friday mornings at 10:00, we build more structure into our conversation. After brief check-ins, a volunteer from the group presents a topic that they have prepared in advance to focus the discussion. At our first meeting this month, we’ll discuss whether we want to make adjustments to the recurring themes we’ve been following in recent months.

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| January 7: | Deb will present her Dickens celebration Holiday Trivia Game with the graphics that we missed |
| January 14: | The Sharing of a Story of Human Interest
(selected & facilitated by Maureen) |
| January 21: | UU's and Political Action: Past and Present
(facilitated by Med) |
| January 28: | Just for Fun |

Please come as you are able as we grow our community and stay connected!

Mary Mitchell, Mid-week Connection Circle Coordinator

Writing Group



On Wednesday, January 26, Nikki Milne will reconvene the All Souls Writing Group at 4 pm. Our new year will launch with the topic “What is out of your control, and what is in your control?”

Both newcomers and ‘old faithfuls’ are enthusiastically welcome to attend our monthly gathering. Participants may elect to read their literary creations, or simply listen. Gain access to this mirthful Zoom program via ASC’s web site.

From the Treasurer

Thank you to the many of you who played a role in this year’s Dickens Festival Season. Happily, our preliminary figures indicate that we surpassed our gross revenue goal and underspent our projected expenses! More details should be available in a few weeks.

If you made a pledge commitment for this church year (2021-2022), you should have received an email or snail mail report of your pledge balance as of November 30, 2021. I thank the many of you who took the opportunity to send in a payment before the end of the calendar year. If you made a pledge but did not receive a report, please reach out to me so that we can insure that my emails from allsoulschurchbraintree-at-gmail.com will reach you.

In January, all known donors to All Souls Church will be receiving a report of their contributions on record for the calendar year 2021, and, like last month’s reports, I plan to issue these reports primarily by email. If you have any questions or corrections about either of these reports, please let me know.

Just as All Souls depends upon your donations, our denominational organization (the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)) depends upon financial contributions from all UU congregations in order to continue its important work of supporting congregations such as ours and promoting the values of Unitarian Universalism. Because our operating budget cannot absorb the calculated FY 2022 Annual Program Fund (APF) fee of \$6,503, we ask for APF contributions from our members and friends.

If each of our members were to contribute \$107 towards the APF, we would be able to remit the full requested amount for our congregation. Based on the pledges made by

our members, All Souls Church has made a pledge of \$1,500 toward the APF for FY 2022. Thanks to those of you that have already pledged to contribute in this way and to those who have already made their payment. We will forward your donation of any amount toward the APF if you make your check payable to All Souls Church, and write "APF" in the memo line. Your monetary gifts are much needed and much appreciated! Thank you for your generous support!

Mary Mitchell, Treasurer
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Dickens Festival Re-cap



This year's Dickens Festival was truly like no other. We re-imagined it as a 5-week "Season" instead of a one-day event which enabled us to increase revenue from the bake sale and raffle. Freezing some baked goods in advance allowed us to easily meet the market demands for our products.

Many hands contributed to the success of Dickens Festival Season, beginning with those who attended last summer's planning sessions to those who delivered the raffle prizes this week. A special thanks goes to those who contributed names and emails for invitations and/or personally asked friends and family to attend.

THE DICKENS BAKE SALE:

- Diana Althouse coordinated the day of apple pie baking effort with a huge shopping assist from Ross Edwards. Diana created an efficient and socially distant pie assembly system in the parish hall to create our sought-after Pies by Guys and Gals. Nine of us joined the baking effort that day.
- Many members contributed toward the purchase of apple pie supplies, with Linda Steiner contributing a sizable Roche Brothers gift card that helped defray those expenses.
- Linda Steiner also recruited the Dickens Cookie Bakers, (Roger Hatch, Linda Cozzens, Linda Steiner, Diana Althouse, Tom Bularzik, Jane Fogg, and Judy Cobble), who turned out dozens of Toll House and Sugar Cookies to sell.
- Tom Bularzik and Kathy Pearce baked quite a few batches of Kathy's Aunt Hazel's Fudge Brownie mouth-watering recipe.
- Tom Bularzik managed the inventory and made sure it was available for Market 2day orders every Saturday morning.
- Participation in the pop-up bake sale to sell the remaining inventory on December 23 was well-received and appreciated – those final purchases significantly increased the Bake Sale revenue and helped clear out our inventory.

THE RAFFLE/SPONSORSHIPS/DONATIONS

- Roger Hatch, Maryann Chaisson & Janet Lawn, John Cobble, Mary Mitchell, Diane Doucette, Diana Althouse, Deb Bloomberg, Michael Domina, and Ross Edwards contributed to the array of popular raffle prizes, donating prizes and/or approaching businesses to request that they donate gift cards and sponsorships.
- Sizeable donations toward the general effort were received from Cora Madrid, the family of Judy Ranney, and Roger Hatch, supplementing the nine loyal sponsors that have continued to contribute to Dickens during the pandemic.

THE DICKENS FESTIVAL SEASON CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 18th

- Sandra Lingley recruited people to take part in the Celebration Program and Kellie Kinsman edited the video submissions.
- Rev. Beau Rivers agreed to serve as Emcee and produced the creative slides to accompany it.
- Gene Ward used his connections at the North Pole to arrange for Father Christmas to attend, bringing with him his warm assurance and wry sense of humor.
- We appreciate all who submitted content for the celebration, including Rev. Beau Rivers, Gene Ward, Maggy Evans, Michael Domina, Deb Bloomberg, Tom Bularzik, Sarah Ellstrom, Peter Volpe, Roger Hatch, Dennis Aaron, Don Swanson, Judy Cobble, Maureen Crimmins, Mary Mitchell, and Jacob Clapper and the All Souls Choir.
- We thank Kellie Kinsman, who was at the Zoom helm for our practice run-through and for the celebration, ably steering us through the 2-hour program.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- The Dickens website was created by Maggy Evans, as was an engaging Dickens video and numerous promotional postings to generate local interest in the event. Maggy tended to our electronic presence throughout the five-weeks of Dickens Season. She made arrangements with the Dickens artisans and the Three Rivers Wreath Company. The Dickens Festival relies upon Maggy's energy and experience and we appreciate her efforts that have helped make it a successful event every year.

A final thanks to all who bought our raffle tickets and baked goods along with items from our artisans, making the Dickens Festival Season a time of generosity and joy!

With appreciation,

Tom Bularzik, Dickens Co-Coordinator
 Roger Hatch, Dickens Co-Coordinator
 Mary Mitchell, Treasurer

Notes from the Office

Member Page on the All Souls website

If you need the password for the members and friends page on the church website, please [email the office](#) and the password will be sent to you. This password is not printed in our newsletters.

The Online Calendar for All Souls Church The calendar on our website is the most up to date version of what's happening at All Souls.

As always, if you have something to add or there are corrections to be made to the calendar, please let Cheri or me know. Call 781.843.1388 or [email](#) the office.

Happy New Year!

~ Maggy Evans



Stay warm!

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This Month's Highlights ...

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Sunday Service

10:30 am on Zoom

Connection Circles

TUESDAY'S at 3:30 pm (moved from Monday) Open Conversation

Friday's at 10 am – Directed Conversation

Sunday Service and Music Committee Monday, January 3 at 6:30 pm

Book Discussion Group Tuesday, January 4 at 7 pm

Social Action Environmental Committee Tuesday, January 11 at 7:15 pm

Board of Trustees Monday, January 17 at 7 pm

Chimes Newsletter Submission Deadline is Tuesday, January 25

Writing Group Wednesday, January 26 at 4 pm