



The Chimes

January 2023



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All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes all people to our faith community. Services are in person with safety protocols in place, Sundays at 10:30 am, followed by coffee hour in the parish hall. We are a welcoming congregation. Our building is accessible; assistive listening devices and large print orders of service are available.

Please note: Exterior doors are locked while we are in service. If you arrive after 10:30 am, please ring the bell at the RAMP door and an usher will be happy to let you in. Coffee hour takes place after service in our parish hall for food and fellowship.

We need volunteers to keep the ministry of coffee hour alive. If you would like to help, signup is online at this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/g...>

Services are also streamed online on Zoom and Facebook. The Zoom link for All Souls services is <https://zoom.us/j/96571006038> If the technology is a barrier, call in by phone 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 965 7100 6038 Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/AllSoulsBraintree> Services are recorded on Facebook. Meetings and Connection Circles are online on Zoom.

Services and Spiritual Celebrations

Don't forget.

Sunday, January 1, is our Food for the Soul Potluck Brunch, 10:30 am to 12 noon, in the Parish Hall. Please bring a food to share. All are welcome.

Brought to you by the Sunday Service and Music Committee and the Board of Trustees. This is in place of Sunday Service and will not be streamed online.



Food for the Soul

* **Potluck Brunch** at All Souls In the parish hall

Bring a dish to share.

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

That's right, this takes the place of a Sunday service.

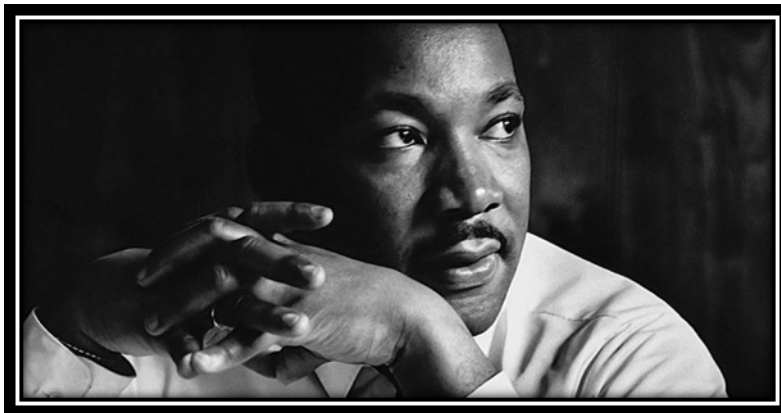
Sunday Service & Music Committee & Board





FINDING OUR CENTER
Sunday, January 8, 2023
Rev. Beau Rivers

How we find our center amid life's challenges is essential to our individual and collective wellbeing. This service will explore how we find balance when the change we envision for our lives is non-linear.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Sunday, January 15, 2023
Rev. Beau Rivers

Join us as we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr and reflect on racism in the United States.

TBD
Sunday, January 22, 2023
Rev. Danielle DiBona



Hall of Names, Yad Vashem

MEMORY, DIGNITY, AND JUSTICE

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Rev. Beau Rivers

On November 1, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

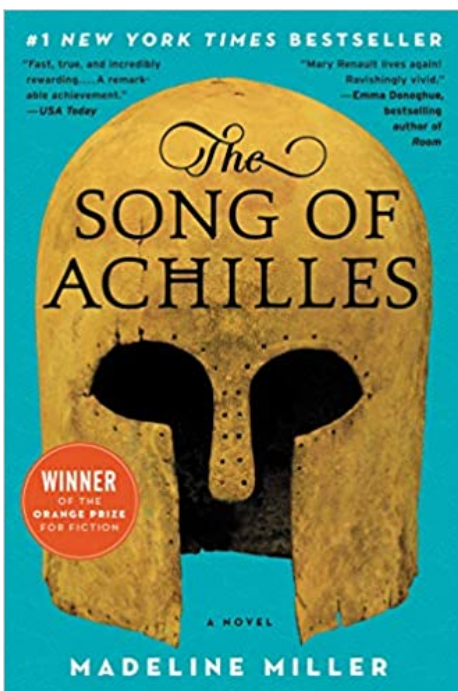
The date marks the liberation of Nazi concentration camps at the end of World War II.

Since 2010, the United Nations has designated specific themes for the annual commemorations. The theme for 2022 is Memory, Dignity, and Justice. Preserving the historical record and challenging distortion are elements of claiming justice. This service will examine some of the myths about Jewish people that continues to perpetuate hatred today.

Minister's Corner

The Minister's message is not yet available and will be coming soon.

Book Group



Plan to attend the Book Discussion Group Zoom gathering at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 3 for community and conversation. Tuesday, January 3, we will discuss *The Song of Achilles: A Novel* by Madeline Miller

This 2011 debut novel by Madeline Miller retells Homer's *The Iliad* from the point of view of Patroclus, Achilles' close childhood friend and, in this telling, romantic partner. Miller relates the story of the Trojan War with humanity, and portrays these two characters with depth and insight. The book won the prestigious Orange Prize for Fiction, which recognizes the literary achievement of female writers, and was a New York

Times bestseller. It was also named a Stonewall Book Award Honor Book.

Tuesday, February 7, 7 pm *A History of the World in 100 Objects* by Neil MacGregor

This book was published as a companion to a joint project of BBC Radio 4 and British Museum, which was broadcast over a 20-week period beginning on Jan 18, 2010. Comprised of 100 fifteen-minute presentations, the British Museum's director, Neil MacGregor, "used objects of ancient art, industry, technology and arms as an introduction to parts of human history". Listen to some or all of the podcasts, buy or borrow the book, and/or access the material at the following link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nr5f5>. This site is a collaboration between the BBC and the British Museum. Links on the site take you to photographs of each object, and to the podcasts and podcast transcripts. Each podcast is a chapter in the book that describes 5 objects and their significance. This site can also take you to the British Museum site itself. Plan to peruse the photographs and descriptions at your leisure, and come to the book group ready to tell the group about the items that you found most interesting.

If you are interested in either of these books, you are welcome to join the gathering. Plan to attend on Zoom on Tuesday, January 3 and again at 7 PM on Tuesday, February 7.

For the Book Discussion Group,

Mary Mitchell

Social Action and Environment Committee

The Social Action and Environment Committee will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 7:15, by zoom. All are welcome to take part. We would like to thank Diana and all those who took part in the toys at Christmas gift giving.

We are preparing a summary of the work of All Souls over the past 5 or 6 years for supporting the Fair Share Initiative aimed at funding greater equality of educational opportunity for Mass. students regardless of family background and circumstances.

Our community can be proud of clearly supporting "Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations" and "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Along with the summary, we will include an appeal for those interested to contact their state reps and senators to ask them to keep us informed of what's developing with the education initiative, letting them know we're interested in how the funds are being used.

In the coming year we will be looking for, and appreciate suggestions on, opportunities for community service groups needing volunteers, such as helping with the local food pantry.

We are looking forward to a year of engagement and service.

George Goss, chair SAEC (Social Action and Environment Committee)

Yankee Swap Potluck Supper



All are welcome to join us in the Parish Hall for our annual Yankee Swap Potluck Supper on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 6 pm.

Please bring a dish to share. If interested in participating in the swap, please bring a wrapped gift valued at under \$20.

Connection Circles



Connection Circles provide a time to check in with old friends and welcome new friends in conversation.

Meetings on Zoom are held weekly on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET. Each meeting usually incorporates equal time for open conversation and a set topic for discussion.

In December, we enjoyed videos of Holiday Jazz and other music with Judy, recollected some early memories of childhood (do you remember having a real icebox?), and shared some favorite winter-themed poetry and prose. Your ideas for circle topics and/or your interest in presenting and leading a circle theme are welcome. Topics for January have not been chosen yet, but we plan to submit the topics via All Souls weekly e-mails throughout the month if possible. January meeting dates will be:

January 5, 12, 19, 26.

You are invited to attend as you are able, to share your wit, wisdom, and willingness to connect with others.

Mary Mitchell, Connection Circle Coordinator

A Message from the Board of Trustees

As the New Year begins, there is much happening at All Souls. The Dickens Fair returned in person this year to a rousing success. Our Treasurer, Mary Mitchell has reported that we beat the projected income by a good margin. Most importantly, it was wonderful to return to this well received and fun community event. Thanks to all who participated in so many ways.

There will be a new group using the Parish Hall in the New Year. Elemental Repertory Theater will use the hall for rehearsal space. They also plan to present a musical theater production of *The Spitfire Grill* in March of 2023, so stay tuned for more information.

In administrative details, Maggy Evans has increased her hours to take on some of Cheri Krueger's former tasks – all still online. The contract for the photocopier in the Elliott room expired and was not renewed. It has been returned. The Board has allocated money for Maggy to purchase a printer/copier for ASC work use.

John Cobble reported that some roof repairs were performed at a cost of \$2,200.

A collegial contract with Rev Steve Wilson was formalized between him and Rev Rivers.

There will be a Spring Community event near Earth Day. On Sunday afternoon April 16, Sagamore Faries Gray of the Massachusetts Tribe will present a program open to the public.

Rev Beau will work with the Social Action and Environment Committee and other interested members to plan and present this program. There will be a planning meeting in January, Date and time TBD.

The Board has begun considering strategic planning for the future of All Souls and we wish to have member involvement. We are looking for members and friends to serve on a Steering Committee that will lead our journey of fact finding and discernment with the hope of arriving at a sustainable vision and plan for our future. This involves all of us so we hope you will consider volunteering your time and talents to this very important work. Please contact any Board member with your interest or questions.

Finally, we wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Lin Steiner (Clerk) for the Board of Trustees:

Ross Edwards
Sandra Lingley
Diana Althouse
Lauren McGrath
Lin Steiner
Mary Mitchell

New Theatre Company at All Souls Church



The Elemental Repertory Theater, brain child of long-time UU Tony Winters from Bridgewater and New York Trained actress Melanie Bernier, is getting its roots at All Souls Church! The first production of the Elemental Repertory Theater will be happening at All Souls from March 30th-April 2nd. It is a moving and heart-inspiring musical called "Spitfire Grill," and it is bound to wake the spring in you. All of ERT's

shows will have themes of social justice, empathy, equality, etc., and will always tie in closely with the seven principles. In order to make this production everything they want it to be, ERT needs to raise the funds to pay for rights, space rental, and sets, props & costumes. If you are able to donate, there are some great perks for doing so. Send in your donation today and help this new company get its wings! <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/elemental-repertory-theater/x/31161539#/>



Writing Group

The All Souls Writing Group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 4 pm on Zoom except when holidays conflict with our dates. The next writing group will be on January 25 and the theme is - What path did you NOT follow? Do you see what that path would have led to? Was that good or bad in retrospect with loving kindness to the you that you were then.

We start with check ins -- everyone discusses their lives for a couple of minutes. We light a chalice to bring the group together. Quotes that are chosen for the writing topic are read

to the group.

Everyone reads their amazing written pieces to the group

Group gets to give their praise or constructive criticism about the written pieces that have been read.

Close out together with a group writing exercise about prompts that are chosen for next month's writing topic.

From the Treasurer

For those who have made an annual pledge to All Souls Church, I was not able to generate reports of your payments toward your FY 2022-2023 pledge last month as I had hoped to do. To assist you in tax preparation, I will issue a 2022 calendar year statement this month to everyone on record who has made a financial contribution to All Souls Church, if you haven't already received an acknowledgment. If you have any questions or concerns about your giving history, please e-mail or call me directly or contact the church office (phone or email).

Your consistent financial support helps All Souls Church thrive and continue to strive to make a difference in the world. Thank you!

With wishes for a healthy and happy 2023,
Mary Mitchell

From the Office

Hi friends.

The minutes of the monthly Board of Trustees meetings are now posted on the member page of the website. Also posted is the most recent members and friends directory, updated December 2022. The online directory is the most recent version we have. I would be happy to email you a copy of the most recent directory, but it will only be accurate until the next change is submitted. If you need the password to the member page, please contact me via phone or email. Because we have been the object of phishing attempts in the past, the password is not published. We ask that you not provide the password to someone who emails or texts you asking for it because they may not be who they say they are. Simply refer them to the office. This is for your protection.

I hope you were able to attend the Christmas Eve service at All Souls, either in person or online. It was beautiful. The link to the service on Facebook is below. You will need to log in to Facebook to view it.

<https://fb.watch/hGRPCLBL54/?mibextid=v7YzmG>



Acceptable Items for Recycling

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

Footwear:

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

Clothing:

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

Accessories:

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| Hats | Gloves | Scarves |
| Pocketbooks | Book bags | Backpacks |
| Belts | Ties | Bathrobes |

Linens:

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| 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

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



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All Souls Church of Braintree Calendar highlights

January 2023

All our meetings, connection circles, groups and services are accessible online at this time on Zoom UNLESS otherwise noted <https://zoom.us/j/96571006038>

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 Food for the Soul Brunch: Sunday, January 1, 10:30 am to 12 noon in place of Sunday service
 Book Group: Tuesday, January 3 at 7 pm on Zoom
 Service and Music Committee: Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm on Zoom
 Social Action Committee: Tuesday, January 10 at 7:15 pm on Zoom
 Board of Trustees: Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm on Zoom
 Chimes Submission deadline: Friday, January 20 at 6 pm
 Writing Group: Wednesday, January 25 at 4 pm on Zoom
 Pot Luck Supper and Yankee Swap: Saturday, January 28 at 6 pm in the Parish Hall

SAVE THE DATE Thursday, March 30th - Sunday, April 2nd: Elemental Repertory Theater at All Souls
 Sunday, April 16 Earth Day Event: Following service, the day will include lunch, presentation and discussion.