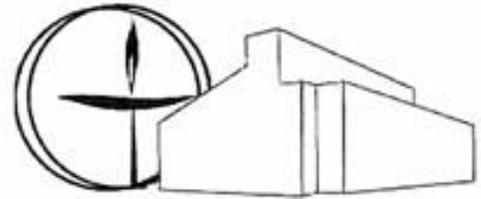


*Greetings, Members and Friends of*  
**All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.**

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Your Presence Makes All the Difference at All Souls  
We miss you when you are away and  
we feel enlivened by your return.

*Mission as a Process of Becoming*

**Sunday: April 18th, (10:30 am)**

Rev David Marty Pelahm



If we were faced with a choice between changing our mission and proving there is no need to do so, how would we spend our time? What might happen if we abandoned our comfort, our paradigms, and our fear of failure, and risked everything to live our values?

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601231307>

If you don't have a computer call: 1 929 205 6099 and give the code: 89601231307

**Controls for phone participants:**The following commands can be entered via DTMF tones using your phone's dial pad while in a Zoom meeting:

**\*6** - Toggle mute/unmute

**\*9** - Raise hand

## Meetings with our Minister

Reverend Marty is usually available for zoom sessions twice a week

Topic: **Tuesday Knitting and Crafts Circle**

Time: 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91719134756>

Topic: **Thursday Vespers/Dance Party**

Time: 8:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97588653721>



I am going to try driving to All Souls on Thursdays beginning this week. I haven't set firm times yet. Please let me know if you'd like to meet up, whether at the church, your home, or somewhere else.

We continue to have Zoom gatherings for Crafting on Tuesdays and Vespers/dance party on Thursdays, both at 8 p.m. Neither crafting nor dancing is a requirement for attendance. Stop in when you get a chance.

I look forward to talking with you soon.

*Marty*

## Help Wanted

Our sexton, Chris Coughlin, has resigned and will be leaving us at the end of April. (He wants us to continue to consider him a part of our church, and intends to keep coming to services now and then.) Before we advertise publically, we are hoping to fill the position by word of mouth. If any member or friend of the church knows someone who needs some part time work, please direct them to this hidden page on our website:

<https://www.allsoulsuu.org/sextonposition>

# Wondering Center

Put these dates on your fun calendar:

**Friday, April 16** — Planting Trees — Meet at the church at 10 am to help Robert South plant trees. Wear masks and mud boots.

**Saturday, May 1**—Spring Beech Walk—We'll meet at 10 am at the church to walk to the beeches again. *How is it different in spring than it was in the fall? This is a good walk for adults as well as children. Wear masks and walking shoes/boots.*



The cleaning and rearranging of the Wondering Center rooms is still in progress. If you have time to help, contact Frances Mercer. The plan is to set up the rooms so that children are more empowered to “wonder” and to choose among a number of activities and ways of interacting with each other each Sunday. We are creating resource/activity/theme areas that children will be able to choose among, including a quiet, comfortable retreat space. Your ideas and input will be appreciated.

## Stuffy Time

Harriet McMillan will be reading stories on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7PM via Zoom. She is calling this Stuffy Time and she will be assisted by her dog Popcorn. Harriet just reads a series of several entertaining children’s books for fun. Bring your stuffy.

April will bring to a conclusion Stuffy Time for this spring. The kids and I will be reading together on Tuesday, April 20. And anyone who wants to read to me is welcome!

Stuffy Time will use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88000606495>

# Our You Tube Channel

Zoom services produced by our congregation are recorded and placed on our You Tube channel for two months. Copyrighted material for which we don't have permission is cut out, as are elements of the services which may involve sharing of private information.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ASUUCWatertown>

## Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsuuwatertown/>



## Congregational Conversation

There is a matter of concern to the congregation that we will be discussing after the upcoming service.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> UU Principle:** The congregation needs to be informed about it and decide what to ask of its delegates to the upcoming General Assembly. And we need to select those delegates. This year it's not just about who has the motivation or the wherewithal to take a week off and travel to a crowded convention. It's all Zoom. Fun. Fun.

This congregation in Washington state documented a good pro and con conversation about the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle on their website:

<https://www.quuf.org/the-8th-principle-pro-and-con/>

# Sunday Circle

5 PM April 25th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83718811844>

The origins of The Circle are in the old method of the early Methodists. They sat in a circle and shared the story of their spiritual growth. There was no feedback, no questioning and no advice giving- the gift was just being witnessed. *We don't have a theological perspective* , but we do have a thirst for spiritual/ higher consciousness discussion. The idea is to talk about what is important to you – your values, your spiritual experiences and in general what you are discovering and how you are growing. With this in mind, we will have prompts available each week to help keep us focused. But if someone has something else they would like to share, please do so. Each of us will have about 2 minutes to share and we will have at least two rounds of sharing. We still discourage cross talk as this too easily gets into advice giving, judgement and a two way conversation that leaves everyone else out.

Our prompts are coming from the works of Christine Robinson.

1. We all have dreams of what's possible. We live with a voice that says "One day I will..." What "possible life" has been with you the longest? Why has it remained a dream for so long?
2. What "possible new you" did you pledge yourself to last new year's? Is it time to pledge yourself to it again? Or is time to finally let it go?



## Spring Highway Cleanup

We'll be doing our twice yearly Highway Cleanup on May 8<sup>th</sup>

To sign up, reply to this email and say you'll be there.

## **Collector's Note**

On April 11 many of us gathered for our 54th Zoom meeting for worship. The next day, I went to our credit union with our 55th zoom-era deposit with \$2500, which is \$400 from two families towards their pledges for the current fiscal year, and \$100 from one family for their pledge for our next year (starting in July), plus \$2000 taken from our savings.

The pledge cards for our next year continue to come in. Some families are I guess trying to figure out their own resources. We might pledge the minimum that we are sure of, and later bring in more as we are able; in this current year I notice that ten pledgers have already brought or sent in more than their original pledge for this year. Thanks for your time and hope most of us can gather soon.

The pledges for our FY ending this June totaled \$36,040.28, coming from 32.00 pledgers. Of those 32 pledgers, two have said that they have to leave this Garden of Eden and go away. Otherwise, for our pledges for the coming F Y, Warren has received 24 pledges, including seven who did not pledge during the current F Y. These 24 pledges total \$26,335, including four which are down from this year from some having challenges, six pledges are the same as they were for this year, and twelve from members and supporters which are for more dollars than they had pledged for the current year. Nine who had pledged during the year ending, and who had not mentioned moving from our paradise, are still apparently considering how much they will give during the coming year. If you have decided what you would like to pledge but do not have your green pledge card please do not despair or wax wroth or rend your garments. You could send a confidential e-mail to our Collector [\[warrenallen@verizon.net\]](mailto:warrenallen@verizon.net) or mail the amount on a recycled envelope or clean napkin. Thanks for helping us to figure out our budget for next year. For the current year already over a third of the pledgers have already gone over the financial pledge which they made a year ago, which helps us keep the lights on and helps us getting closer to our being able to afford our own full-time minister.

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