

## ALL SOULS NEWS -March 2019

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### SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:30 A.M.

"All Souls—the church that puts its faith in you"

#### Snow!

In the event we need to cancel a service because of the weather, a notice will be posted on the opening page of our website [www.allsoulsuu.org](http://www.allsoulsuu.org).



### Upcoming Services

#### **March 3** Eleanor Allen *Stewardship: Isn't it Just a Fancy Way of Asking for Money?*

This service will follow the format Frances used for her service about prayer in February. We'll sit in a circle for a conversation about the issues surrounding stewardship and how they relate to All Souls church. The UUA says that "Stewardship takes place at the intersection of our spirituality and our ethics. We both celebrate life and accept the responsibility to love and care for the gifts of life. We both celebrate Unitarian Universalism and take responsibility for promoting our Principles and Purposes and living the values of our free faith. This concept of stewardship calls us to invest our gifts of time, talent, and treasure widely: in the family, in the community in which we live, and in the congregation and faith to which we belong."

--What was All Souls like when you first came?

--How has it changed since you've been here?

--What do you wish for our future?

--How do you see your role in effecting those changes?

#### **March 10**

Rev. David Weissbard

Rev Weissbard returns with another stimulating service.

**March 17** Evin Carvill-Ziemer,  
Evin, our UUA Congregational Life Staff Consultant, will present a service about dealing with conflict.

**March 23** Catherine and Charlie Burns  
*The Practice of Natural Empathy: Taking Difficulty onto the Path*  
Lean in; Commune; Release.

**March 31** – Robert South  
*Mozi Reconsidered: Ideals vs Expectations*

Ancient Chinese philosopher Mozi founded a movement that prefigured much of the Christian message, without many of the damning qualities, but his movement failed. Records indicate that as the harsh times that had fostered Mohism gave way to the golden age of the Han dynasty, people were just not interested in a Tao that asked everyone to emulate an unattainable ideal. What lessons does this have for us today?

### *Collector*

There will be a more complete report next month. During the past month one of the contributions to the capital campaign was anonymously given in honor of the Jeffers family.

### *2019 Stewardship Campaign*

Catherine Burns

#### **Putting all our Hearts into All Souls**



I have been attending events at All Souls for decades. My work with the Buddhist meditation group, Snow Lotus Sangha, has been going on for over 10 years now. I've been a member of our congregation for six years and joined CUUPs group about 4 or 5 year ago. I volunteered to be part of Altar & Decorating committee, was asked to help out on the ministerial search committee and nominating committee. You, as our Congregation, elected me trustee this past year. As things tend to happen when someone starts to take an interest, more opportunities for growth become available.

I tried to play a little hard to get when Harriet, our charming Board President, asked me to chair the stewardship campaign, saying that I would think about it. It wasn't long before she gave me reading materials to guide & inspire me.

What does this mini autobiography have to do with this campaign? Two things: 1) anyone can lend their talents to this wonderful congregation and 2) these things, these people, these events have enriched my life. I'll need your help - a lot!

This year's theme is "Putting All Our Hearts in All Souls". It's short, sweet, & sincere.

One of the pieces of material I read was our mission statement. It's on the back of our order of service, so I had read it before. This time it was different, as it seems to be when a different hat is being worn. It wasn't me thinking "What is this Church about...?" as I sat in sanctuary for my first service. It was more like, how do we keep this going, even--growing? How do we honor our church-- to put *our* heart & soul into *our* mission of love & growth.

The first word of each bullet point of our mission statement is an action word. Your Board of Trustees serves the congregation's mission: Create, Strive, Promote. We invite you to serve as well.

**Create**: Environment which will encourage personal and spiritual growth,  
Freedom to explore individual beliefs and meaning.

**Strive** - To be inclusive, respectful and honorable to all, through our community and by our principles.

**Promote** - Social justice through our actions - locally and worldwide.

This article is about generosity. I read that as a trustee I should show a good example. I will be pledging again this year. I would ask you to do the same. Ask yourself if you would be able to increase your donation; know that giving the same is just as honorable. It doesn't matter to anyone but me the growth All Souls has given me. I would challenge you to look into your heart to see what has changed. I figure that will have a stronger effect than me rambling about bills & repairs.

I will ask that you stay with us. As has been said, "We miss you when you're gone and are enriched by your return". And I thank you for your generosity.

Be Well!  
Catherine Burns

## ***President's Desk*** **Harriet McMillan**



There are many reasons to be part of All Souls, too many to list here. But the latest is the response to Lorraine Payette's request for help with her mum. She asked for people to spend some time with Lois at her home after she left rehab. And you lovely people have responded. Thanks.

As the winter wears on, and on, Harry and I are planning again to go south for a month. There really is no good time to be away from the church. I do know I am leaving All Souls in very good hands. I will keep in touch via the internet. A highlight of the trip for me is visiting other UU churches

while we are away.

I want to thank Catherine Burns, an unsung hero, for her help with the upcoming stewardship campaign. It's a necessary project, requiring lots of time, and Catherine brings many new ideas to the project. She's willing to pitch in and help whenever asked. And we all benefit from her decorating with Joanne. She would, however, tell you how heavy those hands are that she has artfully arranged on the altar.

## *People News*

### **Lois Creed is at Home**

Lorraine Payette, Lois' daughter, reports that Lois is at home. She wants some company and several people have spoken up to help.



## *Around the Church*

### **WUMBA, WUMBA, WHO'S GOT THE WUMBA**

It's not too early to be looking for contributions to the Watertown Urban Mission Basket Action. The theme is "Made in New York." Last year's basket was very successful. The pack basket is still missing—have you seen it?

### **Snow Plowing**

Behind the scenes for many of you there was quite a lot of concern about our snowplowing contractor this year. Due to the successive waves of freezing and thawing, snow piles had accumulated to cover about half the parking lot (down from 80 spaces to 30). The Building and Grounds committee persuaded him to come out with a front loader and the job is done for now.



## ***From the Historian's Files***

***Sarah O'Connell***

*I wrote about the hands sculpture a few years ago and it has taken a prominent position in the front of the sanctuary in recent weeks, I thought I would reprint it here.*

*A reproduction of this statue was donated to All Souls by Rev. Blaine Hartford, who served as minister from 1965-69.*

### **Reflections on Life & Death in Auguste Rodin's "Cathedral"**

"The Cathedral" (1908, Stone) by Auguste Rodin.

French sculptor [Auguste Rodin](#) (12 November 1840 – 17 November 1917) had an ability to explore profound, spiritual themes through ostensibly simple forms – in this case, a pair of two hands.

Rodin's "Cathedral" or "Cathedral Hands" (1908) looks at the sacred space in which we explore life, death and spirituality with a refreshing emphasis on our humanity. "Cathedral" disposes of the grandiose symbol of an actual cathedral, rendering faith "human," and thus, much more personal and fragile. Traditionally, the word "cathedral" evokes a religious sanctuary for thoughts on the preciousness of life and death in relation to a specific faith. But in "Cathedral" Rodin suggests a new idea: that perhaps, in our exploration of life and death, we need only look inside ourselves – inside the sanctuary of our minds, and the 'cathedral' that is the human body.

"Cathedral" was realized many times by Rodin, but one element stayed the same: the fact that the sculpture is made up of two right hands, each belonging to two different figures. We can also draw some parallels between the "mysterious inner space" and the composition of classical gothic architecture, says the Rodin Museum of Paris, as both show an intense interest in emptiness that can evoke the absence of life and inescapable nature of death. Thus, Life in "Cathedral" is represented as the tender joining of two 'right' and honest hands, while Death becomes the empty space – and fate – that constantly surrounds it.



### **Our First Ever Movie Night**

The first ever movie night took place Friday, Feb. 15, in the Eaton Social Hall. The movie shown was *Loving*, The event was extremely successful, resulting in \$71.25 in donations. We have to earn \$250 to pay for the license to show movies.

Heather Winn provided the DVD player and the remote to work the player, as well as took the movie out from Flower Library. Heather also provided lots of food. Shannon Starkweather-Burke also provided lots of food. Others provided food also, making it hard to choose. Both women cleaned up after the movie. Shannon listed the event on Facebook, which turned up some viewers. We'll do it again and again!



**Friday the 15th** *Hidden Figures* 6:30 PM

**Saturday the 30th** *Jungle Book* (2016, live action)

4:30 PM Matinee, half price for kids

## **Every Month at All Souls**

### **CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)**

meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at the church. Gathering and chatting begins at 6:30, the meeting begins at 7 PM.

## **And Every Week at All Souls**

The basket for your donations to the Urban Mission Food Pantry are always available for your donations. Also, Joanne Harter collects the orange bags in which our newspapers are delivered. She then delivers them to the SPCA to be used to keep the grounds clean.

We serve fair trade coffee during our pot luck coffee hours.

As always, Joanne Harter, our CDO (Chief Decorating Officer) appreciates help with the altar decorations.

## **Generosity Project**

Every year we choose two organizations to share half of our uncommitted plate collections. It works as follows: the collector tracks the uncommitted funds, and the congregation selects the organizations. At the end of the church year, we divide the uncommitted funds in half, retain one half, divide the remainder in half and send those monies to the chosen organizations. This year we chose Hospice and Planned Parenthood. Each organization receives 1/4 of the uncommitted funds for the year.

## **Unitarian Universalist Association**

### **Job Opportunity with the US Census Bureau**

- The U.S. Census Bureau is now actively recruiting people to work on the 2020 Census.
- We are looking to recruit thousands of employees to work in the communities where they live.
- These are temporary, part-time or full-time positions.
- Hourly wage is \$17 an hour for Enumerator/Listener; Census Field Supervisors are at \$18.50 an hour.
- Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.58 per mile.
- No experience or educational requirement is necessary.
- The website to apply is: [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

Please have people contact me if they have any questions or if they need assistance with the on line application. I am happy to help and can be reached at my home office: 788 6473.

I wish all the best for my friends at All Souls and look forward to seeing you this summer sporting your lovely new tan!

Sincerely,

Marie Rainbolt

## **BECOME A CENSUS TAKER AND GET PAID TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**

Learn how you can help collect important data that will determine your state's representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent in your community on things like roads, schools, and hospitals.

### **APPLY IF:**

- You are at least 18 years old.
- You have a valid Social Security number.
- You are a U.S. citizen.
- You have a valid email address.
- You are registered with the Selective Service System, or have a qualifying exemption, if you are male and were born after Dec. 31, 1959.

**APPLY ONLINE!**

**[2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)**

## *Worthy Causes*

### **Poor People's Campaign Organizing Meeting**

The organizing meeting for the Poor People's Campaign, that had to be cancelled in January because of the weather, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:30PM at All Souls Church. The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is bringing together people across the country who are organizing to build a broad and deep national moral movement - led by the poor - to unite our country from the bottom up. Learn more about this campaign and how you can take part in the North Country by joining us on March 13th. More information is available at: [poorpeoplescampaign.org](https://poorpeoplescampaign.org) and on [facebook.com/NYSPPC](https://facebook.com/NYSPPC).

## Calendar

### March

Legend: “\*” means “not open to public,” Call the church office to get the name of the contact person for the T'ai Chi class you want

**Sunday 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 , 2/24** 9:30 AM  
Adult discussion group, Informal Lounge,

**Sunday 2/3, 2/17**  
Buddhist Sanga, Informal Lounge, 1:30 PM

**Sunday 2/10, 2/17 , 2/24**  
T'ai Ji, Eaton Social Hall, 8:30 AM

**Monday 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25**  
Northern Blend Chorus, Eaton Social Hall,  
6:30 PM

**Tuesday 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/24**  
\*Qubed Youth Group, Eaton Social Hall  
and Informal Lounge, 3 PM

**Tuesday 2/12, 2/26**

\*Women's Discussion Group, LaMothe  
Lounge, 6:05 PM  
CUUPS, Eaton Social Hall, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27**

T'ai Chi Parkinsons, Eaton Social Hall,  
1 PM  
Advanced T'ai Chi, Eaton Social Hall,  
5:30 PM

**Thursday 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28**

Beginning and Intermediate T'ai Chi,  
Eaton Social Hall, 9:00 AM  
\*Alcoholics Anonymous, Eaton Social Hall,  
8 PM

**Friday 2/8, 2/15, 2/22,**

T'ai Chi with V. Hartman, Eaton Social Hall

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Board meetings are held the third Friday at 9:00 AM at the church in the conference room. Meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

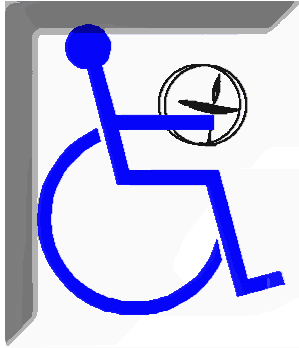
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ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.



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We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

### Our Principles

#### **Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### Our Mission

- The mission of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church is to create an environment in which personal and spiritual growth is encouraged; and where each of us is free to explore our individual beliefs and search for meaning.
- We strive to be a warm, supportive, nurturing and inclusive religious community where all people are respected and honored because of their uniqueness.
- We promote acceptance, diversity and social justice through our dealings with each other and our actions in the local and global community.

Visitors are welcome! If, as a visitor to our church community, you find yourself in agreement with Our Principles, please consider joining our church community. Just sign our membership book in the presence of two board members.