

ALL SOULS NEWS -December 2018

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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.



December 2 - Michael Seymour: "Christian Humanism"... Is there a place for Christian ideals within a humanist belief system? How do we reconcile religious platitudes with human responsibility? And how does a Christian Humanist perspective relate to a secular environment? Discussion will be encouraged.

December 9 – Rev. David Weissbard: Stay Tuned

December 16 - Eleanor Allen: The Poor People's Campaign. It's been a year since the *New York Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival* began. In that time, 5600 New Yorkers have joined the Campaign, organizing teams have formed in 10 regions, including in the north country, and in May and June New York joined more than 35 states in a historic 40 days of nonviolent direct action, taking on the interconnected evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism and ecological devastation. Do we at All Souls UU have a role to play in this campaign? Eleanor will provide an update of what others in the north country who are involved in The Poor People's Campaign have been doing, so we can answer that question.

December 23, Sunday- no service, instead Julie Jeffers will present a first aid class.

Monday, December 24 7 PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM followed by refreshments in the Social Hall! Music provided by our own Toni Zygadlo.

December 30 – The Worship Committee will lead us in “Ushering in the New Year with Joy”

Memorials



December provides an opportunity to memorialize and/or honor loved ones by donating listing their names in our Christmas Eve Order of Celebration and again in the January newsletter. The donation is \$10 and funds our altar decorations. Look for the sign up sheet in the Eaton Social Hall.

Wondering Center News

Frances Mercer

News from the Wondering Center for December 2018 submitted by Frances Mercer The monthly “RE-Frigrator Page” from the Family Quest of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) (www.clfuu.org) has been a positive addition to the Wondering Center’s resources for children and families. We have enjoyed and been stimulated by the Pages for September, October, and November, with their monthly themes of change, persistence and ancestors. The theme for December is humility. Throughout December copies of the December RE-Frigrator Page will be available on the Wondering Center table in the foyer and given to the children to take home. The five sections of the Page provide information, perspectives and questions to share and discussion with children:

- 1) *We Celebrate* the theme of humility — “...being humble—having humility—is understanding that you are not better or more important than others. However, it doesn’t mean feeling shame or thinking that others are more important than you....”;
- 2) *We Honor*—Dr. Albert Schweitzer as an example of an extraordinary humble person;
- 3) *Act*—Acting or living with humility “teaches us to put aside our assumptions and actually listen to people before we try to change things in their lives....”;
- 4) *Nurturing the Spirit*—“One way to practice humility is to literally lower yourself, to get closer to the ground— sit or lie down to take on a new perspective...”; and
- 5) *Practicing the Principles*—Our seventh UU principle describes what it means to live with humility—respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.”

The CLF materials also provide lessons for each of the five Sundays in December. These lessons focus on Winter spiritual holidays—“In the Northern Hemisphere, this is the darkest part of the year, and there are a number of spiritual holidays which focus on light. Light can be a symbol of many things and these holidays provide a chance to pay attention to the different things that light might represent.” These lessons highlight the spiritual holidays of : 1) Jewish Hanukkah, 2) Enlightenment of the Buddha, 3) Santa Lucia Day & Solstice, 4) Christmas, and 5) Kwanzaa. Parents may have access to the full set of lessons by contacting Frances Mercer at 315-788-4508 or fmercer@twcnj.rr.com.

For the December Sundays at All Souls, we will be using some of these materials, but we will have to be selective because of our limited time each Sunday.

- December 2: We will explore what it means to be humble and to live with humility — the monthly theme presented in the December RE-Frigrator Page.

- December 9: We will explore the kinds of giving and receiving that are of such intense interest in this holiday season, but also giving and receiving as important parts of living a good life.
- December 16: We will explore rituals from many different faiths that involve light (lighting of candles, yule logs, tree lights, oil lamps, etc.) during this darkest part of the year.
- December 24 — Christmas Eve: As in past years, children of all ages and their families and friends will participate in the multigenerational service and reception.
- December 30: We will explore the many ways people all over the world say good bye to the old year and welcome the New Year.

President's Desk

Harriet McMillan

It's been fun to see the new faces among us. I had a wonderful conversation with a couple visiting from California, who said that on Sundays they look for "our people." I have to agree. I like to look for "our people" on Sundays, too.

A friend sent me welcoming tips that had been distributed in her church in Gainesville, FL. Not only did I appreciate these tips, I was impressed that she could find them! (That tells you more about me than Debbie.) If you're like me, you have a difficult time talking with guests and new members. When chatting with a guest or a newbie, here are some tips.

- ❖ Reflect on what calls you to be welcoming to all who enter our congregation. What faith value are we practicing?
- ❖ Greet everyone who comes through the doorway, not just guests.
- ❖ Notice when you make an assumption and intentionally set that assumption aside.
- ❖ Ask open ended questions and respect people choosing not to answer.
- ❖ Refrain from asking personal questions, including theology. People will reveal what they are ready to reveal.
- ❖ There are more tips, stay tuned.

Thanks to my friend Debbie Malickson for sharing with all of us.

Unsung heroes: Janine LaClair and her husband Tom. Janine can often be found in the kitchen, Tom ushering and greeting. And while she's working in the kitchen, she's often cleaning the kitchen. Both are treasures.



Historian's Files

Sarah O'Connell

A Historical Post for December 2018.

Carl Sagan was born November 19, 1934. He wrote, "A religion that stressed the magnificence of the universe as revealed by modern science might be able to draw forth reserves of reverence and awe hardly tapped by the conventional faiths." This was from a post on the FB page of the UU Church of Boulder on 4/12/16, which followed with "Unitarian Universalism is perhaps that religion. How are you experiencing the magnificence of the universe? What does it feel like to experience reverence and awe?"



Don't we all need a little more "awe" in our lives.

BTW, at one point in his life, Carl also said “I am not an **atheist**. An **atheist** is someone who has compelling evidence that there is no Judeo-Christian-Islamic God. I am not that wise, but neither do I consider there to be anything approaching adequate evidence for such a god. Why are you in such a hurry to make up your mind? Why not simply wait until there is compelling evidence?” I’m not sure how I feel about that. Atheist – or theist - until proven wrong? Where should the burden of proof lie? Sounds like a good topic for a Sunday pre-service discussion. Here’s a good follow-up article: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/achenblog/wp/2014/07/10/carl-sagan-denied-being-an-atheist-so-what-did-he-believe-part-1/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.c43f7619a2ba

And for those of you looking for a little something different to lead up to Christmas, check out the following URL to take you to the UUA website ‘s Unitarian Universalist Advent Calendar (not your typical advent calendar.)

https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/uu_advent_calendar_page-a-day_revised.pdf

Capital Campaign Update

We are now entering the third, and final, year of the three year Campaign for All Souls approved by the board in 2016. At this point, we have been promised \$34,650, which is more than one half of our \$50,000 goal. And, we have actually received almost \$31,000 of the amount promised! Thanks to everyone who made a commitment to contribute to this worthy cause, and a very special thanks to all of those who have already paid the amount they promised!

We began this campaign in 2016 with the goal of raising a minimum of \$50,000, with monies earmarked to repair and improve our buildings and grounds. A dedicated Building and Grounds committee has nearly completed work on the new handicap accessible bathroom, which is located in the RE wing on the right just beyond the janitor’s room. We have also installed automatic door openers so that people with handicaps, and those carrying large pot-luck dishes, can enter the building and the RE wing without difficulty. Thanks go out to Rebecca Carr, Till Fritzsching, and Robert South for all their hard work on these, and other projects. We saved a great deal of money by doing much of the work in house with volunteer labor.

Your generosity has also enabled us to replace four of the five furnaces that keep our building warm in the winter (yes, we have a total of five furnaces for this spread-out building!). And we have resurfaced the parking lot.

At this point we find that the climate has not been kind to our building and the roof over the sanctuary, which faces directly into the worst of the winter weather, is in need of replacing. Work is also needed on the clerestory windows above that roof. We are currently in the process of taking bids and hope to replace this shingle roof with a metal one within the next year. It’s our hope that we’ll also have enough funds to be able to improve the sound system in our sanctuary.

For those who are making a three-year sustaining gift, and for those who are giving year by year, we gratefully thank you! We have the information you provided last year and the year before. For those who are receiving this request for the first time, we invite you to generously join our efforts: Expansive possibilities can only happen when we collectively offer our financial support. Being a community of relatively few, we need

the gifts of each if we are to succeed, and your important donation will ensure that success. *When we envision our past in light of our present, we invoke a new future.* Together we can ensure a future worthy of our heritage. Your gifts can be mailed to: All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church % Capital Campaign, 1330 Gotham St., Watertown NY 13601. Or, if you prefer, you can send us a donation by Paypal, or go to our website, www.allsoulsuu.org. And donate via our donate link.

This year we are holding a number of fundraisers designed both to bring us together as a congregation while also providing funding for our campaign. Many of us have been enjoying the fundraising dinners at Panera and we will continue to have them with proceeds going towards the

Capital Campaign. And we are asking you to dream up interesting activities and items to donate to an ongoing silent auction. Some suggestions of possible activities to offer for bidding are a Bridge and Dessert evening; a playdate for the children; learn to make potato jewelry; a cooking class; lunch and conversation for four at one of Watertown's new lunch spots; a guided tour of the International Maple Museum in Croghan (hosted by Warren and Eleanor Allen).

We would be happy to answer any of your questions about our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your past, present and future support of All Souls.

Faithfully & Respectfully,
Harriet McMillan, Board President
Eleanor Allen, Treasurer

People News

Meet Anita Lee, Our Newest Member

- Where are you originally from? Salmon, Idaho
- What is your occupation here in Watertown ? Retired. Work part time at TJMaxx
- What are some of your hobbies/interests/specialties? Collect art, ride motorcycles, most anything.
- How did you get to All Souls? My friend Catherine Burns
- Other comments about our church community? Interesting in its support of the community they live in.
- Anything else you would like us to know about you? Need a walking friend and coffee klatch contact.



Shut Ins

When preparing your Christmas cards this year, think about sending a card to each of our 'shut ins', those who can't be with us for services.

Jean Boldizar, 650 River Falls Ct., Roswell, GA 30076

Lois Creed and Lorraine Payette, POB 574, Dexter, NY 13634

Barbara Hanrahan-White, Carthage Care Center, 1045 West St., Carthage, NY 13619

Douglas Howland, Samaritan Summit Village, 22691 Campus Dr., Watertown, NY 13601

Around the Church

For 2018-2019 Common Read

This year the common read is "The Once and Future Liberal" by Mark Lilla. Robert suggested this book, rather than one of those from the UUA list of suggestions, specifically because it was controversial. Last year's selection, "Democracy Now" was indeed a good book with some good information and excellent things to say. But there was nothing to talk about because we all agree with the message, and a group of people simply nodding and saying, "Yep, I agree with that," isn't a conversation, it's a litany. It was way over on the side of reasonable and we are all on the same side.



"The Once and Future Liberal" is more likely to fall right in the middle of us. It might divide us into supporters and detractors. As Wikipedia says, "The author argues for American liberals to emphasize commonalities as citizens in their politics, rather than differences of identity." Now you may think a book about politics is inappropriate for a religious organization, but if you read the book you'll find that there's an important spiritual element. Lilla criticizes the inward, self centered, focus of interests groups, which are all part of in one way or another, and suggests we should instead look outward and focus on working for the good of all. The book is basically an expansion of a New York Times article which you can find at this URL: https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/20/opinion/sunday/the-end-of-identity-liberalism.html?_r=0&module=inlineDiscussion about the book will be during Discussion Hour, before services starting at 9:30. We will do our common read discussions on the second Sunday of each month, starting with the 13th of January. Here's the author talking about the book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p53gRHGnVE>

Ellen Childs Sighting

Ellen was seen sitting in the break room of the frame shop where she used to work. She has moved to the Albany area, is teaching at a school for immigrant children, which she loves. Her family is doing very well, and she looks fabulous. It felt good to catch up with her.



-Harriet McMillan

Sock Exchange



On December 12, we'll have our own sock exchange. What is it? Bring a pair of holiday socks, stuff one into the other and put in some holiday gifts (crayons, etc.) We'll exchange the socks. When you come in the Eaton Social Hall, we'll all put them in a central space, and take a number. We'll use the numbers to choose our socks. Number 1 takes the first gift, number 2 takes the second, 3 takes the third, and so on.

Harriet McMillan is planning to make gingerbread socks for us to decorate, then we'll play Left, Right and Center.



Julie Jeffers Presents First Aid Class Sunday, December 23

Although there **will not be** a church service Dec.23, Julie Jeffers **will** present a first aid class for all who are interested people

Anti-racism Study/Action Group for White Women Allies of Women of Color

The anti-racism study/action group for white women allies of women of color (WOC) had its first gathering last February with 13 people in attendance. A closed Facebook page has also been created. Please let Sarah O'Connell know (doon45@aol.com) if you are interested or have questions: "Being an ally is a process, not an identity."

Patricia Conklin

Welcome to Patricia Conklin, our new Office Administrator who is currently learning to do all the administrative tasks Carmen Wilber had been doing. Carmen has left to manage her own business.

The Jefferson County Superintendent of Highways Sent the Following Thank You for the Fall Cleanup

On behalf of the Jefferson County Highway Department and the Town of Watertown Highway Department (which owns the road), we appreciate your efforts of the Spring and Fall Cleanup of the Gotham Street Road. It is with your help that keeps our community and roadsides a "better looking area" to live and travel.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely, James L. Lawrence, Jr.
Highway Superintendent

Red Cross Blood Drive December 15

The blood drive begins at 7:30 AM in the Eaton Social Hall. The goal is 28 donors. Thanks to Julie Jeffers for organizing the event.



**American
Red Cross**



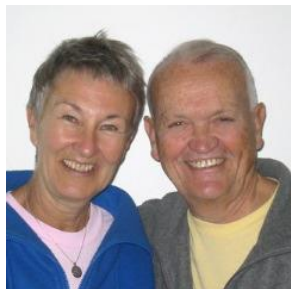
Missing

An Amish-made pack basket, stored in the coat room, is missing. The NYS made basket is a donation to our WUMBA (Watertown Urban Mission Basket Auction.) Please contact Heather Winn or Warren Allen if you have information about the basket.

And speaking of the WUMBA basket, your coordinators are looking for NYS made items to include in the basket. Last year's made in NY basket was very successful.

Are you interested in ENLIGHTENMENT, TRANSCENDENCE and HIGHER STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS?

A weekend with Judy and Andre deZanger



We are organizing an Enlightenment Weekend in the Adirondacks next August and were wondering if you would be interested in attending? All of us would be Participant/ Facilitators/ Novices (No Gurus), sharing our own personal quest for Enlightenment. We will have talks, videos, exercises, practices and excursions.

It would be held in the Adirondacks on the weekend of Friday August 2 to Sunday August 4, 2019 near Saranac Lake at a local college. A very pretty setting with lots of nature opportunities - interpretive nature trails, hiking, swimming, canoeing and "Wilderness" (which is mentioned by most Sages of Enlightenment). It would be a very, very reasonable cost of \$125 per person/day (double occupancy) for room and board, facility charges and registration or \$250 for the whole Weekend, even cheaper \$225 if you bring your own sheets and towels. Commuter fee would be \$60 per day (food and facility) or \$120 for the Weekend. There is even free camping nearby (contact us for details).

Would you be interested in coming? There is no commitment, we just want see if there is an interest or not.

ENLIGHTENMENT 101

A Wilderness Retreat Exploring Enlightenment in the Adirondacks



- **Program** - We will be using the "White-Space" format, with all of us being Participant/ Facilitators/ Novices (no Leaders/Gurus), sharing our own personal journey of Enlightenment via - talks, video, exercises and excursions. So bring your ideas, insights and practices to share and enlighten us all.

- **Cost** - \$250 for the entire weekend - Room, Board and Conference: Food \$40, Room \$75 - \$37.50 per person, with private bath plus linens at \$25 (two in a room - additional \$37.50 for a single room), Facility charges and Registration for about \$125 a day. Bring your own sheets (twin) and towels and reduce the cost by \$25 to \$225 for the weekend. Free camping is also available nearby (contact us). Commuter rate of \$60 per day (food \$40 or less per meal + facility \$20) \$120 or less for the weekend. Make room reservations with Josh Clemens 518.327.6259 at Paul Smith College jclemens2000@paulsmiths.edu

- **Dates** - Weekend of Friday August 2nd to Sunday the 4th, 2019. You could come earlier or stay later and make it an Adirondack vacation at \$37.50 per Room + \$40 for Food (each meal can be

bought separately). There are plays at the Saranac Pendragon Theater for a Sunday matinee, following the conference.

- **Location** - We will meet in the Adirondacks at Paul Smith College near Saranac Lake, a 20 minute drive away and Lake Placid an hour away. (information and pictures at www.paulsmiths.edu).
- **Facilities** - We will have an electronic class room (Projector, Internet access), Library, Lounge area, canoe rentals, swimming area, hiking trails and "Wilderness".
- **Schedule** - Morning sessions, afternoon sessions or free time and evening sessions and Party (Bring wine).
- **Activities** - Learning, Swimming, Hiking, Canoeing, Solitude, Communing and Nature Walks at the Paul Smith free Visitor Interpreter Center (VIC). <https://www.adirondackvic.org/>
- **Transportation** - Buses to Saranac Lake (\$71-\$75 Wanderu bus from NYC), Adirondack Regional Airport (Cape Air from Boston) with a 20 minute taxi ride to Paul Smith. Possible "Car Pool" - If you are driving and would like to take others or need a ride, let us know. It's a small chance but possible.
- **Registration** - We have limited space and expect only about 10 to 20 people, so if you would like to attend let us know as soon as possible ASAP. To secure your spot, send a check for \$50 registration fee (refundable) per person to Andre de Zanger 1664 3rd Ave NY, NY 10128. •
- **Contact** - Andre and Judy de Zanger 212.289.8856 / 315.846.5516 (summer) email creativityinstitute@juno.com



Building Security Alarm Code

The Building Security Alarm Code for All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church will be changing on December 1st.

If you do not received notification of the new code, by email or snail mail, then you are not a currently authorized key holder.

You need to contact the office immediately to clear that up and after December 1st, don't use the old key code to enter the building.

Christmas Cards Mailed

Approximately 70 cards for imprisoned members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship were mailed to the UUA headquarters on Monday, 11/26. They are due in Boston by December 7. There the blank but stamped envelopes will be addressed and sent before Christmas.

Seen Outside on the Lawn November 11



Every Month at All Souls

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)

meets the 2nd and 4th 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

From the UUSC:

While the midterm elections have passed, President Trump is still actively working to advance a xenophobic, white nationalist agenda. He has requested increased funding for immigration enforcement to target and detain asylum-seekers—children and families in flight from violence and extreme hardship.

Congress has the power to halt the expansion of Trump’s racist agenda by denying him the funding for these efforts.

Urge your members of Congress to deny funding requests that would support an expanded border wall; immigration detention, prosecution, deportation, and militarization of the southern border. We cannot allow U.S. tax dollars to fund human rights abuses and hate in the name of immigration enforcement.

Congress is expected to vote on the annual funding bill shortly. We still have time to make our voices heard on this issue. Thank you for taking action right now.



Sincerely,

Rachel Freed
Vice President and Chief Program Officer



Students at the “Sister School.”

Community Wide “Sew-In”

A “Sew-In” will be held on January 13, 1 PM, at Immaculate Heart Central H.S., 1316 Ives St., Watertown.

The event is an opportunity to make reusable **Days for Girls Menstrual Kits** for the students at IHC’s adopted “Sister School” in Kitenga, Tanzania.

Supplies: Bright colored thread, scissors, and pins and if possible, your sewing machine. Free pre-cut fabric and patterns at the event. “Take Home ‘n Sew Kits will also be available at the Sew-In.

For info or to register: call 315641813. Or email patricia.minterpowell@ihcschool.org

North Country NYS Poor People’s Campaign

The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is bringing together people across the country who are organizing to build a movement—led by the poor, impacted, clergy and moral agents and reflecting the great moral teachings—to unite our country from the bottom up.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 29, at the Gouverneur Community Center, 4673 State Highway 58, Gouverneur, NY.
For more information, go to [poorpeoples campaign.org](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org).

Calendar

December

*Not open to the public

If you see a T'ai Chi class you would like to join, call the church office for the instructor's name and phone number.

Sundays, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/30

- T'ai Chi, Eaton Social Hall, 8:30 AM

12/2, 12/16,

- Buddhist Sanga, Informal Lounge, 1:30 PM

Sunday, 12/23

- No church service, Julie Jeffers will teach a first aid class

Mondays 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/31

- *Literature Alcoholics Anonymous, Conference Room, 5:45 PM

Monday 12/24

- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7 PM, , music by Toni Zygladlo, followed by a reception after the service

Tuesdays 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25

- *Qubed Youth Group, Informal Lounge and Eaton Social Hall, 3 PM

Tuesdays 12/4, 12/18

- *Women's Discussion Group, LaMothe Lounge, 6:05 PM

Tuesdays, 12/11, 12/25

- CUUPS, Eaton Social Hall, 6:30 PM

Wednesdays, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26

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

Wednesday, 12/19

- Bookends, LaMothe Lounge, 5 PM

Thursdays 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27

- T'ai Chi, Beginning and Intermediate, Eaton Social Hall, 9:30 AM
- *Alcoholics Anonymous, Eaton Social Hall, 8 PM

Saturday 12/8

Planned Parenthood Event, Eaton Social Hall, Informal Lounge, All day

Saturday 12/15

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Eaton Social Hall, 7:30 AM

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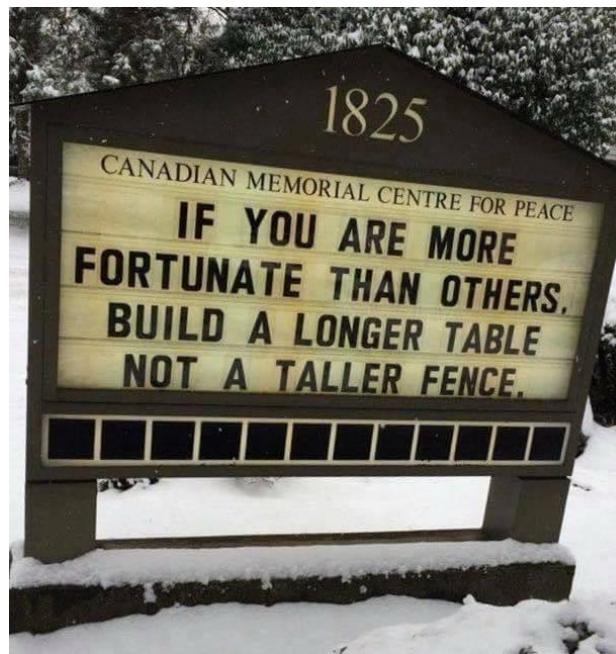
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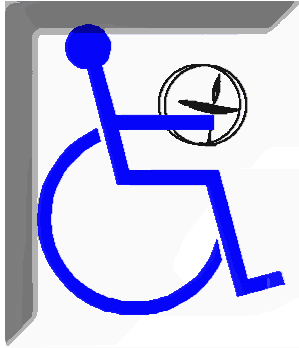
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We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

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.
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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.