

ALL SOULS NEWS -March 2020

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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.



March 1 – Pastor Marty Pelham: “Are we Making Joyful Sparks?” Do we have a vision which fills us with excitement as a congregation? Is it evident to people who come through our doors for the first time? Could we accomplish more by doing less or doing things differently?

March 8 – Rev. David Weissbard: “Beyond Innocence.” The subject to be addressed is not a new one. It involves one of the most basic religious issues: how we face the world.

March 15 – Circle Service facilitated by Eleanor Allen. Recently, Pastor Marty Pelham led a series of services in which he asked many questions: Who belongs here? Are we making joyous sparks? Could we be more welcoming? Could we accomplish more by doing less? What is our vision for the future? On March 15th, we'll have the opportunity to share our thoughts, feelings, and personal experiences, while listening to each other, as we think about these questions and ask ourselves how we see All Souls five years from now.

March 22 – Pastor Marty Pelham – “Can we thrive now?” This is a chaotic and unpredictable time in our country and planet's history. The future feels uncertain and the present often difficult. Many of us, myself included, are exhausted and worried. It can be hard to muster energy to tackle anything beyond what's necessary to get through daily life. We are all caught in multiple seismic cultural, emotional, and economic shifts. What do we need to let go of and leave behind to make

way for new ways of being, living, and working together? What might thriving look like—personally and as a congregation—now?

March 29 – Frances Mercer, guide: “Is kindness enough? “ For what? Is kindness sufficient to create equity and justice in human relations and systems, to obtain fearlessness and great compassion, to build empathy in a fractured world, to make the world a better place? Some would boldly answer “yes”. Others might say “maybe”. Others might say “I don’t know but I feel better about myself and others when I expect and act with kindness”. In this service, Frances Mercer will share some perspectives about kindness that may surprise you—challenge or confirm your beliefs about kindness. This will not be an intergenerational service, but the children will continue to focus on kindness in their Wondering Center activities.

Pastor Marty Perpend

When this newsletter goes out, I will have been on the job for three months. Out of everything which has happened during that time, the most unexpected was the burst pipe and the extensive damage it caused. The situation has consumed an incredible amount of energy from those involved with the Building & Grounds and Ad-Hoc Committees. Their constant willingness to commit their time and energy speaks to their love and devotion to our faith community.

It is not ideal for visitors to walk into our building in the midst of repairs. Making decisions about which professionals to engage for various aspects of the recovery and repair process are stressful because we can never be completely certain, and everyone wants to use our time, energy, and financial resources efficiently and effectively. And then there is the waiting. We are now in a period of negotiating and have plenty of decisions and choices waiting in the near future.

It is easy to see the disarray, to recognize the fatigue of the members who are putting in way more hours during this time than they expected when they volunteered to serve. It is also easy to overlook the growth opportunities available in the midst of all this mess.

We have the opportunity to practice healthy covenantal relationships. People can disagree about almost anything, but disagreement is guaranteed when there are so many decisions to be made. We have an opportunity to practice listening and looking beyond our own opinions to wonder why another person feels the way they do. We have an opportunity to sit down and talk to each other about our hopes and our fears for the future of this congregation. No matter how long we know someone, there is always more to learn.

As we consider which repairs are most important to make first and whether to make changes to how we use parts of the building during the repair process, we have an opportunity to discuss our vision for our future. As beautiful and functional as our building is, the community both within and outside our walls has changed in the decades since we planted ourselves on this site. Do we want to restore what was or make changes towards what we may become?



Photo by April Huff

We have interacted with so many people already who might not have come through our doors except for this mess. Every person who comes inside, every person with whom we discuss our congregation in any venue – even if we’re only discussing drywall – is a connection we can build on for our future. Even taking the time to explain why our entrance area looks the way it does to a visitor can start a conversation which can begin a new relationship.

I am one of those people who likes solutions. I like to get problems fixed. But some things can’t be fixed quickly. And sometimes quick solutions are not the best solutions. In dealing with some issues in my life which are not quickly or easily fixable, I developed the image of carrying them in my shirt pocket. Carrying them there, I haven’t tried to get lay them down or lock them away in a drawer. They are easily accessible, and they are also close to my heart. It can feel awkward, even occasionally unpleasant, to still be carrying them around, but it also means I can’t ignore them. I can interact with them daily, if only to take them out of my pocket for a bit and acknowledge their presence. Eventually I figure out what needs to be done. I hope everyone in our congregation is willing to help carry this repair process in their pocket and play a part in our growth.

News From the Wondering Center

Frances Mercer, Coordinator



The monthly “RE-Friggerator Page” highlights **FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY** as the theme for March. The Page, created by Family Quest of the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship, is

designed for children and families to read and discuss together; however, many others may enjoy the Page and find the information and perspectives interesting and stimulating. Copies are sent home with the children and are available on the Wondering Center table in the lobby.

Our subscription to the monthly Family Quest materials includes not only the RE Page, but also lessons for each of the Sundays in the month. The lessons are not necessarily focused on the theme, but are designed to

cover important topics and to be used by families and small groups. The March lessons focus on the Islamic faith.

The March lessons note “Islam is related in many ways to Judaism and Christianity, but it is also different in many ways as well. Jews, Christians and Muslims are sometimes called “People of the Book” because they all hold a version of the same Bible as sacred. All three religions believe in one God, and they are directly related through their history. “Islam” is an Arabic word which means “submission to God.” The religion Islam, which is followed by Muslims, was started by a man named Muhammad. Muslims, like Jews and Christians, believe that there is one God. They say that there have been many prophets, who have been messengers from God. Muslims believe that Moses, who led the Jews out of slavery, was a prophet from God, and they believe that Jesus was a prophet as well. But for Muslims the last and

the greatest prophet was Muhammad.” If any one wants access to these lessons, please contact Frances Mercer by email (fmercer@twcny.rr.com) or phone (315-788-4508) or in person.

March is a long month with 5 Sundays. Instead of using the lessons on Islam, we will explore various topics:

March 1 — How are freedom and responsibility related to each other? If you are free, what is your responsibility to those who are not free?

March 8 — Daylight Savings Time Begins — can we control time? Do clocks, schedules and calendars give us control over time? Why do many wise people say that time is more precious than money?

March 15 — “Beware the Ides of March.” from Shakespeare’s play, *Julius Caesar*. Why do bad things happen to good people?

March 22 — Celebration of the Spring equinox — this year the first day of Spring is March 19th. What does Spring bring? What can we learn about living and faith from nature’s cycles?

March 29 — Kindness — What did Mister Rogers mean when he said “There are 3 ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind, the second way is to be kind, the third way is to be kind.” Is being kind the same as following the golden rule — do to others as you would have them do to you?

INVITATION — As always there is an open invitation to any adult who wishes to assist with any of these topics. Do you have a special interest in, perspective on, or knowledge of any of these topics? Are you eager to get to know the children better and enrich your life? Your assistance and participation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Frances Mercer by email or phone or in person.

From the President’s Desk

Harriet McMillan

To Directory or Not Directory

Thanks to April Huff for her photography skills. She’s been taking photos for the coming directory.

However, we need to decide if we would like a new directory. Here’s a little background.

Many years ago we actually hired a company to come and take the pictures, as well as put together the directory. That was pre-computer. We used to put out a directory about every 5 years. We probably didn’t realize the value of being able to see photos of our members, or having up to date addresses.

I’ve put together a couple of directories. For one directory I borrowed a binding machine and put the directories together with plastic combs. In recent years, Robert South has taken over the task and has done tremendous job with it. It’s Robert who pointed out how useful a directory is for helping new people identify people seen in church on Sundays. He also absorbed a lot of the expenses—color copies at Staples are expensive, and since he absorbed them, we were save the money.

Last year, Robert looked for a way to collect the data, and so asked each of us to complete a member data form. And if you didn’t fill out a form, you weren’t listed in the directory. Now we need to decide if we want a new directory, and if we do, we can all make the task easier by



Photo by April Huff

completing the Member Data form we will receive on March 15. That's where the information for the directory originates.

On another note, Veronica Hartman has resigned from our board. She's still a working girl, and reports a great deal of turmoil on her job, making it difficult to also work on our board. She'll be missed for many reasons, not the least is her ability to look at issues from a different point of view. Veronica is my unsung hero for this month, for her efforts on our behalf.

From the Historian's Files

Sarah O'Connell



Every once in a while someone leaves a little envelope in the Historian's Folder with random "Looking Backward" clips from the Watertown Daily Times. Here are a couple of recent contributions:

October 10, 1862: The Rev. E.W. Reynolds will commence at the Universalist Church next Sunday evening, a series of discourses in Exposition and Defense of Natural Religion, as opposed to Sectarian Dogmatism and Speculative Theology.

February 27, 1886: The ladies of the Universalist Church spent Friday afternoon at the church parlors, sewing for the orphan asylum. The result was a substantial package of clothing for that institution. At 6 p.m. a fine supper was served by the young ladies.

Around the Church

Building Repairs Update

Over the last month or so, we have seen a bit of chaos at the church at least from the perspective of Buildings and Grounds.

On December 16th of 2019 Robert came to the Church early that morning only to find a river flowing out the main entrance.

He called Rebecca and I and the three of us sprang into action to stem the tide of this event and are still working towards final resolution.

Servpro of Watertown was called in to deal with the preliminary water damage and clean up.

Jim's plumbing was engaged to turn off the water to the main leak and replace the burst pipe to get us back up and running at least temporarily and Diego Aguilar of Aguilar Property Maintenance has begun preliminary reconstruction of the facility.

We have a way to go to bring the Church back to full operational status.

Negotiations with our Public Adjuster and our Insurance Carrier are continuing to assure the most equitable settlement for the damages incurred.

Water damage is very challenging to fully understand the true extent and review is being undertaken to gather accurate data on not only the structural components but contents damaged such as furniture, personal belongings and other affected components as well.

Things are moving along smoothly now and an ad hoc committee has been formed to deal with everything from scheduling church activities around the reconstruction activities to picking new paint colors, flooring replacement and damaged furniture replacement.

We will keep everyone posted as to schedule interruptions and progress of reconstruction.

-Rebecca Carr and Till Fritzsching



New Television for All Souls

Thanks to Wendy Wynn for the donation of a TV for our use.

Panera Night

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising supper at Panera Restaurant. We made \$138.37. That money will be given to Lorraine Payette, whose home burned in January.

Save the Date! Put the Seaway Spring Gathering on your Calendar

Sources of Hope: Seaway Spring Gathering

Our world needs hope in these troubled times. We will spend the day building resilience and interconnection in ourselves, our faith communities, and beyond.

Friday Gould Discourse: Growing Souls in Congregations, presented by Leah Purcell, CRE

Leah is the Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry at the First UU Society of Albany. She is a national leader among religious educators.

Friday's events will take place at First UU Society of Syracuse, 109 Waring Rd, Syracuse, NY 13224.

Gould lecture begins at 7 pm followed by a reception from 8:30-10 pm.

Saturday Gathering: Rooted for this World: Building Safety in the Body, presented by Rev. Megan Visser, MA, PhD(c).

Paying attention to and caring for our bodies will help us build the resistance we need in these troubled times.

Saturday's events will take place at May Memorial UU Society in Syracuse, NY

Schedule:

8 am Registration

9 am Banner Parade and Opening Worship (bring your banner to participate)

9:30 am Keynote with Rev. Megan Visser

10:30 am Break

11:00 Morning Practices for Leaders - Choose one -

- **Somatic Practices for Rooting in this World** with Rev. Megan Visser
- **The Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice** with Rev. Darcey Laine
- **Circle Round for Peace: Practices for Boards, Committees and Teams** with Rev. Renee Ruchtozke

12:30 pm Lunch

1:45 pm Afternoon Workshops - Choose one:

- **UU The Vote** - an exchange of tips and tools for the upcoming election
- **Can Conflict Build Community?** with Rev. Evin Carvill-Ziemer. Difference of opinion and even conflict is just a part of human community. So if we are going to have conflict anyway, let's use it to deepen trust and live our values in a way that helps our communities keep growing into their potential.

- **How to Herd Cats: Local Community Organizing in the Age of Climate Change** with Rev. Renee Ruchtozke. Difference of opinion and even conflict is just a part of human community. So if we are going to have conflict anyway, let's use it to deepen trust and live our values in a way that helps our communities keep growing into their potential.
- **Politics and Religion 2020: Liberal Religious Advocacy in NYS** with Rev. Dick Gilbert, Robb Smith, Rev. Sam Trumbore and Peggy Sherman. How are Unitarian Universalists making a difference in Albany and beyond? There are big changes in the making during this momentous year. Come for an update and see how you can - and why you should - be involved.

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Closing Worship and Youth Bridging

4:00 pm Safe Travels

Cost: Sliding Scale of \$30-70. The true cost of this event is \$50 per person. Registration fees are on a sliding scale, based on your assessment of your ability to pay. Those who pay at the two highest levels are making a donation to help those in financial need for this event. Please remember that for a sliding scale to work, we need the same number of people with means to generously pay more to balance the needs of those who can afford less. (This is one way we try to build the Beloved Community!)

Childcare is available, but you only guaranteed if you register by April 3. After this date please contact Amy Kent at akent@uua.org to see if we have space.

There is a block of hotel rooms reserved for Friday night at the Spring Hill Suites Syracuse. Contact Amy Kent at akent@uua.org for more information.

Register Now

Registration deadline to guarantee lunch is April 15. We will accept walk-ins, however we cannot guarantee lunch.

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For more information contact cer@uua.org.

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 baskets 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 three organizations: North Country Public Radio, Worker's Center of CNY, and Jefferson County Victims' Assistance Center.. Each organization receives 1/6 of the uncommitted funds for the year.

Unitarian Universalist Association

UNIRONDACK Fall Weekend

Unirondack weekend Sept 18-20, 2020

Looking forward to the Unirondack weekend in September? This year, it begins late afternoon, Friday Sept 18 through the afternoon of Sunday Sept 20, 2020. In recent years, we have had a compilation of folks from different UU congregations in Central and Northern New York rather than just the Syracuse area. This past year, we had a multi-generational, community-minded group of folks ranging from infant to people in their 70s. We will have community meals, lots of fun outdoor and indoor activities and the opportunity to spend a weekend in the Western Adirondack park. If you are interested, mark your calendar. Payment is required in advance; the cost will most likely be in the \$75-85 range per person which includes lodging and 5 meals. Children 3 and under are free; children 4-10 have a reduced rate. To see the Unirondack facility, check out their website: Unirondack.org Contact Stephanie Cross, MMUUS member, if you are interested in more information. mscross1234@gmail.com

Call on Congress to Save Asylum



Legislators must stop Trump’s “Remain in Mexico” policy from returning people to danger.

In the past year, the Trump administration has pushed back more than 57,000 asylum-seekers under its Remain in Mexico program, placing them at the mercy of criminal networks that prey on migrants. Already, hundreds of innocent people have been kidnapped, tortured, raped, or extorted—*after* they sought protection at our borders—because our government chose to send them into harm’s way.

This wholesale attack on asylum ends now. Congress must not be idle when people face death and torture because of our government’s policies. Call on your legislators today to urge them to completely and permanently defund the “Remain in Mexico” program and restore the integrity of our nation’s asylum system.

5 Frightening Facts About “Remain in Mexico” Program for Asylum-Seekers

The Trump administration's "Migrant Protection Protocols" are threatening the lives of thousands of migrants who are forced to remain in Mexico while applying for asylum in the U.S.



By **Hannah Hafter** on January 28, 2020

While the construction of Trump’s physical border wall has been largely impeded, his administration’s **invisible wall** to keep people from gaining asylum in the U.S. has been disastrously effective. One of the largest bricks in that wall has been the “Remain in Mexico” program, which hits its one-year mark on Wednesday, January 29.

More than 57,000 people seeking asylum—including 16,000 children and hundreds of babies under one year old—have been returned to Mexico to await their U.S. immigration court hearings after turning themselves in at the border to request protection. Not only does this make it extremely difficult to find a lawyer or prepare an asylum case—it also forces asylum-seekers to live in terrible conditions and face extreme dangers for months while they wait.

The cruelly ironic official title of the program, “Migrant Protection Protocols” (known as MPP), describes the exact opposite of what it does. A campaign working to monitor MPP, **Delivered to**

Danger, has tracked more than 650 cases of murder, rape, kidnapping, and other violence against those sent back to Mexico while awaiting court.

Click here to take action against the dangerous MPP program and **learn more about the #Faith4Asylum National Day of Action on January 29.**

Here are five important but little-known facts about the MPP program and the way it violates human rights:

1. Only 0.1 percent of the asylum-seekers sent back to Mexico through MPP who have gone to court have actually won their cases (one out of every 1,000), and only 4 percent have had lawyers to represent them.

Only 11 people had been granted asylum out of nearly 10,000 cases heard by immigration judges by December 2019. This compares to an overall 35 percent asylum approval rate (the latest annual data is from 2018) for cases heard from people inside the United States, including both those free and detained. This is due to a variety of factors including the many barriers to working with a U.S.-based immigration lawyer from Mexico, how difficult it is to prepare evidence for an asylum case without stable housing or communication, and politically appointed judges with very high denial rates.

2. MPP asylum cases are heard in giant tent courts, by judges presiding over video, and public witnesses are not allowed in as required by U.S. law.

On the day of their hearings, asylum-seekers under MPP must go to the border port-of-entry at 4 a.m., where they are transported to remote makeshift courts built out of tents and shipping containers. Once there, their cases are heard over video conferences by judges hundreds of miles away. **These tent courts cost at least \$155 million dollars in 2019.** Typical immigration courts in the United States are open to the public, but these ad-hoc MPP courts do not allow witnesses, making community oversight and accountability impossible. Even worse, those who seek asylum at the Arizona border are **sent to Nogales-Sonor and expected to make it to court in El Paso, Texas**—more than 300 miles away.

3. “Remain in Mexico” (MPP) is leading to a new rise in family separations.

It is a blatant lie that family separation at the border ended in the fall of 2018, and while the news headlines have moved on, families continue to suffer. Adult family members who aren't biological parents—for example, grandparents, aunts and uncles, or adult siblings—routinely have children removed from them. Now, the children go to unaccompanied minors shelters while, most often, their adult caretaker is sent back to Mexico through MPP, with no idea how to find or communicate with the child. **Parents are still having their children removed and then are sent back to Mexico through MPP, often based on unreliable information or criminal histories that have nothing to do with children.** Not only that—as winter hits and families sent with children back to Mexico through MPP sleep in makeshift tent cities at the border, **desperate parents are beginning to opt to send their children alone to the border**, especially if they have become seriously ill or endangered, hoping this may save their lives.

4. There is no coordinated government or United Nations aid response to the unofficial tent cities forming on the Mexico side of the border.

Despite the fact that the poor conditions in the tent camps at the U.S.-Mexico border have been **compared to those in Somalia and Syria**, there has been **no coordinated response from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), no UN humanitarian aid workers deployed, and no distribution of emergency supplies such as food or bedding**. Since the U.N. relies on U.S. funding for refugee aid, they may feel that their hands are tied politically. The Mexican government has sent military and National Guard troops, and some municipalities have opted to open shelters, but otherwise has also failed to respond to meet humanitarian needs. As a result, most camps are self-organized among those living in them and rely for basic necessities on a patchwork of under-funded, non-governmental, and volunteer efforts.

5. The U.S. government is appealing every asylum case that wins in the MPP courts, and often sends asylum-seekers who have won back to Mexico illegally with false court dates on their documents.

Even though well under 1 percent of those sent back through Remain in Mexico are winning their asylum cases in the MPP tent courts, **the U.S. government is appealing the handful of cases that have won**. That means that rather than being freed into the United States with asylum granted, people who have won their case are either held in detention through the appeals process, which could be months, or are *sent back to Mexico again—after winning asylum*. Since it violates even MPP's own rules to send people back to Mexico who don't have a pending court date, **U.S. border agents are issuing legal documents, known as "notices to appear," with fake court dates, in order to force Mexico to take them.**

Although the situation is dire, the U.S. Congress is at least beginning to pay attention, and **Democrats in the House Judiciary Committee have launched an investigation into the program**. Certain MPP tent courts, though not all of them, are now being opened to the public and the press, which will enable more community oversight.

One of the strongest weapons we have against Remain in Mexico is the funding that keeps it alive—which is why we are **calling on you to take action in support of the House's Asylum Seeker Protection Act**, which would de-fund the program and therefore end it. A companion bill still needs to be introduced in the Senate. Please join us for the **#Faith4Asylum National Day of Action on January 29**.

About UUSC: *Guided by the belief that all people have inherent worth and dignity, UUSC advances human rights globally by partnering with affected communities who are confronting injustice, mobilizing to challenge oppressive systems, and inspiring and sustaining spiritually grounded activism for justice. We invite you to **join us** in this journey toward realizing a better future!*

Calendar

February

*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 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Advanced Taiji, Eaton Social Hall,
8:30 AM

Discussion Group, Informal Lounge,
9:30 AM

Church service, 10:30

Coffee hour following the service

3/1, 3/15

Buddhist Sangha, Informal Lounge,
1:30

3/22

Board Seminar with Evin Carvill-
Ziemer

Monday 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

Northern Blend Chorus, Eaton Social
Hall, 6:30 PM

Tuesday 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

Office hours, 9-2

Pastor Pelham's Hours 9-2

*Q Center, Eaton Social Hall, and
Informal Lounge, 3 PM

3/10, 3/24

CUUPS, Eaton Social Hall, 6:30 PM

Wednesday 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

T'ai Chi for Parkinsons Patients, Eaton

Social Hall, 1 PM

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

3/25

Book Ends, LaMothe Lounge, 5 PM

Thursday 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

T'ai Chi, Advanced and Intermediate,
Eaton Social Hall, 9 AM

*AA, Eaton Social Hall, 6:30 PM

Friday 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

Office Hours, 9-2 PM

Pastor Pelham's Office Hours, 9-1

3/20

North Country Allies, Eaton Social
Hall, 7 PM

3/27

Workers Center of Central NY,
Eaton Social Hall, 6 PM

Saturday 3/14

Pi Day, conclusion to Small Churches
Webinar Series, in Utica

3/28

Pancake Breakfast for Dem. Party.
Kitchen, Eaton Social Hall, 7 AM

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Panera Night,
February 18

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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.