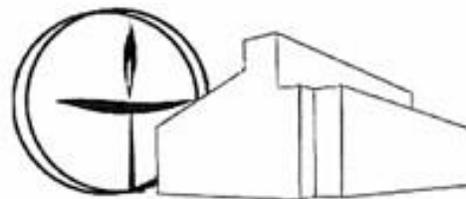


Greetings Members and Friends of
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

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10:30 SUNDAY December 4th
Catherine Burns



December Holidays of Light

This Sunday we will be talking about the Holidays & celebrations of Light in December. I guess it could have been cute to say the "ber" holidays as some of these holidays are in or can be in November. I am going to try to add a bit about our principles and sources just because I need the refresher. Seriously, it's not going to be a comparative religion service, that's really not what UU's do; is it? Growth and understanding of other traditions is wonder; which is our Soul Matters theme for December.

The service will be in the sanctuary at 1330 Gotham.

Online participation will be at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601231307>

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

Religious Exploration This Sunday: Holidays of Light

Join us in the Wondering Center this December 4, 11, and 19th as we explore the many ways that light-in the form of candles, bonfires, and oil lamps-is used by peoples around the world to celebrate many different holidays, festivals, and gatherings. Diwali, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Kwanzaa and others each have a unique history,purpose,meaning and traditions but they all have Light in common. What is the meaning of the 9 candles in a Hanukkah menorah? Why do young girls wear wreaths with lit candles on their heads on St Lucia Day? Why are the candles of a Kwanzaa kinara black,red, and green? What is the history behind why we light a chalice candle each Sunday in our UU worship services? We will explore these traditions and learn the answers to these questions through diverse stories, music, and crafts. Looking forward to seeing you!



Small World

Last June, we voted to give Generosity Fund money to two local charities, NCPH radio and the Workers Center in Syracuse. Yesterday, some people around this nation called it “Giving Tuesday” but for us it could have been a reaffirmation of our local vote of last June. On Tuesday’s NPR’s “All Things Considered”, they replayed nationally a story on the nasty homes given to some undocumented farm workers around here. This report was first aired about three weeks ago on the local news report of “our” NCPH. The report quoted Marty Pfeffer, who is one of the volunteers with... (wait for it...) the Workers Center of Syracuse. Marty and his wife Nancy volunteer to take care of kids, while their parent is getting needed medical treatment at Syracuse or Oswego area hospitals. Some of us who have been worshipping at ASUU for many years may remember Nancy; her last name used to be Sherman. -warren a.

Urban Mission Foodbank



There's always a container at the back of the sanctuary for food donations for the Urban Mission. They desperately need food donations (non-perishable) at this time. All Souls consolidates small donations and once the box is full someone will take it over to the Mission. Please bring a little something each time you come.



*Between now and Christmas Eve we will
all have 4 opportunities to bring food
for the Food Pantry. Let's fill up the floor
around the Christmas tree.*

YouTube 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/>

Phone Tree

The default method of notifying the congregation of cancellations is to put the information on the website and email it out. However, some people would like to also be called on the phone. Rather than trying to call absolutely everyone, we are putting together a list of just those who prefer to be notified by phone.

If that's you, then either reply to this email or call 315-921-1162

Discussion Hour

Discussion Hour is an open meeting in the informal lounge every Sunday between 9:30 and 10:15. People drop in whenever they get there and drop out when they need more coffee.

--The first Sunday of every month will be "Unitarian Universalism." If there are newcomers, this will be introductory level, and old hands are welcome to come help educate. If there are no newcomers, we can talk about the current events in the denomination generally.

--The second Sunday of every month will be a "common read" discussion. If there is no "common read" currently being discussed we'll just talk about what we've read lately.

--The remaining Sundays will be free ranging discussions on a variety of topics. Usually there's a video and then a prompt based discussion about it.

This week, we will respond to the following:

How can we worship together if we cannot have a shared object of worship?



Beginner Tai Chi

Ann Halback's Beginner Tai Chi is starting a new class. Come Monday at 11 am.



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