

Happy National Corn Chip Day  
**Members and Friends of All Souls Unitarian  
Universalist Church.**

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**10:30 SUNDAY February 2nd, 2025**

**Wintering Through**

The Rev. Marti Montovani



February 2 marks the midpoint between the Winter Solstice (December 21) and the Spring Equinox (March 20). Ten days prior to our gathering on the second of February, we will have celebrated the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the 47<sup>th</sup> president of the United States will have been inaugurated. Talk about an ironic juxtaposition!

While the late Martin Luther King, Jr, sought and all faith traditions seek righteousness, justice, compassion, truth, and peace including all, in early 2025 we see the unraveling of our democracy and the movement of an oligarchy that is detached from reality and where misinformation and disinformation flood our media. How do we use our faculties (personal and spiritual) to think, evaluate, and discern truth from fiction, propaganda, and downright lies? Can shock and awe be overcome by surprise and wonder? Diana Butler Bass advises us to "look for the Spirit to surprise us, [and] ... create wonder from compassion and courage. We can be attuned to a sacred 'shock and awe'—surprise and wonder—as a counter-force of faith, hope, and love."

As we winter through our North Country lake-effect snow events, may we be mindful of the words of poet Wendell Berry: "It may be that when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work and when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey."

Remote participation by Zoom will be available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82315944436>

# Social Media

## Urban Mission Food Bank



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.

## YouTube Channel

Selected worship services will be posted on the website for public viewing.

<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.

## Activities

We've got a line-up coming together several weeknights at All Souls, typically:

**1st Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday:** CUUPs, gathering at 6:30 for program at 7

**2nd Friday:** Kat's Craft Night 6-8 pm

**3rd Friday:** Game Night 5-7 pm

**Last Friday:** Zodiac Birthday Party



# Craft Event - February 8th

**\*\*Saturday\*\* from 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Come and join in on the fun! It's the perfect time to get to know each other and make new friends! Express your playful, creative side

**Due to Valentine's Day, there will not be a Craft Night on February 14th**

Our theme this month is:

***"It's the Little Things That Matter!"***

*Our first crafting project of 2025 focuses on making hand made Valentines, a mini Valentine Wreath, small Gift Packages, and cool Gift Tags!*

As always, enjoy socializing, a game or two and expressing your creative side! **Snow Dates:** If we have bad weather, you'll want to keep an eye on your email for schedule changes - or - you can always call or text to get updates (315-955-4577)

# Aquarian Birthday Party

UPDATED INFORMATION

Friday, January 31 - 5 pm

All Souls UU Members and Friends Zodiac Birthday 🎂🎉🎈 Celebration

Description: The M&A Committee invites YOU to attend and help plan our first monthly Last Friday birthday party, honoring all attendees born under the Zodiac sign of Aquarius ♒️👤.

RSVP not required - however your input is requested to identify who is being honored and how we will spend our time together (and planning/ brainstorming how to spend a few hours having fun on Friday).

Aquarian honorees identified so far are M&A Committee members Kelly, Robert, and Lorraine. It is NOT necessary to be present IN PERSON to participate in PARTY GAMES!

Volunteers are requested (by this month's honorees) to:

1. Bring refreshments to be enjoyed - including a double batch of Kelly's Chocolate Cheesecake pie (Kelly will provide recipe & tips, but would prefer to let someone else actually bake). Still waiting for volunteer. Robert notes that Chocolate Cheesecake is available at Wal Mart.
  2. RSVP indicating whether you would like to attend and what/if you have anything to contribute.
- [ASUUreclaimingOURsanctuary@git-go.org](mailto:ASUUreclaimingOURsanctuary@git-go.org)



There will be plenty of party games. Come early and learn the rules. Come on time and learn the rules from those who came early.

# Congregational Conversation

Last autumn, the board engaged architects from Bernier Carr Associates to do a study of our building's "exterior envelope" prior to making any major decisions based on guesswork or a plethora of opinions. We have finally received that report and the board feels it is important that we inform and consult with the congregation rather than operating entirely on our own. Major decisions will need to be made, and whatever course of action we choose is just in its formative stages. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, we discussed this report among those present or online, and on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at about noon, the architects will present the report and answer our questions about it.



*All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Watertown  
Existing Exterior Envelope Study  
BC&A Project No. 2024-106  
10 January 2024  
Photos*

Flashing appears to be compromised.

Existing stone. Stone is below grade and has no weeps or drainage capabilities.



No sill flashing at window to concrete sill.

Photo 3 – Exterior stone veneer

The report, very lightly abridged, is attached alongside this bulletin for those receiving the members edition.



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