

*Greetings* Members and Friends of  
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

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**10:30 SUNDAY July 14th, 2024**

**All**

**Generalization vs The First Principle**



**Robert South**

The first principle expresses a beautiful sentiment most people intuitively sympathize with. But when we start looking more closely there are some possibly problematic implications of this seemingly non-controversial statement. Who is included and why not expand the circle? Then again, when we expand the circle to all equally, does that perversely sustain existing inequities? I'll share my thoughts and ask for yours.

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



# Monthly Craft Night Continues...

**Save the Date: JULY 12TH**

**Craft Night is the 2nd Friday of every month from 5 - 7pm in the Social Hall - ALL AGES WELCOME for most events**

Craft Night continues on a monthly schedule. There are a couple of projects being setup.

July 12th we will be making **Postcards, Cards, and Bookmarks**. We will be using various papers, punches, rubber stamps, and a product that, at one time, was known as **"Almost Leather."** This is considered a **Mixed Media** craft, where various materials will be used to color and make your items. Fun for kids and adults alike!

Any questions you may contact Kat at 315-955-4577. Leave a voicemail if there's no answer or text at the same number. While it is not required, it is helpful when planning the amount of supplies needed, to let Kat know if you plan to attend.

# Congregational Conversation

## July 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM Social Hall

From the draft minutes to the most recent Annual Meeting of the congregation,

*"Frances motioned to charge the new Board of Trustees to call a congregational meeting to be held in September to identify and discuss specific goals for the year 2024-25, and that we receive ongoing reports on their progress. Kelly seconded. Motion carried."*

On reviewing the video, this was in fact the exact wording.

We're already in the specified year and we're going to have a congregational **conversation** every month. The **meeting** in September will be a presentation of the board's formal listing of goals. No specific date was specified, so the board will have to set one and send out notice of the **meeting**. But toward the charged task, this July congregational conversation will solicit input from the congregation for the board to consider in formulating its own plan.



## Trinity Concerts

FREE Weekly Musical Entertainment runs every Thursday (except this one) until August 8<sup>th</sup>. Trinity Episcopal Church has had its Outdoor Summer Concerts for many years, that moves inside in the event of rain, and occasional other free concerts. Each week will be outdoors at 6:30 p.m.

# Musicking Experiences

Musicking Experiences will resume with an Art Activity on August 4 after a service Kelly is leading --details to follow--BUT Kelly getting grant money for any other events IS going to be enhanced by Kelly proving she can get more than just ASUU members & friends to events, including the Philadelphia Town Park Concert Series - starting with the Fort Drum Jazz Combo THIS coming Tuesday, July 9! Squishy's Barbecue food truck will be arriving about 5 pm, so you can also enjoy a picnic dinner (or, rather than settling for a piece of corn bread and beans that may have meat seasoning, vegetarians can stop for a cheese sandwich from the deli at North Country Store in Philadelphia on the way in - open until 6 pm).

## Town Park Concert Series in Philadelphia, New York!

\*0.9 miles from the traffic light at Indian River HS (off Route 11 on County Road 29/Plank Road)



Food & Beverages for Sale

Bring your Lawn Chairs or  
Picnic Blankets!

\*Rain Location: Legion Pavilion in Village of Philadelphia

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**Tuesdays at 6:30 pm**

**July 9 – Fort Drum Jazz Ensemble**

**July 30 – Garland City String Orchestra**

**August 6 – Garland City Fiddlers**

**Bring the Whole Family!**

These concerts made  
possible by a generous  
donation from the



Northern New York  
Community Foundation



[www.GarlandCityMusicians.org](http://www.GarlandCityMusicians.org) – and follow us on Facebook!

The Garland City Musicians is a group of musicians in the greater Watertown, NY area that brings fiddling and orchestral concerts to the community and provides musical performance opportunities to members.

**TWO More Performances of the Garland City Fiddlers**

**Saturday, August 3: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Adams Cheese Festival  
and 3 - 4 p.m. in Antwerp, NY**



# 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.

## YouTube Channel

Services produced by our congregation (including audience pans) 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>

## 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

## Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsuuwatertown/>

# City Funding Forum

This is a topic which might be discussed at a public meeting.... Maybe at our bldg....

At our recent annual meeting, for the coming fiscal year we voted to donate a quarter of our cash donations each to the Zoo in Watertown, as well as to the Citizen Advocates. This Zoo has been financed by some City funds as well as by admission fees, and also by voluntary low wages accepted by some or all of the people working there.

An article in the W Times on June 3 by Craig Fox tells us of City Council concerns over the coming City budget. Councilperson Bob Kimball was quoted as pointing to what he sees will be an \$8.5 million dollar deficit for the coming year. He was quoted as saying that to reduce that deficit by just ONE million dollars, this City might cut back the Fire Department expenses by ten percent; or cut the Police Department expenses by ten percent; or the third option could be to close the City golf course plus the Municipal Arena plus close one of the two current municipal pools. He added that "something has got to give, and I can't see a way out of this without a significant rise in the property tax rate" to be charged to City property owners. It seems likely that the City would stop underwriting the Zoo and its low-paid workers, before laying off police and firefighters, and then there could be no Zoo to which to donate some of our Generosity Project to supplement the City's recent allocation of \$250,000.



One possible way to keep open our Zoo seems to be to make it a County or regional asset, not just supported by 22,000 people in this City. We created the DANC so that we living in three counties could work together with our trash and recycling. Why not also work together so that your grandchildren can be able to see local animals like elk, wolves, bears, and a wolverine. Most of us can't afford to keep our own wolf. (This month, anyway) But there are over 200,000 of us living within the three DANC counties, and we can share the wolf support together.

A community telephone poll on this Zoo was conducted at JCC beginning in 2022. Some who heard of the results may not have followed all the statistical talk, but did hear that 75% of those randomly called were willing to pay \$15 per household per year to help maintain a local zoo here for us and those who will come after. And the Zoo can encourage tourism ~~ on my most recent trip to our zoo, a family from Ontario left as I did.

If you want to have an interesting and affordable zoo here, you might say so to your elected representative on your County legislature. ~Warren Allen

# Sweat Opportunity

A tough gang called the Friends of Thompson Park Gang has been having about one rumble per month just across the street from our parking lot. One aim has been to cut the buckthorn invasive brush there (as Robert has been doing on our side of Gotham). A second aim there has become to clear paths for the playing of disc golf, which involves jogging and tossing frisbee-type discs into baskets. If you'd like to join this gang, they will next be in action across from our parking lot on Saturdays, July 20, then Aug 17 and Sept 14, from 9AM to noon.

Our Executive Board agreed that those volunteers could use our toilets, and so a group of IHC teens came through a couple of weeks ago. I have been near the Welcome Desk, to make sure that no one tries to steal our toilets. For more info, please ask me. ~Warren

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