

Greetings Members and Friends of
All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

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10:30 SUNDAY September 29th, 2024 **Our Long-Term Home**



Kelly Sackheim

A short service about one of our annual goals will be followed by a congregational meeting.

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

Social Media

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>

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

Collection for Veteran Outreach Center

Serena Soldani says, "The NNY Veteran Outreach center is in need of food pantry supplies and donations of all sort. They even take old clothes that they can sell to fund their services to the community and non-eligible veterans. It would be lovely to see a bit more outreach to the community and have a donation made from All Souls. "

Accordingly, there will be a collection box in the sanctuary. It's the big cardboard box a lawnmower came in at the back of the sanctuary. Bring stuff.

Hi Robert,
maybe you want to include an update in the weekly post?

I dropped off the first load, a huge bag of men's clothes from Joann's late husband. The guy at the desk, whose name I forgot, was immensely appreciative. He said they normally have difficulties getting donations and these donations will make a considerate difference in their mission.
PS: They also accept women's and children's clothing, shoes, kitchen accessories, and anything else to help the veterans and the community out. Thanks!

Membership and Activities Meeting

The MAA Committee will hold its next regular meeting at 9:30 **AM** on **Friday** September 20th by Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Friday Nights

The Membership and Activities Committee is considering trying to schedule some kind of event at All Souls each and Every Friday Night by adding to the two existing events.

1st Friday: Individual Projects: Email the office and let us know what kind of activity you want to invite people to and we'll see if it can be scheduled.

2nd Friday: Kat's Craft Night

3rd Friday: Game Night

4th Friday: Discussion Hour: In the works is a revival of Discussion Hour in a new time frame. This will revive the old topic list used from about 2016 to 2019 for wide ranging topical discussion between 9:30 and 10:15 every Sunday. Instead, this will be a two-hour format. Let's see how it does.

Discussion Hour

5 PM September 27th

Back again again. Let's try this as another Friday activity. Come sit around and talk in depth about a topic on 4th Fridays from 5 to 6:30. Topics will be written on slips of paper and we'll draw them from a hat, then discuss them using a talking stick. Here's a list of topics: What is a Liberal? Sanctuary Churches and Open Borders? Is Religion Obsolete? Does Protesting Work? Who Should Decide When You Die? How are Duties Related to Rights? Why should the Government Regulate Drugs? When is War Justified? What Rights to Animals Have? Bitcoin? Marxism? Meditation? Overpopulation? Recycling? Decline of Religion? Change in UUism? Polarization? Bright Green? Social Contract? Categorical Imperative? Degrowth? Cognitive Distortions? Fashion? Proselytizing? Fiscal Responsibility? Nuclear Power? Happiness? Intelligence? Lies? Living Life? Love? One World Government? Source of Good and Evil? Cool Kids: How Do We Handle Social Pressure? Despair: What's the point of avoiding it? Dreams. Let's Share. Synchronicity. It's Just the Wind. Fiscal Responsibility. Commitment Bias. What do you think the world will be like in twenty-five years? Is there life on other planets? What is the reason for your opinion? Without using the names of people, discuss "the ideal" President or other world leader. If you won a million dollars, what would you do? Is it worse to fail at something or never attempt it in the first place? If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be? what's wrong with the world? humans are a virus. why you can change the world? To what extent do you shape your own destiny, and how much is down to fate? Does nature shape our personalities more than nurture? Should people care more about doing the right thing, or doing things right? What one piece of advice would you offer to a newborn infant? Where is the line between insanity and creativity? What is true happiness? What things hold you back from doing the things that you really want to? What makes you, you? What is the truth? What is reality? Do you make your own decisions, or let others make them for you? What makes a good friend? Why do people fear losing things that they do not even have yet? Who defines good and evil? What is the difference between living and being alive? Is a "wrong" act okay if nobody ever knows about it? Who decides what morality is? How do you know that your experience of consciousness is the same as other people's experience of consciousness? What is true strength? What is true love? Is a family still relevant in the modern world? What role does honor play in today's society? If money cannot buy happiness, can you ever be truly happy with no money? How do you know your perceptions are real? How much control do you have over your life? What is freedom? Isn't one person's terrorist another person's freedom fighter? What happens after we die? What defines you? What do people strive for after enlightenment? Do we have a soul? What is intelligence? How should people live their lives? If lying is wrong, are white lies okay? Is trust more important than love? Is it easier to love or be loved? Is it better to love and lose or never to love? Do aliens exist? The structure of DNA appears to be intelligently designed, what are the implications? If everything evolved from amoebas, how does the world still have amoebas? Is life all a dream? When does consciousness begin? What are numbers? Can we have happiness without sadness? How did the universe begin? Is there a supreme power? What is education? What will happen at the end of the world? Is there a reason to life? Where does the soul live? Is it more important to be liked or respected? Does sound happen if nothing is present to hear it? What is infinity? Where does the universe end? Does observation alter an event? Does the law of Attraction exist? How does gravity work? Where were people before they were born? What is beauty? Where do thoughts come from? Is mind or matter more real? What is time? How can people believe in truths without evidence? What is time? Does observation alter an event? Is it easier to love or be loved? Is it better to love and lose or never to love? If everything evolved from micro-organisms, how does the world still have microorganisms? What is education? When does consciousness begin? Can we have happiness without sadness? Is it more important to be liked or respected? What are numbers? What is beauty? People have claimed to see flying saucers. What do you think is behind that? And are there extraterrestrials out there somewhere? People have claimed to see miracles and spirits and ghosts. What do you think is behind that? Are there supernatural entities out there somewhere? The religions of the world have a lot of things in common but a lot of differences. What do you think accounts for this? Recently nuclear tensions have increased. Are you worried about nuclear war? Do you have plans for societal collapse, such as stockpile of food? Where exactly is it and what is the combination to the access panel? How serious is climate change? What should society do about it? What are you doing personally to combat climate change? Reparations have been proposed for past injustices against people of color. What do you think of this idea? If you are in favor of it, what form would it take? If you are against it, what would you recommend instead? What do you think about the war in Ukraine? How much should the US support Ukraine, and in what form, if any? Why? What sort of realistic diplomatic settlement do you want? Animals suffer horribly in factory farms. Are you OK with this, do you lament it and do nothing, or do you make adjustments in your life in response to this suffering? Humans suffer horribly throughout the world, mostly due living under bad governments that either don't take good care of them or that directly exploit and abuse them. What do you think should be done about that? What do you do personally?

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

The All Souls UU semi-annual cleanup will be Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 9 am. Please come and help clean our adopted highway from the church out to Route 12!

If you want to participate, sign up on the clipboard which will be circulated in the Eaton Social Hall. Wear work clothes and sturdy footwear. We will provide vests, hard hats, and gloves. Bring a "picker-upper" if you want. With four groups of 2 people each, it takes just a little over an hour, and makes for a great photo op! If the weather is SO terrible, it will be rescheduled for October 26, but we have done the job in light rain...

Thanks - Sarah O.



Religious Exploration Volunteer Training

If you want to be a volunteer to work with children at All Souls you must complete the following training. The plan is now that as people complete the training they go on a list of people who can help Frances out if children come. When there are children, you work with them and get credit for it so next time it will be someone else.

[New York State Mandated Reporter Resource Center - Training \(nysmandatedreporter.org\)](https://nysmandatedreporter.org)



Registration open!



New York State Convention of Universalists
ANNUAL MEETING

October 25 and 26, 2024

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Amherst, NY

The Art of Helping- and Being Helped

*Reinvigorating ourselves and our congregations as we work toward
justice, compassion, and equity.*

Keynote speaker

Rev. Julian Jamaica Soto

"The Precious Light We Carry"

Connect and Collaborate!

*Workshops on Spirituality, Advocacy,
Resources, and Membership*



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Games,
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& Fun

Monthly Craft Night

* October **11th** *

****New Time 6-8pm****

Happy Halloween - Mini Luminaries

Craft Night is the SECOND FRIDAY of every month from **6-8pm** in the church Social Hall - ALL AGES WELCOME

! Halloween Costume Competition !

October's craft will be **BOO**-tiful Mini Luminaries that are a fun to make! Included Supplies; pre-cut colored cardstock, glue, craft tape or other adhesive, and mini battery run candles.

Come join in and have a **SPOOK**-tacular time!

Piano Donation

The office received this message via the website contact widget. If anyone is interested, contact the office or reply to this email.

Message Details:

Name: Ervin Alario

Email: ervinalario@gmail.com

Subject: Piano Donation

Message: Hello, I trust this message finds you well. I am currently seeking a new home for my late wife's Yamaha baby grand piano, and I am hoping to place it in the hands of a passionate individual who will appreciate and care for this exquisite instrument. If you or someone you know is interested in providing a loving and dedicated home for this piano, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Warm regards, Ervin Alario

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