

ALL SOULS NEWS -October 2022
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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:30 A.M.

"All Souls—the church that puts its faith in you"

October 2 – Robert South: “The Spiritual Values of Trees.” Trees have religious significance in many cultures. They give us so much materially, but they also provide such perfect metaphors and lessons in so many ways. The sight of them can awe, being among them soothes, and they mark time as lifelong companions, their presences in our lives changing as our lives change. Bring a piece or token of a favorite tree or favorite type of tree and tell us about its importance and value to you.

This Sunday's activities will be in person in the Eaton Social Hall.

Zooming will be available to watch only.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601231307>



The maple tree in our church parking lot.

October 9 - Rev. Weissbard: another stimulating service.

October 16 - Sarah O'Connell: "Courage," from Soul Matters.

October 23 - Sylvia Heap and Frances Mercer: UU-UNO Sunday . They'll present the annual service on our relationship with the UU-UNO United Nations office.

October 30 - Rev. Dr. Kathy Hurt, our Transition Consultant, will present her service via Zoom; we will be in-person at the church.

Haiku Corner

Haiku by Paula Trainham, inspired by Sarah O'Connells service July 17

The ice storm cometh!

No heat or lights, cold, dark...but

Ice glistens in sun!

(Alternate ending: Let's all go skating!"

Historian

Sarah O'Connell

This month I have to share the photo of the beautiful bride, Mary Ann Sawyer, and her lovely bridesmaids from the wedding in September 2010. From left to right, Karen Crowley, Pat Sutherland Merz, Sarah O'Connell, Harriet McMillan, Eleanor Allen, Mary Ann (Henebre), Frances Mercer, Jo Reid, Roz Cook, and Ruth Stewart.



Pandemic Is Over

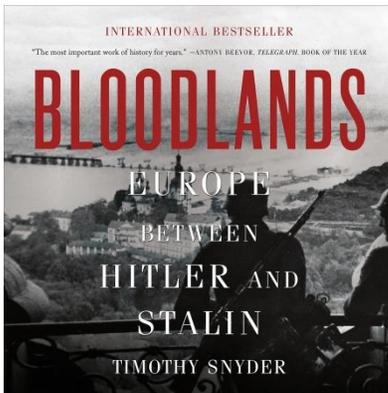
But don't tell that to the Carr-Fritzsching Family. Jesus, Rebecca and Till are recovering from recent Covid infections.

Around the Church

October Road Cleanup

All Souls semi-annual cleanup will be Saturday, October 15 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 start being 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! Thanks

- Sarah O.



Common Read for the Fall

Don't forget our common read for the fall: *Bloodlands, Europe between Hitler and Stalin*. written by Dr. Timothy Snyder. We'll begin our discussion in January.

-Harriet McMillan

The Roof (Again)

Our board secretary, Marada Johnson, (for at least 35 years, ending in the 80's) once said that not a meeting had gone by that there hadn't been mention of the roof—and that was the old church on Washington St.

Problems continue with the RE wing roof. We know it needs to be replaced, are in the process of finding a contractor. Thanks to Rebecca Carr for the photos.

The recent rainstorm caused damage to the work Diego has just completed (to confirm that we must repair the roof.)



And on to the good news!



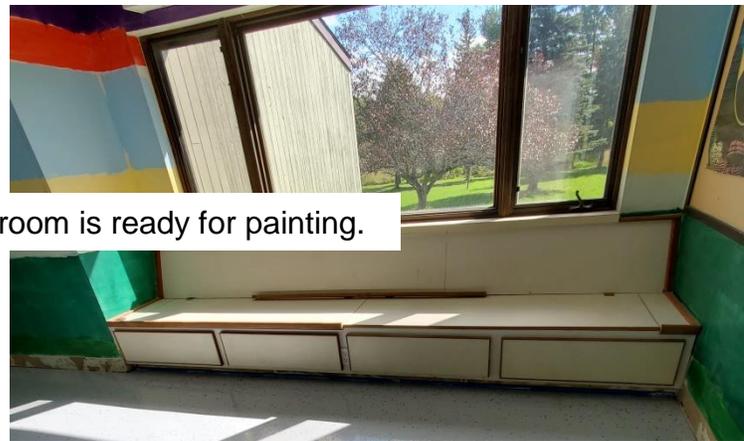


The freeze-less faucet is by the emergency exit to the patio. The inside shutoff valve must be closed and the faucet open to drain it for the winter.

The PEX pipe was placed about two feet back from the original location of the copper pipe that froze. There was no insulation, and the pipe was exposed to the outside ambient temperature causing it to break. Diego's installer placed rock insulation against the inside of the outside wall and on the floor under the pipe.



The toilets in the ladies' room are ready for use, the vanity is going to be installed in the next couple of days (Monday). The men's room is complete.



The teen room is ready for painting.

Forwarded to Harriet McMillan by Chris Schneider

So far today I've done all right!

I haven't gossiped.

I haven't lost my temper



I haven't been greedy, grumpy
unpleasant, selfish, nor overindulgent
I'm very grateful for that but in a few minutes
I'm going to get out of bed and from then on
I'll probably need a lot more help!
Amen

Membership and Activities Committee

The Board has authorized a "new" standing committee called the Membership and Activities Committee. This Committee currently consists of Robert South, Kelly Sackheim, and Harriet McMillan. The committee will try to take on the following areas of responsibility

- (a) moving visitors through the process to membership
- (b) retention of existing members through member care (keeping in touch)
- (c) retention activities: proposing and coordinating fun in house activities outside of just worship
- (d) children's activities: having something for children on Sunday morning
- (e) member duties: reminding members of duties such as shared ministry and pledging

Basically, we want to be the go-to committee for all in house church activities other than Worship and Building Maintenance. If you have an idea, bring it to us. Rummage sale? Tailgate Lunch? Walk in the park? Planting trees? Common read? Discussion Group? Tai Chi? Adult Religious Education? Caring Tree?

We are already discussing plans for how to offer Sunday activities for children once we are fully back in possession of the entire building. Kelly and Robert are hoping to start working with Kim Davis to plan a parallel "child sized" service in the Wondering Center. The planning process is still in the works, including policy compliance, coordination with the worship committee, Kim and Frances, but we need member input and participation as well.

We are also hoping to put together a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner using our own kitchen and social hall with just us. However, there's also a lot of energy behind doing something with Emmanuel Congregational. They have in mind teaming up to regularly share the production and delivery of meals to shut ins and such, something like a Dollar Dinner. While that's great for almost any time, should we try to do our own Thanksgiving or share with Emmanuel? We also need your input on that.

Finally, we're recruiting committee members. We meet on fourth Thursdays by Zoom at 10:30.

Every Month at All Souls

CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)

will resume when we can use our building again.

And Every Week at All Souls

The basket for your donations to the Urban Mission Food Pantry are always available for your donations.

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

Unitarian Universalist Association

Bruce Knotts, UU@UN is retiring from his position as director of the UUA office at the United Nations. He says he "is not leaving the world of international diplomacy or peacemaking; I'm simply reimagining what it might look like in this next stage of my career. This is not goodbye. This is just a step onto a different path. I look forward to keeping in touch with you, so please email me at brucek@me.com. My last day at the UA will be September 30, 2022."



Community

Do you need help choosing a medical alert system? Go to assistedliving.org, then look for products, and find medical alert. This notice is not intended to be an endorsement of any products, rather to help you get information about a product you may need.

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Board meetings are held the fourth Friday of the month at 9:00 AM via Zoom. Meetings are open to all members of the congregation. For the link, call the church office!

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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.

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.