



# The All Souls Reporter

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville

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## Speakers

July 24\*

**Jeremy Koosed**

July 31

**Joan Richmond**

August 7

**Mark Jordan**

August 14

**to be announced**

August 21

**Animal Blessing  
at Palm Park**

August 28\*

**Kathleen Fowler**

*\*Whole Church Worship  
& Kenya Coin Collection*



## Opening Meditation

### Breath Mediation by Samuel M. Trumbore

Let us turn inward now

Feel the rhythm of the breath.

In and out, In and out,

Find the peace of just being with the flow of the breath.

Letting go of yesterday and tomorrow.

Feel the restorative power of the peace of this moment.

A peace, large enough to open

to the concerns and sorrows that trouble us.

A stillness, quiet enough to respond

to the joys and celebrations that enliven us.

There is safety here in the rhythm of the breath.

The ebb and flow of life is enacted with each one.

Taking in oxygen sustenance,

Letting go of carbon dioxide waste.

Taking in the fullness of experience

Letting go of the residue that wants to cling to us.

Cultivate inner peace and inner safety

in this sanctuary

dedicated to cultivating the Spirit of Life

dedicated to being a beacon of love for all beings.

### Sing! by Maury Merkins

Sing!

If not forever, through the night;

If not together then alone;

If not in tune then with a hearty sound

But sing.

Or hum.

If all the words can't be recalled,

Syllables will do;

Or pluck upon an instrument.

The meter matters too.

Enliven it with pulse

And hum.

Then dance

If you can find it in your heart to.

Use a step you've used before

Or learn a new one.

More's the better.

Abandon comes in handy,

Prance!

It's Life Time.

# Summer Calendar

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## July

### \*24 10:30 am Jeremy Koosed *The Amazing Benefits of Industrial Hemp*

Bakery Operator, and community activist, Jeremy Koosed, works around-the-clock promoting local, sustainable agriculture and healthier communities. Jeremy's bakery is located in Akron and he can be found at farmer's markets all over Ohio during the summer.

Plant Kingdom's focus is hemp seed foods packed with complete protein and brain-supportive Omega-3 fats. Relying on the Industrial Hemp crop continues to make a real impact by building-up green jobs & industries. Miraculously, the sustainable farming practices standard in Hemp production have nothing to do with the agrichemicals & manure-runoff pollution currently threatening aquatic life. [www.plantkingdombakery.com](http://www.plantkingdombakery.com)

### 31 10:30 am Joan Richmond *It's About Time: UU Sabbath*

Joan Richmond explores the connection between being a UU and the Sabbath. A UU grows, learns, and becomes his or her best self by reconnecting with self, others, Earth, Spirit. That calls for mindfulness, bringing attention, the whole self into each moment. A UU sabbath practice can involve working towards a mindful life through becoming more aware of natural rhythms--work/rest, action/reflection--for health and balance.

## August

### 7 10:30 am Mark Jordan *The Riddles of the Melungeons*

Mark Sebastian Jordan has been an active presence on the Ohio arts scene for twenty-five years. His popular "Mansfield Trilogy" (Ceely, Phoebe, Louie) of historical dramas has been performed at Malabar Farm State Park in Lucas since 2003. Jordan is also a poet who is actively involved in the Ohio Poetry Association. His chapbook The Book of Jobs was published by Pudding House Press this year, while his humorous book 1776 and All That: A Complete History of the United States, or at Least as Much of It as Can Be Recalled Without Actually Looking Anything Up is scheduled to be published by XOXOX Press this fall. Jordan has also worked as an award-winning journalist for the Mount Vernon News, the Black Swamp Trader & Firelands Gazette, and MusicWeb International, among others. He is currently the Resident Manager of the H. I. Malabar Farm hostel in Lucas, Ohio.

### 14 9 am Board Meeting (all are welcome)

10:30 am to be announced

### 21 10:30 am Blessing of the Animals Service at Palm Park *(Jackie Moore will lead the service)*

We would like to invite everyone to join us at Palm Park in Bellville (North Bellville Rd.) in the pavilion for our service and brunch. Please bring your animal family members for a special service in which we will give thanks and bless our beloved pets. The service will be within 1/2 hour to accommodate everyone, and following we will have brunch together. We ask everyone to please bring a covered dish to share it if able.

### 28\* 10:30 am Kathleen Fowler

*\*Whole Church Worship: Elementary and Youth remain for service and Kenya Coin Collections for AIDS Orphans*

Child care is provided for church events and all 10:30 Sunday services.

*Please sign up downstairs to bring snacks for coffee and conversation*



## Birthdays for August

- 2 Amy Burns
- Rita Seeler
- 3 Ann Kilgore
- 4 Ruth Moody
- Sylith Waltz
- 9 Fate Christian
- 10 Jane Skaluba
- Linda Wilson
- 12 Kristi Ehrmantraut
- 14 Emily Mandeville
- 19 Bradley Mendeville
- 20 Jonah So
- 21 Sean Burns
- Doris Cornell
- 23 Phil Gore
- 25 Joan Richmond
- 26 Eli Newland
- 30 Jennette Rhodes

### **Editor's Note**

This newsletter is available on the website.

Please print a copy if able (in color or b&w) and bring to the church for distribution to help us save printing costs. Thanks.



## June Financial Report

June saw \$1,484 in pledges and \$375 in open offering for a total of \$1,859. In addition we had \$36.50 in donations to Huruma.

We had \$1,761 in expenses. This included a one time expense of \$370 for the cement mixer for the sidewalk.

We ended the month with a \$134 surplus.

The full year treasurer report is included in this newsletter.

For the church fiscal year (July 2010 to June 2011) we had \$20,359 in pledges collected

Thanks to all who give and contribute.

As always, if you have a question, please ask.

**Chuck Rhodes,**  
*Treasurer*  
*(Mike Garber provides the pledge report)*

**Average Attendance  
in June was 40.**



## Notes from the Prez

Thinking back on the rummage sale and the follow-up Board Meeting the next morning (if I can remember that far back).

First, the rummage sale ended up taking in \$1,135.20. Most of that came from food sales with special thanks to our cooks and Amy Burns and Michael Church for taking food to outdoor vendors.

The rummage items were not as extensive as previous years and that brought up two items of discussion at the Board meeting:

1) Attendance at the November rummage sale has been down since the vendors moved to the high school. There has been a suggestion that we not do a November rummage sale but an alternative was suggested: to do a "Holiday" or "Winter" theme rummage sale. This means all rummage sales items would be appropriate for the season and that members of the congregation would bring or make holiday items for sale. The idea is to make it more of a "craft" sale with rummage items that would fall in line with the season.

2) As is usually the case (in any church) the rummage sale was staffed by the same people that have been doing it for years. IF we are to do a November sale, we really need more participation and help on the day of the sale.

So . . . let any Board member know what you think about the November sale. And if you would like to serve as a coordinator (*No, Really...I'm serious...Really...Quit laughing*) please volunteer.

If you missed our new member service on June 10, you missed a heartfelt introduction to new members Martha Fort, Mark Waun and Eric Sargent. Please introduce yourself if you haven't already.

**Right: Eric, Martha & Mark.**

*(Photo courtesy of Susan Mizer)*



Please remember that our Annual Pledge Drive is under way. You should have received a letter from Sandy Macpherson with the pledge request. The annual budget for the church is based on the pledges we receive. Please find out your pledge card and if you are missing one, just contact Mike Garber or Sandy and they can help you.

Pulpit chair Melanie Seaman sent me a memo this week about the speakers and was a little concerned about the drop off in summer attendance (which is actually quite normal). She feared people were selecting days to come based on the speakers. I don't think that's the case. As has been mentioned before, our variety of speakers means you are likely to find something new or interesting in any subject. Melanie said: "Of course we are all free to choose and shouldn't be forced to come when we don't want to. But if people are staying home because they think they won't get anything out of the service, that's not how to support a church we all love."

Well put, Melanie.

Yours in peace and service,  
Reed Richmond, President/Moderator



## Sunday Music

All Souls is fortunate to have many talented musicians playing for Sunday services.

Ayesha Manley plays the historic Felgemaker organ on alternate Sundays.

The Carol Bernhardt trio plays the other Sundays.

Whatever Sunday you visit, music is always a listening pleasure.

## UUA Adoption Link Posted

If you have a connection to adoption or are interested in adoptee rights and are a Unitarian Universalist...A new list serve has been formed for UUs discuss adoptee rights. You can read all about it and sign on at: <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/Adoptee-Rights>



# Ohio Meadville District Information

## OMD Leadership Day

Sept. 24, Youngstown OH

Building a New Way: Leadership for the Next 50 Years

For all leaders: presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, clergy, DRE's, board members, finance chairs, youth leaders, and other key congregational leaders.

Keynote: Ruben Herrera, Community Development Specialist and nationally known Leadership Trainer (MDiv from Methodist Theological School in Ohio)

There will be workshops by OMD and CERG consultants and others as well as affinity group networking time.

## Catalyst Multigenerational Multicultural Training

Oct. 14-15, Columbus OH

Open to all – leaders, adults, youth, young adults, clergy, DRE's and more

Catalyst Project is committed to anti-racist work with the goal of deepening anti-racist commitment in white communities and building multiracial movements for liberation. Catalyst programs prioritize leadership development, supporting grassroots organizations and multiracial alliance building.

See more at: <http://collectiveliberation.org/>

## Summer YAC Meeting Aug 19-21

This important meeting is for our Youth Adult Committee to elect leaders for the coming year, plan the two fall conferences and this year they will include some time for leadership training.

The meeting will be August 19-21 at the UU Fellowship of Wayne County in Wooster, OH. Registration closes on August 8th or when we reach the limit of 50 youth. All youth and adults must register. You can find the registration forms, take along forms and details at the OMD website, [www.ohiomeadville.org](http://www.ohiomeadville.org)

## Church of the Larger Fellowship

The Church of the Larger Fellowship, a unique UU congregation without walls, is now offering a free iPhone and Droid app that allows you to light a chalice, share joys & concerns, and read Quest, CLF's monthly worship publication.

The app can be found in the itunes store or the android market. It is named "Quest CLF" from the Church of the Larger Fellowship.

Please support the CLF in its endeavor to bring Unitarian Universalism to members around the world. The CLF will be launching an online sanctuary this fall: [QuestforMeaning.org](http://QuestforMeaning.org)

Beth Murray, Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF), 617-948-6150



**next**  
**All Souls**  
**Recycle Day**  
**Sunday, Sept. 25**

Please save and then bring your items for recycling to church. A truck will be there for collection from 10 a.m. - Noon. Below is the list of items Milliron accepts. Please keep them separated by categories:

- ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS: Please rinse thoroughly.
- STEEL CANS: Please rinse thoroughly, and remove labels.
- PLASTIC: Please rinse thoroughly, and throw away lids. Only plastic bottles and jugs with the recycle emblem stamped on their bottom: #1 PETE - such as pop bottles (colored and clear) #2 HDPE - such as laundry products, milk, juice, and water jugs.
- NEWSPAPER: But NO books, magazines, phone books, or mail.
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: But NO boxboard or chipboard.

**All Proceeds to**  
**All Souls Unitarian**  
**Universalist Church**



**Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year July 2010 - June 2011**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Expenses</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Insurance	\$1,718.00	\$1,666.00	-\$58.00
Gas	1,089.26	1,180.00	90.74
Electric	974.89	927.81	-47.08
Water/Sewer	187.90	250.00	62.10
Garbage	135.00	195.00	60.00
Ground Maintenance	2,168.35	1,250.00	-918.35
Building Maintenance	618.17	840.00	221.83
Telephone/Internet	771.97	814.00	42.03
Food/Paper/Flowers	1,424.29	1,700.00	275.71
Pulpit	4,245.00	5,000.00	755.00
Music	6,780.00	7,000.00	220.00
Child Care	1,250.00	1,650.00	400.00
Religious Education	30.00	450.00	420.00
Office Expenses	462.33	250.00	-212.33
Postage	0.00	268.00	268.00
Chorus	0.00	200.00	200.00
Ohio-Meadville District Dues	1,078.04	1,075.00	-3.04
U.U.A. Dues	2,752.00	2,519.00	-233.00
Women for Women	297.00	330.00	33.00
Huruma (Supplement)	444.15	300.00	-144.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,8864.38</b>	<b>\$29,025.81</b>	<b>\$3,161.43</b>
Average Weekly Expenses	\$497.39	\$559.00	
Average Monthly Expenses	\$2,155.36	\$2,419.00	

**Revenue**

Year To Date: \$29,252.98

Average Weekly Revenue: \$562.56

Average Monthly Revenue: \$2,437.75

**Notes:** The biggest budget difference was in ground maintenance (\$918 more than was budgeted) and almost all of this difference came in the cost of snow removal which was \$1,700 for the year. Chuck Rhodes, Treasurer, also noted that there was a one-time expense for the software to run the budget package and that resulted in a large difference between the amount spent and budgeted for office expenses.

One thing to note is that several members have made anonymous donations in items like postage, religious education supplies, and office supplies. Were those generous donations not available, we would not have the small revenue difference that we had.

For the year, \$20,359 was collected in pledge money and \$6,997 in weekly offerings.

The Finance Committee should be congratulated for a budget so in line with our expenses and revenue. Remember, your pledges are important for formulating the current fiscal year budget.

Thanks to all for your contributions.

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10:30 a.m.*

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**REMINDER:**

*Pickup extra snacks so we  
have a supply on hand for  
Coffee & Conversation!*

Newsletter Deadlines are the  
last Thursday of the month,  
e-mail submissions to Reed  
Richmond at  
[rrichmond@neo.rr.com](mailto:rrichmond@neo.rr.com)  
or snail mail to:  
6991 Renie Rd.  
Bellville OH 44813-8908  
or call: 419-886-4365



**Living Lotus Zen Sangha  
Summer Sesshin at Temple Hills in Bellville**

Beginning Friday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Sensei Dean Williams will be our leader / speaker.

The cost for lodging, and five vegetarian meals starting with Saturday breakfast and ending with Sunday lunch is approximately \$102.75.

For more information contact Jackie Moore (419)589-7707

**Great News to Share:**

The All Souls Board approved work (paying for) on the following projects:

1) The chair lift (2) The roof (3) The shed

Applause for LD Ball and Chuck Rhodes who spearheaded all three projects.

Michael Church got a local job and we'll be seeing more of him!

Laura Crabtree has a new job. The sad news is that she will be working Sundays and won't be able to do childcare during the service. We'll miss Laura. If anyone has a suggestion for childcare, please let us know.

**The Principles of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association**

*We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to 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.*