



The All Souls Reporter

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March 6

Eric Hansen

March 13

**Committee on
Ministry**

March 20

**David Fitzsimmons
& Bell Acoustic**

March 27

Cindy Matyi

*Whole Church Worship
Kenya Coin Collection*



Opening Meditation

In this time of anticipated spring (Teresa G. Cooley)

In this time of anticipated spring let us allow ourselves to extend the anticipation -- to value the time of budding before blooming, of seeding before sprouting.

This is a time of revelation: the revealing of that which is eternal, which we see every year, but still need to be reminded to see it in a new way.

There is also the revelation of that which is new. Every spring we encounter something never before seen. It is that very newness which embodies hope and potential for the wholeness which is yet to be.

Let us allow spring to unfold slowly that we may appreciate the true mystery of rebirth and renewal.

A Survival Meditation (Nathan Walker)

breathing in
i am aware of my pain.
breathing out
i am aware that i am not my pain.

breathing in
i am aware of my past.
breathing out
i am aware that i am not my past.

breathing in
i am aware of my anger.
breathing out
i am aware that i am not my anger.

breathing in
i am aware of my despair.
breathing out
i am aware that i am not my despair.

breathing in
i am aware of peace.
breathing out
i am aware that i am worthy of peace.

breathing in
i am aware of love.
breathing out
i am aware that i am worthy of love.

breathing in
i am aware of joy.
breathing out
i am aware that i am an agent of joy.

breathing in
i am aware of hope.
breathing out
i am aware that i am an agent of hope.

breathing in
i am aware.



Birthdays for March

- 2 Quinn Bartsch
- 5 Cole Bartsch
Sam Kilgore
- 9 Ché Sahara
- 10 Jay Gilbert
- 11 Mandy Waltz
- 12 Brian Moore
- 19 Jonathan Nagel
- 20 Pam Ellis
- 21 Bernie Mize
Gary Roth
- 22 Janet Chandler
- 28 Dylan Zimmerman
- 31 Teresa Johnston

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.



March Calendar

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

March

6 Sunday 10:30 am Eric Hansen Topic: "Finding Happiness Outside the Pill Box"

Eric Hansen lives outside of Mount Vernon with his wife, Liz & daughter, Nula, on an off-the-grid homestead they built together. Eric enjoys building, gardening and coming up with off-the-wall ways to make their off-the-grid home fully functional. When not working as the chief homebuilder, carpenter or farmer, Eric is occasionally found in the Emergency Department of the Morrow County Hospital (working that is).

Following Coffee & Conversation - Group Discussion on video "Who Wrote the Bible?"

13 Sunday 9 am Board Meeting (all invited)

10:30 am Committee on Ministry Topic: "Peace"

'An invitation to be reborn... in the service of Peace': A celebration of the meaning of Peace in one's life and the life of the community; the search for personal Peace and a dedication to encouraging the growth of Peace within one's self and our communities; the ripple effect of personal and community action. It may sound like a time-travel back to the 60's but real Peace is even more needful in today's troubling times. There will be opportunities for anyone present to speak to these issues (open mic); opportunities to share in the celebration; an invitation to dedicate one's self to the growth of Peace 'Within You and Without You' as George Harrison once put it.

14 Monday 6:30 p.m. Living Lotus Zen Sangha (call Jackie Moore, 589-7707)

20 Sunday 10-1 All Souls Recycle Day - Brian Moore will provide truck

10:30 am David FitzSimmons Topic: "350 Images of Fragile Earth"

Accompanied by live music by Bell Acoustic

Free-lance photographer, writer, and Ashland University professor David FitzSimmons will present "350: Images of Fragile Earth". The environmental slide program will be accompanied by live music performed by Greg Bell and Scott Brown of Bell Acoustic.

FitzSimmons will project 350 images of nature, from rivers and rainbows in Ohio to wildlife and waterfalls across the United States while Greg Bell and Scott Brown play original compositions for the mandolin, viola, wood flute, sitar, and didgeridoo. The show will feature exactly 350 images, bringing attention to the recently-established 350 parts per million standard for acceptable levels of atmospheric CO².

25 Friday 10 am Sewing date for Days for Girls (contact Teresa, 740-397-0097)

26 Saturday 7:30 p.m. Concert at All Souls: Celtic Music Concert, featuring Silver Arm

27* Sunday 10:30 am Cindy Matyi Topic: "Celtic Spirituality"

In 1985, while on a visit to Scotland, Cindy Matyi encountered a rhythmic style of art which has intrigued and dominated her paintings ever since. Interlacing, spiraling, restless motifs used by ancient tribes on tombs, weapons and jewelry and later transformed by monks into the beautifully disturbing and complex illuminated manuscript pages, now play an important part in the large oil paintings she creates. But these contemporary works go well beyond replication. Cindy Matyi leads a growing company of post-modern artists whose original work is attracting international attention as part of a living tradition. "I feel that this style, with its fantastical variations on the interconnectedness of the natural world, adapts well to the themes of my work which include ecology, peace, renewal and creativity. The intricacy of the designs fascinate people, and I add many chromatic variations to delight and attract viewers on an aesthetic basis, first, while gently luring them into the world of the painting and the message it contains."

Born and raised in Ohio, Cindy was influenced at an early age by her Appalachian grandmother's stories which she says "really fired my imagination". She developed a love of history, legend and the supernatural, rooted in the Scots-Irish tradition. After a lengthy career in health care, she returned to school and earned a BFA in painting at Mt. St. Joseph College. She now gives workshops in Celtic art and is one of the organizers of the touring art show "American Celtic". Cindy's work has appeared in galleries throughout the US and in Europe. She has illustrated book and CD covers, posters and websites. She still finds time to play traditional music with the band, Silver Arm and is the founder and artistic director of the Cincinnati Celtic World Festival.

28 Monday 6:30 p.m. Living Lotus Zen Sangha (call Jackie Moore, 589-7707)

**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
Please see Brian Moore about getting your Coupon Books**

February Financial Report

February saw \$1,401 in pledges and \$521 in open offering and \$47 in Huruma (Coins for Kenya) for a total of \$1,969.

We had \$2,579.55 in expenses. A major expense in February was \$721 in January snow removal (walkways and steps).

We were short \$610.55 for February but for the year we are \$1,134.67 above our expenses.

February pledges showed \$1,401 paid of \$1,665 pledged for a shortfall of \$264.

For the year to date (July - February) we have \$13,912 paid of \$14,150 pledged (-\$238).

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)



U.U. Fund Raiser Project:

The U.U. board recently approved a fund-raiser project brought to us by "Ministry In Marketing."

The company created a coupon book, in which they have exclusive deals and savings from LOCAL merchants on EVERYTHING! The book costs \$20, and is a tax deductible donation.

Listed here are some of the items in this coupon book: Automotive, Fitness, Food (some of our favorites- Ed Pickins Cafe' on Main, Johnny Biggs, Malabar Farm Restaurant, Jakes, What's For Dessert), Fun (Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Cavaliers, Snow Trails, Richland Carrousel Park), Golf, Lodging, and other Services.

Each page has over \$50 in savings, more than double the cost of the book, and the proceeds are divided between LOCAL charities -The Salvation Army and Raemelon Therapeutic Equestrian Center, and as a fund-raiser project \$5 for every book sold will be donated to our church.

If you have any questions, or are interested in selling or buying a coupon book please contact Brian Moore or a board member. Ministry In Marketing has given us the coupon books upfront without paying for them until they are sold. As each book is sold, our U.U. church is then able to deposit the \$5 portion we receive for the fund-raiser project into our church account, and then pay \$15 to Ministry In Marketing which is divided between the local charities they have sponsored.

It's a pretty nice deal and the profits benefit many people, but we need to sell these quickly since the coupons expire in Dec. 2011, and before other organizations begin selling them too as a fund-raiser project.

Thank you, Brian Moore

Committee on Ministry Service, March 13

I know it will be difficult to get to church on time on March 13 as we welcome the arrival of daylight savings time and move the clocks ahead one hour... although I have never understood exactly how that saves anything, especially daylight as it is just now starting to lighten in the morning sky as I pull into the parking lot at work at 6:30 AM... but I digress!

Members of our newly formed "Committee on Ministries" will conduct the service that morning. The topic is Peace. How to find it, how to replenish it, how to SHARE it and how to dedicate ourselves and our church family to helping it grow within each of us that we may share it with all. There will be recorded music starting around 10 AM before the service, live music from our beloved Trio and Brian, other special musical selections during and after the service and here is the part I am most excited about... We want to invite anyone who might care to share their thoughts and feelings to step up to the mic for a few moments of sharing that we may all grow closer in spirit and understanding. Sounds kind of 60's doesn't it? Hoping to see you there to share...

We wish you all ever-growing Peace.

Doug (on behalf of the members of our COM)

Coming Soon! - Dates to Note



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.



Who Wrote the Bible Video – Discussion March 6

We will be having a discussion group at the church on March 6th at 12:30 (that's a Sunday, after Coffee and Conversation) on a History Channel video called "Who Wrote the Bible?"

The YouTube video link is: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8PQ6_0gJUE

It is broken into 12 parts there since YouTube has time limitations on the videos. They're all about 10 minutes a piece. You should see links to the other pieces of the video along the right hand side.

We also left 4 DVD's at church that people can bring home to watch the video. My family will not be able to make it to church next week, so we're kind of limited to those 4 videos. If possible people can always get together to share the videos or watch them together.

Parents, please note that I will be bringing a game and craft for the kids so that you can join the conversation if you would like.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!, Teresa

Pulpit Committee Meeting, March 8

The next Pulpit Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at 480 Edgewood Road, Mansfield. The main thing on the agenda will be choosing leaders for the next three or four months. If anyone else has anything to discuss, let me know.

Thanks, Melanie 419-544-0977

Ohio Meadville District Information

Religious Education Opportunities

Are you a volunteer in a small religious education program? Join us for Great and Small on March 12th. This is a conference for those who run and work in small - 20 or fewer children and youth - religious education programs. Join your peers to network, learn about programs that are easy for small groups to use and more. Information and registration at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/greatsmall.html>.

If you are responsible for teacher development in your congregation the Teacher Development Renaissance Module April 8-10 can be a great help. You can learn more about this valuable training and register at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/renmod.html>

Is your Jr/Sr High Our Whole Lives Program looking to train new leaders? Jr/Sr High Our Whole Lives Training will be offered May 20-22, 2011 at UU Church of Akron. Registration is now open. Learn more at <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/jrsrowl.html>

Webinars

Need to learn more about Leadership Development? Child and Youth Safety? Congregational Governance? UU Evangelism? Growth? More? You can do so with our webinars. The Central East Regional Group (CERG) has a series of webinars on a variety of topics available for all congregational members to participate in. You need a computer with a high speed connection (dial-up will not work) and a phone to call in for the audio. CERG webinars are free to participants and we encourage you to attend with your congregational colleagues from one location. Visit <http://www.cergua.org/calendars/cergwebinars.html> to learn more and see the schedule.



**next
All Souls
Recycle Day
Sunday March 20**

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
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Sewing Date for Days for Girls

I'm looking at 10 am on Friday the 25th of March as the next sewing date for Days for Girls.

This one will be held at the church so that we can run extension cords under the tables and set up a couple ironing boards at one end of the room. We will need sewing machines for this one, so if you are interested in coming and have a machine, please bring it. I have an extra machine so will make sure it comes with me. If you are able to stay until lunchtime, please bring a sack lunch.

If you need a ride to the church, there were people who were able to carpool last time, so don't be shy in asking! :) Last sewing day had a dozen people, ages 4 to 92. We completed 40 shields and cut fabric that will go to towards another 20. We also were able to cut fabric for 22 bags and multiple liners. This is a fantastic accomplishment and will go a long way to help women in need.

If you are interested in joining the project just drop me a note or ask at church. I will be leaving patterns and an example kit at the church.

Thanks!, Teresa

Highlands of Ohio Concert at All Souls

Event: Celtic Music Concert, featuring Silver Arm from Cincinnati, Ohio

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2011

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Church Street, Bellville, Ohio

Tickets: \$12 Adults, \$6 for Students age 12 and over [*All Souls Members who purchase tickets in advance can buy them at 50% off!*]

Contact: Highlands of Ohio, 480 Edgewood Road, Mansfield, OH 44907

Phone: 419-522-5058 Email: highlands@neo.rr.com

Website: www.highlandsofohio.com

Silver Arm Biography

For 20 years, Silver Arm has never failed to impress audiences with their energetic instrumentals and haunting ballads. They have worked with such luminaries as Ged Foley, Kevin Crehan, L.E. McCullough, Todd Denman, Liz Knowles and Kieran O'Hare and are featured on the Irish compilation disk, "Trees Are Life", supporting reforestation efforts. Their CDs, "The Beech Tree" and "Never Despair" feature lively Irish dance music, beautiful ballads and Swedish, French and Romanian selections along with Irish music. They have appeared with the Cincinnati Symphony, Pops and Ballet Tech and are featured on the animation DVD by Welsh artist Jen Delyth "Beyond the Ninth Wave" as well as on the Cincinnati Pops recording "Celtic Spectacular". Their CD, "Links" was released in September of 2005.

Band members include Cindy Matyi, flute and concertina, founder of the Cincinnati Celtic Festival and an internationally known Celtic painter, Stephen Matyi, bouzouki, guitar and banjo, well known for his photography of musicians, Justin Bridges who has studied fiddle with Kevin Crehan, Peter Horan and Joe Ryan and competed many times at fleadh in Ireland and the US All band members are faculty or board members of the Riley School of Irish Music.

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REMINDER:

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

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Getting to Know You . . .

The Committee on Ministry agreed to write bios (one profile for each upcoming newsletter) so you'd get to know the committee members.

Hi All Souls,

I'm Cheryl Church, member of the Committee on Ministry and the Board. I've been a UU at heart before I knew we existed and formerly a member of First UU Church in Columbus and Jersey UU Church (now just Universalist) in Pataskala. I'm a physical therapist assistant by profession and an animal lover, especially horses, by passion.

My husband, Michael, and I live on 12 acres about 10 minutes southwest of Bellville with 2 dogs, 4 cats, our granddaughter's pony, and my 2 horses including Thor, the equine love of my life.

Over the years I have volunteered with several organizations including the Columbus Area International Program for Youth Leaders and Social Workers, Support Dogs for the Handicapped, 4-H Club, and Raemelon Therapeutic Riding Center. Now that we have 2 adorable grandchildren who live close to us and I have my "dream horse" in my life, I spend my free time with them. I enjoy learning dressage, which is sort of like Dancing with the Stars with your horse, listening to classical music, and I occasionally attempt to write poetry, most of which I only dare read to the animals!

I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the church through my work on the Board and the Committee on Ministry, and I welcome input and feedback from all of you.

Sincerely, Cheryl

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.*