



# The All Souls Reporter

**All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville**

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**September 2011**

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## Speakers

*September 5*

**Brian Moore**

*September 11*

**Warren Wolf**

*September 18*

**Walter Kania**

*\*September 25*

**Paulette  
Schroeder**

*\*Whole Church Worship  
& Kenya Coin Collection*

**Bellville World's  
Fair, Sept. 14-17:  
Limited Parking in  
the church lot**



## Opening Meditation

### **Affirmations / Covenants / Doxologies**

By Kathy A. Huff

Praise the sun, the moon, the stars  
Praise the sun, the moon, the stars,  
Praise the ant, the tree, the shining leaf.  
Praise every child large and small,  
Praise the one within us all.  
Praise the swimmers, crawlers, and creepers.  
Praise the flower and the winding weed,  
Praise each blade of grass and every dewdrop.  
Praise dark moist earth.  
Praise rock, sand, and shoal.  
Praise wind -- nature's breath.  
Praise those with fin, fur, and finger,  
Praise the winged ones, the tiny ones,  
and all the ones that live unseen.  
Praise brightest morning and darkest night.  
Praise the prickly and the unpopular.  
Praise the crow's cry and the beggar's sigh.  
Praise the dancers, the doers and the dreamers.  
Praise those that give, those who love, and those who heal.  
Praise to wanderers, weavers and seekers.  
Praise sounds of thunder, crashing waves,  
and shouts for justice.  
Praise silence.  
Praise spirit.  
Praise all colors.  
Praise all acts of compassion.  
Praise all. Praise all. Praise all.

# September Calendar

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## September



## Birthdays for Sept.

- 1 Analyssa Kilgore
- 4 Dennis Mizer
- 6 Liz Hansen
- 17 Venus Porter
- 19 Nula Ann Hansen
- 28 LaDonna O'Neal
- 30 Mark Ellis

### 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.



**4 10:30 am Brian Moore** *"Music - The Voice of God"*  
Brian Moore has been a member of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church since 2005. He currently a trustee and a leader for the pulpit committee. He is the owner of Mid-Ohio Supply Co., and has been in business 28 years. He is married, with two adult children, and a grandson. He enjoys gardening, cooking, acting in plays, and has always been passionate about music.

**5 1 pm Labor Day Potluck/Cookout**  
Hosted by Jackie & Brian Moore, 3072 State Route 430 Mansfield. We will supply the grillable foods, and we are asking everyone to please bring a covered dish & some extra drinks to share. Looking forward to being with wonderful friends, and having some great food and fun together!

**11 9 am Board Meeting (all invited)**  
**10:30 am Warren Wolf** *"Humanism, Both Within and Outside the UUA"*  
President of The Humanist Institute and long-time member of AHA and HUManists, The Society for Humanistic Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Congregation East, Humanist Jewish Chavurah of Columbus and The Humanist Community of Central Ohio. BS and PhD in Material Science and Engineering, Penn State and Ohio State respectively; MBA from Xavier University; graduate of The Humanist Institute, Class 11. Since retirement from Owens Corning, Mr. Wolf continues to consult in glass, ceramics, nuclear waste, energy and sustainability areas for industry and The US Dept. of Energy.

**12 6:30 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha** (contact Jackie Moore, 419-589-7707)

**14 7:30 pm Highlands Concert: Jim Malcolm**  
Gorman Nature Center, 2295 Lexington Avenue (Route 42 south) Mansfield, Ohio. Tickets are \$12 if paid in advance, \$15 at the door. Jim is a singer/songwriter/tale-teller from Scotland, with a deep mellow voice that is always so pleasing to hear. His guitar playing is fantastic as well, and his sense of humor is outstanding.

**14 through 17 Bellville World's Fair:** Limited parking at the church. Plan accordingly.

**16 9 am November Bazaar Craft Day** (see Teresa Johnston or Jenny Bartsch)

**18 10:30 am Dr. Walter Kania** *"On Being Authentic in Relationships"*

**25\* 10:30 am Paulette Schroeder**  
*{note this is also Highway Clean-up and Recycle Day}*  
**5 pm** Brian and Jackie Moore at Oak Park Tavern (on the patio). Reservations recommended

**26 6:30 pm Living Lotus Zen Sangha** (contact Jackie Moore, 419-589-7707)

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

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

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

## August Financial Report

August saw \$1,540 in pledges and \$495 in open offering for a total of \$2,035. In addition we had \$75.50 in donations to Huruma.

\$3,174 was transferred from savings to cover the cost of the shed and roof equipment rental (lift, dumpster).

Additional expenses were \$89 for the shed ground prep and \$225 for our battery-powered lawnmower.

We ended the month with a \$31 surplus.

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 - which the editor (Reed) misplaced.)*

**Average Attendance  
in August was 50.**



## Notes from the Prez

The following is a small blurb I wrote for the Bellville Star when their editor (Diana Sharp) contacted Melanie about having a great picture of the new roof and needing a caption. I sent her a caption and this:

“After many years of fund-raising projects targeted toward replacing a roof long past its expiration date, All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church of Bellville got a new roof last week.

The church members decided to go with a standing seam roof rather than replace the existing layers of shingles. A lighter color was selected as it was more ecologically friendly. Stephen Ocheltree of Bellville was hired to complete the project.

The roofing project was spearheaded by L.D. Ball, Maintenance Chair, Sandy Macpherson, Finance Committee Chair, and Chuck Rhodes, Treasurer, but this was truly a church community effort.

The new roof culminates a week of completed projects at All Souls that included a new outside storage shed (with a roof matching the new church roof) and the installation of a chair lift to make the kitchen and community room downstairs handicap accessible.”

I hope it makes it into the paper, but what I want to emphasize here is the “church community” involved in the whole process for many years. We’ve had people come and go in this church, including some who have died, since the church roof fund raising began. So everyone should be hugging someone else in the church.

That said, I also sent this to the UU email list last week and Teresa posted it on our Facebook page:

Members and friends,

I am attaching a picture of the almost completed new standing seam roof. *(editor’s note: see elsewhere in the newsletter).*

I know that there was some disagreement about the roof color. Initially I was sure how it would work but I like it (the bell tower looks AWESOME and I think it will grow on you.

I was assured that one of the reasons we went with the lighter color is that it is more economical and ecological. I found this “cool roof” information on the internet:

“In the world of industrial and commercial buildings, a cool roof is a roofing system that can deliver high solar reflectance (the ability to reflect the visible, infrared and ultraviolet wavelengths of the sun, reducing heat transfer to the building) and high thermal emittance (the ability to radiate absorbed, or non-reflected solar energy). Most cool roofs are white or other light colors.”

This was a long time coming and involved the efforts of many people (and many fund raisers) and I think we should all be proud of the new roof. Also, the chair lift has been installed, the shed is ready for use, and we bought a battery-powered mower in keeping with our environmentally sound theme.

My fervent hope here is that, even if you have some misgivings about the color of the roof, that you will embrace the effort if not the product. In the end, it’s just a roof and it will serve its practical purpose.

On a personal note, I have heard some rumblings from people outside our church family that they “don’t think it looks like a traditional church roof should.” If we’ve accidentally tweaked some noses, that tickles my contrarian nature. By the way, my wife, Joan, informs me that standing seam WAS the original roof structure for many churches.

*more notes continue on the following page*

*P.S: I obviously will have to take a new picture!*



## 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.

### Living Lotus Zen Sangha

Everyone is welcome to join us Monday Sept. 12th & Sept. 26th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm for zazen, and our Dharma talk /discussion with Sensei Dean Williams of Jijuyuji Group in Cleveland.

Our next discussion will be on koan (case #5) "Layman Panguyn's Awakening."

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

[www.livinglotuszensangha.com](http://www.livinglotuszensangha.com)



## Notes from the Prez, continued

As mentioned previously, the new roof may be the most noticeable addition to the church, but I know that several people will be very excited that the chair lift is now installed. Bruce Kilgore has pointed out what a convenience this will be in hauling groceries in and out of the kitchen aside from the obvious benefits to those who are having difficulty managing the steps.

The chair lift was donated by LD Ball and Sandy Macpherson and LD, Chuck Rhodes and Michael Church were involved in the installation.

Sharp eyes will have noticed the cost of the shed in the finance report. This was another project taken on mostly by LD and Chuck and Chuck did the ground prep. For those not aware of the need for the shed, we have been storing items in the barn across the parking lot but the owner (Nelda) no longer lives there and the house and barn will be sold. We needed a new storage space. Details soon on a work crew to move items across the parking lot from one shed to the other.

One item that has already gone in the shed is a very slightly used battery-powered mower. This mower will be available for lawn care (mostly by Bruce Kilgore) and means there won't be lugging of a gas-powered mower back and forth. The Board approved this purchase on August 31.

I don't have all the details of the next bit of news, but apparently Judy Shaffer refinished the doors in the childcare storage area and Chuck put them back up. Also, have you noticed the nice green refinished bench under the pine tree that Sandy Macpherson did?

Judy and Mike Garber recently completed an audit of the previous fiscal year for the Finance Committee and gave us a satisfactory report.

You may remember that last month we had to say goodbye to Lori Crabtree who was doing our childcare. The good news is that Analyssa Kilgore has stepped forward to take that job and the Board approved her hiring.

Liz Hansen came forward with an interesting suggestion about hymns at the church. Sometimes the leader for the service selects hymn based on the appropriateness of the words in the hymn to the speaker's topic as opposed to whether we know the tune. We've all been in the pews when an unfamiliar hymn starts and, as Liz points out, it's awkward and doesn't look good to visitors. So, when a hymn shows up that might be new, we are having a quick get together to go over it 15 minutes before the service. That way, some of us can lead the way in the hymn. The hope is that we will find new favorites and expand our musical selections.

Teresa Johnston, our Religious Education Chair, is currently working with Dr. Walter Kania on selected dates and topics for an adult education class. Stay tuned for that.

We've had a proposal to do food service at the next Cruz-In in Bellville since no one has taken up that task and it may be a fund raising opportunity. Speaking of which, we WILL have a fund raiser in November associated with "Christmas in the Valley" were everything we sell with have a winter or holiday theme (see more about this later).

Finally, the church will be open for Trick or Treat night in Bellville (several have volunteered to hand out candy already) and the Bryan and Jenny Bartsch will be hosting the church Halloween Party this year.

Let me know if I missed anything!

Yours in peace and service,

Reed Richmond, President/Moderator



**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**



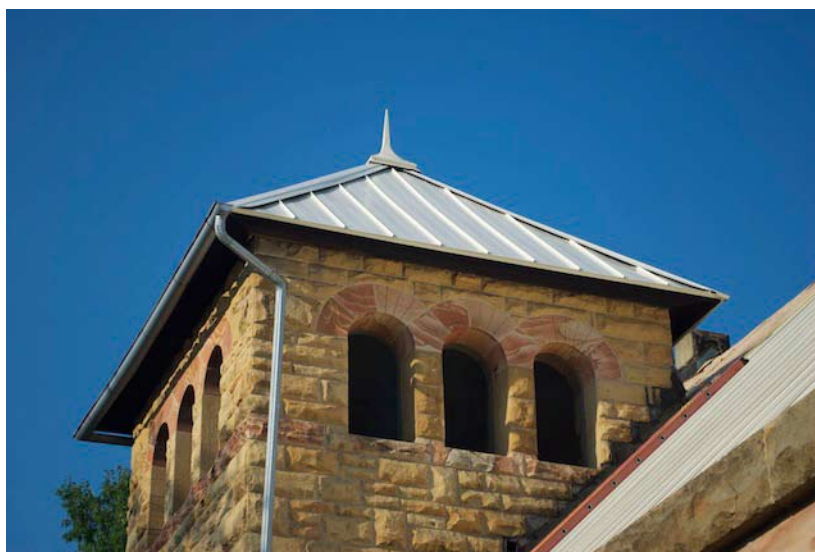
The “cool” new roof under construction.



The shed awaits the transfer from across the parking lot.



Chair lift resting downstairs.



The bell tower looks stunning with its new roof!

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10:30 a.m.

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Look for us on Facebook

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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  
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## Crafts for Winter Bazaar

From Teresa Johnston  
Hello everyone!

In preparation for our November Bazaar, Jenny and I sat down and hashed out some ideas for sellable craft items. We are planning a craft day on **Friday, September 16th**, at the church. We will be meeting downstairs starting at **9 am** until a yet undetermined time. You are invited to come and join us regardless of your crafting experience. Supplies and projects will be provided.

Our general plan is to work on select Christmas/Winter related crafts, keeping with the "Holiday in the Valley" theme. This is to include making ornaments for sale (such as paper stars), links to the ornaments will be passed around on the mailinglist in the coming days. We also would like to work on a couple larger projects and will have details soon.

We are also asking members who do arts and crafts, if you have anything on hand that you have made and would like to donate to the church craft sale, we would love to have your contribution. So think back on old cross stitch, crochet, knit, paintings, pottery, etc that you have made but have put aside because it was just 'another project to keep your hands busy.'

*(Note: The Bellville Fair is in progress but parking at 9 am should not be much of a problem).*

## 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.*