

# ***The Weekly Expression***

*Newsletter June 5, 2010*

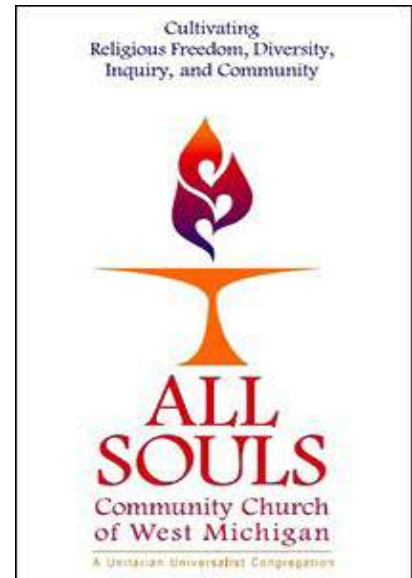
Upcoming Services:

**June 6:** *Last Sermon Series Part 1: The Resurrection of All Souls* – **Dr. Brent A. Smith**

**June 13:** *Last Sermon Series Part 2: If Not About Me, then Whom or What?* – **Dr. Brent A. Smith**

**June 20:** *Last Sermon Series Part 3: The Great Cause and Grand Vision* – **Dr. Brent A. Smith**

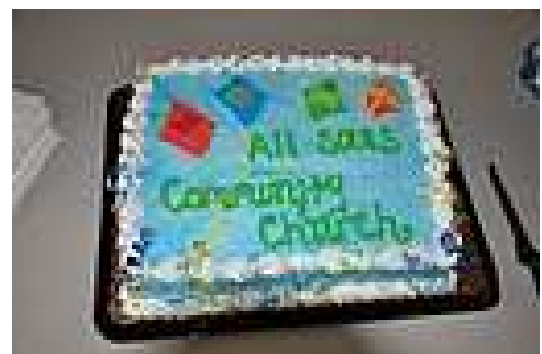
**June 27:** *Last Sermon Series Part 4: Ministry and the Once and Future Church* – **Dr. Brent A. Smith**



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** Sunday, June 6 is the annual picnic after church at Manhattan Park. There will be organized activities for children, fantastic food, and as much time for socializing as you want!

Table service and a variety of beverages will be provided. Recommended food assignments by last name are:

- A - E Main dishes, casseroles, soups, meats
- F - M Salads, vegetables, fruits
- N - R Snack type items, chips, cheese and crackers
- S - Z Desserts



Please also visit the website at [www.allsoulscommunity.org](http://www.allsoulscommunity.org) and specifically the new calendar at <http://www.allsoulscommunity.org/Calendar/Calendar.htm> for this weekend's as well as important upcoming events. ***We also have a page on Face Book. Check it out!***

# **CHALICE LIGHTERS PROGRAM**

Heartland District of the UU Association

Chalice Lighters are committed UUs who are willing to give a helping hand to foster new congregations and help district congregations grow and flourish.

Chalice Lighters pledge specific contributions (as low as \$30.00 annually billed in a call letter every January, April, and October) to light new chalices and brighten those already burning.

**The Chalice Lighters contributions support grants to member congregations to foster growth. ASCC has received two grants in the past.**

Please consider becoming a Chalice Lighter. Contact Mary Blackwell at [mblackwell1938@mac.com](mailto:mblackwell1938@mac.com) for a brochure and more explanation. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated (and useful).

Thank you in advance. I look forward to adding you to the list of Chalice Lighters!

## **Joys/Concerns – An Expanded Vision**

For many years the Pastoral Care committee and other volunteers have sent cards and made phone calls to those who have been ill, hospitalized, lost loved ones or experienced other situations of great joy or concern.

Now, we would like to broaden this opportunity by sending a **members-only email** with information about fellow members (only with their permission) who might enjoy receiving a card, call, or other token of caring. This email will also include joys such as the birth/adoption of a child or the attainment of advanced degrees.

Here's how it works:

- Send your Joy or Concern info to Ramah Kidd (GR ph#:616/791-1766, or email: [ramahk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ramahk@sbcglobal.net)) or give it to her in person at church. She will send a card from the church, and contact the person regarding "publishing" the information for inclusion in the members-only email.
- Members-only Joy/Concern emails will be sent out as information is received and members are contacted.
- If you would like to send a card or other token of encouragement, concern or joy, members can find the person's home address in our All Souls Directory. There is a link on our website homepage, BUT you must use the members' password to open it. You can obtain the password by either 1) picking it up at the Newcomers' table on Sunday, or emailing Jackie Vines ([jackievines@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackievines@sbcglobal.net)) who will send it to you.

Please help us keep in closer touch with our membership, especially during trying times. Thank you.



## All Souls Softball Game Schedule

June 9, 6:15 @ Wealthy

June 16, 7:30 @ Wealthy

June 23, 6:15 @ Manhattan

June 30, 6:15 @ Manhattan

July 7, 6:15 @ Manhattan

July 14, 7:30 @ Wealthy

July 21, 6:15 @ Wealthy

July 28, 7:30 @ Manhattan

August 4, 6:15 @ Manhattan

Wealthy Elementary School is at 1961 Lake Dr.

Manhattan Park is at 3180 Cascade Rd

## Religious Education News from Your RE Coordinator

Lynn Shackelford, Your Religious Education Coordinator

### As We Wrap up the 2009/2010 RE Calendar Year...

There are no more regular RE classes scheduled for this school year, but that doesn't mean RE is done!

**June 6th: Congregational Picnic.** All children will be transported to Manhattan Park for the picnic DURING THE SERVICE. If you want your child to go, please be sure to fill out the permission slip that was e-mailed to all parents. If you do not want your child to go to the picnic ahead of you, please let me know so I can arrange for childcare during the service. Also, if you can be a driver, I will need a few, so let me know if you can help out.

### Please Note: Schedule Change

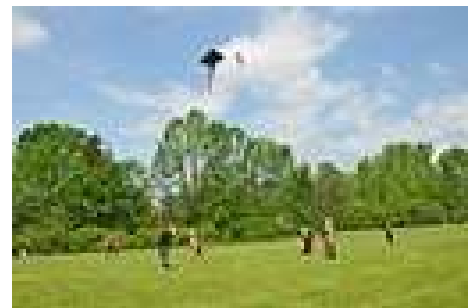
Garage Cleaning Day is being postponed until August. The future date will be announced in the Weekly Expression and on the All Souls web page.

### Summer Child Care Sign Up

There are 12 weeks of summer, starting June 13th, and we need childcare during our summer church services. If I can get just 8 people to commit to providing childcare this summer, that means just one day a month of helping! If we get more, even better! Can you help out one Sunday a month this summer? There are no lesson plans; all that's needed is a willingness to play! 7th through 12th graders: you can volunteer for this too! There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer this Sunday, as well as at the picnic on the 6th. Or you can always e-mail me at [lynnshack@gmail.com](mailto:lynnshack@gmail.com). Please consider signing up for a Sunday so parents and visitors can enjoy our summer services too.

Hope you all have a fun and safe summer,

Lynn Shackelford



Dear All Souls Community Church of West Michigan,

On behalf of the staff here at the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), I hope this letter finds you well. In the paragraphs below, I highlighted a few items to bring to your attention. You can find even more announcements, information, and resources linked in the bulletin materials list below. Please share them with your congregation.

The 2010 General Assembly (GA) is almost here! This year, GA will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The final agenda and program are now available on [UUA.org](http://www.uua.org). There are many exciting GA events announced in this bulletin, including a workshop on creating multicultural worship services, a networking event for adult religious educators, a special Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) worship service, and much more!

The UUA Nominating Committee is seeking applications for several openings, including the Commission on Appraisal, at-large positions on the UUA Board of Trustees, and the Commission on Social Witness.

The UUA Religious Educator Credentialing office announces training for interim directors of religious education. The training will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Maryland.

We hope you enjoy all of the materials offered here and in the list of links below. You can find this and past bulletins on our website at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/announcements/congregationalmonthly/index.shtml>.

Warmest Regards,

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## Bulletin Materials

*Linked documents in the list below are PDF files.*

From the **Administration**:

An announcement from the [UUA Nominating Committee](#) of several committee [position openings](#).

—*For congregational leaders and to post*

An invitation to [apply for a fellowship](#) with the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry.

—*For congregational leaders and to post*

From **Advocacy and Witness**:

[News](#) with information on staff transitions, student nondiscrimination, and GA preparations.

—*For social justice chairs*

From **Beacon Press**:

A flyer with a [preview of books and speakers](#) for GA.

—*To post*

From the **Church of the Larger Fellowship**:

An [invitation](#) to join [the CLF](#)—a unique congregation without walls—at GA for worship service, religious education resources, and much more at booth #817.

—*To post for GA travelers*

From **Communications**:

A flyer announcing a new project on [congregational histories](#) led by the Unitarian Universalist Historical Society.

—*For ministers, congregational leaders, and historians/archivists*

From **Congregational Life**:

A flyer for a regional summer [team leadership institute](#) in the Joseph Priestley District.

—*For all congregational leaders*

From the **General Assembly** office:

A notification to congregations that the [final agenda](#) for GA is now available [online](#).

—*To post*

From **Identity-Based Ministries**:

For your reading pleasure: the fifth issue of [Catalyst](#), the newsletter of the office of [Racial and Ethnic Concerns](#).

—*To post*

A flyer announcing a GA [workshop](#) on multicultural worship.

—*For GA attendees*

A flyer announcing a GA [panel discussion](#) on strategies for growing inclusive and multicultural congregations.

—*For GA delegates and other attendees*

From the **International Resources Office**:

A flyer with [international news](#) from the UUA.

—*For ministers, presidents, and publicity chairs*

From **Lifespan Faith Development**:

A flyer for a [networking event](#) at GA for adult religious educators to learn more about [Tapestry of Faith](#) programs.

—*For ministers, religious educators, and leaders*

A flyer calling for congregations to field-test a new, 12-session [Tapestry of Faith](#) program for high school age youth, called [Place of Wholeness](#).

—*For religious educators, and leaders*

A flyer calling for congregations to field-test three new [Tapestry of Faith](#) children's programs in the [Beloved Community](#) series for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5.

—*For religious educators, and leaders*

From **Ministry and Professional Leadership**:

An [update](#) from the Office of Worship and Music Resources.

—*For ministers, music directors, religious education directors, lay worship leaders, and committees*

A [brochure and application](#) for the 2010 interim director of religious education training.

—*For ministers, religious educators, and religious education committee chairs*

From **the Office of Electronic Communications**:

An [update on improvements](#) to the design and usability of [UUA.org](#), including maps showing congregational search results, a better web site search, and larger video players.

—*To post*

From **Skinner House**:

A new book titled, [Bless All Who Serve: Sources of Hope, Courage, and Faith for Military Personnel and Their Families](#)

—*To post*

A flyer for [Six Sources Activity Booklets: Pictures, Puzzles, Mazes, and More](#)

—*To post*

A flyer for [A Child's Book of Animal Poems and Blessings](#)

—*To post*

From **Stewardship and Development**:

A flyer with [Association Sunday 2010 raffle](#) information.

—*For ministers and board presidents*