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# *The Weekly Expression*

## *Newsletter January 21, 2009*

### Upcoming Services:

**January 24:** Dr. Brent A. Smith -  
*The Center of All Things*

**January 31:** Bob Stone -  
*Lincoln Sunday - Personal Emancipation*

### ***Adult Education Invitation Movie and Popcorn – Food Inc.***

As a follow-up to our recent Adult Education Community Forum on Ethical Consumerism, we are will be showing the movie “Food, Inc.” with a discussion afterwards. This documentary examines large-scale agricultural food production in the United States, concluding that the meat and vegetables produced by this type of economic enterprise have many hidden costs and are unhealthy and environmentally harmful. Join us **Sunday, January 31, 3–6PM** at **Shelli and Tad Caswell, 3028 76<sup>th</sup> St, Caledonia, MI.** *Popcorn will be provided but BYOB. Warning – this movie contains scenes that may be disturbing to small children. If you have any question, please contact at [bbstone@aol.com](mailto:bbstone@aol.com).*

### ***All Souls Collection Envelopes Available***

For those who might like to use them, we have boxed sets of All Souls collection envelopes available for the first time. These are dated for each Sunday in 2010, and can be used as helpful reminder of the pledge commitments you intend to make this year. Each set is printed with a unique number so that your gifts can be recorded as coming from you without the need for writing notes or memos, especially helpful for those who give cash. Please see Mary Jo Burpee before or after services in January if you would like a set assigned to you.

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!

## Religious Education News from Your REC

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Lynn Shackelford, Your Religious Education Coordinator

Happy New Year! The January edition of the Children's Chalice, the RE newsletter, went out in the mail/e-mail last week. If you would like to receive a copy, you may pick one up on the RE table in the foyer on Sunday. If you'd prefer delivery, send your e-mail address to me ([lynnshack@gmail.com](mailto:lynnshack@gmail.com)) and I will send one out to you.

Toiletries for DeGage continue to come in. I'm so excited by the generosity of everyone at All Souls! The box has gotten so full, I can hardly lift it anymore! What a wonderful problem to have. If you'd like to contribute a toiletry item or two, the box will be in the foyer for the next couple of Sundays. The children will be putting together care packages for the guests at DeGage on January 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help make the delivery of these packages on Monday, January, 25<sup>th</sup>, please let me know.

We are in need of helpers in the nursery/preschool room on Sundays. Come play with us! There is no planning involved – helpers are just there to play (and perhaps read some books aloud). If you are willing to help on a Sunday or two, please let me know. You can e-mail me ([lynnshack@gmail.com](mailto:lynnshack@gmail.com)) or call (558-8781), or just stop by the RE table on Sunday.

Finally, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in keeping the high school youth group program on Sunday, Feb. 7th at 10 a.m. in room 7 (RE hallway at Ahavas).

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## Unitarian Universalism 101

***A one-session class in being offered for those interested in getting a brief overview of Unitarian Universalism lead by Dr. Brent Smith. The first 'Unitarian Universalism 101' will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> after worship service. This is being offered as an alternative to the more in depth 4-session ROOTS classes. A light lunch will be served and if needed, child care will be provided. Please stop by the Newcomers Table to learn more about and sign up for this exciting opportunity or feel free to contact Barb Lafler at 616-902-3288 or [wblafler@yahoo.com](mailto:wblafler@yahoo.com).***

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## Music Notes

***Dr. Monique Salinas-Stauffer***

*Congratulations to our new members in the Children's Choir!!! We now have 6 wonderful voices--Kyrra, Katelyn, Kyler, Raquel, Sophia, Dory, and Neil!*

*What a blessing for All Souls Community Church. The sounds of young voices mark the future of our church! Thank you parents for all your support--and all parents with children K-grade 3--if your child enjoys singing, bring him or her to CHOIR!! We rehearse Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:30 am at Ahavas in one of the classrooms--"there's room for many' a more" Questions? simply e-mail me, or call 890-1164. Monique*

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## **The Suzanne Meyer Compassionate Assistance Fund**

The Reverend Suzanne Meyer has long been a friend of All Souls Community Church, filling our pulpit as our very first Mid-Winter Lecturer in February 2006. During her time with us, friendships developed and ties were established.

Suzanne was the Rev. Dr. Brent Smith's Assistant Minister at All Souls in Tulsa, served as Associate Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, and became the Senior Minister at the historic First Unitarian Church of St. Louis before accepting the position of Senior Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Cheyenne. She is one of Unitarian Universalism's finest preachers and writers.

Sadly, Suzanne is now very ill with colon cancer. She was placed on medical leave at the end of November after unsuccessful chemotherapy treatment and was hospitalized in weakened condition on December 30.

Out of their love and concern for their former minister Suzanne Meyer, the Cheyenne, Wyoming, UU congregation has set up the Suzanne Meyer Compassionate Assistance Fund at Wells Fargo Bank. This fund will be used to defray costs of Suzanne's medical care not covered by her health insurance and extra living expenses caused by her illness and treatment, so that she has fewer financial worries.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution of any amount to this fund may send a check or money order made out to The Suzanne Meyer Compassionate Assistance Fund (indicating Donation Fund in the memo section of the check) to:

Wells Fargo Bank  
1701 Capitol Avenue  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

Contributions made to this account are a gift to Suzanne and therefore are NOT tax deductible.

The Cheyenne congregation is to be commended for this generous and thoughtful act of care and love. Contributions from All Souls Community Church will reflect our friendship, our ties to Suzanne, and our loving support.

*Submitted by Jackie Vines*

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**All Souls Community Church is a church dedicated to religion, but not to a creed. It is a liberal religious community of free individuals of all ages walking together in relationship to one another, to our larger community and to the transcending mystery of the universe. Our community is based on open communication, democratic process and a belief in the capacity for goodness in all people. Our spiritual health and our growth as a church community are intimately connected with the spiritual growth and development of our children. We pledge to develop our church community with this always in mind. This church aims at celebrating and cultivating community, a sense of inquiry, moral character and insight, religious freedom, and helpfulness to humanity. That is, it aims at liberating and cultivating the human spirit.**

## Upcoming Events

(ALL EVENTS HELD AT AHAVAS ISRAEL AT 2727 MICHIGAN AVE. NE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

### January 2010- Calendar

**Sunday, January 3** 11 am: Worship (all ages in Sanctuary) - The New Year for All Souls - Dr. Smith

**Tuesday, January 5** 7 pm: Adult Education Monthly Meeting, Walburn home

**Thursday, January 7** 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas

**Sunday, January 10** 9:30 am: Newcomers Program Board Meeting, Ahavas 11 am: Worship and Children's RE - Passed Through the Fire - Dr. Smith

**Thursday, January 14** 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas 7 pm: Executive BOT Meeting

**Sunday, January 17 - King Sunday** 11 am: Worship and Children's RE - Crossing Borders - Rev. Laurie Thomas 12:15 pm: Music Board Meeting, Ahavas

**Monday, January 18 - MLK Jr. Day** 5 pm: Covenant Board Meeting, Cascade Library

**Tuesday, January 19** 7:30 pm: Branches X Meeting, Glenda Ring home 7 pm: RE Board Meeting, Jeff Williams home

**Thursday, January 21** 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas **7 pm: Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop - Rev. Keith Kron, Ahavas Chapel**

**Sunday, January 24** 9:15 am: Program Council Meeting, Ahavas 11 am: Worship and Children's RE - The Center of all Things - Dr. Smith 11:05 am: RE Chalice Circle, Ahavas Meeting Room

**Tuesday, January 26** 7 pm: Humanist Covenant Group

**Thursday, January 28 6:30 pm BOT Meeting, Ahavas Meeting Room** 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas

**Sunday, January, 31** 11 am: Worship and Children's RE - TBA

**Tuesday, February 2** 7 pm: Adult Education Monthly Meeting, Walburn home

**Thursday, February 4** 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas