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The Weekly Expression

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Upcoming Services:

April 22: All Souls Music Department
Music Sunday

May 2: High School Senior Sermons
“The Future Speaks”

May 9: *Flower Communion Sunday*

May 16: *Youth ROOTS Ninth Grade Graduation Service*

Music Sunday, April 25th

Dr. Monique Salinas-Stauffer

This Sunday the Music Department of All Souls Community Church presents JAZZ SUNDAY! Bring yourself, your family, your friends and relatives to this awesome musical event!

The entire worship service is centered around the great American musical idiom--JAZZ--featuring choir, soloists, instrumentals, keyboard, and bass--as well as beautiful and poetic readings, this Sunday is a service not to miss. Great tunes with great musicians! See you at 11 AM!



Please also visit the website at 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 RE Coordinator

Lynn Shackelford, Your Religious Education Coordinator

There sure is a lot going on in RE these last few weeks before summer! Check the list below to make sure you don't miss any event:

Knitting Classes for Tweens, Teens and Adults

This class is still meeting on Sunday mornings, so it's not too late to jump in and learn to create something fantastic. A new knitting project is in the works. Please contact me (lynnshack@gmail.com) if you'd like to give it a try, or just come in. The class is in room 6 in the RE hallway, and meets on Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

The Last Week of April – Already!

Our last Sunday of April is upon us already. This Sunday, the preschool class will be learning about cooperation. The 1st-4th grade will be discovering the amazing contributions of another famous Universalist, Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross. Finally, our middle school class will be learning about weddings and services of union in the UU tradition. Be sure to bring your child to RE this week; it will be a wonderful experience!

A Busy Month of May

The month of May will be a flurry of activities in RE. First, [May 2nd is Senior Sunday](#). Mark your calendars and be sure to join us in the service to hear two of our graduating high school seniors, Kelsey Caswell and Taylor Fields. These young women will be delivering their sermons. This is a very special service for All Souls, and I know many people look forward to this event every year. You won't want to miss it.

On [May 9th, Mother's Day](#), [our children will join the adults in service for Flower Communion](#). For the next couple of weeks, you can purchase a potted bloom which will decorate the sanctuary that Sunday. After service, take home your flowers to give to Mom, or save to plant in her garden! See Pam Stegink in the foyer before service this Sunday and next to purchase your flowers.

[May 16th is Youth Roots Graduation Day](#). Our 9th graders have had a myriad of experiences in their Youth Roots classes all year (Be sure to attend the Congregational Meeting – see below!). The culmination of all their work this year is their graduation service. Please join us for this event (and if you have an 8th grader, we encourage you to bring them to this service for a preview of next year and to join the 9th graders after the service for a special reception.) and congratulate Jenna Williams, Tanner Stegink, Spencer Wright and Abbey Bee for a job well done!

[May 23rd is also a special event in RE. Kite Sunday, a popular service started last year, is returning](#). The elementary and preschool kids will be making kites on May 16th, hope you will bring a kite of your own on the 23rd and fly with them. There is nothing like the experience of flying a kite with a child. Come and let your spirits soar!

Also on the 23rd, following the Kite Sunday event, there will be a congregational meeting. Our Youth Roots graduates will give a special presentation of their Boston trip at the meeting. Plan on flying a kite, then enjoying a sweet treat and coffee in the foyer as you go to the congregational meeting in the social hall.

Hope to see all of you at all of these special events!

Celebrating With Pat and Brent

Plans are well underway for our farewell dinner for Brent and Pat on Friday, June 18 at 5:30 at Millennium Park , pavilion A. This will be a special evening--our theme--dining *al fresco* to celebrate *la dolce vita*. If you have not already done so, **please R.S.V.P. to Sue Stauffacher (email and phone below) or sign up after church. If you know someone who is not on-line but wants to come, please help us.**

A small committee is raising funds for the dinner as well as appropriate gifts to thank the Smiths for their many years of service to our church. Our goal for this is \$2,500. There will be a full accounting of expenditures and any funds we receive in excess of our goal will be donated to the church's general fund.

If you did not receive a scrapbook page, we will be handing them out again this Sunday for individuals or families to decorate any way they like. Finished pages will be due by the June 6th service. If you would like to create a digital page, the dimensions are 11 3/4 inch square. Please bring a printout by June 6. We will also have a box for personal letters at the dinner.

More details are forthcoming! If you have any questions, please email Sue Stauffacher at Sue@suestauffacher.com or call her at 447-2565.

Save the Date!

ELGIN'S BIRTHDAY BASH: Elgin Vines
& Friends in Concert-- May 16th at
Ahavas



All Souls Financial Update:

As of the end of March, 2010, 22% of our pledges had been collected and 18% of our total expected revenue had been received. Our total expenses are at 21 % of our projected budget.

Monthly financial reports are posted in our lobby on Sundays on a regular basis, for your information. Keep watching the Weekly Expression for regular updates!

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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)

April 2010- Calendar

Thursday, April 1 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas

Friday, April 2 6:30 pm: Good Friday Games Night, Couturier's home

Sunday, April 4 11 am: Worship (Intergenerational) - The Shack and the Tomb - Dr. Smith

Tuesday, April 6 7 pm: Adult Ed Meeting, Walburn's home

Thursday, April 8 7 pm: BOT Executive Meeting, Ahavas Meeting Room

Sunday, April 11 11 am: Worship (Intergenerational) - I'll Say Goodbye Till You Get Tired of Hearing It - Dr. Smith
12:15 pm: Newcomers Board Meeting, Ahavas Classroom

Tuesday, April 13 7 pm: Covenant Board Meeting 7 pm: RE Board Meeting, Coffman's home

Thursday, April 15 6:30 - 8:30 pm: BOT Meeting, Ahavas Meeting Room 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas

Sunday, April 18 9:45 am: Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Teens and Tweens Knitting, Ahavas Classroom 6
11 am: Worship and Children's RE - How to Become Liberal and Unitarian Universalist - Dr. Smith 11:05 am: Chalice Circle for RE, Ahavas Meeting Room 12:15 pm: Music Board Meeting, Ahavas

Wednesday, April 21 6:30 - 7:30 pm: B2?! @ Kids Food Basket, 1203 Butterworth SW - Contact Jackie Vines for further information

Thursday, April 22 - Earth Day 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas

Sunday, April 25 9:15 am: Program Board Meeting 9:45 am: Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am: Teens and Tweens Knitting, Ahavas Classroom 6 11 am: Jazz Worship Service

Tuesday, April 27 7 pm: Humanist Covenant Group, contact Keith Johnson for details

Thursday, April 29 7 - 9 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Ahavas

Saturday, May 1 8:30 am: Cultural Competency Workshop, Dickenson and Wright Law offices

Sunday, May 2 11 am: Worship and Children's RE - The Future Speaks: High School Senior Sermons - Dr. Smith and HS Seniors

Tuesday, May 4 7 pm: Adult Ed Meeting, Walburn's home

Thursday, May 6 7 pm: BOT Executive Meeting, Coleman's home