however many storms are within you, there is always room for more.

the ocean did not gain its vastness by turning the rain away.

- Pavana

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Virtual Sunday Services...

11:15 Virtual Service: “The Wisdom to Know the Difference”
Rev. Rose Schwab
Shawnee Mission, KS

As religious people, we are not only called to the free and responsible search for truth and meaning, but also to the deep and searching moral inventory. As people the world over struggle to look internally at the ways systemic racism has affected communities of color, we can look to the wisdom of other self-help programs for insights into the difficult work of unworking. Please join us for a service about healing from and coming out of addiction, self-hatred, and self-harm, originally aired during the month of April, 2020. May the wisdoms of addiction ministries shed light on the issues that we as a globe face today, breaking us open to more honest, and open dialogue.

11:15 Virtual Service: “Protest and Prayer: Transformed by Courageous Love”
Rev. Sarah Ogelsby-Dunnegan
Topeka KS

The tools we need to transform our communities are the tools of courageous love. Although we think of protest and prayer as different tools, what if we could see protest as a form of prayer and prayer as a form of protest? Rev. Sarah Ogelsby-Dunnegan shares her experiences of the intersections between prayer and protest and the power of courageous love to transform each of us and all of us as people and communities working for justice and peace.

11:15 Virtual Service: “Anchored Over the Horizon”
Rev. Oscar Sinclair
Lincoln, NE

Vaclav Havel wrote that hope “…transcends the world that is immediately experienced, and is anchored somewhere beyond its horizons.” How do we hold fast to hope, even when it is distant? The Rev. Oscar Sinclair serves the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, and will be joined in leading worship by staff and lay leaders of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln.

11:15 Virtual Service: "Persons or a People?: Tensions Between Individuality and Community in our Churches and Culture”
Rev. Jonalu Johnstone
Manhattan, KS

The tension between individuality and community crops up everywhere — in our response to the pandemic, in our reactions to racism, in running our congregations. Unitarian Universalists steeped in individualism sometimes struggle with how to make ourselves into a community. How do we equip ourselves to create balance between being persons and being a people? The Rev. Jonalu Johnstone serves as Developmental Minister of the UU Fellowship of Manhattan, KS, and is joined by Music Director Renea Brown and lay members of UUFM.


**Virtual Sunday Services cont, Virtual Adult Ed, Announcement...**

**11:15 Virtual Service: “Making Real Community”**

Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe  
BuxMont PA

What does it mean to be part of a community and how do we know when we are in fact part of such a thing? Our Great Pause as a society has called into question many of our prior assumptions about religious congregations and all sorts of other ways we are, or are not, part of communities. The Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe serves BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Warrington, PA as their minister and is joined by Music Director John Hook, Accompanist Margaret Lea, and lay members of the BuxMont community.

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**All Souls has a wide range of adult classes. Many classes for August are cancelled. When classes are back in session please consider checking out one of the following classes:**

- **The Aging Bulls** meets every Friday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 for coffee, snacks and conversation. It is open to men of all ages.
- **Agnostics AA** meets in the evenings Tuesday 7-8:30, Thursday and Friday 6-7:30, and on Saturday afternoon 2-6.
- **Art in Context** with Peggy Schrock meets on Zoom starting Friday, July 10 at 1-2:30.
- **The Bell Choir** meets on Monday evening at 7.
- **The All Souls Humanist Book Club** takes the summer off. When they meet again they will discuss “Where the Crawdads Sing”. They meet the second Monday at 7 PM.
- **Gnawing for Knowledge** is meeting virtually every Wednesday at noon. They enjoy a philosophic discussion. New members are welcome. Contact Dave Black to participate in the virtual meetings.
- **Our Hunger & Outreach Team** is a group of volunteers who make sandwiches and casseroles for the homeless and food underserved. They meet the first and third Thursday evenings each month at 5:30. They have workstations in Conover and following safety guidelines. Contact Mark Gibbons.
- **The Painting Group** continues to meet on Tuesday mornings in Conover. Keeping socially distant. Newcomers are welcome to join us from 10:00 to noon. Contact Roxie Jones
- **The Useful Technology** group normally meets on Tuesdays at 6 PM.
- **Women’s Sacred Circle** meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday’s from 3:30-5:30. Here women share in a safe and confidential environment. For more information contact Carolyn Connor.
- **Yoga** is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30. Contact Marilyn Carpenter.

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**SEPEICAL ANNOUNCEMENT...**

The August edition of the Flame for those who receive it by Email has been edited to use 'click here' buttons to connect with more information that is available on our website. The staff are wondering how well this works for our online readers. Please let the office know if you find the shorter format to be more accessible, or if you miss the more expansive version. Thanks...
As we often remind our members, it is important not to endanger our congregation’s tax exempt status by campaigning on behalf of individual candidates for public office -- we cannot distribute literature or hold events or distribute petitions on behalf of *people*. However, we can advocate in any way we wish about public *issues*. Accordingly, let us urge you to be sure to cast your vote -- if you have not already done so by mail -- on August 4. Many of us at All Souls have been working to expand health care coverage in Missouri by supporting the Medicaid expansion initiative, which will appear on the ballot as Constitutional Amendment 2. We and our allies at MORE2 hope that those of you in Missouri will join us by voting Yes on 2, and increase the number of our fellow citizens with access to health care in these difficult times.

As summer begins its long descent toward September, we are looking ahead to the upcoming program year. While it will no doubt have its own challenges, we also hope to see creativity and new connections flower. We plan to continue monthly pick-up Sunday Plus meals; let us know if you would like to help prepare or deliver food for our fellow members.

The Facilities committee has determined that it is reasonably safe for staff to be in the building on a one- or two- at-a-time basis, with appropriate masking and social distancing. We are arranging to have at least one staff person in the public offices from 10 am to 3 pm each weekday after the Labor Day holiday, to answer phones, receive mail, and allow access to the building. We will need everyone to wear masks, observe appropriate social distancing, and abide by all prescribed safety precautions if you do come over to the office for anything. Please do whatever business you can with All Souls by phone, email, or Zoom to protect our dedicated staff, but know there will be someone available each weekday if you need help or information.

Several adult religious education and congregational connection activities will be continuing, resuming, or beginning as the year gets underway. We hope to continue informal check in opportunities during the half hour before class on Wednesday afternoon, and before meeting time on Thursday evenings. Come and chat at 1:00 on Wednesday, and 6:30 on Thursday. Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 we will continue our exploration of the history of western religion with *How Christianity Took Over*, starting on Wednesday September 16. We will take a leisurely look at how the scripture canon as we now know it was formed and closed, and the evolution of Jewish and Christian theology and practice up to the time of the Protestant Reformation, as well as the emergence of Islam. This group is led by Kendyl, and meets every Wednesday except when she is not available. Peggy Schrock will be continuing to offer a thoughtful and stimulating program on *Art in Context* on Fridays at 1:00.

New for the year will be *Poetry As Faith Formation*; this group will gather for live conversation once a month through June, on the third Monday, starting September 21st, on Zoom. In addition, we will share brief written reflections, poems that we love, and simple creative writing exercises, by weekly email. The purpose is to develop reading and reflecting on poetry as a personal and shared spiritual practice.

One other offering will be a six-session study program designed by The Abolition Collective, titled *Together We Lift the Sky*, for those who want to learn more about the history and theory of recent movements to abolish policing, prisons, and other forms of social control based on violence. The study guide suggests reading and viewing of online resources in advance of the Zoom discussion sessions. If there is sufficient interest, we will gather on alternate Thursdays, September 24 - December 3. The introduction to the study guide says, “Abolition is, in addition to being about dismantling and building, also about transforming things. And perhaps first and foremost, it is about transforming ourselves in concert with others. Sometimes this happens when we study together!”

We will need a minimum of seven committed participants to make each of these new offerings work, so if you are interested, be sure to sign up on the All Souls web page. Hope to see you in September!

Rev. Kendyl Gibbons

**From the Minister…**

Sunday Sermons in lobby and online: [CLICK HERE](http://allsoulskc.org/Category/read-sermons/)
Black Authors Summer Series: Preschool and Elementary Classes

For the remainder of the summer, we will be diving into a collection of picture books written by Black authors. Look for these books to show up in our Children's Library once we are back in the church building. Topics will include celebrating Black culture; Black history; historical figures; understanding anti-racism; and supporting (sometimes difficult) conversations on race, racism, and resistance.

Middle School and High School Youth
Connect on Two Google Groups

We believe that it is so important for our youth to remain connected with their friends while the church is closed due to the coronavirus. We have set up two google groups for this purpose. “Google Hangout, All Souls KC Youth RE” meets with a video connection at 12:30 pm every Sunday. REteen teachers will facilitate the group to share joys and concerns and to discuss topics of interest. “Google Hangout D and D” meets for a game night at 6:30 pm every Sunday. All of our youth have been invited to join both groups. For information on joining the groups Email Reverend Judith Cady at lrd@allsoulskc.org.
Add Virtual Meetings to the Calendar

Please continue to send meeting times to Schedule@allsoulskc.org. Marcia will get them on the calendar with Virtual listed for the Location. She can either list the information to join or the person to contact for information in the description. If you want help figuring out how to host a meeting on line email AV@allsoulskc.org.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING TIPS

From the Green Sanctuary Committee

SLOW DOWN AND TAKE NOTICE

During the COVID-19 Pandemic many people have noted how they are enjoying living at a slower, less hectic pace. Before the pandemic many Americans were running from place to place.

CLICK HERE for full article: (http://allsoulskc.org/all-posts/news/newsletter/slowdownandtakenotice/)

The Movie Group continues to meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and for August 2020 the group recommends a selection of seven films available from the public libraries, Netflix and Amazon Prime.

CLICK HERE for full article: (http://allsoulskc.org/all-posts/news/newsletter/augustmoviegroup/)

The Cassity sisters are cooking again for the Virtual Sunday Plus.

ALL proceeds support the All Souls Budget

Deadline for August lunch is Monday, August 17th, 4 PM.

CLICK HERE

https://allsoulskc.org/sunday-mornings/sunday-plus-lunch/

Pick up and Delivery will be Sunday, August 23rd, in the afternoon after 2 PM.

CLICK HERE for full article: (http://allsoulskc.org/uncategorized/virtual-sunday-p...n-august-23-2020/)

NeedleHearts

Group meets Thursdays, August 13 and August 27. at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

CLICK HERE for full article: (http://allsoulskc.org/all-posts/news/newsletter/agustneedlehearts/)
Demeters, Directories, Financials, Attendance, Special Offerings...

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.

Directories
Any member or friend who has chosen to be in the directory may receive one, printed or electronic. Is yours out of date (older than a month)? Contact the church administrator and request your new copy.

Financials...
CLICK HERE to view June Financials:

Virtual Attendance Figures for June 2020:

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All Souls Affirms and Promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. How? 2-3 Sundays a month, a designated cause will receive a special offering. All checks with the memo line “special offering” and one half of all undesignated cash will be forwarded to the service organization, demonstrating our values. Please make checks to All Souls; note on the memo line “special offering.”

Jul. 05th: Music & Religious Education
Jul. 19th: All Souls UU Church
Jun. 12th: All Souls UU Church
Jun. 26th: Service of

July Special Offerings

July 5: M&RE—$1080.00
July 28: SLT—$80.00.

A convenient way to contribute: To donate to All Souls please type allsoulskc.org/giving/ into your browser or use this QRC.
(please note the purpose of the gift)
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Submissions deadline: 9am, August 20

Sunday Morning bulletins & Friday
e-mail deadline: 9 a.m. Wednesdays

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