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# ALL SOULS NEW LONDON

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

19 Jay Street, New London, CT 06320

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a liberal religious congregation that nurtures lifelong spiritual development. We covenant to create a welcoming, caring, justice-seeking community within and beyond these walls.

**April Ministry Theme - 7th Principle. We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**

**Words to live by:** "Humans are part of the web of life. What we do to the planet, what we do to other species, and what we do to other people, we end up doing to ourselves." John Robbins

## **April 7: Earth Day Celebration – Take Action for the Earth – Multigenerational Service**

**One service: 10 a.m. No Faith Formation Classes**

**Worship Leaders:** Reverend Carolyn & Perry Montrose, Director of Faith Formation

Come celebrate and learn what we can do individually and together to help ensure the Earth's well-being.

Dedicated Offering: The UUA Annual Program Fund – Help us to reach All Souls' "Fair Share" in supporting all the ways that the UUA supports All Souls.

## **April 14: In Gratitude for the Beauty of the Earth**

**Two services: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Reverend Carolyn Patierno

Just that: gratitude. Giving thanks for the beauty that surrounds us here in this beautiful part of the world.

## **April 19: Good Friday Vigil Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Reverend Carolyn Patierno

In sacred reading both scriptural and secular, we will witness the Good Friday story. A reading will be offered every 15 minutes with silence between. Come for part. Come for all.

## **April 21: Easter Celebration – Multigenerational Services**

**Two services: 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. – No Faith Formation Classes**

**Worship Leaders:** Reverends Carolyn Patierno & Caitlin O'Brien

We'll witness the ancient story of Jesus' death and new life that centers resurrection. The choir will sing.

We will raise our voices in an "Alleluia!"

**Good Neighbor Offering:** FRESH New London See page 9 for details.

**Food Pantry Offering:** Cereal

## **April 28: "Draw the Circle Wide"**

**Two services: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:** Reverend Caitlin O'Brien

**Guest Preacher:** Terri Eickel, Exec. Dir. Interreligious Eco-Justice Network

Ms. Eickel will examine why we must broaden our thinking and our actions in our work for climate justice to include more than just the environmental movement.

**Black Lives Matter**

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A huge thank you to Nicolo Festa for his proofreading the newsletter each month.

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The horrible murders in sacred spaces, and the killings of students in school (now in Brazil, as well as the U.S.) break my heart and disturb my equilibrium. I feel so fortunate to have our mutual safe space – All Souls—our shelter from the storm.

The Board, our ministers, and the staff, in concert with the congregation, continue to work within and beyond our walls to maintain and improve our sacred space.

Our work takes many forms. In March ninety souls broke bread together at Circle Suppers and our first Faith Friday gathering attracted 45 Souls.

Even though during the building renovation we will be unable to offer sanctuary to immigrants in need, our commitment to Sanctuary continues. The Sanctuary Task Force is working with a community coalition to support a family currently seeking asylum.

Our congregation is growing! New members have signed the book.

Many active committees (Safety, Hospitality, Good Works, Facilities, Stewardship and many others) embody our mission as they meet and do the work of All Souls. They are foundational to our congregational infrastructure. We are a congregation of people, so much more than bricks and mortar.

As you know, we will be moving for a temporary albeit extended period during the construction process. But the sacred space of All Souls is something we carry within our hearts! We as a community are the sacred space. Of course, during the construction we will continue to gather together.

Changes are coming to All Souls, not only in our physical space, but also to Board membership and the potential transformation of our governance structure, among others.

Our mission to maintain a safe space for liberal religion and social justice in south-eastern Connecticut is unwavering. Together we as a congregation are strong.

We sing, we pray, we share our sorrows and our joys.

As your co-president, I am proud to be a part of the work and part of this community.

*"Come in, she said, I'll give you shelter from the storm."* Bob Dylan

Happy Spring!

Maggie Clouet, co-president

## Attention All Souls

Do you have a good idea for fund-raising events? Ways to connect to the larger community while also working to support All Souls' mission?

If you want to be part of the brainstorming mission to explore what we might do please contact Laurel Holmes.

Questions? Laurel Holmes at [laurelghr@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelghr@yahoo.com) or Maggie Clouet at [maggielouet@yahoo.com](mailto:maggielouet@yahoo.com) or 203-215-6227

## A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CAROLYN

So much of a minister's work is unseen by most of the people they serve. I prepare a monthly report for the All Souls' Board of Trustees but beyond these nine Souls, not many folks hear much about what I do outside of worship. (Nick Evento frequently jokes that it must be nice to work one day a week.)

I thought it would be interesting to hold up a few of the "beyond our walls" things that I did just last month in order to give you a glimpse into the fullness of my role as your minister.

You may know that I'm serving on the Board of Directors of the Immigration Advocacy and Support Center (IASC). With one of my fellow Board members, my focus is on outreach. We're now planning two "meet and greet" gatherings - one to update folks who have previously been involved with IASC and the other to introduce the organization to those who know little or nothing about our mission. As well, Joe Marino is the new Executive Director and these gatherings will help him learn more about the community.

With Rabbi Rachel Safman of Congregation Beth 'El, I co-chair the Greater New London Clergy Association (GNLCA). Last month we arranged for a panel discussion on the legalization of cannabis for recreational use. At our monthly meeting was Jason Ortiz, Policy Director of CT United for Reform and Equity (CURE) and Reverend Todd Foster an anti-legalization activist from New Haven. It was an illuminating conversation that modeled respectful discourse between those harboring opposing viewpoints.

As well, 11 members of the GNLCA and five clergy from surrounding area clergy associations will be traveling to Alabama on April 29

for a civil rights learning trip. The centerpiece of this experience will be a visit to the new Peace and Justice Museum. I'm helping the Reverend Dr. Claudia Highbaugh as she coordinates this trip. I'm looking forward to sharing my experience with you upon my return.

Reverend Caitlin and I both attended what we call a "cluster meeting" i.e. a meeting of local UU colleagues. Fifteen of us met at the UU Society of New Haven (in Hamden) for connection and mutual support. It was a wonderful gathering.

Many of you know that the Reverend Rebecca Bryan invited me to preach the sermon at her installation as the minister of the First Religious Society of Newburyport, MA. It was a great honor to do so and to witness our former intern minister lovingly and powerfully serving the congregation.

That's a taste of the "beyond our walls" part of my ministry. I continue to be grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve you within our walls and to represent and work with you beyond our walls. Thank you for being such mighty partners within and beyond.

Peace and blessings to you,

Carolyn



## Faith Formation

### Perry's Ponderings

In March, high school students around the world marched to protest politicians' inaction on climate change. In a social media wave, youth made it clear that they were upset about the current generation in power not addressing the destruction of our planet and our wellbeing. It is often the voices of youth that help us face injustice and inspire action. They are invested in the future and hold high hope for what we can do. Their energy can light a fire for us and, unlike fossil fuel, youth energy is good for our environment.

The All Souls' youth have been discussing current events and social issues during Youth Group sessions. They have shared thoughts on political situations, women's and LGBTQ rights, racial justice, animal protection, immigration, and the environment. Sometimes they have considered these issues through a specific theological lens, like James Luther Adams's Five Smooth Stone of Liberal Religion or the Buddhist Eightfold Path. They have shown an understanding of the complexities and insight that is beyond their years. Our youth demonstrate thoughtful values that bode well for the future. They are going to be focusing on learning more about domestic violence and women's issues, with the help of Youth Advisor Patrick Sheahan-Gaumer. Then, they will be putting their own learning into action by educating others.

Our youth will share some of their learning with other UU youth at the Youth Con(ference) that we will host April 6-7. The youth have put great energy into planning all aspects of a fun, social, overnight gathering for themselves and youth from the Westport, West Hartford, and Madison congregations. Their sense of UU community is expanded in these cons and they really appreciate the bonds that are formed.

The youth are planning the Youth Service they will lead in May and focusing on their sacred story, what is most important to them and how their perspectives differ from previous generations. At the Youth Service this Mother's Day it will be interesting to consider what moms says and what the youth are thinking. The youth will help us explore how views have changed through the generations and what remains the same for people in each life stage. There is great value in hearing youth perspectives and the wisdom of the future stakeholders of our society.

Our youth have amazing guides in youth advisors Jennifer Hunt, John Sargent, and Patrick Sheahan-Gaumer. It is also greatly inspiring to see the initiative this large group of youth have been taking to get involved. We saw several youths participate in the Purim Play, including our two leads, Patrick Elliott and Ryder Singer-Johnson, as King Ahasuerus and Queen Esther. We know the youth will do their best to save the planet, just as the king and queen saved the Jewish people in the Purim story. We all have a part in how the story of our culture's social justice plays out. We will hopefully take our cues from very thoughtful young people in our midst.

### April Calendar:

**April 6-7:** All Souls Overnight Youth Con

**April 7:** Earth Day Service, No Faith Formation classes or Youth Group

**April 14:** 9:30 Faith Formation Classes; 11:15 Youth Group

**April 21:** Easter Sunday, No Faith Formation classes or Youth Group

**April 28:** 9:30 Faith Formation Classes; 11:15 Youth Group

## Thank you!

Erika Harger for volunteering in the Nursery in a pinch.

Katie Van Dyke, Paul Carolan and Kate Richards for substitute teaching in March.

Suzanne Wingrove-Haugland for her amazing Purim Play script!

Becky Noreen, Erik Wingrove-Haugland, and Karen Ethier-Waring for their Purim music expertise and leadership.

John Sargent and Youth Group for creating beautiful Purim signs.

Arlene Stoltz for her beautiful Vashti-Carolyn puppet. :-)

All the Purim Play participants and Emmy Franklin for co-directing.

## Faith Formation Happenings

### UU Summer Camps & Retreat Centers for Children, Youth, and Families

Unitarian Universalist retreat centers offer the opportunity to connect with UUs from around the country in fun and fellowship. Whether you are looking for a place to go as a family or somewhere for your kids to experience a fun camp, there are many amazing Unitarian Universalist summer destinations:

Ferry Beach is oceanfront in ME.

[ferrybeach.org](http://ferrybeach.org)

The Mountain is atop the Blue Ridge Mountains in NC.

[mountaincenters.org](http://mountaincenters.org)

The Rowe Center is in the Berkshire Mountains in MA.

[rowecenter.org](http://rowecenter.org)

Sophia Fahs RE Camp is one week in August on Shelter Island.

[www.liacuu.org/Fahs](http://www.liacuu.org/Fahs)

Star Island is a 46-acre island off the NH coast.

[starisland.org](http://starisland.org)

Unirondack is in the NY Adirondacks.

[unirondack.org](http://unirondack.org)

Murray Grove is a Universalist retreat center nearby in NJ.

<http://www.murraygrove.org/#!camping-in-the-grove/c15no>

UUMAC Retreat is one week in July at DeSales University in PA.

[uumac.org](http://uumac.org)

The Central East Region offers a Summer Institute on beloved community with Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell.

<http://omdsi.org/>

SUUSI is a weeklong multi-generational event in North Carolina.

<https://www.suusi.org/>



## Adult Faith Formation Spiritual Practice

Yoga Class at All Souls!

**Tuesdays, April 2, 9, and 16 from 9:15 to 10:15am**

Join yoga teacher Liz Kramer for a Slow Flow Gentle Yoga Class designed to revitalize your body, relax your mind, increase energy, and reduce stress.

For beginners or experienced students, who would like a slower paced, less strenuous class. Come relax; be kind to your body and enjoy.

Students will learn: breathing techniques, various poses, self-care, gain flexibility and mobility, as well as learn restorative poses. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring your yoga mat, as well as blocks, straps or blankets you may need.

Liz Kramer recently completed yoga instructor training after practicing for the last ten years. Liz also has a private practice in holistic counseling.

Questions? Liz Kramer at 860-857-8198 or [lizred57@gmail.com](mailto:lizred57@gmail.com).



## Board of Trustees Notes

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 21, 2019. Highlights of the meeting include:

1. We had an update on the Capital Campaign and Annual Campaign numbers, which are looking good.
2. We had a report on a possible ministerial intern for the next two fiscal years.
3. We had a discussion of several fundraising ideas.
4. There was a brief Executive Session.

For complete minutes go to [www.allsoulsnewlondon.org](http://www.allsoulsnewlondon.org). Click on "About Us", then "Board of Trustees and Governance."

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm, in the Vail Library. All meetings of the Board of Trustees are open to the Congregation as observers, except in those cases when it goes into Executive Session.

Andy Derr, Secretary at [amderr01@gmail.com](mailto:amderr01@gmail.com)

## Treasurers Report

The results for the first eight months of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 show us with a positive NOI of \$35,021. At this same time last year, our NOI was positive \$40,762.

For the past three years, we have been using a calculation to project the direction we are heading for year end. After adjustments, we projected a deficit of \$16,000 last month. This month, that projected deficit has turned around into a positive year-end projection of \$6,665.

Our lower NOI is largely due to the larger expenses we agreed to take on this year and is not surprising. This positive year-end projection is not including the planned \$20,000 pull from savings. We have turned this around through fulfillment of pledge commitments and cost cutting efforts.

Please continue make every effort to meet your financial pledge commitments. We may long term plans based on these promises and every bit is important.

We are looking for more volunteers to increase our fundraising efforts! Please see Carolyn or any board member for information on how you can assist with fundraising efforts.

Brad Mock, Treasurer at [bradley\\_j\\_mock@hotmail.com](mailto:bradley_j_mock@hotmail.com) or 860-705-2966.

## Support All Souls

Did you know that you can support All Souls when you shop at Amazon? It's an easy way to help that doesn't cost YOU anything. Here's how:

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in to your existing account or create an account.
3. Select All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation. There is a dropdown menu that allows you to select an organization to support. All Souls is on the list.
4. Once you set this up, always access Amazon through the link above.

That's it! Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to All Souls. Thank you!

## Stewardship | Capital Campaign News

A great start! That's the most apt and succinct description of the early results from the work of our intrepid Visiting Stewards and, of course, the response by our Beloved Community. As of Friday, March 8, we have received from households a total of \$1,082,947.00 in capital campaign pledges; and, \$331,407.00 in stewardship (annual operating budget) commitments. This bodes well for our ability to carry out the estimated \$1.4 million expansion and renovation project for All Souls and, equally important, to maintain our existing personnel and program commitments.



Giving Opportunities at All Souls

In the current issue of "UU World", the Reverend Nancy McDonald Ladd's essay, "Nothing We Do Will be Perfect", offers the following observation:

"Hope, after all, is not just another version of optimism. Optimism tells a preordained narrative. It is an assertion that the scales have already tipped toward triumph. Optimism is always busy absolving somebody. Hope is different. Like faith, hope is the exact opposite of certainty. It does not presume an outcome for good or for ill. It lies in the waiting moment when the tug from both directions is not yet fully resolved and when a great many things are still possible. It moves in the humble spaces that open when we allow ourselves to be uncertain and thus not fully self-contained. It is the possibility, though not the inevitability, of a better way."

Although the focus of Reverend Ladd's article is about encouraging religious liberals to let go of our tendency to need to be or to seek the "perfect" – or worse, yet, to assume that our thinking is inherently perfect – it can be easily applied to All Souls capital campaign, our efforts to "Build a New Way". We already know that the 'first pass' outcome is not preordained; indeed, architect Dan Glynn's original proposal, as updated last fall, looked as though it could cost as much as \$2.5 million. In the face of that estimate, coupled with fundraising consultant Barry Finkelstein's findings that the congregation could credibly raise somewhere between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million, we went back to the drawing board. The "tug of two directions" – the 'ideal' design and the 'likely financial result' – impelled us to think creatively. And, we did. More about that later on in this

column.

In her excellent sermon of March 10, Reverend Carolyn talked about "active hope." Drawing upon Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone's book *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in Without Going Crazy*, she pointed out that "(w) hereas passive hope is waiting for other agencies to bring about what we desire, active hope inspires us to be active participants in bringing about what we hope for." Macy and Johnstone describe three steps to active hope:

1. Take a clear view of reality.
2. Identify what we hope for in terms of our values.
3. Take steps to move ourselves in that direction.

So, how does "active hope" apply to our capital campaign? In the face of a project that was going to be too expensive to complete in relation to our financial capacity, we took a clear view of our reality. A change was indicated. We revised the scope of work in relation to our values, keeping the key functional elements (e.g., a new community room, an expanded kitchen, a dedicated youth space, improved internal traffic flow, reliance on green building principles). We took steps to move in the direction of the attainable – to match what we think we can raise from the congregation's largesse -- by eliminating the mezzanine, curtailing the extensive use of expensive specialized glass, and by other modest adjustments to the earlier version.

Even now, our revised project and auspicious start with fund-raising makes us "actively hopeful," but far from the "preordained outcome" – the assurance of unfettered optimism -- referenced by Reverend Ladd. We will still need to hear from the roughly 86 other All Souls' households before we'll know whether we have tipped the scales from a great start to the desired final outcome where we, in fact, can and do "Build a New Way."

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Cummings



## Nominating and Leadership Development News

Do you want to take on a leadership or committee role at All Souls, yet are afraid you do not know enough about how it all works? Maybe you want to expand and improve a team or committee you work with. Or do you want to learn about best practices that will help you serve our congregation better?

The UUA New England Region provides plenty of trainings for your team, or committee and its leaders. In addition, the All Souls Nominating and Leadership Development team has funds to help defray some, if not all, of the costs!

For training info go to: <https://www.uua.org/new-england/workshops-webinars>

### Upcoming Training Sessions

**Thursday, April 11, 2019 to Saturday, April 13, 2019** - [Renaissance Module: Worship](#)

**Saturday, May 11, 2019** - [Come, Let Us Worship: Cycle of Song Vol. 2](#)

**Saturday, May 18, 2019** - [Mosaic Makers: Toward Vital Anti-Racist, Multicultural Ministries](#)

### Save The Date

**Saturday, April 27, 2019** - Walking the Talk of Covenant

**Saturday, May 11, 2019** - Walking the Talk of Covenant

Contact: Janet Marolda at [janetm1225@atlanticbb.net](mailto:janetm1225@atlanticbb.net) or 860-614-6446 or any member of NLD.

## Small Group Ministry

Do you want to connect with others and talk about what really matters to you? If so, Small Group Ministry offers a sharing circle in which deep listening is encouraged. The Spring session will be starting in April. Sign-ups will be March 31 and April 7—look for the sign-up table in the hallway before and after Sunday services or contact a member of the SGM Team listed below.

Small Group is a wonderful way to get to know people in a deeper and more meaningful way. The group size is typically between 6 and 10 members and is led by a trained facilitator. A different topic is addressed at each gathering and the topics range from the more light-hearted to more serious issues.

In addition to the regular six week session, there are Small Groups that are done on a 'one-time' basis or on special topics. In February we had a very successful one-time group on the topic of animals. We hope to repeat this topic again.

Also, we are in the planning stage of a group that will operate in conjunction with Elderjourney and will focus on the positive aspects of aging and the wisdom that elders bring both to our congregation and society at large.

So whatever your interests are, consider joining a Small Group to connect with others in a meaningful way!

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Carol Irwin [irbaldery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irbaldery@sbcglobal.net) or 860-889-6594.



## Opportunity for Service: Community Meal

As always, we continue our ministry to feed our neighbors at the New London Community Meal Center on Montauk Avenue in New London for two meals in April. Youth 14 and older are welcome. If you want to be invited to sign up with a Doodle invitation, please send an email to [meals@allsouls.net](mailto:meals@allsouls.net) so you can be put on the list.

Your help is needed! Please consider signing up to work one of the following shifts:

### **Wednesday, April 10**

Serve food from 4:00 to 6:00 pm

### **Saturday, April 20**

Prepare the food from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Serve and clean up from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Questions? Carol Irwin at 860-822-3391, send an email to [meals@allsouls.net](mailto:meals@allsouls.net), or just show up and help.

## A Message from Hospitality

Thank you to those who have donated linens! We are still happy to accept gently used tablecloths and dish towels. You can just leave them in the kitchen at your convenience.

Please check the lost and found bin in the coat rack area for your left behind items. We ran out of room in the kitchen to store them. There are some nice water bottles and commuter cups in there!!

See you around the coffee pot!

Janet Marolda

[janetm1225@atlanticbb.net](mailto:janetm1225@atlanticbb.net) or 860-614-6446

## Green Sanctuary

Come join us on April 9 at 7 p.m. as we move forward in the Green Sanctuary reaccreditation process. We will continue the discussion on the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program as well as the project areas listed below.

More members are needed to work in the areas of Worship and Celebration, Religious Education, Environmental Justice, Sustainable Living, and Independent Projects (for those of you independent UUs that don't like to be limited by titles!)

Questions? Jonathan Harger at 860-739-4224 or [heheharger@atlanticbb.net](mailto:heheharger@atlanticbb.net)

## Good Neighbor Offering

New London Fresh is the agency for April's Good Neighbor Offering. Fresh works with young people to increase their impact in the New London community and gives empowerment to these young people. Fresh reclaims urban spaces in New London as farms and gardens, like Mercer Urban Farm and McDonald Park. Fresh has increased local produce served at New London's public schools and runs the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program for New London's families.

Please visit [www.freshnewlondon.org](http://www.freshnewlondon.org) for other information on Fresh programs!

Thank you for your generous donations!

Questions? Karen Gonzalez-Rice at [karen.gonzalez.rice@gmail.com](mailto:karen.gonzalez.rice@gmail.com) or 919-699-5954



## CIRCLE SUPPERS

### **Save the Date- Saturday, May 18, 2019**

Our next Circle Supper is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. Please mark your calendars!

Sign-ups will be April 21 and May 5.

Circle Suppers are a gathering of souls to share a meal at the home of a host congregant. Hosts provide a venue, guests provide the food, and all provide a evening of good conversation and lots of fun. It's a great way to get to know other congregants in an informal setting.

We make considerations for those needing rides, diet restrictions, or pet allergies. Also, we do not expect that everyone can reciprocate by hosting so don't let that stop you from participating.

Questions? Moira Herbert at [moiraj77@gmail.com](mailto:moiraj77@gmail.com) or 860-608-8697.

## GET CONNECTED!

### **Elderjourney** *Tuesday, April 9 at Noon*

Join the group of All Souls' members and friends 65 and older for lunch and fellowship. Bag a lunch and join us at noon every second Tuesday of the month. Dessert and program provided by monthly volunteers!

Questions? Tammy Barber, Office Administrator at [office@allsouls.net](mailto:office@allsouls.net) or 860-443-0316

### **Book Club** *Monday, April 15 at 1p.m.*

This month the book club will discuss, *What Unites Us* by Dan Rather.  
All congregants are welcome.

Questions? Mary Rioux at 860-271-1037 or Pat Abraham at 860-434-5758

### **Meditation** *Every Tuesday 7:15 a.m. and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.*

The meditation group meets twice a week, every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. and every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is most welcome! Basic guidelines are offered to all newcomers and guided meditation is offered during some of the sessions. No experience necessary.

Each session includes 30 minutes of silent sitting meditation, 10 minutes of walking meditation, and 15 minutes of dharma sharing, in which folks, if they choose, may share their meditation experiences.

Attendance is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

Questions? Pamala Lewis at [pamalalewis@comcast.net](mailto:pamalalewis@comcast.net) or Jean Jerbert at [j.jerbert@yahoo.com](mailto:j.jerbert@yahoo.com), or Sean Kane at [sean.kean@conncoll.edu](mailto:sean.kean@conncoll.edu) or 860-442-6152

### **Craft Circle** *Every Wednesday 7 p.m.*

Craft Circle meets every Wednesday, 7- 8:30 p.m. Do you knit, crochet, quilt, cross stitch, scrapbook, \_\_\_\_\_? (fill in the blank.) Bring your current projects to work on as we have a social gathering. We may have someone with the know-how if you are seeking a new craft or have questions for a current project.

[Please refrain from wearing scent. Some of us are highly sensitive/allergic.]

Questions? Carol Bunting at 860-460-3373 or [cbeema@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbeema@sbcglobal.net)

## Music Coordination Team

The music coordination team has been busy welcoming new singers to the choir this year. We are seeing 24 to 30 choir members (ages 17 to 86) at rehearsals and on Sundays.

If you love singing, please consider joining us for rehearsals Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Our Choir Director, Tonya Laymon, is a great teacher and she makes learning fun. No audition; just come and be welcomed!

The choir is pleased to be performing four more beautiful Gift of Song anthems this spring. See you there!

Questions? Platt Arnold at [platt\\_arnold@yahoo.com](mailto:platt_arnold@yahoo.com) or 860-691-1125

## CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

**Saturday, April 6 - 9:00 am to 1:30 pm**

Becoming a Unitarian Universalist is an ongoing process. Where are you in this process? Have you been coming to All Souls for six months, a year, or longer? Have you been attending Sunday worship services? Maybe you have a child in our Faith Formation program. Are you making connections with others in small groups or activities? Has your growing commitment to Unitarian Universalist values called you to participate in social justice events such as our Black Lives Matter weekly public witness?

Maybe you are now thinking about deepening your commitment and connection to All Souls. Perhaps you would like to be able to be a part of our democratic process and vote on issues that come before the congregation.

Would you like to know more about what it means to be a member of All Souls? If so, the "Considering Membership" workshop is for you. During this Saturday workshop, you will spend time with Reverend Carolyn Patierno and Perry Montrose, Director of Faith Formation. You will meet others who have been attending All Souls for a while and are now thinking about the next step.

Participants share their faith journeys, learn more about our UU tradition and what covenant and membership at All Souls mean. Belonging to a congregation is a journey of deepening connection and growth.

This one session class is planned for Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch and childcare provided. *(Please let Lynn Tavormina know if childcare is needed.)* Attending this workshop does not obligate you to become a member of All Souls, but may help inform your decision.

We will welcome new members on New Member Sunday, May 19.

And some final thoughts, adapted from the UUA pamphlet "Journey to Belonging":

"Belonging to a congregation is a journey of deepening connection and growth. The journey may be only for a year or for decades. It may progress into membership. (And) membership .... is really an evolving relationship, growing richer over time as we learn more about ourselves and how our Principles call us to live. It starts when we visit a website or go to an event, and gets stronger as we attend worship regularly, participate in a small group ministry circle, sign the membership book, teach in religious education, participate in a Facebook event, take on leadership roles, etc. It does not stop when we become a member but rather continues to the highest levels of dedication and leadership. Being in community is a give-and-take. We look forward to the gifts you have to share and hope you will find value in what we bring to this community."

**Signups are happening now. Look for the signup sheet on the Welcome Table**

Questions? Lynn Tavormina at [bltavo@atlanticbb.net](mailto:bltavo@atlanticbb.net) or 860-389-3859 .



# ORDER EASTER PLANTS

for display in the sanctuary during Easter Services and then  
take it home with you after the service.



PLANTS are  
\$12 each for Lilies, Tulips, and Daffodils  
*you may order as many as you wish*

*Simply clip the order form below and mail it WITH your check to:*

*"All Souls Easter Plants", All Souls UU Congregation*

*19 Jay Street, New London, CT 06320*

*OR*

*you may place your order with the payment in an envelope  
in the offering basket on Sunday*

*Only those plants that are ordered and paid for by **April 15** will be delivered  
in time for our Easter Service*

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## **All Souls Easter Plant Order 2019**

Make check payable to: "All Souls UU Congregation" and memo "Easter Plant"

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

If you wish the flower(s) to be placed in memory or honor of a special person  
please note the name(s) below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please print just the way it (they) should appear

\_\_\_\_Lilies @ \$12;    \_\_\_\_Tulips @ \$12;    \_\_\_\_Daffodils @ \$12

Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_



## Join us for Southeastern Connecticut's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk



# Help End Homelessness One Step at a Time

**Sunday, April 28 ■ Downtown New London**

Walk starts at 1:00 p.m.; come at noon for performances, activities and fun!

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
THE NEW LONDON  
HOMELESS HOSPITALITY CENTER**



**NEW  
LONDON Homeless  
Hospitality Center**



**HOLLERAN  
CENTER**  
for community action  
and public policy



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# 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS

Sunday, April 28, 2019 ■ Walk Begins at 1:00 p.m. ■ Festivities Kick Off at Noon  
Starting from the Municipal Parking Lot on Eugene O'Neill Drive at Golden Street

Top walkers will  
win gift cards from  
local merchants!

## WALKER REGISTRATION

Every Walker should complete this form or register online at [www.nlhhc.org/walk](http://www.nlhhc.org/walk).

Walker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you with a Team? If so, please provide Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual Walker – \$20

☐ Student, Vet, Senior Age 65+ – \$15

☐ Member of a Team – \$13

*Kids 12 and under are free.*

## ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SUPPORT YOU!

Even small amounts add up to make a big difference. Top walkers will win gift cards from local merchants. Bring the donations with you to the Walk. Sponsors can also support you online at [www.nlhhc.org](http://www.nlhhc.org) by clicking on "Give Now" and noting your name in the "special purpose" box.

Name of Sponsor	Street/City/State/Zip	Donation

Registration Fee (from above, unless you paid online): \_\_\_\_\_



**Homeless  
Hospitality Center**



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TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this form to the Walk with cash or a check payable to NLHHC. More info about the Walk is at [www.nlhhc.org/walk](http://www.nlhhc.org/walk).

# ALL SOULS PLANT AND TAG SALE 2019!

Coming to Unity Hall, Rain or Shine!

Saturday, June 1 from 9 to 2 p.m.!



Plants and CLEAN items in good condition needed for our annual fund-raiser. **\*\*NEW THIS YEAR!!** We will accept **CLOTHING/SHOES!!** PLEASE, CLEAN and GENTLY WORN condition. **CRAFTS** will also be sold! **\*\*** All items gratefully received during the week before the sale (except analog TVs, computers, VHS tapes, mattresses & stuffed animals).

## THE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 26 : SET UP Unity Hall

Monday , May 27: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, Enjoy!

Tuesday – Thursday, May 28 – May 30: 11—7 p.m. – DROP OFF items and plants

Friday, May 31: 9-noon – FINAL DROP OFF

Friday, May 31: noon-5 p.m. – COMPLETE SET UP

Friday, May 31: 5 - 7 p.m. **–PRE-SALE for All Souls congregants. All items sold at 1 ½ times the sticker price.**

Saturday, June 1: 9 - 2 p.m.—SHOP til you DROP!

2 - 4 p.m.—Unity Hall clean up and reassembly

**We need HELPERS for our short but intense sale week.**

Questions? Tracey Dubee at 860-917-9131 or [traceydrose57@yahoo.com](mailto:traceydrose57@yahoo.com) or

Sher Lofgren at 203-8487865 or [sheryllynnlofgren@gmail.com](mailto:sheryllynnlofgren@gmail.com)

## Calling all Crafters

Calling all crafters to the rescue! For a fundraiser we will be setting up a “Crafters Nook” at the tag sale where we can sell items crafted by congregants. Start now making small and easy to make items that sell well.

Examples:

Jewelry

Homemade candles or soaps

Potted small indoor plants

Knitted / crocheted items

It can be anything as long as it's handmade. This is a way you can give back to All Souls while enjoying crafting!

Questions? Becky Noreen at 860-235-7035 or [noreentowne@comcast.net](mailto:noreentowne@comcast.net)

# Friday Night Folk

*Bringing Folk Music to New London since 1989*



**Presents:**

Folk duo **The Kennedys**

April 12 15 at 7:30 p.m.



## **Folk-laced musical tapestry: Skill, surprises, sweet emotion**

Click here for to listen to [Kennedys Safe Until Tomorrow video](#)

In more than two decades together, the New York duo *The Kennedys* has covered a broad musical landscape, surveying acoustic songwriting, organic rock, and a Byrds-inspired jangle that drew the attention of Roger McGuinn, Steve Earle, and most notably Nanci Griffith. They are brimming with ideas and new songs.

Pete and Maura Kennedy, both East Coast natives, met in Austin, Texas, joined forces with Nanci Griffith's Blue Moon Orchestra for a couple of years, and set out on a road that has led them all over the US and the UK. They knit disparate musical threads into a coat of many colors. Broad roots and the fulfillment of a personal American dream come together in dozens of new songs. Buddy Holly style roots, the tuneful cadences of the Everly Brothers, and the ringing 12-string jangle of the early Byrds intersperse with darker moments that recall British folk rock a la Fairport Convention.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12 at All Souls UU, 19 Jay Street, New London, CT. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$17 reserved in advance, and \$10 for students and active military with ID. Purchase advance tickets on [Eventbrite.com](#). Or, to make reservations at the advance price, call 860-443-0316 and leave your name.

Friday Night Folk at All Souls joyfully supports social and environmental justice by bringing live, traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music to the community in a welcoming and accessible performance space. Founded in 1989.

Reporters and photographers welcome.

Press contacts: Nick Evento, Friday Night Folk Founder at (860) 447-9580 or [nickevento@gmail.com](mailto:nickevento@gmail.com)  
[friday@fridaynightfolk.org](mailto:friday@fridaynightfolk.org)  
<http://www.fridaynightfolk.org>

Performer Contact: <http://www.kennedysmusic.com>



April 2019



Updates at: [www.allsoulsnewlondon.org](http://www.allsoulsnewlondon.org)

<u><b>Sunday</b></u>	<u><b>Monday</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesday</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesday</b></u>	<u><b>Thursday</b></u>	<u><b>Friday</b></u>	<u><b>Saturday</b></u>
<u><b>3/31/2019</b></u> <b>9:30 AM</b> *RE Classes *Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> *Worship *Youth Group	<u><b>4/1/2019</b></u> <b>4:30 PM</b> *Nominating and Leadership Dev. <b>7:00 PM</b> *Big Book Study Meeting	<u><b>4/2/2019</b></u> <b>7:15 AM</b> *Meditation <b>5:30 PM</b> *Building Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> *NL LGBTQ AA	<u><b>4/3/2019</b></u> <b>12:00 PM</b> *Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> *Meditation *Worship Art Team Meeting *Stewardship/Capital Campaign <b>6:30 PM</b> *Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> *Craft Circle	<u><b>4/4/2019</b></u>	<u><b>4/5/2019</b></u> <b>6:00 PM</b> *Unity Hall Prep for Considering Membership <b>7:00 PM</b> *Alanon	<u><b>4/6/2019</b></u> <b>8:45 AM</b> *Considering Membership Workshop <b>9:30 AM</b> *Addiction Ministry Group <b>10:00 AM</b> *introduction to Interplay <b>12:30 p.m.</b> Youthcon
<u><b>4/7/2019</b></u> <b>9 a.m.</b> Youthcon wrap-up <b>10 AM</b> <b>Earth Day</b> *Worship  No Faith Formation or youth group	<u><b>4/8/2019</b></u> <b>7:00 PM</b> *Facilities  *Big Book Study Meeting	<u><b>4/9/2019</b></u> <b>7:15 AM</b> *Meditation <b>12:00 PM</b> *Elderjourney <b>5:30 PM</b> *Building Committee *Executive Committee Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> *NL LGBTQ AA *Green Sanctuary	<u><b>4/10/2019</b></u> <b>2:00 PM</b> *Pastoral Visitor Team Meeting <b>4:00 PM</b> *Community Meal <b>5:30 PM</b> *Meditation *Stewardship/Capital Campaign <b>6:30 PM</b> *Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> *Craft Circle	<u><b>4/11/2019</b></u> <b>12:30 PM</b> *Health Coalition <b>5:45 PM</b> *New London Landmarks Annual Meeting	<u><b>4/12/2019</b></u> <b>7:00 PM</b> *Alanon <b>7:30 PM</b> *Friday Night Folk	<u><b>4/13/2019</b></u> <b>9:30 AM</b> *Addiction Ministry Group <b>11:30 AM</b> *Get together for Janet R.
<u><b>4/14/2019</b></u> <b>9:30 AM</b> *RE Classes *Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> *Worship *Youth Group	<u><b>4/15/2019</b></u> <b>1:00 PM</b> *Book Club <b>7:00 PM</b> *Big Book Study Meeting	<u><b>4/16/2019</b></u> <b>7:15 AM</b> *Meditation <b>5:30 PM</b> *Building Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> *NL LGBTQ AA	<u><b>4/17/2019</b></u> <b>4:00 PM</b> *Caring Team <b>5:30 PM</b> *Meditation *Stewardship/Capital Campaign <b>6:30 PM</b> *Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> *Craft Circle	<u><b>4/18/2019</b></u> <b>5:30 PM</b> *Board Meeting	<u><b>4/19/2019</b></u> <b>4:00 PM</b> *Thank you dinner for Visiting Stewards <b>7:00 PM</b> *Alanon	<u><b>4/20/2019</b></u> <b>9:00 AM</b> *Facilities Work Party *Community Meal New London <b>9:30 AM</b> *Addiction Ministry Group
<u><b>4/21/2019</b></u> <b>Easter</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> *Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> *Worship No Faith Formation or youth group	<u><b>4/22/2019</b></u> <b>7:00 PM</b> *Big Book Study Meeting	<u><b>4/23/2019</b></u> <b>7:15 AM</b> *Meditation <b>5:30 PM</b> *Building Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> *NL LGBTQ AA	<u><b>4/24/2019</b></u> <b>5:30 PM</b> *Meditation *Stewardship/Capital Campaign <b>6:30 PM</b> *Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> *Craft Circle	<u><b>4/25/2019</b></u> <b>5:30 PM</b> *Finance Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> *G.R.A.C.E.	<u><b>4/26/2019</b></u> <b>7:00 PM</b> *Alanon	<u><b>4/27/2019</b></u> <b>9:30 AM</b> *Addiction Ministry Group
<u><b>4/28/2019</b></u> <b>8:00 AM</b> *Homeless Hospitality Usin <b>9:30 AM</b> *RE Classes *Worship <b>11:15 AM</b> *Worship *Youth Group	<u><b>4/29/2019</b></u> <b>7:00 PM</b> *Big Book Study Meeting	<u><b>4/30/2019</b></u> <b>7:15 AM</b> *Meditation <b>5:30 PM</b> *Building Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> *NL LGBTQ AA	<u><b>5/1/2019</b></u> <b>12:00 PM</b> *Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> *Meditation *Worship Art Team Meeting *Stewardship/Capital Campaign <b>6:30 PM</b> *Choir Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> *Craft Circle	<u><b>5/2/2019</b></u>	<u><b>5/3/2019</b></u> <b>7:00 PM</b> *Alanon	<u><b>5/4/2019</b></u> <b>9:30 AM</b> *Addiction Ministry Group