



WELCOMING CARING SEEKING

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.

Words to live by: "Crisis or transition of any kind reminds us of what matters most."

Russell Ballard

September Ministry Theme: Transition

September 1: "The Labor of Human Care"

One service: 10 a.m.

Worship Leader: Carol Thompson

Reflection: Sue Frankewicz

Labor Day celebrates the justice and dignity that are the fruits of organized workers. Using her experience as a care provider, Sue will tell the story of leading women working in homecare in SE CT to unite as a bargaining unit. With reflections on how our society values the work of human care for perspective, we will celebrate with the music that emerged from this joyful effort.

September 8: Water Communion & Pies for Peace

One service: 10 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Reverends Carolyn Patierno & Caitlin O'Brien

At the start of the new church season, all are invited to bring a small vessel of water either from home or away to pour into a common bowl. We will enter into the time-honored ritual that is the Water Communion. Rich with meaning, this service signals a new beginning in strength and connection.

9th Annual Pies for Peace – see page 6 for details

Good Neighbor Offering: Refugee and Immigration Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) see page 12 for details.

Dedicated Offering: Faith Formation Scholarship Fund

September 15: "Transition: At the window watching the late afternoon light"

Two Services: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.—First day of Faith Formation Classes

Worship Leader: Reverend Carolyn Patierno

Throughout our lives we move through transitions that often rattle our center – none more than the dramatic transitions we experience in childhood. We'll consider how we learn to accept transition through the lessons of childhood.

New London Food Pantry Offering: canned vegetables

September 22: "Neither Here Nor There"

Two Services: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Worship Leader: Reverend Carolyn Patierno

Preacher: Ann Kadlecek, All Souls Intern

In transitions, we inhabit that untethered space between 'what was' and 'what will be'. It can be a scary, disorienting place where we encounter loss and uncertainty; it can also bring unexpected growth, connection, and even joy. What helps us to navigate those in-between spaces of our lives? And what gifts might await us there?

September 29: "Let's Look At The Bright Side"

Two Services: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Worship Leader: Reverend Carolyn Patierno

Preacher: Reverend Caitlin O'Brien

Black Lives Matter
PUBLIC WITNESS ON SUNDAYS
AFTER THE FIRST SERVICE

Despite plenty of news to the contrary, let's look at evidence that humans are in fact improving. With the Days of Awe beginning at sundown, we'll explore the Jewish concept of "co-creation:" our role in the betterment of life.

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

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I write this piece for our newsletter looking out at Alewife Cove from my deck on a day the local weather news described as a "delightful summer day." It is Sunday and I have just returned from church where peace candles were lit for two mass shootings during the past week and for the laborers arrested in an ICE raid in Mississippi.

Shadows and Light

Against the background of darkness in our nation I sat in church smiling at Mark Samos' stories of friends, honor, and Greek identity and Karen Ethier-Waring's reflections on the sacredness of food for the body and the soul. After the service we wrote postcards to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to urge him to let bills on gun reform get to the Senate floor.

And still: Shadows and Light

I contemplate the words "I give to the work of All Souls" and how in the best of times and the worst of times I look to our church to sustain me. I give to the work of All Souls—we give to the work of All Souls.

What is the work? Why do we give?

I'd like to share a story from this past week that many of you may not have heard. I believe it serves as an example of our work. At her office, co-president Laurel Holmes was approached by a fellow social worker about a difficult case. A young mother was in labor with her second child. Her husband, here on a student visa (enrolled in a graduate school program) had returned to their home country to take care of some issues. Sadly, he was denied reentry into the United States. The young mother was alone and had no one to care for her thirteen-month old son. Laurel reached out to Carolyn. Describing what happened next to All Souls' Board members she said that there was a whirlwind of calls, texts, pleas, and finally, offers of help. Meals were organized, car seats secured, toys and books delivered. But most of all, Carolyn stepped up. She met and reassured the woman—soon to have a child—wrapped up the little boy,

and took him to her own home. When Carolyn needed to attend an important meeting the next morning (and Kate had a previous commitment) Ginny Campbell came and stayed with him. That evening, he transitioned to another family who offered their care and hospitality so that Carolyn and Kate could leave for a long-planned vacation.

I had the privilege of meeting the little lad. His bright smile and glowing eyes were the highlight of my week!

This is an example of the work of All Souls reflecting our mission to "create a welcoming, caring, justice-seeking community within and beyond our walls".

Next month we will take up the first of three mission offerings discussed at our annual meeting. To remind, we had a budget shortfall in what we raised versus what we need. The Board and Stewardship Team proposed three offerings throughout the course of the year to close that gap.

I urge everyone to step up and contribute as much as you are able remembering that, "our work weaves the fabric of love called community." Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

Shadows and Light

Our unified efforts do create light that pushes back the shadows of fear and hate.

Onward!

Maggie

The office will be
closed on
Monday
September 2, 2019
In observance
of Labor Day

A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CAROLYN

Kate and I made the mistake of booking flights home from California for July 3. Take this advice: do not book flights for July 3. The story is long and tedious but here are the good parts.

The airline gave me a hotel voucher (to a very nice hotel) where I hung out for the 12 hours before my re-booked flight was to take off. (My original flight was cancelled. Kate traveled separately and got out. That's another long and tedious story.) I actually had a lovely day. The hotel staff advised me to leave the hotel 1½ hours before my departure time. Which I did but there was so much traffic that it took nearly an hour to travel *the mile* from the airport hotel to the actual airport.

Welcome to Los Angeles.

Once I got to the airport, there was the obligatory running through crowds and leaping over small children (I'm not kidding) to get to the gate. But between my gate and I was the dreaded TSA security check. My heart withered at the sight of a quarter mile-long line of travelers all bleary-eyed for the red-eye flights ahead of them – all waiting patiently to remove their shoes.

I could not miss this flight.

I took a deep breath and got to work. I started at the end of the line with the first traveler, "Excuse me. My flight leaves in 20 minutes. Could I please step ahead of you?" And then I held my breath unsure of how the ask would be received. To my great relief, I got the go ahead. Over and over and over again, "Excuse me. My flight leaves in 20 minutes. Could I please step ahead of you?" Slowly, those ahead were becoming aware of this unusual movement ... someone (me) moving forward ... and dear Souls, folks began to anticipate my arrival and preemptively gave the okay with good will until finally – and this is really amazing – as I got close to the gate, the TSA agent opened up the barrier a few feet ahead of the actual entrance *and waved me in!*

I moved through quickly, ran to the gate and onto the plane where collapsed into my seat with a burst of relief and gratitude and not a minute too soon: the door closed just as I was settling in.

I'm writing this story for you in the week that follows two mass shootings; relentless images of migrants at our southern border fleeing their home countries only to experience unspeakable suffering for our country's cruelty, oh, you know what all else. But there is this: despite everything a quarter mile long line of travelers not only let me pass but also rooted for me, that I would make it to the gate and onto my flight on time.

In her President's Column, Maggie Clouet shares equally lovely images and stories of people behaving with generosity, good will, and a commitment to hospitality. At All Souls we not only strive to remember these stories, we *strive to be the central characters in these stories*.

"Church is where you practice being who you really want to be." As a new program year begins at All Souls – a year that promises to be chock full of transition and disruption in our shared congregational life – we're going to have ample opportunity to practice being our best selves. We are up to it. We are better for it and as importantly the world is better for our effort.

It's so important that you keep up with all the goings-on at All Souls this year as we embark on our building project. Here's my personal plea to you: please read the newsletter. Read the weekly eblast. Come to church on Sunday ... and all the days in-between.

All Souls' Water Communion and Pies for Peace are rituals that center our mission "to create a welcoming, caring, and justice-seeking community". I'll look forward to seeing your beautiful faces as we gather together in Love.

With love for the journey, Carolyn



Faith Formation

Perry's Ponderings

My summer included Fun & Games at All Souls, preparation for the new year in Faith Formation, Sailfest, a ride in an original Model T, lots of ice cream, and trips to see family in Michigan and Rochester. One of my favorite Fun & Games activities was our water day, when I ended up completely soaked as the target of little ones armed with water balloons and full buckets. It felt like a Faith Formation rite of passage, a baptism signifying a level of comfort that the children have reached with me after a year of developing our connection. All summer, it was heartening to see the children so at ease with each other and just having fun. They bonded and supported one another in all the games. This is the core of what it means to be a faith community and what we hold onto through transitions.

While in Michigan, our family attended the local Unitarian Universalist congregation, Birmingham Unitarian Church, where a couple of years ago they completed a construction project that required a capital campaign. Seeing their beautiful renovations increased my excitement about our own upcoming building project and what its completion will offer us. The community room space at BUC allowed for tables and open areas for chatting during coffee hour, along with milling about the social justice information table. I got the full sense of how our increased social space will expand our opportunities for connection.

Before our renovated space becomes a reality, we have a year of continuing to connect as we are. I mean that in terms of the building, but also as people. We come as we are, molded by our experiences, with the children having emotionally and physically grown over the summer. We are all works in progress, looking to Faith Formation to help us discover more about the self that exists and how it relates to the ever-changing world around us. We come to be embraced in a community of acceptance, while we learn and grow together.

We have thoughtfully chosen curricula for this year's Children and Youth Faith Formation classes, knowing that the group bonding and fun experiences are what bring the lesson plans to life. The most meaningful discovery happens because of our presence to one another and knowing we have a faith home to hold all of who we are. Here are the curricula for this congregational year:

[Abbreviated Class Descriptions](https://www.allsoulsnewlondon.org/faith_formation_at_all_souls) (Full class information and registration at https://www.allsoulsnewlondon.org/faith_formation_at_all_souls)

Infant and Toddler Childcare - We offer child/nursery care for children under 3 years of age. Our staff and volunteers are ready for interactive play!

Pre-K / Kindergarten: "Spirit Play" - These young Souls will explore matters of the spirit and heart through Spirit Play. Spirit Play includes ritualized storytelling, "wondering questions," and various activity stations.

1st-3rd Grade: "Faithful Journeys" - This curriculum helps to ground children in who UU's are, what we value and how we live. Centered around the 7 UU principles, children will engage their minds, spirits, and bodies.

4th-6th Grade: "Bibleodeon" & "Our Whole Lives" - This class will explore Hebrew and Christian scriptures, dramatizing some of the best-known Bible stories through theatrical play, TV reporting, and other fun projects. For the final part of the year, we will teach the "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) sexuality and faith curriculum.

7th-8th Grade: "Heeding the Call" - "Heeding the Call" is a series of workshops that will help youth to develop the leadership qualities needed for social justice work in our world. Topics include Empathy, Courage, Abundance, and Joy, as key ingredients for being responsive to justice issues in our society.

9th- 10th Grade Coming of Age - Beginning in October, we will offer the "Coming of Age" program to our 9th-10th graders. It includes discussions of religious and ethical questions, community building and service, and the youth sharing their "credos," or faith statements, in a special worship service.

Youth Group - 11:15 a.m. - 9th-12th graders check in with one another, engage the "Big Questions" of the day, and build community in a safe and fun environment. Service projects and social outings just for fun are added.

Faith Formation Happenings

Thank you!

Summer Fun & Games Volunteers: Jazelle Avery, Dason Avery, Frida Berrigan, Patrick Sheehan-Gaumer, Lorelai England, Hans Veltheim, Heidi Veltheim, Callan Veltheim, Gigi Veltheim, Angela Mock, Bradley Mock, Amye Stoddard, Maria Bareiss, Alex Clancy, Heidi Iorio-Chriss, Sue Frankewicz, Erin Tudisco, Liz Spurr, Dan Spurr, Nancy Miller, Scott Miller, Kate Richards, Emmy Franklin, and Clara Franklin.

Linda Sargent for helping to create our PreK-K Spirit Play curriculum for the new 2019-2020 year and to Danielle Mello for helping to organize the story boxes.

Devin Weaver for updating our Faith Formation online registration page.

Faith Formation Calendar:

September 1 at 10 a.m. - Last week of Summer Fun & Games. Let's play cooperative and improvisational games!

September 8 at 10 a.m. - Water Communion Multi-generational Worship

September 15 (back to 2 services) 9:30 a.m. - First day of Faith Formation Classes! 11:15 a.m. - Youth Group

September 22 at 9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation Classes; 11:15 a.m. - Youth Group

September 29 at 9:30 a.m. - Faith Formation Classes; 11:15 a.m. - Youth Group

Questions? Perry at dirfaithformation@allsouls.net or for more Information.

Interplay

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.



Starting September 8 running through November 19

What is InterPlay? An active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the body.

It exercises our whole selves body, mind and spirit. It adapts to our abilities. It can clear you out, free you up, fill you up and make you laugh. It has structure. It's a way to have fun and connect with other people. It

gives us room to be ourselves. It is incremental and respectful of our inner authority. It notices the good. It's a way to be improvisational with movement, sounding, words and stories.

InterPlay came into my life at a difficult time. It has given me a time and place to connect with my generative and playful self, giving me grace in living without ever trying to "fix me." I have recently become a certified leader and I would like to share this gift with All Souls.

Questions? Linda Sargeant at lindaesar@gmail.com or 860-389-5427

Greetings From Your New Ministerial Intern!

I'm eager to begin my internship with you which will run half-time, September through May, for the next two years. During our time together, I'll be learning while preaching, providing pastoral care, participating in leadership activities, and supporting your social justice efforts. I'm grateful for the part that all of you will play in my formation as a Unitarian Universalist minister. Thank you!

My path to ministry started about 20 years ago as an increasingly involved church volunteer. I then become a religious educator, earned credentialed status, and served three different congregations over eight years as I discerned a call to ministry and gravitated toward interim work. I'm currently a student at Yale Divinity School and a candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry.

Professionally, I've also been a molecular biologist, a patent attorney, and a middle school science teacher. I have two sons in their twenties, David and Michael, and two dogs. Maria is a hound mix and Pedro is a street dog from Mexico who recently retired from therapy dog work. We live on the shoreline now; you might see us around on hiking trails or beaches as we enjoy the beauty of this area.

I'm looking forward to sharing this transitional time with you and getting to know each of you!

With anticipation for our time together,

Ann

Questions? Ann at intern@allsouls.net

Ninth Annual Pies for Peace

September 8, 2019



After service, we will enjoy the Ninth Annual Pies for Peace. What began on the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 continues on as a way to shine the light on the sweetness and power of community as we also raise funds for a worthy, peace-centered organization. The donations will be collected for this year's GNO recipient the Refugee and Immigration Center of Education and Legal Services (RAICES), (see page 11 for details).

For those that may be new to Pies for Peace, all are invited to bring a homemade pie to church. Fruit, cus-

tard, cream, savory, all pies are welcome!! See the prayer that you may hold close as you bake on page 11.

Board of Trustees Notes

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 15, 2019. Highlights of the meeting include:

1. A detailed report from Neil Overstorm, Capital Campaign Building Committee Chair highlighted the latest cost estimate from Carlin Construction Company and also discussed possible modifications to building plans.
2. Planning for the town hall meeting on Sunday, August 18 was discussed.
3. Discussion regarding the annual costs including taxes on 25 Jay Street.

For complete minutes go to www.allsoulsnewlondon.org. Click on "About Us", then "Board of Trustees and Governance". Draft minutes will not be posted until they are approved. Members who want to see them can get a copy from the Secretary; e-mail requests to secretary@allsouls.net.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. 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.

Questions? David Burnside, secretary at davidburnside1962@gmail.com or 860-984-9041

Treasurers Report

July-August 2019

To those who are meeting their financial commitments to the operating budget and capital campaign in advance, we offer deep gratitude. Our Net Operating Income for July through mid-August is \$38,497, a great start to our new fiscal year!

To echo my predecessor's call to action last June, if you are able, please front-end your Capital Campaign commitment this Summer/early Fall, as we need to have in hand at least 20% of the final estimated project cost as a down payment on our future construction loan.

As a member of this congregation, and your new treasurer, I applaud you all for your commitment and response!

Questions? Tina DuBosque, treasurer at treasurer@allsouls.net or 860-705-3151

Support All Souls

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1. Go to smile.amazon.com
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That's it! Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to All Souls. Thank you!



THE HOME PAGES

To keep you updated on all things building project!

STEWARDSHIP—CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On Saturday, September 24, the Stewardship Committee began the new fiscal year with our annual retreat. We welcomed new members: Emmy Franklin, Joel Ackerman, and Brad Mock.

On the agenda for the retreat was a debriefing of the 2018-2019 annual campaign. One hundred fifty two households made financial commitments amounting to \$374,898.00 toward the 2019-2020 operating budget. Committee members discussed what they viewed as successful practices and areas in need of improvement. In preparation for the retreat, Reverend Carolyn asked committee members to read an excerpt from the book, *Ministry and Money, A Guide for Clergy and Their Friends* by Dan Hotchkiss. The messages of Chapter 7, "Advocating for Generosity" affirmed some practices we already use and encouraged new ways of thinking about strategies for a stewardship campaign. We must all keep in mind that a successful campaign will provide the financial support necessary to make it possible to achieve the goals established by the All Souls Board of Trustees and our ministry this year.

As of mid-August, \$290,890 in capital financial commitments has been paid toward our building project. These contributions are extremely helpful as we begin the process of procuring a building loan. A reminder to clearly indicate on your check whether your contribution is for the annual budget or the capital campaign.

We invite every member of All Souls to join in our vision by giving generously to maintain and enhance the health of our faith community.

Questions? Henrietta Mountz, Stewardship Co-chair at henrietta68@comcast.net or 860-339-5178

Tom Lescoe, Stewardship Co-chair at tlescoe@hotmail.com or 413-824-7688

Daniel Spurr, Stewardship Co-chair at bandanmanspu@yahoo.com or 860-389-2054

BUILDING COMMITTEE

All Souls received Planning and Zoning approval for our building project on August 1 based on the site modifications developed by CLA Civil Engineers and detailed plans from our architect Dan Glynn. Unfortunately, two weeks later Carlin Construction's newest cost estimate, informed by our recently completed 100% design development and engineering studies, exceeded our budget by approximately 40 percent. Options to reduce costs are being considered, while maintaining priorities for community room, kitchen, and classrooms as well as quality and aesthetics. The Board is also working on a congregation-wide process to help determine both short and long-term options for 25 Jay Street. The need to consider changes affects the construction timetable, but it is too early to determine by how much. Onward!

The Solar Panels support deadline is September 15. All Souls has preliminary approval for \$150,000 to support solar panels and energy-efficient HVAC. Jonathan Harger (hejeharger@atlanticbb.net) is looking for businesses or individuals that might participate in the state's tax credit option; he has packets with details. This is a parallel project, led by the Green Sanctuary team.

Neal Overstrom, Building Committee Chair at bc@allsouls.net or 860-639-8535

SPACE FORCE (AKA Alternate Space Team)

The leadership at Temple Emanu 'El has been informed that our building project will be delayed. Rabbi Marc Ekstrand offered his support and this lovely response to the news, "Well, this will give us more time to prepare our welcome for your coming." The contract will need to be adjusted to reflect a new time frame.

Sue Frankewicz will continue to her work on accommodating meeting space needs. Stay tuned!

Questions? George Dowker, Space Force Chair at dowker@snet.net or 860-235-6247



Caring Team

Someone to talk to, as simple and as meaningful as that!

Our Pastoral Visitors team is entering its second church year of serving All Souls with their listening ears. They'll be the first to tell you that this work uplifts their own spirits and helps them to feel connected to our faith community. As one of our pastoral visitors said today, "This work has created a new soft spot in my heart." Below, some of our group is gathered for our fall "start-up" meeting:



Nicolo Festa, Reverend Caitlin O'Brien, Carol Thompson, Kathy Spindler, and Peg Snow-Madura

Caring Team Support

In addition to pastoral visits, if it would be helpful to get a ride, or receive a check-in visit, or a meal from our Caring Team, please contact Reverend Caitlin at associate.minister@allsouls.net or any one of our Caring Team volunteers:



Ginny Campbell
Meals



Erika Harger
Notes/calls of support



Betsey Fox
Check-in visits



Kathy Spindler
Transportation

Why our Caring Team may contact you

Just to remind, our team may reach out to you "just because." With our check-in calls and visits, we want to deepen the ways that we know and are aware of one another at All Souls. We also may reach out to you for a reason, such as that you've recently had a baby, or we haven't seen you in a while, or you've had a medical challenge, or we have learned that you are going through a loss or transition in your life. We hope you will be open to connecting with a fellow Soul in this way. We also hope that if, at the time of contact, you are not up for connecting, you will feel free to say so.

We all lean on one another

There are certainly times when a volunteer from our Pastoral Visitors team or Caring team has been the recipient of this very support. We are a community of care, and what goes around comes around! We hope you'll be in touch if you would appreciate our support, or if you know of a Soul who would.

Women's Addiction Ministry

The Addiction Ministry group, 16 Steps for Discovery and Empowerment has been meeting for a year now. Based on the work of Charlotte Kasl, PhD, this non-theistic approach to healing from addiction emphasizes self-knowledge, self-care and freedom from shame. The principals as set out in the book, *Many Roads, One Journey*, dance beautifully with the Seven Principles of our UU faith.

The ministry has evolved to be a group supporting women who seek freedom from addictive behaviors, including codependence, that result from past trauma. The group will reconvene on Friday, September 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Any woman (be they cisgender or transgender) who is an All Souls congregant is welcome. New members will be welcomed based on the order in which they make contact and confirmation of shared goals. Space, however, is limited. If you are interested in making a commitment to healing from addictive behaviors and would like to join, please contact Sue Frankewicz prior to attending.

Questions? Sue Frankewicz at suefrankewicz9@gmail.com or 860-383-4374. (Because space is limited prior contact is essential.)

Green Sanctuary

Come join us on September 10 at 7 p.m. as we move forward in the reaccreditation UUA's Green Sanctuary process. As a congregation we need to apply Green Sanctuary themes to our new building expansion and become a continuing Green Sanctuary Congregation.

Want to become involved in climate change? The UUA has joined as a partner with the Global Climate Strike on Sept 20, 2019. The local strikes will be in Willimantic at 5 p.m., and New Haven at 3 p.m. Specifics on these two and any other updates can be found at <http://globalclimateshrike.net>.

Join us on second Tuesday of each month from 7-8 p.m. to be a part of our recommitment as a congregation to Green Sanctuary.

Questions or solar panel production numbers? Jonathan S. Harger at hejeharger@atlanticbb.net or 860-739-4224.

Sharing Circles

We are living in unsettling times. Sharing our thoughts and ideas with others in a safe and supportive small group is what a sharing circle is all about. In a small group Sharing Circle, we minister to each other through deep listening to each other's joy and concern. We have a chance to reflect on a variety of topics.

A fall session of Sharing Circles will include several options. There will be a regular small group that will meet six times, a couple of groups that will meet just once as a "getting to know you better" group, and the 60+ Sharing Circle that will address issues of special interest for those 60 years and older. Sign-ups for the fall session will take place several Sundays late in September. Watch for announcements.

For more information about Sharing Circles, please feel free to contact one of the Sharing Circle team members listed below.

Questions? Susanne Colten-Carey at ssc-c@comcast.net or 860 - 434-9999

Kathy Fleissner at kathyandbetty@comcast.net or 860 - 381-5551

Carol Irwin at irbaldery@sbcglobal.net or 860 - 889-6594

Attention All Souls

Do you have a good idea for fundraising 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 at laurelghr@yahoo.com or 860-287-7756 or Maggie Clouet at maggielclouet@yahoo.com or 203-215-6227.

Membership

Welcome to a new season at All Souls! Although our building project has been delayed, we will find ourselves worshipping together at a new time and in a new place before we know it. But even with the changes that we will see this year some things will remain the same. One of those is a warm, open invitation to consider membership at All Souls.

As we did last year, there will be an opportunity in the late fall or early winter to become a member by signing the membership book in the presence of the minister and myself during coffee hour. We tried this last January and 19 people decided that was the way that worked best for them.

As well, we will hold a four-hour Considering Membership Workshop in the spring for those who want a more in-depth discussion of Unitarian Universalism and what it means to become a member at All Souls. And as we did last year, folks who signed the membership book during coffee hour were also invited to attend the spring workshop although they had already become members. And six of them did!

Look for more info about both these opportunities in upcoming newsletters once our dates are finalized.

One of the important benefits of being a member is the opportunity to vote on issues that come before the congregation. But there are other important reasons. Consider this excerpt from the newest edition of the UU Pocket Guide, from the preface by UUA president Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray:

"This is no time for a casual faith or a casual commitment to the values that matter most to you. This is also no time to be alone. Right now, we need nurturing communities that remind us of our connections and responsibilities to one another as a human family. As Unitarian Universalists, we are learning how we better support one another, protect each other and our neighbors, inspire and remind each other of the power of community, practice joy and love, and teach these to our children and next generations."

For more information about Unitarian Universalism and All Souls, check out our Welcome Table in the back of Unity Hall. I'll be there to meet you and to answer your questions.

With faith in the journey,
Lynn Tavormina
Membership Chair

Questions? Lynn Tavormina at bltavo@atlanticbb.net or 860-389-3859

A Message From Hospitality

We are gearing up for beginning two services in September. Summer has been relaxed and fun! Always hoping more coffee servers will join us!

Questions? Hope Stevens at mantikahope@gmail.com or 503-449-8170

If you arrive after the service begins on a Sunday morning

Our greeter team thanks you for waiting at the back of Unity Hall until a transition break in the service.

The greeter will let you know when you may enter the sanctuary. The last two rows will be reserved for late seating.

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 in July and August. 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 so you can be put on the list.

Your help is needed!

Please consider signing up to work one of the following regular shifts:

Wednesday, September 11

Serve food from 4 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

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

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

Questions? Carol Irwin at 860-822-3391 and leave a message or send an email to meals@allsouls.net to be put the list to receive the Doodle invitation. Or just show up and help! Youth 14 and older are welcome.

A "Pies for Peace" Meditation



From the garden, to the kitchen, through our hands, to the table. May we hold close the ways that we are connected to the land and to all sentient beings.

The feast we make with the pies we bake, may they nourish what is bitter with what is sweet.

Let there be love. Let there be plenty. Let there be peace.

And let it begin with us.

Peace. Salaam. Shalom. Blessed be. Amen

From the Choir Director

I have enjoyed my summer vacation and feel rejuvenated from the UU Music Conference I attended in July in Denver, CO. I can't wait to see returning and new members to the choir! Choir practice begins on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Unity Hall. Please plan on arriving at 6:15 p.m.

We practice weekly on Wednesday evenings and generally sing two Sundays a month.

If you have thought about being in the choir, now would be a perfect time to give it a try. No audition. Just show up. Particulars about being a choir member are available in a handout located on the Welcome Table in Unity Hall or contact Platt Arnold with any questions.

See you soon!

Tonya Laymon, choir director

Question? Platt Arnold at plat_arnold@yahoo.com or 860-691-1125

Good Neighbor Offering

September means Pies for Peace! This month's Good Neighbor Offering (GNO) supports the work of Refugee and Immigration Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) in Texas. This organization, founded in 1986, provides legal services, assistance, and advocacy for separated families, detained families, unaccompanied minors, and others who are seeking asylum in the United States. Find more information about their work at www.raicestexas.org.

June's GNO raised \$861.86 for Alliance for Living.

July's GNO raised \$803.06 for Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut.

Thank you for your generous donations!



Questions? Karen Gonzalez-Rice at karen.gonzalez.rice@gmail.com or 919-699-5954.

GET CONNECTED!

Elderjourney *Tuesday, September 10 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 is provided by monthly volunteers!

Questions? Tammy Barber, Office Administrator at office@allsouls.net or 860-443-0316

Book Club *Monday, September, 16 at 1 p.m.*

This month the book club will discuss, *Justice on Earth* by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom.

Questions? Mary Rioux at maryrioux@icloud.com or 860-271-1037 or Pat Abraham at plat915@gmail.com or 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.

When All Souls renovations begin, the Tuesday morning group will meet at 25 Jay St. The Wednesday evening group will meet at Harkness Chapel on the campus of Connecticut College, just inside the college west entrance, across from the Arboretum on Old Norwich Road starting September 4. Parking is available along the entrance to the Arboretum. Meditation meeting times for both groups will remain as noted.

Questions? Pamala Lewis at pamalalewis@comcast.net or Jean Jerbert at j.jerbert@yahoo.com, or Sean Kane at sean.kane@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

Friday Night Folk

Bringing Folk Music to New London since 1989



Presents:

Friday Night Folk—this year on Saturdays!
at Temple Emanu-El



Plywood Cowboy: intelligent songwriting, vivid storytelling, engaging personalities, and pitch-perfect performance.

On Saturday, September 14, for the first show of its 2019-2020 season, Friday Night Folk (this year on Saturday!) welcomes the spectacular group *Plywood Cowboy*.

Think of dusty country roads, carefree summers, and your radio tuned to music that was soulful and authentic. Enter *Plywood Cowboy*, crafting songs ripe with these nostalgic comforts, yet with refreshing modern riffs. With Steve Dedman on piano, guitar,

and vocals, Emmet Hale on drums, Shane Tanner on bass guitar, Austin Gray on lead guitar and vocals, and Kat Wallace on violin and vocals, *Plywood Cowboy* won the 2018 Connecticut Folk Festival band competition. They were honored to open for the Grammy-nominated Yarn, Driftwood, and United States Poet Laureate Billy Collins.

"We either rock the hell out of the songs or we dim the lights and cry together," says Dedman. Listen for yourself and see why New York Blues Hall of Fame Inductee Chris Bergson called *Plywood Cowboy* "one of the best new bands on the Americana scene."

<https://www.plywoodcowboy.com/>

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 29 Dayton Road, Waterford, 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, click [here](#) or call 860-443-0316 and leave a request to be put on the advance price reservations list.

Next up in our concert season will be Joe Jencks on Saturday, October 5th.

Friday Night Folk 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.


Questions: Nick Evento at nickevento@gmail.com or 860-447-9580 or fnfolk@gmail.com or <http://www.fridaynightfolk.org/>



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Updates at: www.allsoulsnewlondon.org



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<u>9/1/2019</u> 10:00 AM *Summer Fun and Games *Worship	<u>9/2/2019</u> Office closed in observation of Labor Day	<u>9/3/2019</u> 7:15 AM *Meditation 5:30 PM *Building Committee 7:00 PM *NL LGBTQ AA	<u>9/4/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Choir Practice 7:00 PM *Craft Circle	<u>9/5/2019</u>	<u>9/6/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Women's Addiction Ministry 7:00 PM *Alanon	<u>9/7/2019</u>
<u>9/8/2019</u> 10:00 AM Worship- Water Communion Pies for Peace  GNO Dedicated Offering-Faith Formation Scholarship Fund	<u>9/9/2019</u> 7:00 PM *Facilities	<u>9/10/2019</u> 7:15 AM *Meditation 12:00 PM *Elderjourney 5:30 PM *Building Team *Executive Committee 6:00 PM *Interplay 7:00 PM *NL LGBTQ AA *Green Sanctuary	<u>9/11/2019</u> 2:00 PM *Pastoral Visitor Team Meeting 4:00 PM *Community Meal <i>New London Meal Center</i> 6:30 PM *Choir Practice 7:00 PM *Craft Circle	<u>9/12/2019</u>	<u>9/13/2019</u> 7:00 PM *Alanon	<u>9/14/2019</u> 12:00 PM *Mel Varnhagen Memorial Service 7:30 PM *Friday Night Folk Temple Emanu-El
<u>9/15/2019</u> 9:30AM *Worship *First day of Faith Formation Classes 11:15 AM *Youth Group	<u>9/16/2019</u> 1:00 PM *Book Club	<u>9/17/2019</u> 7:15 AM *Meditation 5:30 PM *Building Team 6:00 PM *Interplay 7:00 PM *NL LGBTQ AA	<u>9/18/2019</u> 4:00 PM *Caring Team 4:30 PM *Finance Meeting 6:30 PM *Choir Practice 7:00 PM *Craft Circle	<u>9/19/2019</u> 5:30 PM *Board Meeting	<u>9/20/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Women's Addiction Ministry 7:00 PM *Alanon	<u>9/21/2019</u> 9:00 AM *Facilities Work Party *Community Meal New London
<u>9/22/2019</u> 9:30AM *Worship *Formation Classes 11:15 AM *Youth Group 12:30 PM Worship Arts Team Meeting	<u>9/23/2019</u>	<u>9/24/2019</u> 7:15 AM *Meditation 5:30 PM *Building Team 6:00 PM *Interplay 7:00 PM *NL LGBTQ AA	<u>9/25/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Choir Practice 7:00 PM *Craft Circle	<u>9/26/2019</u>	<u>9/27/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Women's Addiction Ministry 7:00 PM *Alanon	<u>9/28/2019</u>
<u>9/29/2019</u> 9:30AM *Worship *Formation Classes 11:15 AM *Youth Group 11:00 AM *Greeter Training (make up)	<u>9/30/2019</u>	<u>10/1/2019</u> 7:15 AM *Meditation 5:30 PM *Building Team 6:00 PM *Interplay 7:00 PM *NL LGBTQ AA	<u>10/2/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Choir Practice 7:00 PM *Craft Circle	<u>10/3/2019</u>	<u>10/4/2019</u> 6:30 PM *Women's Addiction Ministry 7:00 PM *Alanon	<u>10/5/2019</u> 7:30 PM *Friday Night Folk Temple Emanu-El