

LOVE IN ACTION

All Souls
INDIANAPOLIS

Welcome

Opening Meditation

Welcome

Chalice Lighting & Covenant

Hymn

Member Reflection

Time for All Ages

Aidan Hamilton

Celebrating with Music

Max Patton, "From the Crush of Wealth and Power"

Joys and Concerns

Hymn #168, One More Step

Sermonette, Aidan and Leo Hamilton

Sermonette, Evan Cannon

Sermonette, Max Patten

Connection Card/Offertory:

Share the Plate: [Movement for Black Lives](#), an ecosystem of individuals and

Order of Service

All are welcome to type in the chat box before the service to lift up a joy or concern.

July, 26 2020

organizations creating a shared vision and policy agenda to win rights, recognition, and resources for Black people. In doing so, the movement makes it possible for Black people, and therefore everyone, to live healthy and fruitful lives.

Meditation

Benediction

Announcements

Coffee Hour

About our youth speakers:

Aidan Hamilton- born 2003, had a thing for climbing things and spelling words because he thought his parents couldn't understand (they always could). Currently a Junior in high school, looking forward to college and the end of this pandemic.

Leo Hamilton- born 2004, loves everything lion. A mischievous little guy when he was younger, he loved to play spy and make plans for raiding the cookie jar. Currently a freshman in high school, he believes he is destined to be a generous billionaire and soccer player



GENERATION ★

"Youth Led Service": The All Souls Youth examine questions like why do we always stop short of ending racial strife, believing that the concessions we give are enough? Was technically eradicating slavery enough? Was the end of Jim Crow enough? It never is.

Upcoming Events

Join a Summer Chalice Circle

Small groups are the heart of what we do at All Souls, being in safe spaces where we can deeply connect is the lifeblood of our community. Chalice circles are a wonderful way to deepen your faith practice, connect more intimately with your community and set aside sacred time to focus and breath. Joining a circle is a commitment. We ask that you join only if you are able to attend without missing (we understand that emergencies happen). Our summer circles will run for about 6 weeks, so that when they end you will have the opportunity to join a circle starting in the Fall.



We have 2 summer circles starting in late July:

The young (or Young at Heart) Chalice Circle: Co facilitated by Gargi Sundaram and Leah Berti. This will be a socially distanced, in-person group meeting at the home of the facilitators on the East side of Indianapolis. This group's focus is to provide a place for younger congregants to make connections, but is open to older congregants wishing to engage in inter-generational community building. RSVP to [Gargi](#) or [Leah](#) to sign up.

All Virtual Chalice Circle: Co facilitated by Crystal Francis and Lana Anderson. This group will meet entirely online with no in-person contact. [RSVP to Crystal Francis](#) to sign up.

Direct any general questions to Nasreen Khan at programs@allsoulsindy.org.

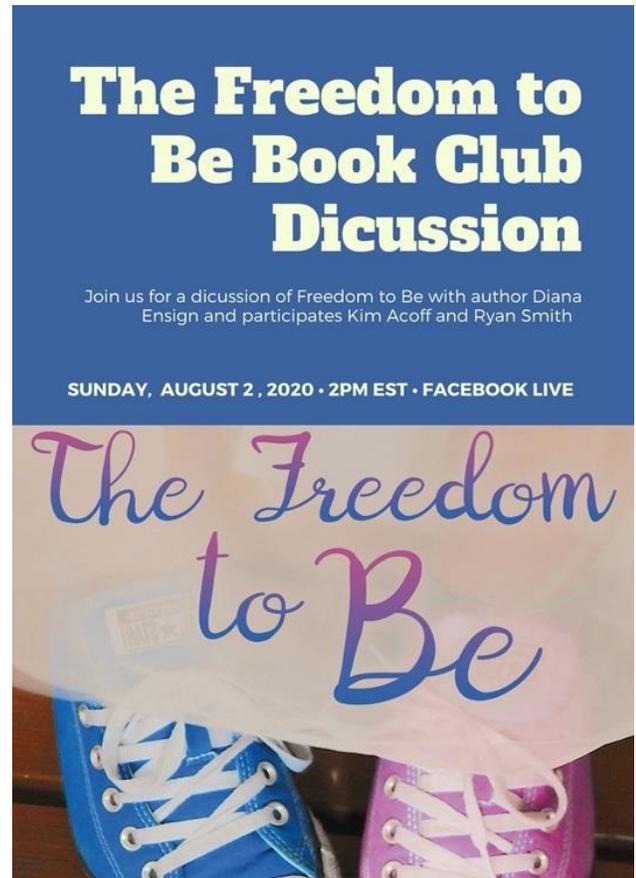


Youth Group. August 2, 12:30pm

Middle and High School youth: let's get together for some fun! [Zoom link](#). Direct any questions to Sarah Cannon at families@allsoulsindy.org

**“The Freedom to Be” book discussion.
Sunday, Aug. 2, 2 PM (EST). FB live on the
page of Diana Ensign (Author)**

This is for anyone who might be interested in learning more about ways our communities can better support transgender and non-binary individuals and their families. (Teachers, counselors, doctors, parents, clergy, neighbors, friends, and so on). The author will be speaking with Kimberly Acoff and Ryan Smith from Indiana Youth Group (IYG).



**Facing Our Fear and Outrage; Finding Ways
Forward Together. July 26, 3-5pm.**

This new effort by Noah's Ark Bloomington has been informed by the widespread fear and rage across all types of differences and the need to transform it into positive action and emotion. Noah's Ark began programming in Bloomington In. to help bring understanding across differences of religion/spirit in order to transform our divisive relationships. It consists of a series of stand alone events on the process of transformation itself. Each event will last 2-3 hours and will include different types of presentations as well as dialogue in small groups. You are welcome to participate in any number of these events.

FIRST EVENT

Our first stand alone is entitled Transforming Fear and Outrage? Yes it is Possible. It will include a variety of personal transformation stories, as well as small group dialogue reflection on transformation itself.

SERIES TITLES

1. Transforming Fear and Outrage? Yes, it is Possible. They did it! (July)

2. Overcoming Stereotypes that Underlie Fear and Outrage
 3. Building Hope - Life Changing Practices and Actions
 4. The Tension between Individual Rights and Social Responsibilities – Moving towards Resolution
 5. How do We Act as Part of one Human Family? - Envisioning our New Future
- For questions, comments or input please email Jan Armstrong: Janet_k_armstrong@hotmail.com.

The Science of Conflicts: Why They Happen and How to Avoid Them
Wednesday, August 5, 11:30am-1pm.

There's no question: a global pandemic is a challenging time for everyone. But even in the best of times, our sacred spaces often become hotbeds of conflict. Congregants' competing needs and wants can boil over into conflicts that can impair the health of our communities. This live online event from the Center for

Congregations explores the psychology and neurobiology behind that cycle. Writer, speaker and podcaster Mike McHargue offers actionable strategies to de-escalate conflicts and invite people into empathy and reconciliation. [Register here.](#)



CommUUnity Creek. August 3-7.

Did you know that high school youth across the country have created an awesome summer camp for UU middle schoolers? Registration is live now for CommUUnity Creek Online Middle School Adventure! This virtual camp experience is open to any UU youth, across the country, who were in grades 6-8 in the 2019/2020 school year (note that the schedule will be based in EST). [You can find out more and register here!](#)

Living Legacy Project.

7:30pm.

August 25, 2020

The night her home was firebombed by the Klan Ellie Dahmer got her children to safety while her husband stood in the burning doorway holding off the attackers.

When 14-year-old Emmett Till

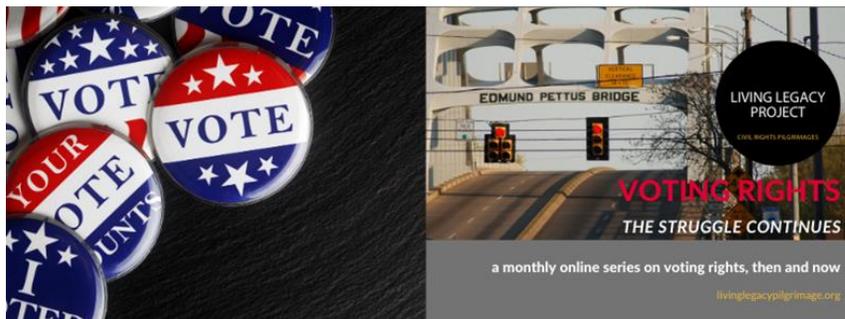
was murdered in Mississippi in 1955, 12-year-old Joyce Ladner felt “powerless and frightened.” She felt the murder was a “call for (her) generation to do something.”

Arekia Bennett mentors young organizers dedicated to making change. She works with them to address issues of voter disenfranchisement, voter ID laws, rural voter turnout, and increasing voter participation in Mississippi with a particular focus on young people.

These amazing women represent three different generations of activists. Their passion for equity and the right to vote has been a guiding force throughout their lives and work. In light of what is happening in our country today, their voices are even more important.

Meet them, hear their stories, and learn about their work today in the second program of the Living Legacy Project’s online series, “[Voting Rights, The Struggle Continues.](#)”

Join us for a conversation with three generations of voting rights activists: Dr. Ellie Dahmer, Dr. Joyce Ladner, and Ms. Arekia Bennett.



Virtual Leadership School: Midwest Leadership School online for 2020!

Because of the novel coronavirus, we’ve had to reschedule our in-person MidWest Leadership School until 2021. But the need for learning how to be a leader doesn’t take a year off, so we’re moving Leadership Experience training online.

We will hold four sessions, three weeks apart: August 22, September 12, October 3, and October 24. Sessions will run from 9:00 am Central / 10:00 am Eastern and go for about three hours. Each session will begin with brief worship, then history and theology with [Rev. Connie Simon](#), minister of First Unitarian Church, Cincinnati. The rest of the time (with appropriate breaks) will focus on an area of congregational leadership. Rather than sitting for lectures, students will be given assignments to do before each meeting—readings, videos, etc., that center the day’s topic. We will use our time together for conversation and questions about the materials.

In addition to these four Saturdays, students will be expected to attend a weekly Credo session—a small group ministry session facilitated by one of our MWLS lay staff. These will be scheduled at a time that works for the group members.

The Saturday Sessions will focus on the following themes:



Session 1: Identity: Creating the Beloved Community, focusing on questions such as who is “us,” what covenants bind us together, widening our circle of inclusion

Session 2: Mission Vision: Why Do We Bother, exploring the reasons your congregation exists, what your purpose in the world is

Session 3: Systems: How Does it All Fit Together, focusing on congregational DNA, how things work, how to lead from a systemic position

Session 4: Conflict: Being Together Across Differences, exploring how congregations resolve issues, and how to be together while disagreeing

Each session will look at leadership with deliberate emphasis on two areas: dismantling systemic white supremacy culture, and congregational life in a world with physical distancing. We encourage teams from congregations to attend: it’s much easier to bring the information back “home” when there is more than one person involved. Change requires consistent application by a dedicated group of people, and so there is strength in numbers.

Registration will be \$150 per person, and registration will be up by the middle of July. We will be offering scholarships of up to 50% off for people from historically marginalized communities. We will be asking for a written recommendation from the leadership of your congregation agreeing to your participation, so start talking with your board leadership about this now. All students will need to agree to a covenant about attendance and behavioral expectations. This school is open to those above the age of 18.

If you have questions, please direct them to Lisa Presley (lpresley@uua.org).

Announcements

Upcoming Services At All Souls

Want to know what is coming up at All Souls? Check out our [upcoming services page](#). More info will be added closer to the dates of sermons.

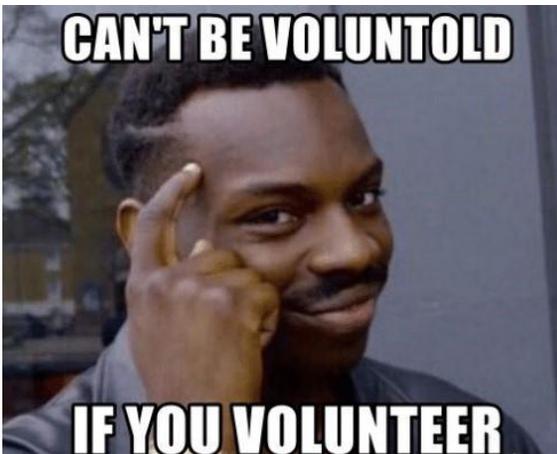
Pledge Reminder

Pledge Statements for the end of our fiscal year of June 30, will be sent out via email. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Baney at financial@allsoulsindy.org or at the church office phone (317-54-6005 ext 0) and leave a message.



Hospitality During a Pandemic

Donors from All Souls, Carmel United Methodist Church, and First Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church recently joined together to furnish one of 10 apartments being rented by Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network) for homeless families. Apartments replace housing previously supplied by congregations which are now closed due to the pandemic. For a look at two apartments furnished by churches, please click the links below. All Souls participated in furnishing the one shown on Facebook. Thank you All Souls! [Tour a unit on Youtube.](#) [Tour a unit on Facebook.](#)



Volunteers Wanted!

Have you been curious about what's going on in our Faith Formation programs? Do you enjoy spending time with children and youth? Do you have a healthy sense of curiosity, and maybe even some gaps in your own theological knowledge base that you'd like to fill in? Then you might be a terrific Faith Formation volunteer! To express interest and receive more information, fill out [this brief Google form](#), and DCCP Sarah Cannon will be in touch with you soon!

An Update from the Board of Trustees

Interim Minister Start Date

We are eager to welcome our new interim minister, Rev.

Joel Miller, who will begin working at All Souls in early August. We will plan to officially welcome him at our August 9 service, and he will be in the pulpit for the first time on August 16. Stay tuned for more details. You can learn more about Rev. Miller at his [website](#).

Settled Minister Search process

Several Board members and congregants recently attended a UUA training on the settled minister search process. What we learned is that having a two-year interim period, as we have chosen to do, is a best-practice that is proven to allow ample time to reflect, plan and conduct an effective search – with successful results. We have already completed the first phase of the process, which is concluding a ministry well. Being able to give Rev. Anastassia a “good good-bye,” was an important part of the process. Our new interim minister, Rev. Miller, has extensive experience in this area and will help guide us through the rest of the process, which will begin in early 2021 (education and preparation as the first step). If you are curious about what the process looks like, you can find resources on the Ministerial Transitions section of the UUA website.

In Our Hearts Thoughts and Prayers

If you would like our community to hold a deep sorrow or joy of yours, or to share with us a significant update in your life, please email Shelley Carver
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