

LOVE IN ACTION

All Souls
INDIANAPOLIS

Order of Service

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

August 2, 2020

Opening Words

David Pohl

Welcome

John Murphy, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting & Covenant

Colin Ellsmore

Congregational Hymn

"We Would be One"

Member Reflection

John Murphy

Time for All Ages

Sarah Cannon

Celebrating with Music

Joys and Concerns

Nasreen Khan

Prayer and Meditation

Rev. Forrest Gilmore

Sung Response

Spirit of Life

Sermon "The Beloved Community"

[Connection Card](#)

Sarah Cannon

Offering

John Murphy

Share the Plate: Shalom Center. Shalom Community Center is an all-inclusive resource center in Monroe County for people who are living in poverty and experiencing its ultimate expressions: hunger, homelessness, and a lack of access to basic life necessities <http://shalomcommunitycenter.org/>

Closing Hymn

"We'll Build a Land"

Closing Words

Terry Marshall

Announcements

Virtual Coffee Hour

All Souls Indy is on Social Media!

Follow our Facebook page [here](#) and our Instagram @allsoulsindy. Read our [Blogs](#) here,



Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.

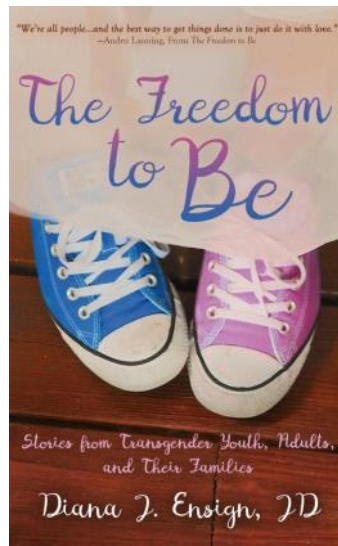
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Beloved Community Martin Luther King wrote, "The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community." The Beloved Community is one way we envision a different world than we have. How do communities experiencing oppression dream into the future as a means to counter that oppression?

Today! "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 (YIG)



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 be-

come 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.](#)

Youth Group. August 9, 12:30pm

Middle and High School youth: let's get together for some fun! [Zoom link.](#)

Living Legacy Project. 7:30pm.

Multiple dates available: July 28/ 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 .

One Chalice Circle still has room left! 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 breathe. 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.

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.

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

Transforming Hearts Discussion Group

Join this group as we learn how we can become more inclusive of our trans members, friends, and visitors! If you would like to participate, you are committing to attending most meetings, which will take place over 6



Save the Date

Today! Freedom to be Discussion

Science of Conflicts August 5

Youth Group August 9

Last Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Total Pledges and Donations received: \$1,870.00

Sharing the Plate: \$100.00 will be donated to Movement for Black Lives

\$100.00 was collected for All Souls

sessions. Once we have a core enrollment, we will decide as a group the best time to meet. RSVP to programs@allsoulsindy.org. From the course's [website](#): "This course is for everyone from novices on trans identity to those with decades of life experience. It counters mainstream narratives about who trans people are; supports understanding of non-binary identities (such as genderqueer, agender, and two spirit); and employs a deeply intersectional approach. Over six sessions you will deeply explore the intersection of trans identity, spirituality, and faith community."

Virtual Leadership School: Midwest Leadership School **DATES CHANGED**

September-November 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.

Session 1, September 12: 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, October 3: Mission Vision: Why Do We Bother, exploring the reasons your congregation exists, what your purpose in the world is

Session 3, October 24: Systems: How Does It All Fit Together, focusing on congregational DNA, how things work, how to lead from a systemic position

Session 4, November 14: Conflict: Being Together Across Differences, exploring how congregations resolve issues, and how to be together while disagreeing

Registration will be \$150 per person, and registration will be up by the middle of August. 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). Register at <https://www.mwls.org/mwls/adult-fees>.



Announcements

.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 infor-



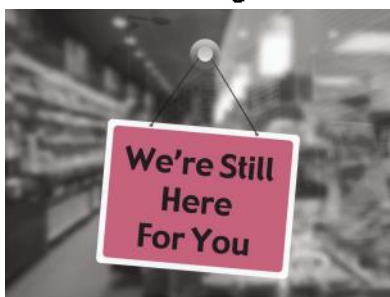
mation, fill out [this brief Google form](#), and DCCP Sarah Cannon will be in touch with you soon!

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.

Church Closings and Access to Sunday Services



Until otherwise communicated, the church facility currently will remain closed and we are encouraging all meetings and programs to be offered online via Zoom. Please contact [Shelley Carver](#), our office manager, with questions. You can join via a computer, tablet or smartphone for visual teleconference (highly recommended!), or simply dial in using your phones and

listen in. Visit: <https://zoom.us/j/412806814> or by dialing (301) 715-8592; Meeting ID: 412 806 814 Thank you for being part of our community; and as a community, we will weather this experience together.

All Souls Feedback Procedure

Concerns should be communicated to the senior minister or the president of the Board of Trustees. Feedback and suggestions can also be submitted on the connection cards. A concern usually falls into one of three categories: preference, performance, or policy. The full procedure can be found on our website under Governance. Positive feedback is greatly welcomed too.

In Our Hearts, Thoughts, and Prayers

We welcome our new minister Rev. Joel Miller who is attending service with us for the first time this morning.

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 (office@allsoulsindy.org).

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Need Hearing or Visual Assistance?

We have improved listening devices for those that need hearing assistance hearing the worship service. We also have large-print hymnals. Both can be found on the wooden table outside the sanctuary. Ushers are available to help!