

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.

September 27, 2020

Welcome

Emily Salinas, Worship Associate

Opening Words

Joel Miller

Chalice Lighting & Covenant

Congregational Hymn

Member Reflection

Emily Salinas

Time for All Ages

Joel Miller

Celebrating with Music

Avinu Malkeinu, Jane Alexander

Joys and Concerns

Nasreen Khan

Prayer and Meditation

Joel Miller

Moment of Silence

Hymn

Sermon

Joel Miller, Making Amends

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Sarah Cannon

Offering and Offertory

Emily Salinas

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Joel Miller

Announcements

Coffee Hour

Some Thoughts from Rev. Joel Miller

Just as I was writing to you about the second task of interim ministry, All Souls received the great news that its has been welcomed into accreditation as a Green Sanctuary Congregation. I am so pleased for you and for the many people who will benefit from this justice-work you do together as a congregation.

And what a great way to introduce the second task - which asks "Why is All Souls here? What is your ministry to each other and to the world?" That's a huge question in regular times.. and here we are in this pandemic time. What we all thought six months ago about why All Souls is here may now have changed a lot.

Some very essential things, I think, won't change in even a chaotic world. We still need to celebrate our lives. Humanity still needs examples of communities working to live in harmony with this planet. We still need to think and learn about what it means to be a people of love, of truth, and of service.



Making Amends: "Yom Kippur, also known as 'The Day of Atonement', is a day in the Jewish Tradition to turn from the concerns of our daily world and restore our relationship with what is most holy to us. A significant part of this spiritual practice is seeking forgiveness and making amends. I have several spiritual practices that call me to make amends and to forgive. Do you have such a practice? What calls you to reconciliation with others and the world?"

Events

Masked Meditation Meet-up. **Tuesdays, 6:30pm.** **All Souls Lawn**

Member Erik Mroz will lead a group in meditation. We will practice very simple forms of sitting meditation and walking meditation. Both practices are from the Zen tradition but do not require you to “believe” in anything. Beginners are welcome. To stay safe, the All Souls task force has asked that only 5 people be allowed on the grounds at once. If you are interested in attending, please [email Erik Mroz](mailto:erikmroz@gmail.com). We will meet in the grassy area in front of the church entrance. Please bring a chair, cushion, or yoga mat (also welcome to sit on the ground). Please wear masks.



Chalice Circles

Zoom Chalice Circle: Co facilitated by Gargi Sundaram and Leah Berti, this will use a chalice circle materials from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkely you can look at the [materials here](#). Using these materials mean that all the curriculum is free and available online so no books will need to be ordered. Once a group is established, they will pick a mutually convenient time. Please contact Gargi Sundaram to sign up (gargi.sundaram@gmail.com).

email-based chalice circle. We are offering an email-based chalice circle that will use the main elements of chalice circles, but without specific meeting times. A prompt/thought/topic will be emailed to all, and a few days will be given to thoughtfully respond to the prompt and to others' responses - Planned topics include Ways of Knowing; Spiritual Practice; Prophetic Voices; Mistakes; Failures; Integrity. Each topic cycle will be roughly 2 weeks in length. This chalice circle will be led by Jenny Yumibe and Jackie Anderson. This group is modeled after chalice circles led by Rev. Lynn Ungar. Please email Jackie Anderson to sign up. (andersonjackie2@gmail.com).



Zoom Group 2: Join Co-facilitators Jerry Hoover and Alan Schmidt for a ZOOM CHALICE CIRCLE on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 10am starting in October. We'll be using a UU resource “Listening Hearts” to guide our discussions. Contact Jerry with any questions and to register for this group at 317-670-3527 or jhoovers@gmail.com

Support the Million Meal Marathon

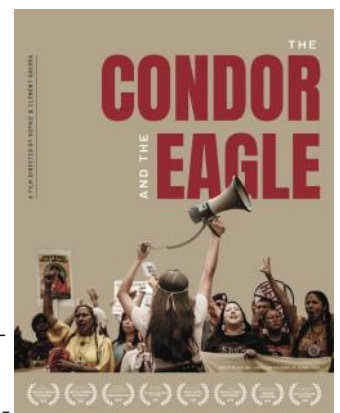
Due to COVID19, instead of a one-day event, the Marathon will bring together smaller groups of people to pack meals to benefit Hoosiers. Beginning in October and continuing into November, it will be a month-long event. Weekly packs will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with three available shifts daily. Two weekend packs will also be held to accommodate families and small groups.

Utilizing social distancing, sanitary guidelines, and personal protective measures, this will be a safe environment for giving back.

All meals packed at the Million Meal Marathon will benefit hungry Hoosiers and will be delivered to food pantries throughout Indiana. We need you to make our 10th Million Meal Marathon a success! Here are four ways to get involved: Become a sponsor, volunteer, pack meals, donate. [Click here for info.](#)

***The Condor and the Eagle* Film Screening and Discussion (UU Ministry for the Earth). Friday, October 6-8:30pm ET.**

Indigenous environmental leaders embark on an adventure from the Boreal forest to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of “Climate Justice”. The film chronicles a developing spiritual renaissance as the film four protagonists learn from each other's long legacy of resistance to colonialism and its extractive economy.



Donations will benefit *The Condor & The Eagle* "No More Sacrificed Communities!" Impact Campaign, UU-Indigenous partnerships for climate justice. This screening will be followed by a discussion with Film Protagonist Casey Camp-Horinek, and special guests from the Lummi Nation. Unitarian Universalists have a

Save the Date

Phone banking
Orientation
Sept. 29

Phonebank Canvassing
Oct 1

Masked Meditation
Sept. 29

Film Screening
Oct. 6

strong history of relationship and solidarity with the Lummi Nation. Other screening dates [available here](#). [Register here](#).

Announcements



All Souls Grove Maintenance

Thank you to all of you who helped to plant and sponsor trees for our Grove. It is so exciting to have 30 new native trees on our property. The trees will need weekly watering during the warm season. To sign up for a watering slot to help maintain our trees please email Nasreen at weekly@allsoulsindy.org

Care Calls During COVID

During the month of September, expect a friendly call from a fellow member or friend of All Souls Indy, just checking in to say hi and see how things are going for you. If you're interested in helping us make these calls, please contact Julia Vanderen (jvanderen@hotmail.com / [317-552-9412](tel:317-552-9412)).



Get Out the Vote Phonebanking

Phone banking will occur on Thursdays 6 - 9 PM through September and October. Volunteers are required to attend an orientation on a Tuesday 6 - 7 PM before their first phone banking session. The orientation will walk you through the specific information/scripts you will need to make successful calls..:

All initiatives will be VIRTUAL. To get involved with phone/text banking you need to do **two things**:

1. Register for ONE Tuesday orientation and as many Thursday phonebanking sessions as you would like at <http://actindiana.org/voter/>
2. Indicate which phone banking session you will be attending [in this google form](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Diversity and Inclusion Team liason for Faith in Indiana, Gargi Sundaram: gargi.sundaram@gmail.com | (908) 616-3754

Virtual Canvass Schedule (text & phone)

TUESDAYS 6-7 PM

Orientation-attend 1 prior to first canvass

1. Tu Sept 8th
2. Tu Sept 15th
3. Tu Sept 22nd
4. Tu Sept 29th
5. Tu Oct 6th
6. Tu Oct 13th

THURSDAYS 6-9 PM

6 week canvass program 6-9 PM

1. TH Sept 10th
2. TH Sept 17th
3. TH Sept 24th
4. Th Oct 1st
5. Th Oct 8th
6. Th Oct 15th

Supermajority

Member Teresa Quay is looking for people to join her in textbanking for Supermajority, a membership-based organization about building

an intergenerational, multiracial movement for women's equity. The group was organized by women, to empower women (and especially women of color) to vote via textbanking, phonebanking and letter writing campaigns aimed specifically at women of color in those states. [Click here](#) for info and contact [Teresa Quay](#) with questions.



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 at minister@allsoulsindy.org.

In Our Hearts, Thoughts, and Prayers

Susan Vinicor, who is an avid bike rider, took a terrible fall on her bike recently and will not be able to teach her pilates classes for a month. She would appreciate a card or note letting her know we're thinking about her. Susan's mailing address is:

Susan Vinicor
5744 North Carrollton
Indianapolis, In 46220

Charlie Baldwin turns 97 years young on September 24! For those of you who don't know Charlie, as he slips out before the Service begins, he has lead the Adult Form group for many, many years. Charlie is so proud to turn 97 and be in such good health. He lives in an apartment (his son lives with him on and off) and still drives. Charlie is very independent and has a great sense of humor. If you could send him birthday wishes or a note, it would really mean the world to him. He doesn't have a computer, so he is isolated from All Souls. Charlie's mailing address is:

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A message from Fern Page: "Thanks to everyone for all of the Get Well wish-

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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!

es. I appreciate all of the cards. The cardiologist put in a stent for a blocked artery and I am good to go!!"

We offer our condolences and sincere support to the family of Jane Cook whose stepfather has passed away.

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](mailto:office@allsoulsindy.org) (office@allsoulsindy.org).

Green Sanctuary Accreditation

Last week All Souls received a letter from The Rev. Karen Brammer which began: "With great joy I share the results of the review team's work with your application for Green Sanctuary accreditation. The team felt you all have done a tremendous amount of quality and creative work. Your community engagement and action are exemplary and the high level of commitment from congregational staff throughout the body of your congregation is impressive and inspiring. Congratulations! We are delighted to welcome you as an accredited Green Sanctuary congregation. It is our hope that you take time to celebrate since the need for this work will not go away any time soon, and focusing on successes, connections, beauty and joy are so essential to our collective sustainability!"



Indeed, we can celebrate this well-deserved recognition of the efforts of literally hundreds of All Souls folks, carrying out dozens of projects and dozens of worship services over the twelve years since the beginning of our quest to become accredited! We can't begin to name everyone who was part of this, but we must name a few key folks: Indra Frank - chaired the original All Souls Green Task Force/ Steven Boggs - chaired the All Souls EarthCare Team/ Indra and Bruce Russell-Jayne - co-chairing the Net Zero Carbon project

Over the 12 years, there were many folks who participated in the planning and operation of the projects, but we should mention a few who have been there throughout (attending way too many committee meetings to count): Mary Gosling, Ramon Dunkin, Kevin Kenyon, Betty Lynch, Jim and Betty Schrementi

We had support from 12 Boards of Trustees, and multiple ministers and staff: Rev. Bruce Clear; Nancy Renner-Clear, Dir. Religious Education; Rev. Anastassia Zinke; Nancy Olson, Dir. Lifespan Faith Formation; Cindy Budyn Shaefer, Intern Minister; Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd; Rev. Sarah Getty McNeil; Rev. Kayla Parker; Nasreen Khan, Dir. Communications; Sarah Cannon; Dir. Children's Faith Formation.

If you don't know what a "Green Sanctuary Congregation" is, here is a summary of the program from the UU Association (adapted): "Green Sanctuary provides an opportunity for congregational growth and transformation while making every aspect of congregational life as sustainable and environmentally responsible as possible. Congregations learn about their environmental impact as a church and as individuals. Action plans seek to increase building sustainability, improve congregational practices, and create relationships within the wider community. Congregations complete projects in four areas: Environmental Justice, Worship and Celebration, Religious Education, and Sustainable Living. For anyone interested in a detailed description of the program click this link to the UU Association Green Sanctuary webpages: <https://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary>

Here is a link to [All Souls' Application for Green Sanctuary Accreditation](#).

Now that we are accredited, we don't stop. We seek to honor the interconnected web of life and achieve a sustainable and just world for all. Our charge from the UUA is to continue engaging in "bold, collaborative, urgent, effective, action to mitigate the climate crisis, build resilience and adaptation to climate change, and secure environmental and climate justice."