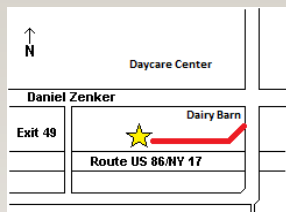


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally
inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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Formal Services are held
September through mid-June

Sunday mornings
10:30-11:30

with a casual coffee hour
following.

Informal Summer Services
are held mid-June through
the beginning of September.

No matter what time
of year...
Please join us!

April 2016 Uni-Verse

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY



Service Schedule

April 3: *Nature, Culture or Economy – Who Rules? ~ with George Honadle, friend of UUFBF.* He will present examples from around the world of how environmental forces influence human cultural and economic behavior. ~ *Service Leader: Sonia Gilabert-Vikin*

April 10: *Visiting our Transylvanian Heritage: an Illustrated Presentation, with UUFBF member Gary Fitzpatrick ~ Are you interested in learning more about Unitarianism in Transylvania? Through photos taken during a ten year span, Gary and Janice Fitzpatrick will illustrate the places associated with Unitarianism and discuss how partnering with Unitarian congregations there has become an important aspect of the church life of many American UU congregations.* ~ *Service Leader: Janice Fitzpatrick*

April 17: *Bread, Wine & Chocolate ~ with member Frank Potter ~ Service Leader: Leslie Potter*

April 24: *Altruism and Evolution ~ with Rev. Darcey Laine ~ This Sunday we join with congregations around the country for “Evolution Weekend” giving voice to the compatibility of scientific and religious truth. This year we ask; if nature is red in tooth and claw, where did altruism come from? Is altruism something that happens in spite of our biological imperatives, or does it give us an evolutionary advantage?*



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats Celebrates 60th Anniversary

In 1956, a group of determined, free-thinking local people met in a room at the Mark Twain Hotel. They were advised by a Unitarian minister from the Ithaca Church and a representative of the American Unitarian Association in Boston. These people then formed the Chemung Valley Unitarian Fellowship. This Fellowship struggled to find a permanent home, with a membership that had periods of growth and periods of declining numbers. Finally, the current church building at 48 Hibbard Rd (near Pool World) was completed in September 1966. At this time the name was changed to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats.

We extend a very special welcome to visitors. We are an intentionally inclusive congregation that welcomes everyone, regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender identity, abilities, religious or political beliefs. We do not require adherence to a creed or dogma, but we do have principles that we affirm and promote.

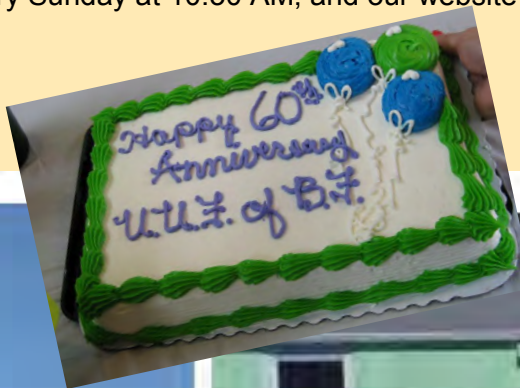
- The inherent dignity and worth of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Although the Fellowship has a visiting minister, we are lay-led. Most Sundays feature a local speaker to talk on a wide variety of topics, followed by time for discussion. Join us to celebrate 60 years of free thinking and service to the Big Flats community. Services are held every Sunday at 10:30 AM, and our website is bigflatsuu.org.

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Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

Email Chris (by the 15th of the month before) at ceemarie1971@twc.net

Fellowship Hosting Schedule

Hosting is a service we provide one another. If you are unable to host on the day that you've been assigned, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

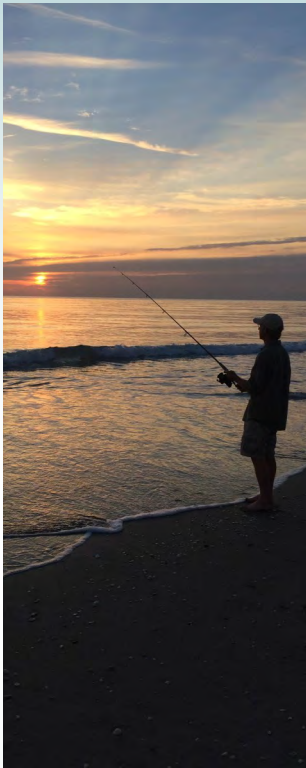
Date	Hosts
Apr 3	Scopelliti, Paquette, Allen
Apr 10	Potter, Wosinski
Apr 17	Telford, Wilson
Apr 24	McCall, , Stevenson, Spicer
May 1	Brenner, Fitzpatrick
May 8	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
May 15	Scopelliti, Paquette, Allen
May 22	Potter, Wosinski



CRAFT-N-CHAT

Bring your fave hobby or craft and enjoy some coffee and company, away from the hustle and bustle!

**Wed 4/20,
10-2 @ the
UUFBF**



Member Tom

Reynolds says this picture "sums up perfectly" his March break-away from Western NY and his adventures down south, visiting family and friends.



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The 1st Sunday Special Collection for the months of April, May and June is designated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

By our special offering we provide food to the hungry, hard-working neighbors in Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins counties.

