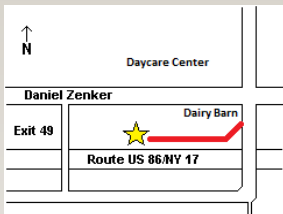


Welcome to the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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!



# January 2015 Uni-Verse

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY



## Service Schedule

January 4: *American Red Cross, AmeriCorps Citizens Preparedness Training* led by Donna Davis from the American Red Cross – Prepare, Respond, Recover: what to do when disaster strikes. Natural disasters are the most common large scale emergencies affecting the Southern Tier. Being prepared for them is essential, according to emergency response experts. *Service Leader:* Sonia Gilabert-Vikin

January 11: *It is What it is, with Rev. Darcey Laine* ~ In the Unitarian Tradition, religion is not a flight into the imagination, but a deep look at the reality of life just as it is. This Sunday we will explore such sources as “The Paper Bag Princess,” Theologian Rebecca Parker and Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson in our Free and Responsible search for Truth and Meaning.

January 18: *CareFirst* ~ Chelsea Ambrose will discuss everything about CareFirst, which was formerly Hospice. *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

January 25: *“Something to Believe in.”* with member Edie Shepherd  
~ *Service Leader:* Alta Stevenson

# Calendar of Events

- Jan 1, **Thurs:** New Year's Day
- Jan 3, **Sat, 7:30p:** Valley Folk Music: James Gordon (see next page)
- Jan 15, **Thur, 6-8:** 2300 CMOG: "Perfect Pairings"
- Jan 19, **Mon:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 20-25, **Tues-Sun, Times Vary:** 'Jersey Boys' Clemens Center (see next page)
- Jan 23, **Fri, 7:30p:** OSFL Chamber Music Concert, Rockwell Museum, Corning
- Jan 23-25, **Fri 6-9, Sat 1-4, Sun 6-9:** Wine on Ice, First Arena, Elmira
- Jan 31, **Sat 3&7, Feb 1, Sun 2&6:** 'Beyond Oz' Ballet, CMOG

## Meet our Itinerate Minister: Rev. Darcey Laine!

Rev. Darcey Laine grew up in a musical family, and has a bachelor's degree in Music performance from Indiana University. She attended Star King School for the ministry where she developed a passion for ministry with children and youth. After her ordination in 1998 to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry she served as DRE for the First UU Church of Stockton, then settled in Silicon Valley where she served as Minister of Religious Education for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto for seven years.

Right after school ended in the summer of 2007 Darcey and her partner, Eric and son, Nick moved to Ithaca, New York to lead a more family-centered life. She was called to serve as Parish Minister of the UU Church of Athens and Sheshequin. And has served as their settled minister ever since. She began preaching at the UU fellowship of Big Flats in 2008, where she has preached on topics including personal spirituality, social justice, evolution and gender fluidity. **In 2010 she won the INTERWEAVE SERMON AWARD** which is awarded each year to the best sermon addressing LGBTQ issues that was preached to a Unitarian Universalist congregation during the previous year.



She is proud to serve congregations who have supported same-gender weddings since before the laws recognized such unions, and honored to be able not to celebrate legal weddings of same-gender couples in both New York and Pennsylvania as the laws have evolved.

### CRAFT-n-CHAT

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

**1/22, 10-1 @ the UUFBF**



## 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
Jan 4	Potter, Wilson
Jan 11	Allen, Wosinski
Jan 18	McCall, Brenner
Jan 25	Telford, Coppola/Smith, Gardner
Feb 1	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
Feb 8	Vikin, Scopelliti
Feb 15	Paquette, Mann
Feb 22	Potter, Wilson





# James Gordon

Saturday January 3, 7:30pm  
in the First United Methodist Church  
144 Cedar St, Corning, NY; \$20  
info@valleyfolk.org (607) 962-4461



# JERSEY BOYS

Clemens Center  
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welcome to attend board  
meetings, which normally  
take place the third Tuesday  
of the month from 5p-6p  
(unless you hear

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# Announcing...

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2015

***Broad Wings Deep Roots***  
**March 27-28, 2015 Niagara Falls, NY**

The 3rd joint District Assembly of the Ohio-Meadville District and the St. Lawrence District will take place March 27-28, 2015 at the Niagara Falls Convention Center in Niagara Falls NY.

The Rev. Scott Tayler, UUA Director of Congregational Life, will be this year's keynote speaker. The keynote address is titled "*The Space Between: Building a new day by strengthening the ties that bind.*" The Gould Lecturer, Rev. Thomas Chulak, will speak on "The Sum of the Parts."

Workshops will be offered in two time slots covering an array of topics important to congregational life. CERG (Central East Regional Group) staff are attending as workshop presenters and to answer questions by members about CERG services and resources. There is time allotted for conversations about regionalization and what it means to our congregations, clusters and districts.

Please see the [St. Lawrence District Assembly Pages](#) for the full brochure, schedule, workshop descriptions, DA youth caucus information, all required forms, online registration and DA exhibit forms.



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