



Uni-Verse

July 2009



"Providing a safe and inviting space for religious freedom"
UUFBF Vision Statement

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats
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Sunday Services:

10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship just off Hibbard Road, located on the north side of Interstate 86 between exits 49 and 50.

All are welcome for coffee and conversation following the service.

Children's Religious Education Classes:

10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings, September through June.

Sunday Service Schedule

07/12/09	Caring Ministry Discussion led by Renata Brenner
07/19/09	Corey McCall will talk about his recent trip to Greece
07/26/09	Jenny Monroe – to be announced
08/02/09	Beth Morrell – to be announced
08/09/09	Tamara Miller – to be announced
08/16/09	Joe Vikin will talk about the " Inevitability of War "
08/23/09	Sara Hurley and Mary Lu Walker – Songs! Please bring a favorite children's song or poem to share with the group. Maybe something that has influenced you and remained with you through adulthood. And of course, bring your kids and their friends☺
08/30/09	This date still available! Sign up at the Fellowship
09/06/09	This date still available! Sign up at the Fellowship
09/13/09	Water Ceremony: Celebrate Welcome Back Sunday when we re-group after our summer travels. Don't forget to collect some water from your summer adventures to share! Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Summer facilitators provide light refreshments, but feel free to help them out

NEWS FROM SECOND PLACE EAST, INC.

Second Place East Inc., a.k.a. Friends of Second Place East, is a group of representatives of area churches. Their goal is to provide support to the residents of the homeless shelter in Elmira, Second Place East. The group provides funds to prevent homelessness as well. SPE, Inc. provided \$15,363.21 in assistance with rent, security, utility payments, and a variety of other needs. Starter Kits for homeless folks going into new apartments from the shelter are stocked and distributed. On-going needs for the kits are especially laundry detergent and pots and pans (with lids).

New directions for the next year include partnering more closely with Shabach Tabernacle, a small church on Elmira's east side. Shabach Tabernacle is planning a soup kitchen, clothing ministry, and is involved in handling the furniture ministry at present. They accept donations of furnishings and reissue the furniture to those in need. John Lesky, one of the SPE, Inc. board members, is actively involved in accepting and delivering furniture there.

If there are Fellowship members who are interested in helping with some of the projects in the coming year, please contact Marcia Allen 733-0747 (home phone) or email marcia531@yahoo.com.

The need is on-going, especially in this economic climate. Thanks to all who donated items this past year!

Fellowship News

Annual Meeting Reports, June 7, 2009

Program: Jenny Monroe

We had another diverse year of Sunday services including 12 weeks of small group ministry over the summer hosted by 9 members; 12 weeks of programs presented by community members and invited guests; 20 programs led by our membership (11 were UU and Fellowship ceremonies and special services and 9 were personal or topical presentations); 2 services created by RE students and teachers; and 6 services by ministers – 5 which were UU ministers. I'd like to thank everyone who created a Sunday or participated in some aspect. Also all of you who came early and helped me to set up and brought coffee hour snacks and cleaned up after services.

Year in Review: Out-going President Jenny Monroe

We accomplished many things this year. Leading those efforts were the members who picked up the reins of new and continuing efforts and ran a great race! My goal this year was to encourage board members and committee members to go to district and small southern tier trainings to meet other UU lay leaders and get a feel for how other fellowships and churches operate. And that goal was realized in a big way with twenty-two adults and two youth going to eight conferences this year in Albany, Auburn, Barneveld, Canandaigua and Ithaca. I'm especially pleased we have pledged to continue our participation with 7 other small congregations in our district to meet twice a year for three years. The topic will be growth – in all dimensions and I know it will serve us as individuals and be a catalyst for revitalizing our fellowship in service - to each other and for the community.

I am also proud of the six new members we welcomed today and pleased to see that those who joined last year are getting involved in the life of the fellowship. The Coming of Age service was a highlight, as was the Sing for Pete's Sake, and the 50th anniversary event. I have to especially thank Colleen and Leslie who ran with the Stewardship effort this year – lively, fun and productive! We started the year on a sad note with the shooting in Knoxville and having to say farewell to Christian, our astonishing pianist, -- and we stumbled a bit as we tried to move forward in one direction with the round sanctuary addition, and many will remember how long the kitchen sink was inoperable! But overall I'm happy to be passing on the leadership reins on a pretty positive note.

I also want to express my appreciation to Jeni for the beautiful Uni-Verse editions she created this year, to Jen for her continuance with the backyard woods path, to Carolyn for all those great children's stories, to Lori and all those of you who covered chairs and whacked weeds! Thanks Renata for going to a caring committee training, and to Frank for the veggies in the garden, and to the whole Deery family and Jackie for your work with John Deans and Greenpeace. And to Alta for on-going newspaper publicity and nametags. And to Gary, Dave, Diane, Kevin, Corey and Tamara who were only a phone call away from helping with something. A year ago I offered to be president for a year to hold the space open, as Tamara had completed her third year. Now I'm happy to go back to just doing the programs, which is what I love the best. Thanks for the opportunity to recharge my batteries – it is good to rediscover that in my 20th year here, that this place can still get me going!

See you next Sunday!

Jenny Monroe

The next **UUFBF Board Meeting** will be August 16th at 9:30 AM, at the Fellowship. All are welcome.

The Spring/Summer issue of the St Lawrence District "NEWS" Packet is now online!

http://www.sld.uua.org/newspackets/May09packet/Spring_2009_Newsletter.pdf

Jerry Wright's Mattress Ministry has seen an explosion of need for cribs and crib mattresses. The demand is outstripping his supply and he is requesting your help. If you can be of assistance, please contact Jerry at 607-962-7132. If he is not home, leave a message.

The Mattress Ministry has been an outreach program run by Jerry Wright out of First United Methodist Church in Corning for over 30 years. Last year Jerry was a recipient of a Jefferson Award and this year he and his wife were named **Volunteers of the Year in Steuben County** by Pro-Action.

Fall Leaf Peeper Gathering

Friday, October 2 - Sunday, October 4, 2009

Plymouth, New Hampshire was named as an Adventure National Geographic "Best Weekend" and one of the "50 Best Places To Live" in the country. Visit the beautiful White Mountain and Lakes regions of New Hampshire for a fun-filled, fall foliage weekend. Get to know our welcoming community of members who are offering host homes located throughout the greater Plymouth area. Singles, all couples, and families are welcome. In addition to the natural beauty and history in this region, we suggest activities to enhance your vacation weekend.

Weekend pricing includes the following:

Two nights lodging at a member's home
Casual dinner and dancing Saturday evening
Continental breakfast Saturday morning at your host home
Information on optional outdoor activities
\$175.00 couple; \$100.00 single; \$10.00 extra for each child.

On Your Own Options

Kangamangus Scenic Byway ~ Sculptured Rocks Geologic Site ~ kayaking ~ canoeing ~ adventure zip lines ~ hiking ~ scenic railroad tour ~ nature trails ~ local artisans ~ antiques ~ restaurants ~ science center ~ lake cruises ~ "Rumney Rocks" rock climbing ~ Sunday morning service at our fellowship.

Details and Registration

To register or for more information, contact George Maloof at maloof.george@gmail.com.
A **\$25.00 non-refundable deposit** is due by September 1st, with the balance due by September 15. Please send correspondence to: Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 101 Fairgrounds Road, PO Box 337, Plymouth, NH 03264. You may also contact Regina at admin@starrkingfellowship.org or at 603-536-8908.

River Music Festival

Friends of the Chemung River Watershed
Present a Night of Blues and Folk Music on the Shore of Our Chemung River
July 10, 2009 from 6 to 9:00 PM.

Featuring: Folk Singer-Songwriter Danny Maloney
Tim Newton's Claw-hammer banjo (*And with special guests*)
Bring musical instruments for a sing-along jam!



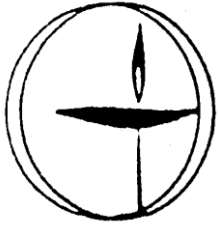
For free parking near the festival site, please enter through the DEC gate off of Catherine Street, near the DEC pump station at Brand Park, on Elmira's Southside. Look for signs, and volunteers will guide you along the access road to parking on the riverside of the levee. Please stay on the road and do not drive on top of the grass levee.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a picnic dinner, and cool beverages to this free family event. This is a carry in/carryout event, with no access to the river from the festival site.

More information: www.chemungriverfriends.org or call 846-2242

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