



Uni-Verse

June 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

May 31	<p>RE Sunday Our fellowship's children of all ages will again treat us with their Spring worship creation.</p>
June 7	<p>Flower Communion and Welcoming New Members Each year our Fellowship participates in a UU traditional service known as the Flower Communion. Through music, story and the diversity of beautiful flowers, it challenges us to rededicate ourselves to open-hearted acceptance and the release of judgment. Everyone brings a flower, either cut or potted, and you'll take home one someone else brought. During the service we'll be welcoming into membership: Niki Jardin, Derek Parsons, Karen and Tom Reynolds, Betty Morrell and John Wosinski. Immediately following the service will be our short annual meeting. Presentation and voting will take place on the 2009/2010 slate of officers, board members and the nominating committee; the budget; and a straw ballot for our congregational choice for UUA President to be cast at General Assembly on June 27 in Salt Lake City. In order to become familiar with the two candidates running -- Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman and Rev. Peter Morales -- go to www.uua.org and click on "I am interested in" then click on "UUA Elections". There are video and audio links. We also have candidate DVDs to watch at the fellowship.</p>
June 14 – September 6	<p>Thirteen Weeks of Small Group Ministry! Same place, same time, but with a different format. Please sign up to be a facilitator one Sunday this summer. You're responsible to bring a topic or activity that interests you, provide the snacks and clean up afterwards. These sessions have served us well over the past few years because we get to know better what makes each other tick. Sign up at the Fellowship.</p>

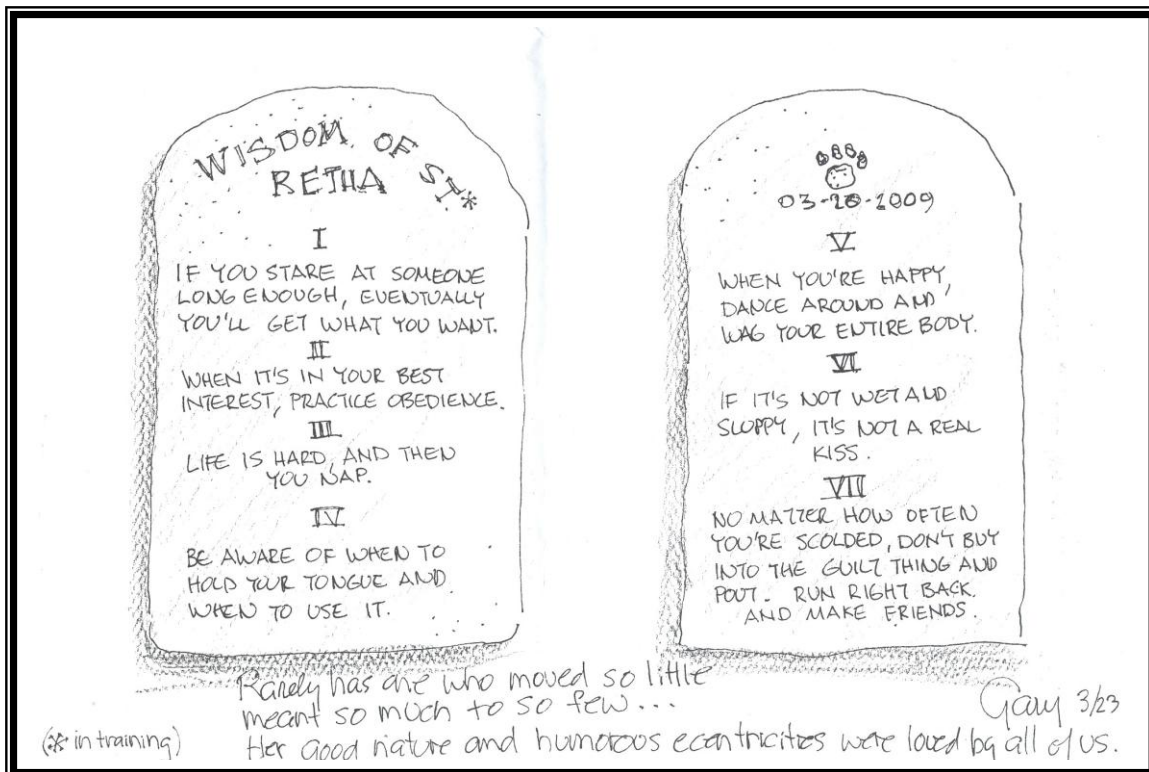
President's Ponderings

- Spring is busting out all over around the Fellowship - here's what I see:
- 37 people turn out for a gathering to salute the life work and music of Pete Seeger - congratulations to Kevin and Dan for a great afternoon!
- Four adult and two youth members of UUFBF attend the St. Lawrence District Assembly in Albany. What an event with inspirational speakers and hospitality from the four capitol-region congregations!
- New hymnals and UU music CDs have arrived, as well as cards for your wallet - these hymnals can be sponsored for \$28 and then dedicated to honor someone you love, respect or miss.
- Mother's Day featured Rev. Darcey Laine and her mother who gave us lovely flute music during her daughter's service -- plus the newest mother in our congregation - Maggie Young appeared with new baby Frannie - what a treat!
- Lots more seats were covered by Lori and friends - thank you!
- Frank and the kids started the garden - now that's a sure sign that summer's on its way!
- A bucket of summer opportunities at UU camps and retreat center events are on the coffee table and the hallway bulletin board - how about giving yourself a get-away with other UUs this summer?
- 28 members and extended families attend the May 17 Coming of Age service in Athens, PA to cheer on Lydia and Anna and four other young women from our sister congregation, what a delightful service!
- Please look through the box of materials for everyone to borrow - books, CDs, DVDs - because we're all lay leaders and all make a difference in the life of our small, vibrant and loving congregation!
- Happy summer! P.S. Don't forget to plant extra veggies this summer in your garden for the local food pantries - See you next Sunday!

With love,

Jenny Monroe

The following card was made by Jackie Wilson's brother, Gary, after the death of her beloved dog.



From our 50 Year Celebration in April



Community Events	
Deadline May 29, 2009	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Arts invites area artists to display their work during the 2009 season of Wisner Market Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. June 4 - September 17 Tent, tables and chairs pre-set for artist arrival. Single or multiple days available. The cost is \$15 per Thursday. Please e-mail communityarts@stny.rr.com to register. Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Community Arts of Elmira 413 Lake Street Elmira, NY 14901-2202 607-846-2418 communityarts@stny.rr.com www.communityartsofelmira.com</p>

FELLOWSHIP HOSTING SCHEDULE - Hosting is a service that we provide each other. If you are unable to host on a day that you are assigned, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

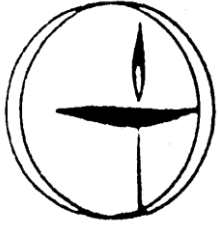
DATE	HOST
May 31	Martin/Glen, Muffley, Brenner
June 7	Allen, Dodson/Miller, Young
June 14- Sep 6	Summer small group format

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The Bruffey and Deery families would like to thank fellowship members and friends for the support you have given us, both over the years and recently as Lydia and Anna completed the Coming of Age Program with the Athens Sheshequin UU Church. Thank you especially to Liz Martin, Lydia's mentor, Colleen McCall, Anna's mentor, Lori Dodson, who helped the girls with cleaning and painting our outbuilding for their service project, and Jensen Monroe for her work coordinating with the Athens Church.

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