

Welcome to the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally  
inclusive congregation,  
welcoming all!

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## Service Schedule

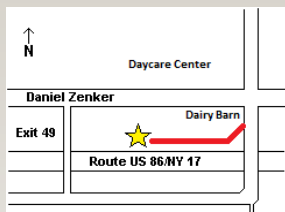
June 4: *Judaism in America: Past, Present and Future with Rabbi Oren Steinitz*  
~ Rabbi Dr. Oren Z. Steinitz serves as the spiritual leader of Congregation Kol Ami in Elmira, NY. He was ordained in 2014 at the Mesifita Adas Wolkowisk Rabbinical Academy, and is a member of OHALAH Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal. More background information available at [www.orensteiniz.com](http://www.orensteiniz.com). ~ *Service Leader:* Jeni Paquette

**ALSO:** As this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June, we will celebrate Flower Communion. Bring a flower or two to share, and take a different flower home with you.

June 11: *Emotions as Big as the World* ~ with Rev. Dorcey Laine. Do you ever feel full of joy as you look out on the blossoming spring around us? Do you ever feel sad when you see a swath of forest clear-cut for resource extraction? Do you ever feel angry when you hear about toxins leaking into our lakes or oceans? And do you sometimes fear to speak about those emotions, afraid your friends and neighbors would judge you? Is it possible to feel for the whole world, and if so, is that a good thing or a bad thing? This Sunday we will consider how our UU tradition points us toward answers to these questions.

June 18: *Annual Meeting* - President Carolyn Scopelitti will lead a presentation on the state of the Fellowship.

June 25: *Topic to be Determined* ~ with Babek Raj ~ Mr. Raj joined us several months ago, in which a hearty discussion ensued. He is returning to bring further thoughtful topics to the roundtable. ~ *Service Leader:* Ron Telford.



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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!



## Declaration of Conscience

At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society.

In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations.

And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil.

As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us.

We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice.

The time is now.

# Summer Solstice Bonfire



*Wednesday, June 21  
at the UU Fellowship  
6:30 dish to pass...*



**Second Place East donations for the following months:**

**JUNE: Multi Purpose Cleaner**

**JULY: Dish Detergent**

**AUGUST: Toilet Paper**

**This list is also posted on the donation box at the Fellowship. Picking up an item or two when you are out shopping is a great way to keep costs down at the Home Shop; you can save by shopping at Dollar General and Big Lots.**

**Thank you! ~ Marcia Allen**

## *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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
<b>June 4</b>	McCall, Wosinski
<b>June 11</b>	Telford, Wilson
<b>June 18</b>	Scopelliti, Paquette, Fitzpatrick
<b>June 25</b>	Brenner, Potter
<b>July-Aug</b>	<b>Summer Small Group Begins!</b> Please bring a small snack if you are attending.

*Want to include something in future newsletters?*

**Easy!**

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



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