



# Uni-Verse

March 2010

“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

March 7

### Beyond Our Differences, Part Two.

We will complete watching this documentary illustrating the commonality expressed by contemporary religious world leaders and discuss personal responses to Karen Armstrong's Charter for Compassion.

March 14

### The Precautionary Principle with Reverend Darcey Laine

In current environmental law, the burden of proof is on those who have been injured or whose property has been contaminated to prove that the harm was caused. The precautionary principle is the revolutionary idea that if we think something MIGHT be dangerous, we can ask for caution until we find out for sure that it is not. How might this principle be applied to current environmental quandaries like **hydro-fracking**? How does this principle relate to our own Unitarian Universalist principles, and to our daily lives?

March 21

### Build your Own Theology

Corey McCall and Rick Edwards will introduce this popular UU adult religious education program and gauge interest in establishing a small group at UUFBF to explore it.

March 28

### UU Seder

Today we will honor all those who suffer in bondage with the recitation of the UU Hagaddah, based on the Jewish Passover Seder. We will also share a special meal and remember our ancestors who struggled with oppression and a search for religious freedom. Please sign up in advance to bring a dish to pass for the lunch which is incorporated into the service. No dietary restrictions are followed for the dish-to-pass.



<b>Community Events</b>	
Tuesday, March 2 7-10 PM Park Church Elmira	<b>GLBTQ Coffeehouse</b> Enjoy music by Lori and Dan, open mic, coffee and cookies. Facilitated by and for GLBTQ people.
Thursday, March 4 7 pm Ernie Davis Community Center	<b>Let My People Go</b> , sponsored by the Jewish Center and Federation. A program for all ages featuring singer/musicians Kim and Reggie Harris and Rabbi Jonathan Kligler, combining the Jewish and African American quest for freedom through music and song.
March 14-18 Watson Homestead	Two Exploritas programs, <b>Wellness for Women: Agile Brains, Aware Bodies and Growing Spirits</b> and <b>Hands-on Glassmaking</b> at the Studio of the Corning Museum of Glass, have openings for more participants. Call coordinator Jenny Monroe for details and costs. (607) 962-0541. Exploritas life long learning programs are now open to all ages of adults.
March 19-21 Watson Homestead	Friday evening through Sunday brunch, <b>March Maple Weekend</b> at Watson Homestead in East Campbell, exit 42. An intergenerational weekend to collect sap and make syrup, enjoy pool, take a hike and relax with your family. Accommodations and four meals are included. If making maple syrup's on your bucket list, come and help us do it! Call 607-962-0541 or go to <a href="http://www.watsonhomestead.org">www.watsonhomestead.org</a> for more info.
Sunday, March 21 11:30 am to 3 pm Congregation Shomray Haddath 1008 W. Water Street Elmira	<b>Jewish Food Festival</b> This food and cultural event is amazing! Sponsored by the Jewish Center and Federation. Tickets available at the door.
Monday, March 29 7 pm Bath Volunteer Fire Dept.	<b>League of Women Voters</b> sponsors a public meeting featuring Tony Ingraffea, Ph.D., professor of engineering at Cornell who specializes in hydrofracking.
March Events	<b>Festival of Women in the Arts...</b> is a community collaboration between the Cantata Singers, area schools, and cultural organizations that takes place throughout the entire month of March, Women's History month. Included in the festival are academic and cultural collaborators who offer a variety of creative and artistic events at their own venues throughout Chemung, Steuben and Schuyler County. Events include concerts, theater, dance, visual art, lectures, poetry and other literature readings. In addition to serving as the Festival coordinators and sponsors, the Cantata Singers contribute by performing a concert of classical music. This year's Festival concert is titled 'J.S. Bach and the Ladies: Women's influence in the Time and Music of Bach'. <a href="http://www.cantatasingers.com">http://www.cantatasingers.com</a>
Thru March 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon-Saturday	<b>Art Exhibit -- Unexpected Artists</b> Artwork by self taught artist from the collection of Tedd and Carol Arnold

## Fellowship News

### Religious Ed. News

Anna Deery and Lydia Bruffey have been working under the guidance of Renata Brenner to design a unit on evolution to teach to the elementary school R.E. class. The first class will explore the proof that evolution exists through fossils and how strata connects to the formation of fossils. The kids will be constructing a model of strata and concrete "fossils" of assorted natural objects, which will later be used as stepping stones in the Fellowship's foot path. Lydia Bruffey

### UUFBF Committees

A couple of weeks ago the board introduced four committees that they would like to vote on at the annual business meeting to replace the existing ones in the by-laws. For those of you who could not make it that Sunday, here is a summary:

#### Buildings and grounds committee

How are building supports us and reflects our values.

Responsibilities include: Maintenance, seasonal up keep, facility expansion.

#### Sunday Morning Committee

Our magnetic core experience.

Responsibilities include: Program, music, R.E. adult and children, hospitality and welcoming, coffee hour, nursery, greeting and hosting.

#### Social Justice Committee

What we do outside our building.

Responsibilities include: tabling community events, public awareness, sponsoring families at holidays, relationship with Second Place East. Meeting the last Sunday of each month, 9:30 AM at UUFBF.

#### Stewardship Committee

What we do to grow ourselves.

Responsibilities include: UUA and SLUD membership, affiliation, caring contact, newsletter, website, bulletin boards, small group ministry, leadership development, annual canvass.

The meeting was energizing in particular for B and G, and Social Justice, We hope that is a trend that continues!

### UUFBF IS FOR THE BIRDS!

Unfortunately, there is no "Feed the Birds" committee just yet. If you are a "birder", why not bring in some bird seed on a regular basis, and fill the feeder right outside our window? A little bird tells me that only 1 or 2 people are helping out with this.



**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
Feb 28	Monroe, McCall, Edwards
Mar 07	Stevenson, Swarthout, Cowles
Mar 14	Martin/Glen, Muffley, Brenner
Mar 21	Allen, Dodson/Miller, Reynolds
Mar 28	Halm/Maloney, Divens-Bruffey, Wilson
Apr 04	Wosinski, L&J Potter, Mann
Apr 11	Spicer, Deery, Scopellitti
Apr 18	Monroe, McCall, Edwards

### Board Members

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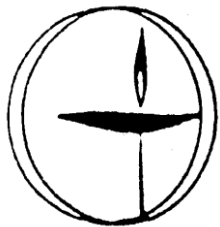
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Beyond our Differences, II Dine out Sunday Garcia's-Elmira	8	9 Adult RE Film 7:00 PM Big Flats Community Ctr	10	11	12	13
14 UUFBF Board Meeting Adult RE film discussion, 9:30 Rev. Darcey Laine	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Build Your Own Theology	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 UU Seder	29	30	31			

Nursery Volunteers	
Feb 28	Lydia Bruffey
Mar 07	Jeni Paquette
Mar 14	Alta Stevenson
Mar 21	Tamara Miller
Mar 28	Terri Divens-Bruffey
Apr 04	Diane Muffley
Apr 11	Deery family

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