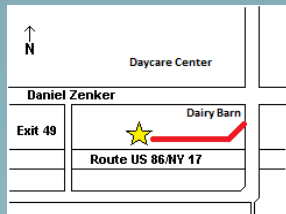


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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!

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY

March 2014 Uni-Verse



Service Schedule

March 2: Language of Reverence: Queer, Rev. Darcey Laine ~ In considering a "Language of Reverence" for Unitarian Universalists, we have looked at some traditional religious words to see if they have a meaning we can claim as our own. But are there also new words that we can bring to the conversation? This week Rev. Laine wonders if "queer" could be one of those words.

March 9: Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications, with Gregg Caruso, Associate Professor of Philosophy at CCC ~ What would be the consequence of embracing skepticism about free will and desert-based moral responsibility? What if we came to disbelieve in moral responsibility? In this talk, Mr. Caruso will argue that belief in free will and desert-based moral responsibility, rather than being a good thing, actually has a dark side and that we would be better off without it. ~ **Service Leader:** Corey McCall

March 16: What Significant Aspects of Modern Scientific Knowledge Contribute to the Search for the Way?, with Robert Duckmanton ~ **Service Leader:** Karen Reynolds

March 23: Can Science Contribute to Morality?, with Robert Duckmanton ~ **Service Leader:** Tom Reynolds

March 30: Inherent Worth and Dignity, Rev. Darcey Laine ~ Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person, but what does this mean when applied to basic issues of day to day living? What does this mean when the discussion turns to wages and workplace safety? Do our UU principles help us wade into the cloudy waters of worker's rights?

Carolyn's Column

A Story about a Furnace --The Sequel --The saga continues...

When last we left the little furnace, (see [November](#) Newsletter) it was weak and barely warming. People were cautioned against lowering the thermostat because, unless the weather was mild, it could not rewarm the home of the little community without help from the electric heaters. There did not seem to be way to resolve, or even mitigate, its incompatibility with the narrow duct work.



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
Mar 2	Brenner, Paquette
Mar 9	Vikin, Mann
Mar 16	Potter, Allen
Mar 23	Wilson, Wosinski
Mar 30	McCall, Stevenson
Apr 6	Telford, Coppola
Apr 13	Glenn/Martin, Maloney/Halm
Apr 20	Reynolds, Scopelliti

Well, there was the possibility of a seven thousand dollar retro-fit. It was possible, but not very feasible. After the original furnace story, several members made good suggestions (Thank you!). The easiest, and by far the cheapest, was made by Carl Parmelee. He suggested that we turn the valve down that fuels the furnace with natural gas. After a little trial and error about how much to turn it down, it was clear that that helped. Carl is my hero!

After at least a dozen professionals had worked on the problem to no avail, his simple suggestion helped. It did not completely fix the problems, but the furnace over-heated and failed when the space was about six degrees warmer than it failed last winter (for example: 64 degrees instead of 58 degrees). It still took an unusually long time to raise temperature, but it often got there (when it wasn't bitter cold) and much more heat made it to the large classroom because the furnace stayed on long enough for the long duct to get warm. We still needed the electric heaters, but still, it was a big improvement.

Then the expected happened! On Valentines Day, the little furnace failed outright---no heat. It is quite likely that the frequent overheating and switching on and off contributed to this failure. Thanks to everyone for enduring the Sunday service that week with good humor. The transducer needed to be replaced. The serviceman seemed competent! Leslie and I talked to him about our ongoing heating problem. Calmly he said, "I'll turn the blower up". **Zoinks!** for

Scooby Doo fans... **WTF** for pilots, the military and texters.... **What!!!** for everyone else... The manufacture's engineer that Pat Scopelliti had gotten on the phone had not mentioned *that* possibility! Neither had any of the service people that have been coming for the past four years. **Four years!**

Now, it seems, we have a normal functioning furnace, although as of this writing, we have not had bitter cold. Soon will be the true test. Here's hoping....

~ Carolyn

SPRING EQUINOX BONFIRE

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
6PM DISH-TO-PASS
7PM BONFIRE!

Craft-n-Chat!

Wednesday, 3/19
10a-1pm

Bring your favorite craft, hobby or art project and your gabbin' skills and come on down! Light snacks and coffee will be provided. Bring a friend!

Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

Email Chris (by the 15th of the month before) at ceemarie1971@verizon.net

Calendar & Community Happenings and Events

- **Corning Winter Farmer's Mkt, 11a-3p, through Mar 15:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays, inside Corning Information Center, Centerway Square.
- Mar 4, **Tues:** Mardi Gras
- Mar 5, **Wed:** Ash Wednesday
- Mar 7, **Fri, 7pm:** [Beer & Chili, Wine & Chocolate](#), Painted Post
- Mar 12, **Wed, 7pm:** Identity Theft, Protect Yourself, Corning Country Club
- Mar 14-16, **Fri-Sun:** [March Maple Family Weekend](#)
- Mar 15, **Sat, 9am,** Woodhouse: [St. Patrick's Day 5K](#)
- Mar 17, **Mon:** St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 18,19, **Tue-Wed, 7:30:** [Man of La Mancha](#), Clemens Ctr
- Mar 20, **Thur, 5:30-7:30:** CMOG'S [2300](#)
- Mar 20, **Thur:** Spring Equinox (and BONFIRE! See Page 2 for details!...)
- Mar 21, **Fri, 5-8pm:** [Locally Grown Foods Festival](#), Union Hall, Civic Ctr, Corning – FREE!
- Mar 23, **Sun, 1-3pm:** [All About Kids Flea Market](#) - Corning YMCA



member orientation

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and our fellowship in particular? Please join us, whether you're a new member or a seasoned veteran, for a two-session introduction to our faith and our fellowship. On **Saturday, March 22 from 2-4pm**, Corey McCall will lead a discussion of the history and beliefs that make UU special. The following Saturday, March 29, a panel of our distinguished members will discuss what makes the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats unique. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP and/or direct questions about the program to Corey McCall at mccall-cor@gmail.com or (607) 846-2574.

REMINDER

All members are welcome to attend board meetings, which normally take place the third Sunday of the month, after the service (at ~11:45, unless you hear otherwise.)



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Digital Currency with Keith House

Presented on Feb 23.
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