

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally
inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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Service Schedule

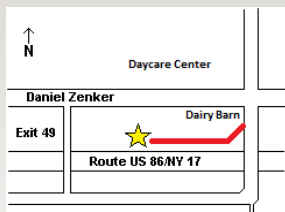
May 3: *Through a Screen Darkly, with Rev. Darcey Laine.* Screens are a part of our lives today for better or for worse: our phone screens, our TV screens, our computer screens. They can be time saving tools, or dangerous distractions. How do we find a middle path for using these tools without allowing them to come between us and our direct experience of the world.

May 10: *Honoring Mother's Day* Share stories about your mother. ~ *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

May 17: *My Artistic Journey, with Member Colleen McCall* ~ Join us as Colleen shares how art shapes her life and her spiritual journey. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics from Alfred University (NY), a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from Truman State University (MO) and has studied at the University of Georgia at Athens, and in Cortona, Italy. She has also exhibited across the United States and in Italy and is the recipient of several awards, fellowships and grants. ~ *Service Leader:* Corey McCall

May 24: *The Ten Paradoxical Commandments, with Member Tom Reynolds* ~ People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway. And how these commandments apply to our personal, professional, political and spiritual lives. ~ *Service Leader:* Sonia Gilbert-Vikin

May 31: *We Are All Travelers, with Itinerant Lay Minister Homer Wilkins* ~ "Early in my nationwide travels on behalf of lay UU services, I found in my motel room a printed card entitled "Greeting to Guests". I was impressed by the thoughtful message and made a copy of it on my clip-board. In this sermon I will state my modified version of the "Greeting" and discuss the various parts of it as aspects of a UU way of life, and of a kind of send-off to someone embarking on a new way life path." ~ *Service Leader:* Jeni Paquette



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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!

Community Events and Happenings

May 5, Tue: Cinco de Mayo

May 6, Wed: National Nurses Day

May 10, Sun: Mother's Day

May 16, Sat: [Bath Community Expo](#), Bath, NY

May 19,20, T,W: 7:30p: [Guys and Dolls](#), Clemens Center

May 21, Thur, 6p-8p: [2300: GlassFest](#)

May 21-24, Thur-Sun: [GlassFest, Corning, NY](#)

May 31, Sun: Memorial Day

May 30, Sat, 7p-10:30p: [Recycled Runway](#), Corning, NY

Tom, Becky and Ben, with the assistance of The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, are having a
Memorial Service and Celebration of Life
for Karen with family and close friends.



Saturday, May 16, 2015
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Big Flats Community Center
Big Flats, New York

We know that each of you have busy schedules and have a distance to travel. Of course we would love to have you join us, but it is important that you know that if you cannot attend we understand. You have each already done so much for us and we will embrace each other's company at future gatherings.

If you are inclined, Karen requested that donations be given to:

Corporate Angels Network
Westchester Co. Airport
One Loop Road
White Plains, NY 10604
~ or ~

Southeast Steuben County Library
300 Civic Center Plaza
Corning, NY 14830

The memorial will be a time of sharing our thoughts and memories of Karen. Please come prepared to share if you so desire. It can be from the podium or from your seat. About 50 people will be in attendance.

Please bring a dish to pass. Also, disposable plates, utensils, napkins and cups are needed. A sign up will be circulated Sundays until then.

*The kitchen at the Big Flats Community Center will **not** be available, but the UUFBF kitchen **will be** that day. Please remember to bring serving utensils. Cleanup facilities **will not** be available...*

Meaningful Movies – The Park Church, 209
West Gray Street, Elmira, NY
7:00 – May 13 -- in Beecher Hall – Please use
parking lot entrance near Gray St. – Free.

BLUE TATTOO

Dina's Story,
Joe's Song

Documentary Film - Blue Tattoo featuring Joe Crookston

Blue Tattoo is a documentary film that relates how folksinger/songwriter Joe Crookston of Ithaca, NY and Holocaust survivor Dina Jacobson of Elmira, NY came together to form a unique friendship with a common sense of purpose. After meeting Dina at her home, Joe crafted the song Blue Tattoo based on her life experiences. The song is written from the perspective of Dina, newly immigrated to America, explaining the meaning of the blue tattoo on her arm to her four year old daughter, Connie, in a way that protects her child's sense of innocence.

Dina and Joe have worked to bring a greater understanding of the Holocaust to this and future generations: she, through visiting schools and speaking to young people about her experiences at Auschwitz; he, through the powerful imagery of his song. Together they have touched thousands of people by making them mindful of the consequences of prejudice and persecution, and of the power of the human spirit to persevere and be triumphant.



Jen Spicer has agreed to take on the position of **Historian**. Please give her any memorabilia you may have (on an ongoing basis) such as: digital pictures changed to print media, letters to the editor or anything you think would be appropriate for a scrapbook.

Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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

REMINDER

All members are welcome to attend board meetings, which normally take place the third Tuesday of the month from 5p-6p (unless you hear otherwise.)



- Printer Hewlett Packard DeskJet 832 C
- Computer IBM
- Desk key board, microphones attachments

607-936-4969

Joe & Sonia Gilabert
-Vikin



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Founder's Day Recital!

Come enjoy the musical talents of Founder Elizabeth Brown-Shook soprano.

Accompanied by Ryan Shirar on piano.

Friday, May 8th, 2015

7 PM

Elmira First Church of the Nazarene

1136 Broadway St.



Like us on Facebook: Everybody Can Play Music Collective



CRAFT-N-CHAT

Bring your fave hobby or craft and enjoy some coffee and company, away from the hustle and bustle!

5/20, 10-1 @ the UUBF

Second Place East

Donation Reminder

May: Toilet Paper

June: Mops

Between the first of the 2015 year, and March 12, there were 18 separate referrals to the Shop. These included 24 adults and 16 children. The referrals came from 13 different agencies, including Bath VA, Safe House in Elmira, Red Cross, Office for Aging, and a Head Start program. I delivered 26 rolls of paper towels and several rolls of toilet paper from the UU Fellowship in April as of Monday, 4/20/15.

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.

Date	Hosts
May 3	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
May 10	Vikin, Scopelliti
May 17	Paquette, Mann
May 24	Potter, Wilson
May 31	Allen, Wosinski, Telford
June 7	McCall, Brenner
June 14	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
June 21	Vikin, Scopelliti