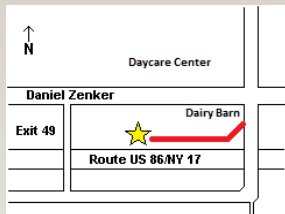


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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!

May 2016 Uni-Verse

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY



Service Schedule

May 1: "The Legacy of Islam" with *Najeed Rehman, MD* - He would like to broadly highlight the Muslim contribution to the scientific evolution of the world, its language, culture and architecture. He'll touch upon some of the scientific predictions in the Quran. Briefly touch upon the scholarship of Muslim Spain. "I have to deplore the systematic manner in which the literature of Europe has continued to put out of sight our obligations to the Muhammadans. Surely they cannot be much longer hidden. Injustice founded on religious rancor and national conceit cannot be perpetuated forever. The Arab has left his intellectual impress on Europe. He has indelibly written it on the heavens as any one may see who reads the names of the stars on a common celestial globe." John W. Draper in the "Intellectual Development of Europe" ~ *Service Leader:* Sonia Gilabert-Vikin

May 8: *Mother as Nurturer and Protector: The Moral Imperative of Mothers to Protect Mother Earth for Future Generations* with *Lisa Marshall*— Lisa Marshall is a Community Organizer for Mothers Out Front NY ~ *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

May 15: *The Fish Hawk and Clean Water* with *Jim Pfiffer, Director of Friends of the Chemung River Watershed* ~ A Powerpoint presentation about how amazing Osprey (fish hawks) that nest on the river and why clean water is so important to human and fish hawks. ~ *Service Leader:* Leslie Potter

May 22: *Coming of Age Service* - *Rev. Darcey Laine and the Coming of Age Participants* ~ This year our 8-10th grade youth (and those of the UU Church of Athens and Sheshequin have been part of a program to challenge and support them as they leave childhood. The program involves service, theological reflection & mentoring. It is a way that the congregation, the parents & the youth mark their transition out of childhood into something new. This Sunday we honor their journey giving each youth a chance to speak to us in their own voice. We encourage children 8 & older to stay in the service as part of their religious education about what it means to grow up UU.

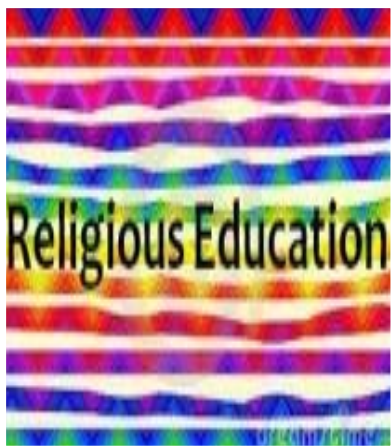
May 29: *First Responders Honor Park in the Town of Erwin* with *Don Creath* ~ He is a member of the Corning Rotary Club which was lead sponsor of the Tri-County First Responders Honor Park, a tribute to police officers, firefighter, EMTs and rescue personnel, living or dead, in Steuben, Chemung and Schuyler counties. The park is in Gang Mills, Town of Erwin and opened in 2015. ~ *Service Leader:* Gary Fitzpatrick

Denominational Affairs

The St Lawrence District of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has been dissolved. UU Fellowship of Big Flats was part of that District. We are now part of the Central East Region. This change is supposed to bring more cost effective services to congregations. We are also now part of the Western New York Conference of the Central East Region. www.uua.org/central-east. Our primary contact person is: Rev. Renee Ruchotzke. rruchotzke@uua.org.

Mark your calendars: May 20-21, 2016, hosted by the UU Church of Buffalo and UU Church of Amherst. "Once and Future Church". The Rev. Joan VanBecelaere will present information from her research on faith and church trends in the 21st century, and how we might prepare for the shift in how we might do church in the future. More information forthcoming.

There are new low cost leader training programs: www.uuinstitute.org; live webinars: www.uua.org/central-east/events/webinars; commissioned lay leader program: www.uus.org/central-east/programs/cll.



Thanks to Alta Stevenson and Jen Spicer for helping out with RE in April. Jen, especially, did a great job with coloring and hiding Easter Eggs for the kids.



In the summer, the kids are outside, unless the weather is bad. There is play equipment for the youngest kids, as well as the older. We hope to have some activities identifying weeds, bushes, etc. Maybe we'll even see some wildlife (larger than ants)!



Musical Metamorphosis in 20th Century America

A performance by pianist Dr. Azusa Ueno

At the turn of the 20th century, America saw its budding musical tradition take shape. Eclectic influences ranging from European Classicism to homegrown ragtime and jazz paved the way to a vibrant and experimental era. Dr. Azusa Ueno explores this fascinating time through the works of Charles T. Griffes, Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, and more.

Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:30pm

Clemens Center, 207 Clemens Center Parkway Elmira, NY



This program is free and open to the public.



For more information call 607-734-4167 x205
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“WONDROUS!”

-Graham Fellee, INTERVIEW MAGAZINE

**Meaningful Movies at
Park Church**

**** May 11, 2016 ****

7 PM Beecher Hall

208 West Gray St., Elmira, NY 14901

Church phone: 733-9104

The Saltmen of Tibet



a film by
Ulrike Koch

ZEITGEIST VIDEO

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 1	Brenner, Fitzpatrick
May 8	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
May 15	Scopelliti, Paquette, Wilson
May 22	Potter, Wosinski
May 29	Telford, Wilson
June 5	McCall, , Stevenson, Spicer
June 12	Brenner, Fitzpatrick
June 19	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn

UU Day of Importance

May 14, 1849. Transcendentalist (Unitarian) Henry David Thoreau published "On Civil Disobedience." Mohandas Gandhi said he took one of the names of his movement from Thoreau's essay, which impressed him deeply. Martin Luther King, Jr. said Thoreau's essay inspired the civil rights movement.

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Easy!

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

HELP FOR THE HOME SHOP

May
Toothbrush and toothpaste

June
Multipurpose cleaner

July
Dish detergent



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