



Uni-Verse

October 2009

"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

October 4	UU Association Sunday Growing Our Diversity
October 11	To be announced
October 18	Nature Deficit Disorder Shelley MacPherson, teacher at Diven Elementary, and Jim Pfifer, will present this topic
October 25	Awakening the Dreamer Report out from the Symposium held in Corning on October 24 (see attachment)

President's Ponderings

Dear Fellowship,

Is it me or are the squirrels working extra hard this year to store for winter? Is nature trying to tell us we are in for a long one? We often get messages from nature we don't read. I wonder how many students are aware of our changing seasons. There are new signs every day. Do they go out on walks and pick up cool leaves? Are they excited to put their boots on and take a walk in the first snow of the season? Mine are, but how many others are not? They do not know what they are missing if they are glued to the television. They cannot hear the squirrels yelling at the birds with headphones on.

It just seems to me that children who are more involved with nature would naturally be better stewards of the environment and more respectful to the animals living there. Personally, I think some of society's issues would resolve themselves if children were exposed early and regularly to a relationship with nature. I look forward to autumn, and hope you do as well.

Moving forward with the squirrels,

Tamara

Fellowship News

Saturday, Oct 10, 10:00 AM. UUFBF Fellowship Clean-up

Sunday, October 11, 9:30 AM. UUFBF Board Meeting

All are welcome.

October 16-17 New York State Convention of Universalists Annual Gathering

at First Universalist Church in Rochester, Rev. Dick Gilbert, featured speaker. Go to www.sld.uua.org for details.

Wanted: Volunteers for the Nursery on Sundays.

Sign up to volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday mornings! We would like to get at least 6 volunteers who will rotate duties.

Oct. 25 - CROP Walk, downtown Corning, sign up to walk or to sponsor a walker at the Fellowship

A Big UU Thank You to John Shook

For installing the new fixtures in the bathrooms!

First Sunday Collection

Our Fellowship has a tradition of donating the collections from the 1st Sunday of the month to 3 local charities.

Tamara tallied the votes, and the top three were:

Planned Parenthood-21

Food Bank of the Southern Tier-19

Chemung SPCA-17

Runner up was Friends of Chemung River-13

Walk the Labyrinth at Trinity Episcopal

You are invited to walk the labyrinth at Trinity Episcopal Church, Elmira. The labyrinth invites one into sacred space and provides a temporary abandonment of the ordinary world. It will be open the 1st Tuesday of the month, 6-8 PM, the 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-4 PM, and the 3rd Friday of the month, 7-9 PM.



Halloween Party



When: Friday, October 30, 2009, 5:00 PM - ?

Where: Lori and Tamara's home, 517 Logan St. Elmira. Call 737-8082 for directions

Wear: Costumes!

Bring: A dish to pass, children, and-or a child-like spirit.

Who: All are welcome!



Community Events	
Friday Oct 2-Sunday Oct 4 Watson Homestead	Drum Building Weekend Workshop at Watson Homestead Details at www.watsonhomestead.org . Order supplies for the style and size of drum you would like to make and "Stan the Drum Man" brings all the materials and tools for creating your personal drum. Lodging available, or commute and just pay for the meals you eat. For a descriptive brochure about the drum styles available, phone 607-962-0541.
Saturday, Oct 10 1:00-6:00 PM Waverly, NY	Allegany River Indian Dancers Sponsored by SRAC (info - 607-727-3111 or info@SRACenter.org)
Tuesday, Oct 13 7:00 PM Steele Memorial Library Elmira	Art Exhibit from the Children of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam opening reception. Co-sponsored by Islamic Association of Finger Lakes; Jewish Center & Federation; Corning Vicinity Faith Communities and the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition. Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam or The Oasis of Peace, located between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, founded in the 1970s, consists of approximately 25 Jewish and 25 Palestinian families living together in a community dedicated to dialogue, peace, democracy and education. They operate a primary school and offer many conferences for young people envisioning a peaceful and just future in the Holy Land. Come see the art exhibit by children of the community and hear excerpts on video from one of the young artists who grew up there.
Saturday, Oct 24 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM SE Steuben Public Library Corning	Awakening the Dreamer Symposium Registration at 9:30 AM. Local concerned and motivated people will gather, and through a facilitated process, decide what our most urgent local environmental issues are and strategize steps to meet them. Come join us to explore a new global vision built on Sustainability, Spiritual Fulfillment and Social Justice. Save the date now and explore more about the event at www.AwakeningTheDreamer.org . Please share this with anyone you think might like to come. Registration will be \$20 adult / \$10 senior or student. Event is sponsored by Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition. Please give my contact to anyone who is interested. Thank you, Jenny Monroe (607-524-8439 or jmonroe@stny.rr.com)
Saturday, Oct 24 Corning	Walk a Peaceful Mile , sponsored by Rape Crisis Center of the Southern Tier. The UUFBF is also sponsoring this event, and encourages people to walk or support a walker. For more info call 1-888-810-0093.
Sunday, Oct 25 1:30 PM, Centerway Square Corning	Corning Area Crop Walk Take steps for the hungry and sign up to be on the UUFBF team of walkers.

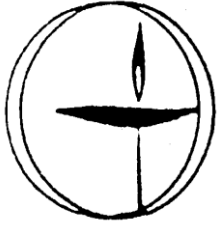
FELLOWSHIP HOSTING SCHEDULE - Hosting is a service that we provide each other. If you are unable to host on a day that you are assigned, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

DATE	HOST
Sep 27	Spicer, Deery, Scopellitti
Oct 04	Monroe, McCall, Edwards
Oct 11	Stevenson, Swarthout, Cowles
Oct 18	Martin/Glen, Muffley, Brenner
Oct 25	Allen, Dodson/Miller, Young
Nov 01	Halm/Maloney, Divens-Bruffey, Wilson
Nov 08	Woskinski, L&J Potter, Mann
Nov 15	Spicer, Deery, Scopellitti

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