

Welcome to the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally  
inclusive congregation,  
welcoming all!

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## October 2014 Uni-Verse

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY

### Service Schedule

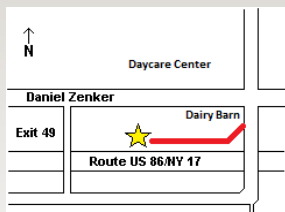
October 5: *The Danger of a Single Story*, with Rev. Darcey Laine Stories are a critical tool for making meaning of our lives. It matters who tells our story, and how they tell it. In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day (also called Columbus Day, depending on who tells the story), we will tell stories of how this land came to be inhabited by European settlers, and ask “What difference does a story make?”

October 12: *CO<sub>2</sub>sequences with Frank Potter* ~ Frank taught biology and environmental courses at Fort Hays State University for over 25 years, during which time scientists became increasingly alarmed about the effect of greenhouse gases on the atmosphere and predicting the phenomenon we now call Global Warming, or Climate Change. He will talk about what has happened and what needs to be done, and he will lead a discussion about what we, as individuals, can do to slow the impact on the planet. There is no Planet B! *Service*

*Leader:* Leslie Potter

October 19: *How Important Are Our Religious Beliefs Anyway?* with Rev. Heidi Swarts, M. Div., Ph. D. ~ *Service Leader:* Alta Stevenson

October 26: *Welcome back Homer Wilkins, who poses the question: “Why Do UUs go to Church?”* ~ Since most Unitarian Universalists do not subscribe to traditional views of God as a superhuman being to be worshipped and adored, and of the church as the “Body of Christ,” our views of the church and of services in a church are non-traditional. This sermon is an examination of these issues. *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!

# News from our Treasurer, Sonia Vikin

## First Sunday Collections

As your new Treasurer, beginning officially in September, I want to let you know the results of the **2014-2015 Survey for the First Sunday Collections** and how the proceeds are to be divided. The survey was done on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

At our July Board Meeting, we voted unanimously to divide the money donated equally; 50% to the designated charity and 50% to the Fellowship's Miscellaneous Income Account. We previously donated 100% of the collection.

The reason for dividing the collected money in this manner is that pledges and donations are not coming in as fast as the bills need to be paid. We urge you to give of your talents and moneys to make our fellowship a place where all feel needed and appreciated.

### Selections as followed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Everybody Can Play Music Collective
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Food Bank of the Southern Tier
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes

### Months of Collection:

- Oct. Nov. Dec. - Everybody Can Play Music Collective
- Jan. Feb. March - Food Bank of the Southern Tier
- April, May, June - Planned Parenthood of the Southern Fingerlakes

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Treasurer, and will do my best to do a good job.

*~ Sonia*

## HAL HOLBROOK in "Mark Twain Tonight!"

*Sunday, October 19,  
2014  
7:00 p.m.*

Tickets: \$45/\$35/\$25.

For tickets call the Clemens Ctr  
Box Office at 607-734-8191 or  
800-724-0159, Monday - Fri-  
day, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m



### Summer Camp for UU Youth and Families

Registration for UU summer camp experiences for our youth and families is under way. Sessions fill quickly at many of the UU Camp and Conference Centers and now is the time to register to avoid waiting lists.

Many youth and families from the region attend Unirondack, a UU Camp and Conference Center in the forever-wild Adirondacks in upstate New York. The camp provides an opportunity for children and families to live our UU values in a creative, accepting and nurturing community outside the doors of our congregation. For more information about Unirondack, and to register for summer camp or weekend programs, visit their website at <http://www.unirondack.org/>.

In addition to Unirondack, other Camp and Conference Centers in the region include Rowe, Ferry Beach, Star Island, and Murray Grove. And if you are looking for experiences further from home, there is Unicamp in Canada, DeBenneville Pines in California, U-Bar-U in Texas, Unistar in Minnesota, and The Mountain in North Carolina.

Many of the centers have year-round programs. All provide an opportunity for personal growth, fellowship and community.

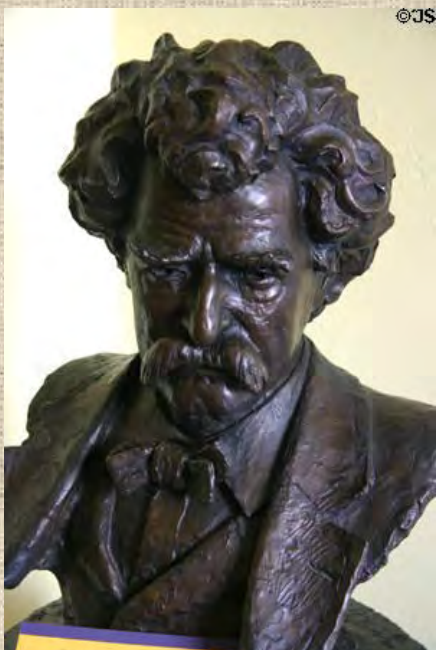
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### "Mark Twain"

*Hannibal lad grow'd up  
Tom, Becky, Aunt Polly  
Injun Joe, Huck and Jim  
Whitewash fence paintin'  
Calaveras frogs a leapin'  
Mississippi livin' easy  
Pilothouse captain  
Cruisin' the mighty river  
Boatswain hollers MARK TWAIN!*

*~ Sara Katherine Hurley*

Inspired by Artwork: Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Bronze 1934) By Ernfred Anderson  
Location: Arnot Art Museum, Elmira



Want to include something in future newsletters?

**Easy!**

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



Sonia Vikin says: "These were taken at my friend's house in August. She & I have been friends since the early '60s. She is also from Santiago, Chile. Joe & I had stopped at a Chilean Bakery shop located near Tarrytown, NY. We brought some desserts to share over coffee to help celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary." – **Happy Anniversary, Joe and Sonia!**

**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.)

**CRAFT N CHAT**

Bring your fave hobby or craft and enjoy some coffee and company, away from the hustle and bustle!  
**10/15**  
**10-1**  
 @ the **UUFBF**



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**8th Annual Woodlawn Cemetery Ghost Walk**

Stories of Elmira's past told by the tenants of Woodlawn Cemetery Oct 17 and 18th ~ \$12.00 per. ~ Call Chemung Valley History Museum for details 607 734 4167. ~ First tour starts @ 6:30

- **Mondays (last: Oct 27) 3p-6p:** [Grove Park Farmers' Mkt](#)
- **Thursdays (last: Oct 30) 10a-2p:** [Corning Farmers' Mkt](#), Riverfront Centennial Park
- **Fridays (last: Oct 17 ) 3p-5:30p:** Elmira Eastside Mkt (west lawn Holiday Inn)

- Oct 3, **Fri:** Yom Kippur begins
- Oct 11-12, **Sat/Sun:** [So Tier Outdoor Show](#)
- Oct 13, **Mon:** Indigenous Peoples Day (aka Columbus Day)
- Oct 18, **Sat, 1p-6p:** [Fall Family Open House](#), Watson Homestead, Corning.
- Oct 19, **Sun, 7p:** Mark Twain Tonight (see pg before for details)
- Oct 24: **Fri, 6p-8p:** [A Thriller of a Workshop](#), 171 Cedar Arts, Corning
- Oct 25, **Sat, 7:30p:** Valley Folk Music: [Andy Cohen](#)
- Oct 25, **Sat, 12p-5p:** [Finger Lake Beer Festival](#), Watkins Glen
- Oct 31, **Fri:** Halloween

*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
<b>Oct 5</b>	McCall, Stevenson
<b>Oct 12</b>	Telford, Brenner
<b>Oct 19</b>	Coppola/Smith, Gardner
<b>Oct 26</b>	Maloney/Halm, Glenn/Martin
<b>Nov 2</b>	Vikin, Scopelliti
<b>Nov 9</b>	Paquette, Mann
<b>Nov 16</b>	Potter, Wilson
<b>Nov 23</b>	Allen, Wosinski