

Uni-Verse

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
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Sunday Services, October 2007

A religion where people of diverse beliefs, come together as one faith.

Sunday Services

10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship just off Hibbard Road and Route 17.

All are welcome for coffee and conversation following the service.

Children's Religious Education Classes

10:45a.m. Sunday mornings (September – June).

Oct 7th – Nature Walk

Dress for the weather; bring a water bottle and your favorite ingredient to add to trail mix. children should be dropped off at the Rails to Trails entrance on Hibbard Road in Big Flats at 10:20am.

Oct 14th – Bonfire Preparations

Help clear out some brush for a bon fire.

Oct 21st – Stone Soup

Bring an ingredient and stay for lunch.

Oct 28th – Trick-or-Treat

Bring spare change as children will Trick-or-Treat after church for UNICEF.

October 7th

"Beyond War"

In a world into which nuclear weapons have been introduced and where instability characterizes international relations, we, the one people of the Earth, cannot afford to wage war.

The costs go beyond the lives and livelihoods lost, infrastructures destroyed, environmental chaos, and so forth. The planet itself is at stake. A group founded in Eugene, OR, called "Beyond War" has addressed the issue of modern war in a 28-minute video which will be screened at the fellowship and followed by a discussion of its contents and plan for guiding the world toward permanent peace.

October 14th

"Now is the Time!"

The UUA's Campaign to Grow Our Faith. We will learn about a new initiative to raise funds for UU growth. Growth in many dimensions: Diversity, Leadership, Numbers, Spirit, and Witness. Come find out what's included in this Association-wide focus.

Related Content

October 21st

"Atheists Do Believe in God"

Carl Parmelee.

Carl joined the Fellowship in 1959 and has held many leadership roles over the years. We're delighted to have him back in the "pulpit" for another thoughtful and cutting-edge presentation.

October 28

"The UU Arch"

Barb Blom

Some may say UUs don't have a common theology, so what is it that binds us together? Are we simply a fellowship of like minded liberals or is there something more? Let's examine the arch of our principles and their implications.

President's Pondering

Dear Fellowship,

People brave enough to stand up for their own beliefs go to a U.U. Church. People willing to defend their convictions for social justice go to a U.U. Fellowship. People who feel free to speak their mind and are comfortable with their level of spirituality attend a U.U. Church. This air of freedom can be intimidating and even unnerving to a new comer. They just are not use to it. That is why it is our duty to spread the "word" of UUism. That is why it is out duty to make a new comer feel nourished and welcome. This is why we have a radical hospitality team. If you believe in spreading the "word," I encourage you to participate in the U.U.A.'s Now is the Time campaign on October 14th. If you want to share our unique experience on Sunday's I encourage you to join the radical hospitality team. Please call Cathleen Deery at 732-1427.

It is our purpose to not only make a comfortable space for ourselves but an inviting space for all. Therefore I submit the following vision statement for your critique:

It is our intent to create a space for affirming spiritual and intellectual growth, with a level of professional leadership adequate to serve and guide us through evolving growth and change. Further, we wish to fill this space with a loving and nurturing environment to spread true family values that is the message of Unitarian Universalism.

Moving forward with your thoughts,
Tamara



Announcements



T.G.I.I.F!

Thank Goodness it's Intergenerational Friday
Now here's something to look forward to every third Friday of the month, a fellowship get together for all, young and old.

October 19, 5:30pm Bonfire

Let's recreate the harvest moon bonfire of last fall. Food, music and s'mores oh my! The RE children will have cleared some brush and assembled a mighty pyre. See it roar under a quarter moon. Dan Maloney will play guitar, The McCall's will bring their new handy dandy marshmallow roasting wands, craziest camp song competition (prize: an enormous pumpkin).

November 16, Let's Bowl

Place and time to be announced. Suggestions welcome talk with Colleen McCall.



"Graceful Living"

Life Coaching

Jenny Monroe, Mindful Change Life Coach, will facilitate a course at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, meeting once a month on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m., from October through May. It will also be a fundraiser for the fellowship, as \$50 of the \$65 per person fee will be donated to the fellowship. Each of the eight meetings will have a focus: Gratitude, Resistance, Acceptance, Creativity, Emotions, Frivolous Fun, Uniquely Me and Legacy, spelling out the intention of the course: GRACEFUL. Between meetings there will be assigned reading,

journaling, and creative assignments. Six are now registered and the maximum will be twelve. Signup at the fellowship or contact Jenny at 524-8439 or jmonroe@stny.rr.com.

For more information about Jenny's life coaching practice, go to

www.summonedbyjoy.com.

The dates will be: October 10, November 7, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, February 13, March 12, April 9, and May 7.



Interfaith Leaders to Fast for Peace To End Iraq War

Leaders from many religious communities have urged Americans of all faiths to fast from dawn to dusk on Monday, October 8 to call for an end to the war in Iraq.

"This war must end!" say the religious leaders in their statement about the interfaith fast. "We must end the shattering of Iraqi and American lives by offering American generosity and support -- but not control -- for international and nongovernmental efforts to assist Iraqis in making peace and rebuilding their country, while swiftly and safely bringing home all American troops."

Bishop Christopher Epting, the Episcopal Church's ecumenical and interfaith officer, is among those religious leaders supporting the event.

"Surely the one thing people of faith can do together to work for peace is to use the ancient spiritual disciplines which we share in common," said Epting. "Prayer and fasting together, particularly during times of the year when a number of our traditions mark major holy seasons and days, seem pretty basic. I hope many Episcopalians will join this nationwide effort."

The religious leaders are inviting millions of Americans to organize joint interfaith events in local communities to fast and break the fast together. Events can be registered at www.interfaithfast.org where groups can find a toolkit to assist in organizing such gatherings.



Social Justice –

Please help spread the word:

Our fellowship has invited Marc Adams, founder of Heartstrong, to present the Sunday morning worship on December 9th. We're also attempting to facilitate his speaking to other audiences in the region while he is here. So if you know of PFLAG or other gay and lesbian support groups, please let Jenny Monroe know.

Marc's presentation style is open and conversational. He articulates his story and the vision of his HeartStrong organization with acute analysis and from the authority of his own, lived experience. Offering no pretense as he discusses the damage done to GLBT people within the fundamentalist and evangelical community, Marc also avoids the shrillness and caricature that sometimes accompany religious liberals' critiques of the Religious Right.

As we Unitarian Universalists seek to bring our message of inclusive religious life into broader public view, Marc's perspective augments the information we have at our disposal and gives greater moral clarity and impetus to our struggles against oppression. You can find out more information about Marc and his work at

www.heartstrong.org

www.meetmarcadams.com.





Fellowship Business



Children's RE:

October 7th Nature Walk

Colleen McCall and Jen Spicer

Grade School, Kindergarten and Preschool children should be dropped off at the

Rails to Trails entrance on Hibbard Road in Big Flats at 10:20am. We will explore this mile long trail which may lead to a park! Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and your favorite ingredient to add to trail mix.

October 14th Bon Fire Preparations

Gary Swarhout

Bring a rake, clippers or gloves to help clear out some brush for a bon fire. Will it be bigger than last years?

October 21st Stone Soup

Carolyn Scopelliti

Is soup as messy as spaghetti? We'll see when the kids cook up our collective stew. Lunch will follow morning program. Everyone invited.

October 28th Trick-or-Treat

Come in costume, play games and help collect money for UNICEF.

November 4th A Farmer's Holiday

Matthew Glenn

With the harvest complete and the first frost behind us, is our garden done? Learn how we can make it better now for the next growing season. What will we grow next? A brownie garden, perhaps!



Community Events

Corning Vicinity Faith Community Projects for the fall semester:

CROP Walk

The CROP Walk in Corning will be held on Sunday, October 28.

Please pre-register for the walk to support local hunger programs and sign-up friends to walk with you and or sponsor you. Meet at Centerway Square at 1 p.m. the walk to Painted Post and back begins at 2 p.m. Kids and dogs on leashes welcomed!



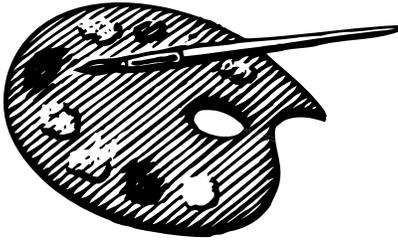
AIDS Awareness and Remembrance Event

The annual AIDS Awareness and Remembrance Event will be held at Corning Community College on Thursday, November 29th. The fellowship will again be assisting CVFC to bring in squares from the National AIDS quilt and with program expenses.

Our liaison to CVUF is Jenny Monroe.

Religion and Science

The monthly meeting starts up again on October 2nd at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Corning (First and Walnut streets). This is a lively group of scientists, humanists, atheists, and theists who enjoy listening to a presentation followed by discussion on the first Tuesday evening monthly through the year.



Arts in the Area

Cedar Arts

Center

Fall session begins Sept. 10 at 171 Cedar Arts Center. Colleen McCall will be teaching classes in teen wheel throwing, parent/child ceramics, adult handbuilding and a few Saturday workshops on tile making and clay house portraiture. Schedules and registration online at www.171cedararts.com

Tuesday films at the Horseheads Free Library

(Contributed by Leslie Potter, Library Page)

Starting October 2, "Friday Flicks" will change to "Tele-Tuesdays." We're experimenting with a change of day to see if we can get more attendance.

Films start at 11:30 a.m. and last approximately one hour. Bring your lunch! The library serves coffee, tea, and treats to go with. Here's October's schedule:



Oct. 2 "At Close Range"

National Geographic photographer sometimes isn't a dream job. Experience what life is like for one of the magazine's best. (And see some great photography in the process!)

Oct. 9 "Sisters of Selma"

The ugly days of segregation had to come to an end, and a brave group of African-American nuns were at the forefront of the protest movement.

Oct. 16 "**Living with New York Black Bears**"
Alternative title: "Get to Know Your Neighbors."
Cute, pesky, often dangerous, black bears share our habitat and deserve our respect.

Oct. 23 "Introduction to Scientology"

Learn about the modern 'religion' founded by L. Ron Hubbard and adopted by many celebrities. (Not just Tom Cruise!)

Oct. 30 "Discover Italy"

This travel video explores one of Europe's most fascinating countries, absolutely overflowing with history, culture, science, and religion.



Elmira Little Theater



"How much will a man reveal to save his family and regain his pride?"

Our own Kevin Deery will be performing in the production of "The Full Monty" presented by The Elmira Little Theatre.

Performance Dates:

October 4th, 5th, 6th - 7:30pm

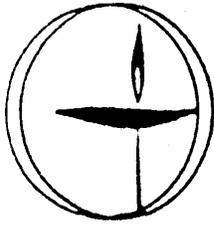
Tickets Prices:

\$16.00 - Adults

\$12.00 - Seniors and Students

Call the Clemens Center Box Office to Purchase Tickets - # 734-8191. The show is at Mandeville Hall and it only holds 120 people. Sell outs are likely! Buy your tickets ahead of time if interested! Please Note - The performance has an adult theme and language.

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DATE	HOST
Oct 7	Wosinski, Vikin, Potter
Oct 14	Spicer, Deery, Scopelliti
Oct 21	Monroe, Mc Call
Oct 28	Stevenson, Wilson, Strimple
Nov 4	Martin/Glen, Muffley
Nov 11	Allen, Dodson/Miller
Nov 18	Halm/Maloney, Divens-Bruffey
Nov 25	Wosinski, Vikin, Potter

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