



Uni-Verse

March 2008

"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:

10:45a.m. Sunday mornings, September through June.

Sunday, March 2nd - Why Not a Yurt?

A special combination of presentation and congregational discussion on growth topics, including what one congregation in Maryland did to expand their worship space, plus a discussion of hospitality goals for our building and hosting practices.

Sunday, March 9th - A Personal Faith: Reflections on William James'

Varieties of Religious Experience. In his 1906 lectures, published as *Varieties of Religious Experience*, William James tells his readers that he will not discuss the religious as an institution. Rather, he will be discussing the personal side of religious faith and morality. Presenter/member Corey McCall will provide some reflections on various aspects of this text and discuss its relevance for Unitarian Universalism.

Sunday, March 16th - Buddhism

The Dalai Lama recently spoke in Ithaca for the dedication of a new Buddhist Monastery there. Our honored guest at this service will be one of the Buddhist Monks from the Namgyal Monastery of Ithaca, to talk about Buddhism and meditation. Please join us for this enlightening talk and discussion afterwards.

Sunday, March 23rd - A Breath of Fresh Air for the Resurrection, Easter Service with Ron Owens. For those who might not accept the physical resurrection that's portrayed so gloriously at Easter, could the holiday be an opportunity for rebirth in our lives today?

Sunday, March 30th - The Cost of Iraq: Who Pays the Price? UU Service Committee Justice Sunday 2008. The war in Iraq has drained this nation's resources, created a humanitarian crisis in Iraq, and left a multitude of needs at home unmet -- including the disgraceful lack of resources and commitment to rebuild the Gulf Coast. The annual Justice Sunday service and the UUSC's Simple Steps for Justice will empower us all to educate, act, and speak out.

Community Events

<p>03/04/08 Tues. 7 PM First United Methodist Church Corning</p>	<p>Religion and Science Forum Rev. Gary McCaslin will explore the topic of overpopulation</p>
<p>03/07/08- 03/08/08 7:30 PM Palace Theatre Corning</p>	<p>The Vagina Monologues. Rape Crisis of the Southern Tier. 7:30 Hors d'oeuvres and cash wine bar by The Cellar, 8:30 Performance featuring new actors, new monologues and the 2008 Spotlight: Katrina Warriors ~ The Women of New Orleans and the Gulf South. From RCST: Join us as we celebrate our 5th local production and the 10th anniversary of the V-Day Campaign to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls. Tickets (\$15 in advance, \$10 students and seniors, \$20 at the door) are available at The Palace Theatre and Brown's Cigar Store in Corning and Cappy's in Elmira or by contacting RCST at 796-0220, ext 310 or Linda.Dentry@ppsfl.org.</p>
<p>03/09/08 4-6:00 PM Sunday Park Church Elmira</p>	<p>Annual GLBTQ Community Dinner. A Community potluck for gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/questioning individuals and those who care about them! Come celebrate community and meet great people. Kids are invited! 4-6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Please RSVP, call or email Linda Couchon at 734-5433 or lcouchon@gmail.com. Please enter through the parking lot door, between Gray and Church Streets. The Park Church is an Open and Affirming congregation.</p>
<p>03/27/08 12:45 PM Thursday Corning Community College Triangle Lounge</p> <p>OR</p> <p>03/27/08 7:15 PM Thursday Elmira College, Hamilton Hall</p>	<p>"Daring Dialogue: Muslims and Christians Seeking Common Ground" Interfaith lecture by Dr. George Dardess. Dr. Dardess' visit is made possible by a generous grant from the Swenson Endowment Fund. Both events are free and open to the public. Dr. Dardess is a teacher, writer and workshop leader on Muslim-Christian Relations and serves as a member of the Muslim-Christian Alliance in Rochester. He recently authored <i>Meeting Islam: A Guide for Christians</i> and <i>Do We Worship the Same God: The Qur'an and the Bible Compared</i>.</p>
<p>03/30/08 – 04/04/08 Watson Homestead (Age 55+)</p>	<p>Elderhostel: Great Swing Bands; Classic Radio Comedians and the History of American Aviation. For information contact Jenny Monroe at watsonjenny@stny.rr.com, (607) 962-0541 ext. 403 or visit www.elderhostel.org.</p>
<p>04/20/08-04/23/08 Watson Homestead (Age 55+)</p>	<p>Elderhostel: Glass Collectors' Compendium For information contact Jenny Monroe at watsonjenny@stny.rr.com, (607) 962-0541 ext. 403 or visit www.elderhostel.org.</p>
<p>04/12/08 Saturday Visit Rochester</p>	<p>Corning Vicinity Faith Community is sponsoring a bus trip to Rochester to visit the Islamic Center of Rochester and the Memorial Art Museum. Look for flyers at the Fellowship, or contact Jenny Monroe for more information at (607) 524-8439 or jmonroe@stny.rr.com. Cost is \$50 per person and RSVP deadline is March 25.</p>
<p>02/28/08 – 03/30/08 Elmira</p>	<p>Festival of Women in the Arts Seventeen events throughout the month of March in various downtown Elmira venues celebrate women in the arts. Celebrating Women's History Month Partially supported with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Grant Program, administered locally by The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes. Festival Opening Reception at the Rural Research Laboratories- Friday, February 29, 5-8pm Contact Information: Susan Nagle, 607-739-9157, 607-732-8940. E-Mail: nagl5@yahoo.com For complete schedule, go to www.earts.org.</p>

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
March 2	Wosinski, Potter
March 9	Spicer, Deery, Scopelliti
March 16	Monroe, McCall
March 23	Stevenson, Wilson, Swartout
March 30	Martin/Glen, Muffley
April 6	Allen, Dodson/Miller
April 13	Halm/Maloney, Divens-Bruffey
April 20	Wosinski, Potter

Religious Education News

The middle kids have been working with Carolyn, using The Moral Tales from the Tapestry of Faith curriculum as well as doing some science activities. Special thanks to Sara for keeping attendance records and to Reeder for lighting the chalice in a mature and safe way.

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Symptoms of Inner Peace By Saskia Davis

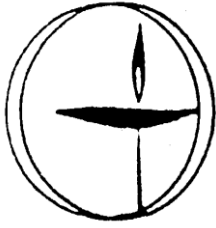
Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to inner peace and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of inner peace:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom).
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

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