



# Uni-Verse

April 2010

“Providing a safe and inviting space for religious freedom”  
UUFBF Vision Statement

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats**

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<p><b>Sunday Services:</b> 10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship just off Hibbard Road, located on the north side of Interstate 86 between exits 49 and 50.</p> <p>All are welcome for coffee and conversation following the service.</p> <p><b>Children's Religious Education Classes:</b> 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings, September through June.</p>	<b>Sunday Service Schedule</b>	
	April 4	<b>Readings and Reflections on Resurrection</b> , Easter Sunday Service with Rev. Janet Ernisse. Resurrection is not one of the Easter words that Unitarian Universalists use easily. What kinds of meanings can we find through pondering it?
	April 11	<b>Maryalice Little returns with her harp</b> and will offer spring selections including <i>The Sound of Music</i> , <i>Colors of the Wind</i> , <i>The Garden Song</i> , <i>How Can I Keep From Singing?</i> and <i>Hymn of Promise</i> .
	April 18	<b>In honor of Earth Day</b> we will view a DVD of a new play on Thoreau's last few days at Walden Pond.
	April 25	<b>Rev. Darcey Laine: James Luther Adams: Seeking Truth and Meaning</b> Rev. James Luther Adams was a Unitarian Universalist minister and professor at our theological schools. He was one of the most articulate humanists in our denomination, and an outspoken champion for justice. How has his wisdom effected our movement, and what guidance might it offer us today?

As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.

Henry David Thoreau

## To All UUFBF Survey Participants

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. Out of 60 surveys given out, 34 were returned. Not all questions were answered on every survey. Nevertheless, our collective preferences were noted, some interesting demographics surfaced, and a number of insightful suggestions were submitted. Although no clear ranking emerged from among our goals and initiatives, and perhaps our vision and sense of direction may still be somewhat clouded, it is overwhelmingly agreed that:

- we are strongly focused on serving the community
- we share a strong, growing sense of belonging
- we have a sense of excitement about our congregation's future

Among our noted similarities were our education backgrounds, income brackets, ethnicity, and religious preferences. We diverged when it came to our favorite books, movies, chosen fields of study and careers. Copies of the complete survey results can be obtained at the church, or by contacting Dave or Diane Muffley.

*And a BIG UU THANK YOU to Dave and Diane for their hard work!*

## Fellowship News

### Stewardship Committee

It is officially budget season and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats is going to skunk the State by bringing their budget in on time. Again this year select board members will be hosting cottage meetings to review the most recent congregational survey and seek input towards budget development and ideas for next years' programming. Please take this opportunity to socialize with your fellow UU's as well. The following three dates are available with a fourth to be posted at the fellowship soon.

Wednesday, April 7, 6pm, dish to pass at the home of Jensen Monroe in Caton

Friday, April 16, 6pm, dish to pass at the home of Tamara Miller and Lori Dodson in Elmira

Sunday, April 18, 12pm, at the fellowship hosted by Corey McCall

Sign up at the fellowship or by contacting Colleen McCall, 846-2574, [mccallco@stny.rr.com](mailto:mccallco@stny.rr.com).

Coming in May....**New Member Party**. Please contact Colleen if you are interested in becoming involved with church stewardship via the committee or have time to help with select activities.

### Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations General Assembly

Will meet in Minneapolis Minnesota this year from June 23rd to June 27th. We can send up to three delegates. If you are interested in going, please contact Tamara, 483-8699. You must be registered before May 1st.

### St. Lawrence District 47th Annual Assembly

Will be held Saturday, April 24th at the Renaissance Syracuse Hotel. UUF of BF has two delegate credentials. Tamara is going to be one representative. If anyone else would like to go as the other delegate please let her know before April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 483-8699. There is also a dinner at May Memorial UU Society the night before, followed by a presentation from Rev. Linda Hoddy of Saratoga Springs.

### Adult RE Film

"March of the Penguins" will be viewed on Tuesday, April 13, 7PM at the Big Flats Community Center. Discussion will be the following Sunday, 9:30 AM at the Fellowship. All are welcome!

### Nursery Volunteers

Don't forget to check the schedule on each newsletter. If you cannot be present that day, please call someone else on the schedule to switch dates!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Rev. Janet Ernisse	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 UUFBF Board Mtg  Maryalice Little	12	13 7 PM Adult RE Film Big Flats Comm.Ctr	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 Film Discussion  Earth Day- Thoreau	19	20	21	22 5 PM Earth Day Celebration Centerway Square Corning	23	24
25 9 AM UUFBF Build Your Own Theology  Rev. Darcy Laine	26	27	28	29	30	



*Photos by Jeni Paquette*



**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
Apr 04	Wosinski, L&J Potter, Mann
Apr 11	Spicer, Deery, Scopellitti
Apr 18	Monroe, McCall, Edwards
Apr 25	Stevenson, Vikin, Cowles
May 02	Martin/Glen, Muffley, Brenner
May 09	Allen, Dodson/Miller, Reynolds
May 16	Halm/Maloney, Divens-Bruffey, Wilson
May 23	Wosinski, L&J Potter, Mann

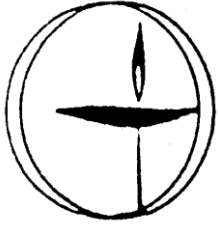
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**Nursery Volunteers**  
If you are unable to work on a day that you are assigned, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

Apr 04	Diane Muffley
Apr 11	Deery family
Apr 18	Lydia Bruffey
Apr 25	Derek Parsons
May 02	Alta Stevenson
May 09	Tamara Miller
May 16	Terri Divens-Bruffey

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