



Uni-Verse

May 2010

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

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats

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Sunday Service Schedule	
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.	May 2 Suzanne Maschmeyer will speak about "Share the Care," a model for creating self-sustaining care giving communities for people who are seriously ill, facing long recovery from injury, or otherwise in need of long-term, varied kinds of help. Suzanne has been a part of such a community for about five years and has found it to offer special gifts for all involved. In addition, the Chalice Lighters program will be highlighted.
Children's Religious Education Classes: 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings, September through June.	May 9 Mother's Day - Is Your Mother a Witch? Cathleen Deery, Terri Divens-Bruffey and Tamara Miller will bring us a program by and for mothers!
	May 16 Carl Parmelee Did Jesus really enter Jerusalem riding on a donkey? Christianity has accepted this as correct. Let's take a look at the whole story and events leading up to it. Carl will also reflect on the history of the Fellowship.
	May 23 Rev. Darcey Laine - Margaret Fuller: Lighting Our Way In 2010 Unitarian Universalists all over the country are celebrating the bicentennial of Margaret Fuller's birth. Fuller was a transcendentalist, feminist, and Unitarian. Her work as editor of the journal <i>The Dial</i> offered an important forum for the transcendentalist movement. Her forward-thinking empowerment of women birthed the first wave of feminism. This Sunday we honor a beloved fore-mother of our movement.
	May 30 Paul Solyn, Director of the Jewish Center and Federation will be our guest presenter.

President's Ponderings

Dear Fellowship,

Of all the issues facing this country, the amount of money we pour into war efforts still floors me. If we were to spend as much on international humanitarian relief, would we not send a clearer message of hope? Would we not gain respect and admiration rather than animosity and hate?

My grandmother gave me much advice, including these two pieces: Kill them with kindness, and you get more serving honey than vinegar. Wisdom passed down but not, apparently, to our leaders.

Under the veil of "God's will" and "protecting our country" we continue to antagonize and anger the rest of the world in our quest to control the world's supply of oil. Money, to me, is the root of all evil and the proof is in how much we spend to kill people.

Moving forward over the dead innocent,

Tamara

Fellowship News

Annual Business meeting June 13th

Our annual meeting will be held directly after service. Attendance is appreciated because as our membership numbers go up, so does the number required for a quorum to vote on fellowship business.

New member brunch May 15th.

If you have become a member in the last year or two or are interested in joining, please plan on coming to brunch and enjoy yummy food prepared by Jennifer Peck and Tamara Miller. Brunch starts at 10:00 am. See you there!

Dine-out Sunday is May 2nd.

Once again Garcia's Mexican restaurant is offering 10% off lunch to our members and friends. Join us for authentic Mexican food and fellowship! RSVP to Tamara that morning.

UNIVERSALIST CONVOCATION 2010

May 14-16, 2010 (Fri. evening through Sun. lunch)

First Universalist Church
150 S. Clinton Ave.
Rochester, NY 14604
Phone: 585-546-2826

The Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed will deliver the Convocation's keynote address "Dragged Kicking and Screaming to Heaven" on Saturday morning, May 15. Saturday evening, attendees will be treated to performances by Alden Gatt, pianist, from the Eastman School of Music and Company B, a vocal women's jazz trio composed of an educator, a chemist and a lawyer who are all active in Rochester's musical scene.

More info at <http://www.nmuc.org/Convo/2010Convo.htm>

Social Justice and Community Outreach Survey

A survey asking you to select the focus for our justice and outreach actions will be available in the UUFBF fellowship for the next 3 Sundays. Please take the time to complete and return this survey. You will also decide where our 1st Sunday of the month collections will be donated! If you would like a survey mailed or e-mailed, to you, please reply to this email, or jpaquette@stny.rr.com.

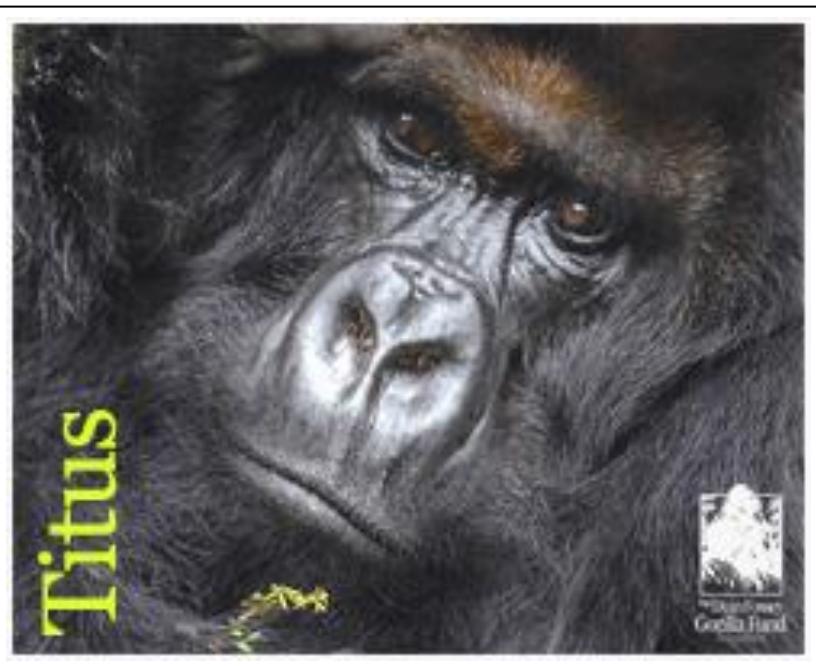
Gorilla Run

The Children's RE wants to adopt a gorilla and needs your help! In our current curriculum, Faithful Journeys, the children express their faith through their actions. We have looked at each of the UU principles and discovered ways in which we support and uphold them in our families and communities. This past winter the youth learned about the democratic process by choosing a global cause to support. Many worthy pursuits were suggested to help make our world a better place. In the end the children agreed to help protect wild mountain gorillas in Africa. We researched about this endangered species and have lots of information to share. Our goal is to adopt a mother and infant pair. To raise funds the children have agreed to participate in a Gorilla Run which will take place at our end of the year fellowship picnic on June 13. Member pledges per lap will be multiplied by the total number of laps the RE children run rather than per individual. More to come...

The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund is dedicated to the conservation of gorillas and their habitats in Africa through anti-poaching, monitoring, research, education and support of local communities. Proceeds from adoptions directly support the gorillas monitored by the Karisoke Research Center staff.



**Helping People.
Saving Gorillas.**



For more gorilla fun, go to

<http://www.gorillafund.org/index.php>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 BYOT, 9 AM S.Maschmeyer 10:30 AM Dine-out at Garcia's Noon	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 BYOT, 9 AM UU Board Mtg. Is your Mother a Witch?, 10:30 AM Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 New member brunch,10 AM
16 BYOT, 9 AM Carl Parmelee 10:30 AM	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 BYOT, 9 AM Rev.Darcy Laine 10:30 AM Social Justice 11:45 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 BYOT, 9 AM Paul Solyn 10:30 AM	31 Memorial Day					

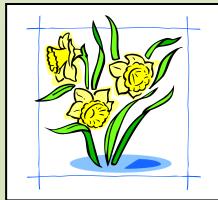
How to Garden for Wildlife

1. Grow plants that provide wildlife with a natural food source such as nuts, berries or nectar, or offer supplemental feeders.
2. Provide water for wildlife with a birdbath, small pond or shallow dish.
3. Offer protected cover for wildlife by providing a ground cover, a hollow log or rock piles, dense shrubs, or a roosting box.
4. Prove places for wildlife to raise young such as a water garden, a pond, or a nesting box.
5. Practice sustainable gardening such as mulching, composting, or reducing your lawn area.

Please watch what you plant in your garden. Exotic species not native to your region can become invasive and harmful to both people and wildlife.

The above is from the National Wildlife Federation (and thanks to Sara Hurley!)

www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife.



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
May 02	Martin/Glen, Muffle, Brenner
May 09	Allen, Dodson/Miller, Reynolds
May 16	Halm/Maloney, Divens-Bruffey, Wilson
May 23	Wosinski, L&J Potter, Mann
May 30	Spicer, Deery, Scopellitti
Jun 06	Monroe, McCall, Edwards
Jun 13	Stevenson, Vikin, Cowles

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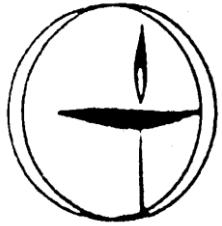
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Nursery Volunteers

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

May 02	Alta Stevenson
May 09	Tamara Miller
May 16	Terri Divens-Bruffey
May 23	Diane Muffle
May 30	Deery family
Jun 06	Lydia Bruffey
Jun 13	Derek Parsons

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