

September 2010



"Providing a safe and inviting space for religious freedom."

-UUFBF Vision Statement

Sunday Services:

10: 30 a.m.

48 N. Hibbard Road
Big Flats, NY

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

Sunday Service Schedule

September 5

Tamara Miller leads the final small group ministry format

September 12

Water Service

Children's Religious Education Classes resume

September 19

To be announced

September 26

Reverend Darcey Laine will present.



*Join us for the Water Service
Each year on this first Sunday
back for the Fellowship year,
members and friends bring a
small sample of water they
have collected over the
summer and blend it as they
tell about what they learned
over the summer.*

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President's Ponderings

Dear Fellowship,

The summer is over and our fellowship will welcome back our members who have spent their time enjoying family and recreational pursuits. It is always a happy sight to see our congregation grow and with new members, regular visitors and expectant parents we *are* growing. The excitement of growth is one that can be felt in our fellowship-with a revitalization of committees, new programs for our Religious Education and the plans for our expanded sanctuary. In fact, we have set a goal to break ground on our new building when the ground thaws in the Spring and we need you to help us reach that goal. There are Building Pledge Forms ready to be filled out and turned in by September 12th with a pledge of financial support from your family. This will be a new and larger home for current members to enjoy and feel comfortable in and a place for us to throw our arms open wide in welcome to new members.

Moving forward into our exciting new year,

Tamara Miller

Fellowship News



It's a Baby Shower for Abby & Lisa!

Baby Shower

We will be helping Abby Bennett and Lisa Dayton welcome their sweet, new addition with a Baby Shower following the service on September 12th being held at Andrew Sperr Park. John & Elizabeth will be grilling up hot dogs and burgers-veggie version as well, and ask that everyone bring a dish to share. Please contact Elizabeth for gift suggestions at: (607) 259-1651 or email at: melaniesmama@gmail.com.

Exciting Year for RE

The Nursery is expecting six children under the age of three years old by the fall. But they're ready with a new room! Come visit on Sept 12.

The Kindergartners will be taking a journey, learning stories and believes about different lands & people and then "Creating Home" at the end of their journey.

The Elementary aged children will start the year making a fun "About Me" poster and

then will begin "Moral Tales" the following week with great stories to nourish not only their imaginations, but their souls as well.

The Middle School kids will learn how to answer life's "big questions" through the year with "Riddles and Mystery". A guide that teaches to answer big questions in pencil to meet an ever changing life.

All children will be working in the garden to harvest their own pumpkin in September.

UU District Events

Want to learn more about UU Leadership?

Regional UU leadership training opportunity, open to UUFBF members and officers, will take place on October 2nd at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Syracuse. Come join other UUs from throughout the St. Lawrence District as we build leadership, strength, flexibility

and muscle! "Workout" leaders include our new Interim District Executive, Connie Goodbread, District President, Karen Palmer, and a dozen other terrific SLD leaders. For further details go to: http://www.sld.uua.org/pdfs/2010/UULeadershipworkout-flyer10_2010.pdf

First Annual Women's Spirituality Conference

On October 15 & 16 at May Memorial UU in Syracuse workshops will be hosted on topics like: "The Dancing Spirit", Yoga, Sacred Music, Journal Writing and much more! Two days full of learning and spiritual growth. For information or to register visit: www.slduwr.org

"Come join other UUs ...as we build leadership, strength, flexibility and muscle!"



Many gas wells sites were visited on the tour.

Social Justice Directives

The Social Justice Committee wishes to thank everyone in the congregation for their efforts, participation, and interest in bringing about the "Gas Well Tour" recently undertaken on Sunday, August 29th. Starting from the Peck family residence in Mansfield, PA, approximately 30 people(!)

in or affiliated with the congregation viewed up close and personal the magnitude and impact of natural gas drilling operations in the Mansfield, PA area.

Here's another Social Justice Committee idea related to gas drilling—attend an EPA

presentation of its study of the effect of the hydraulic fracturing process on groundwater.

When: Mon., Sept. 13th, and Wed., Sept. 15th

Where: Broome County Forum Theatre, 236 Washington St., Binghamton, NY

Our Community & Beyond

- Labor Day* *Monday, September 6*
- Rosh Hashanah* *Wednesday, September 8-Friday, September 10*
- Ramadan* *Friday, September 10*
- Board Meeting* *Sunday, September 12, 9:30 a.m.*
- Yom Kippur* *Friday, September 17-Saturday, September 18*
- Dine Out Afternoon* *Sunday, September 18*

Join everyone directly after service for lunch at Garcia's. A 10% discount will be given.

A Night of Comedy with

Suzanne Westenhofer *Saturday September 18, 7-9 p.m.*

Suzanne has made a career out of telling the truth-and the truth is, life is funny. She was the first openly lesbian comic on TV, and has appeared on many shows and specials. This [FREE concert](#) is presented at The Corning Museum of Glass.

- Mabon/Fall Equinox* *Wednesday, September 22*
- Hug a Vegetarian Day* *Friday, September 24*

Octagon Fair *Saturday, September 25*

Elmira College hosts it's annual Octagon Fair, and our fellowship will participate by selling pins, bumper stickers, plants and used books. You can help by donating your time working our booth between 10 am and 4 pm. If you cannot commit to that, you can donate books or clone plants from your personal collection. Remember...the plants are our most popular seller and the wackier the pot the better! A sign up sheet at the fellowship through September 19th. Please help out in whatever way you can!

- National Good Neighbor Day* *Saturday, September 26*

Pakistan Flood Relief Fund *Help NOW!*

"The massive flooding in Pakistan continues to worsen, compelling UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association to launch the [UUSC-UUA Joint Pakistan Flood Relief Fund](#). The number of affected people is estimated at 17.2 million and climbing. Millions of people have no access to safe drinking water or sanitation, and desperately need food, emergency shelter, and basic health services. The current aid response cannot meet the vast needs of the survivors, of whom nearly half are children. Your support can make a big difference."



"The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of it's heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker."

-Helen Keller

Fellowship at work

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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.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>
September 5	NA
September 12	Monroe, McCall, Edwards
September 19	Stevenson, Vikin, Cowles
September 26	Martin/Glen, Muffley, Brenner

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Thank you.

Hey Kids!



Fun Facts about Pumpkins!

-A pumpkin is not a vegetable, it is a squash fruit related to melons & cucumbers.

-If you fill a pumpkin with milk and bake it, you'll have pudding.

-Native Americas called pumpkins "isquotersquash".

-You can eat a pumpkin's flower.

-The world's largest pumpkin is said to weigh 1,502!

Join
us
this
Sunday



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