

October 2010



“Providing a safe and inviting space for religious freedom.”

-UUFBF Vision

Sunday Service Schedule

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

October 3

Association Sunday. We are better together! As we approach the 50th anniversary of Unitarian Universalism, we seek to continue our tradition of opening our doors to newcomers, sharing our values with the world and building a shared ministry. Join us in “Celebrating 50 Years and the Future of Our Faith”.

October 10

The Power of Song. Sing-Along-Sunday with Danny Maloney and original poetry readings by Garnet Halm

October 17

Reverend Darcey Laine will present on United Nations Sunday and the UN's Right to Water Resolution

October 24

Children's Sabbath, a project of the Children's Defense Fund

October 31

Vampire Thinking Tricksters: Or How to Suck the Life Out of Our Good Ideas with Jenny Monroe

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President's Ponderings

Dear Fellowship,

At a recent building committee meeting, I conveyed to the group how inspiring it is to have such great input and support. I wish to extend these feelings to the fellowship as a whole. Your intellectual, physical, emotional and monetary support are most humbling.

To date, our capital campaign for the new sanctuary has raised \$6,010. Combined with the monies allocated by the board, we have achieved the goal necessary to move forward with this project.

I see our vision becoming a reality soon. I see our mission to provided a safe and inviting space for religious freedom, expanding soon. Look for an expanded vision of what our new space will look like soon.

Your continued support is most appreciated. “together we will stand on the side of love and justice and will give voice in opposition to the voices of oppression that are barriers to freedom and peaceful relations.”

Moving humbly forward,

Tamara

Fellowship News

Fellowship Hosting

Just what is hosting all about? We now have 10 Sunday morning groups of 4-5 members who are scheduled to host. The upcoming schedule can be found at the end of each newsletter and the full year's calendar posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Those families/individuals are expected to switch with someone else if they cannot help on their scheduled Sunday. Hosting is how we serve each other and it involves preparing the sanctuary, greeting visitors, making coffee, bringing a snack and cleaning up. Please arrive at 10 a.m. and plan to stay until noon. This new rotation will schedule you to host only 4 times per Fellowship year! Please take a look at the updated notes in the kitchen about setting up, making coffee, greeting visitors and cleaning up-so you'll be in the know! Thanks!



Let's get connected...

Get Connected...Join the UU Big Flats Yahoo Group

In order to allow anyone in the Fellowship to stay in touch with everyone else by group email, Arthur Brenner has created a Yahoo Group for us. This can be a useful tool to: make announcements, request help, make invitations, let other members know what local events you are attending, etc. The only limitation is your imagination. At this point only 12 people have joined and it is working well in a very limited fashion. In order for this to be a really meaningful form of communication we need everyone to join. Once you are signed up, there is nothing more to do. You will receive any message that any member posts to the group by regular email.

Joining is very simple. Go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/uubigflats/>

Select: Join this group.

Create a Yahoo account if you don't already have one.

Select your regular email address so messages will be forwarded automatically.

The message can be as short as, "Sign me up!"

You will get an email from Arthur accepting your membership, usually by the next day. (This approval process is necessary to keep message visible to members only.)

Once your membership has been approved you will be able to send group emails by replying to a group email or by addressing it to:

uubigflats@yahoo.com

As our congregation grows, it is crucial to improve our ability to communicate with each other. This tool will only be fully effective if everyone joins. Please take 10 minutes to join today!

UU District Events

Social Justice Conference

This 5th Annual day-long conference held at the May Memorial UU will include 4 workshops that cover Green Sanctuary, Community Gardens, Hydrofracking and UU Ministry for Earth. Pre-register for \$30 or pay \$35 at the door. The event is from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, Oct. 30 and the days events will also include a continental



*Social Justice Conference
Keynote Speaker,
Kate Braestrup*

breakfast and lunch. For more information or to print a registration form: http://www.sld.uua.org/pdfs/2010/SJC_brochure_10_30.pdf

Meet with a Social Justice committee member if you are interested in car-pooling.

UU Weekend at Silver Bay

This relaxing weekend is a wonderful cooperative opportunity to get together

with other UU's from all over the Northeast. The 600 acre classic Adirondack resort has an historic inn, cottages, a lodge and is the perfect spot attend optional workshops, social events, the Saturday night talent show, hike, sit on the porch, talk or just relax... Check your calendars for October 15-17 and check out their flyer:

<http://www.fuusalbany.org/uu/wregform.pdf>

Our Community & Beyond

International Music Day Friday, October 1

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday Saturday, October 2

UU Leadership Workout

First Unitarian Universalist of Syracuse Saturday, October 2

Come join other UUs as we build leadership, strength, flexibility and muscle! For further details go to: http://www.sld.uua.org/pdfs/2010/UULeadershipworkoutflyer10_2010.pdf

Alternative Fuel Day Sunday, October 3

Board Meeting Sunday, October 9, 9:30 a.m.

National Coming Out Day Monday, October 11

Women's Spirituality Conference

May Memorial UU in Syracuse Friday & Saturday, October 15 & 16

Two days full of learning and spiritual growth. For information or to register visit: www.slduuwr.org

Rape Crisis Center's

5th Annual Walk a Peaceful Mile Saturday, October 16

Awareness walk and fundraiser for the [Rape Crisis Center](http://www.rapecrisiscenter.org). Walk held at Centerway Square, Corning, NY.

Dine Out Afternoon Sunday, October 17

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

National Chocolate Cupcake Day Monday, October 18

Corning Small Group Meeting Tuesday, October 19, 7 p.m.

United Nations Day Sunday, October 24

Crop Walk Sunday, October 24

Come spend a Sunday afternoon with hundreds of others walking through Corning to Painted Post for the hungry. Walkers choose a short route or a longer walk between one and six miles. This annual walk is a visible way to move with other people of faith and action. Money raised is used both locally to support food pantries and sent around the world to crisis regions. Sign up at the Fellowship to walk or sponsor a walker. Strollers, dogs and wheelchairs are welcomed!

Social Justice Conference

May Memorial UU Saturday, October 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Halloween/Samhain Sunday, October 31

Halloween Party

Lori & Tamara's House Sunday, October 31, 4 p.m. until ??

Celebrate All Hallows Eve and make merry with a spooktacular party! The young and young-at-heart are welcome and encouraged to come in costume. There will be games to for all ages and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Join the frightful good times at: 517 Logan Street, Elmira, NY 14901

"Pixie, kobold, elf and
sprite,

All are on their rounds
tonight;

In the wan moon's
silver ray,

Thrives their helter-
skelter play"

-Joel Benton



Social Justice Directives



Don't Recycle...
UPcycle your garbage
with TerraCycle!

Bring Social Justice Alive!
Suggested activities/events to participate in – choose one that fits your schedule!

Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes needs volunteer escorts, every Saturday. Assist patients to and from the clinic, past protestors whom verbally and sometimes physically seek to impede them. Starts with 10:00 am prayer vigil at the Immaculate Conception

Church in Ithaca, continues to 12:00 noon at the Ithaca Health Center, 314 West State St. Contact: Denise Townley; Office 607.796.0220; Cell 607.426.6001; Email denise.townley@ppsfl.org

Don't REcycle - UPcycle Garbage! Collect certain used products, send to Terracycle for conversion to cool green products. Mentioned previously in service, here's a reminder. Go to terracycle.net

for more info.

Another reminder – don't forget the Oct. 30th Social Justice Conference. Spinning the Interdependent Web: Eco-Justice and Unitarian Universalism. Includes many workshops from Community Gardens to Hydrofracking. \$30 pre-registration fee, \$35 at the door. Lunch is included. May Memorial UU Society, 3800 East Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13214

Something to Think About

100 Places to Remember Before They Disappear

This site features 100 beautiful photographs from 100 different places around the world at risk of disappearing or are seriously threatened by climate change. Watch the video and learn more about these spectacular places at:

<http://www.100places.com/en/>

UUA's Common Read Project

Answer the UUA's 2010-11 common read invitation by joining with other UUs reading Margaret Regan book: *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the*

Arizona-Mexico Borderlands. You can start up our very own book club with online plans provided on the UUAs' website. If interested, you can either locate a hard copy of the book at your local library or purchase the paper from the [UUA bookstore](#) for a discount with the code: COMMONREAD.

"If you're passionate about your work, it makes the people around you want to be involved too."

-Wanda Sykes

Sharing Corner

Around this time of the year I get lots of requests for this soup. It is easy and makes a great, cool weather supper when you add a crusty loaf of bread and a salad.

Pumpkin Bisque

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 onions, chopped
2 cans pumpkin puree (not for pie filling)
2 boxes vegetable soup stock

1 tablespoon curry powder
2-3 tablespoons Spicy Spaghetti Seasoning (from Sam's)

2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon nutmeg

Kosher salt and pepper to your taste (it took more black pepper than I thought!)

Dash of hot sauce (optional)

Heavy whipping cream

Add olive oil and onions to pot and over med-high, heat until slightly browned. Add pumpkin, soup stock and all of the seasonings. Heat thoroughly. Add cream towards the end, and lighten the soup to your taste. I use a "stick blender" to get this to a bisque consistency, a regular blender would work as well.. Serves 6

Enjoy!!

-Jen

Religious Education News

A BIG "thanks"!

The new Sunday school spaces are looking great! If you haven't yet taken a tour, please make sure to drop by soon. A big thanks goes out to the work party that make all the changes...Niki Jardin, Jen Spicer, Marcia Allen, Jen Peck and Carolyn Scopelliti. Special thanks goes to John Shook, who not only built the new divider wall and made the chalkboards, but also did

the lion's share of the furniture moving and setup. Melanie, Ezra and Lilly helped by providing motivation.

What's ahead

The Middle School kids, under John Shook's guidance will be building a bench that will grace our garden area and will be for all to enjoy.

The rest of the classes will be creating their "All About Me"

posters. Make sure to visit the classrooms to check them out- they are adorable!

RE Music Program

Rehearsals for the December musical program will begin on Sunday, November 7th from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm. Elizabeth will be leading our children in a wonderful production that will soon be announced.



Sara works on her "All About Me" classroom poster.

Mark Your Calendars

Sparkle

Corning's Gaffer District lights up the first Saturday evening in December with "Sparkle". Market Street will be lined with booths offering food, information, entertainment and all kinds of merchandise. Stores stay open late and Christmas music fills the air at

this charming outdoor winter festival. Our fellowship will be there, again, selling pins, bumper stickers, candles and holiday cards. Mark your calendars for December 4th and look in next month's newsletter for more info. You surely don't want to miss this!

Thanksgiving Dinner

For those of you who would like to spend the day enjoying food, fellowship and friends you are welcome to come by the Peck home! They will be hosting a pot-luck gathering complete with games and fun to celebrate the holiday.

RSVP to: (813) 857-4163

Fellowship at work

Board Members		
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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.

Date	Host
October 3	Potters and Vikings
October 10	Pecks, Paquette & Scopelliti
October 17	Allen, Miller/Dodson & Mann
October 24	Wilson, Morrell & Shooks
October 31	Spicer, Divens/Bufsey, Talbot & Wolinski

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Hey Kids!

How about some Halloween inspired jokes to share with your friends?

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

-Frostbite

What goes "Ha, ha, ha...thud"?

-A monster laughing it's head off!

What does a skeleton order at when out at a restaurant?

-Spare Ribs

What do you call a witch that lives at the beach?

-A sand witch

What do you get when you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by it's radius?

-Pumpkin Pi

Join

us

this

Sunday



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