



November 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

*Nursery Available during
each Sunday Service*

Sunday Service Schedule

November 7

“The History of Art Compared to that of Spirituality”. Ron Owens, former art teacher and former lay preacher, returns to the fellowship to discuss how the history of art, as illustrated in some specific examples of works, preceded that of the parallel, general concept of God and Spirituality.

November 14

Reverend Darcey Laine will present “Small Group Ministry-What’s It All About?” SGM, as introduced by the UUA to congregations in 2003, has become a fulfilling and spiritually deepening process for many individuals and congregations. Come learn about the process and hear from our congregational representatives about their involvement as we add new groups at UUFBF.

November 21

Joe Vikin will present “NATIVIA-PHILIA, Love of the Natives”. It begins by questioning Columbus’ nationality, then describes the plight of other groups throughout history, plights similar to the one incurred by the Natives of North, Central and South America. Their treatment by the European interlopers is described in some detail. The talk also includes a mention of at least seven wonders of the Native world, followed by a description of the gifts the Natives have bestowed onto the world, including their infamous tobacco products. This talk is designed to be part of the celebration of November, the Native American Month as proclaimed by President Obama.

November 28

Bread Sunday with Colleen McCall. Believe it or not, breaking bread together is still a tradition we share, even though few of us make bread ourselves these days. Share a family tradition, a special memory, that secret recipe and/or a tasty loaf. All are welcome and encouraged to bring bread for this intergenerational service. Also, please bring a dish to pass for a meal together after the service.

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President's Ponderings

Will we ever rid the world of bullies? Probably not. Even as primates, the runt gets picked on.

Why does it take suicides and incidents like the one in the Bronx to reopen our eyes to this ancient problem? How do you sensitize children to other differences when they hear their parents throw around phrases like, "That so gay." or politicians denouncing pride events because you "may be brain-washed into being gay."? Statements born of ignorance do not serve to spread diversity.



*Strong and united
against bullying.*

I do not view the UU Church as the "gay church", but I am looking from the inside out. I see signs on other churches claiming that "all are welcome". Until that statement is fully embraced, I don't see how the bullying will stop. The local school systems have adopted anti-discrimination language in their mission statements, and yet the adult version of bullying (discrimination) is still prevalent.

The world has a long journey ahead of it. If we have to endure some form of bullying, being called the "gay church", then let's suck it up and plow forward.

Moving forward by the bullies,

Tamara

Fellowship News

Happy Memories and fond farewells to members Corene and Richard Slocum

We are sad to report the deaths of two of our members of the fellowship, Dick and Corene Slocum. Dick died on August 15, 2010 and Corene died on September 9, 2010. They were each age 86. Married for 68 years, Dick and Corene were active members of the congregation since they both joined in 1988. While they weren't able to attend very often in the past few years (due to illness and mobility challenges) they never missed a children's RE Sunday service until this past spring. Dick, you see, was the unofficial baby holder of the congregation. Nothing made him happier than having an infant sleeping on his lap through the service. Both Corene and Dick also looked out for the building, often coming over from their house in Big Flats, to set up chairs on Saturday evening for services the next day. Or scouring out the coffee pots, chasing away the cobwebs or washing the curtains. Corene would share flowers from her cutting garden throughout the spring and summer. Corene also served as fellowship treasurer for seven years, quietly balancing the books and providing fiscal records-keeping. Dick created a system for the stacking of our various styles of chairs so they could be efficiently stored during the week when the fellowship, at that time, was used as a day care facility. Dick stepped in as president and was active in looking for new property when the fellowship considered moving it's location in the 1995-2000 period. The Slocums were not flamboyant—they served with quiet consistency. Their attentions were always turned to others, not to their own needs. Dick did speak out about one thing, however, and that was how we need to pave the road to the fellowship. So until we do—I will think of Dick and Corene with each pothole I encounter. And remember them fondly and gratefully as we continue to work together for the good purposes of the fellowship.

Jenny Monroe

Our Community & Beyond

<i>Election Day</i>	<i>Tuesday, November 2</i>
<i>National Men Make Dinner Day</i>	<i>Thursday, November 4</i>
<i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	<i>Sunday, November 7</i>
<i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>Sunday, November 7, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Veterans Day</i>	<i>Thursday, November 11</i>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>Sunday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.</i>
<i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>Sunday, November 14, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Nature Reflected 2nd Annual Photo Contest sponsored by Tanglewood Nature Center</i>	<i>Monday, November 15 (submission deadline)</i>
<i>Eid-Al-Adha begins</i>	<i>Tuesday, November 16</i>
<i>Corning Small Group Ministry</i>	<i>Tuesday, November 16, 7 p.m.</i>
<i>Elmira Small Group Ministry</i>	<i>Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m.</i>
<i>Great American Smoke Out</i>	<i>Thursday, November 18</i>
<i>Transgender Day of Remembrance</i>	<i>Saturday, November 20</i>
<i>Dine Out Afternoon</i>	<i>Sunday, November 21</i>
Join everyone directly after service for lunch at Garcia's. A 10% discount will be given.	
<i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>Sunday, November 21, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.</i>
<i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Thursday, November 25</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Dinner at the Pecks</i>	<i>Thursday, November 25</i>
Everyone is welcome to spend a relaxing day in their Mansfield, PA home. The more the merrier! Please see below for more details and call for directions, times, etc.	
<i>National Native American Heritage Day</i>	<i>Sunday, November 27</i>
<i>Advent begins</i>	<i>Sunday, November 28</i>

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

"Grace isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live."

-Attributed to
Jacqueline Winspear



Social Justice Directives



Let's All "Stand on the Side of Love" on this election day.

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

Mid-term elections are almost here!

To get the information you need to vote in an educated fashion, check out the following sites.

<http://smartvoter.org/ny/> - Lists candidates running. Nothing provided on voting records, though.

<http://www.votesmart.org/index.htm> - Review candidate voting records at the state and federal level. A non-partisan site used by the public and professionals alike.

Stand on the side of love at the polls!

"Standing on the side of Love" is an organization seeking an end to rancorous political discourse. Join them at the polls handing out

messages of hope, love, and acceptance.

Help them to end the political scapegoating of minority groups we see all too often in political campaigning today.

Go to:

<http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/bring-love-to-the-polls-on-election-day/>

See you at the polls!

Something to Think About

It Gets Better

"Many LGBT youth can't picture what their lives might be like as openly gay adults. They can't imagine a future for themselves." This is the motivation behind writer, Dan Savage's "It Gets Better Project." He is encouraging supporters everywhere to create videos to share with LGBT youth the message that...it gets better. This ever

growing video archive allows LGBT adults to talk directly to these children about overcoming bullying and about futures full of love and happiness. Add your message or lend your support at: www.itgetsbetterproject.com

Chemical Safety Reform

A 1976 law is still in effect that allows untested chemicals to be used in household &

industrial products. Currently there are about 50,000 chemicals in use in the US, only 300 have been tested and 5 are banned. Read about 2 new acts that would require manufacturers to do safety tests at: <http://www.treehugger.com/files/2010/10/infographic-americans-exposed-to-thousands-untested-chemicals.php>

"I feel my heart break to see a nation ripped apart by it's own greatest strength-it's diversity."

-Melissa Etheridge

Sharing Corner

Fall means yummy, fresh corn and this is perfect side dish for Thanksgiving or any 'ole day! Enjoy! -Jen

Corn Maquechoux

1 tablespoon butter
1 cup red peppers, chopped
1/2 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced

3 cups corn kernels (frozen or fresh & blanched)

1 cup milk
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1/4 cup green onion, chopped
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1/4 tsp. ground red pepper
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
Dash of hot sauce

Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat. Add onions, peppers and garlic and cook 5 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Add the corn, milk, parsley, green onions, thyme and ground red pepper. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes or until milk is absorbed. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Serves 4

Religious Education News

RE Music Program:

December Nights, December Lights

This year's children's musical will highlight different celebrations across the land and will be presented on Sunday, December 19th. It will include songs for Hanukkah, La Fiesta del la Posada, Kwanzaa and for Christmas. Rehearsals begin for this years children's seasonal musical performance. Children will meet in the cottage from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm for the *regular rehearsal* on: November 7, 14 & 21 and December 5 & 12 and for the *dress rehearsal* at 5-7 pm on: December 15 in the fellowship.



December Nights,
December Lights
Children's Seasonal
Performance,
December 19

Fellowship at work

Board Members		
President	Tamara Miller	(607) 737-8082
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Fellowship Hosting Schedule-Hosting is a service that we provide each other. If you are unable to hose on a day that you are assigned, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

Date	Host
November 7	Deerys, Stevenson, Hurley
November 14	McCalls, Edwards, Ricotta
November 21	Parsons, Muffleys, Glenn/Martin
November 28	Reynolds, Brenner/Miller
December 5	Maloney/Halm, Bennett/Dayton
December 12	Potters, Vikins
December 19	Pecks, Paquette, Scopelitti
December 26	Allen, Miller/Dodson, Mann

Enjoying the Fellowship



A roaring bonfire dwarfs Miss .Melanie in the backyard.

Maryalice Little plays the harp.

Dan & Gar host a Sing-A-Long Service.

The Muffleys read the map from the gas well tour.

Abby and Lisa open gifts at their "Welcome Baby Shower."



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Please check here and return if you no longer wish to receive this mailing. Thank you.



Hey Kids!

How about a Thanksgiving Word Search?
Circle the words as you find 'em!

T	O	F	U	R	K	E	Y	X	P
D	U	A	C	Q	Y	A	F	I	H
M	I	O	B	N	K	A	H	N	A
E	O	S	O	E	M	S	Y	M	R
K	F	L	C	I	W	H	O	U	V
G	O	A	L	O	F	A	Z	T	E
C	E	Y	L	R	V	R	S	U	S
P	V	L	E	A	V	E	S	A	T
H	E	T	S	A	E	F	R	O	A
F	S	K	N	A	H	T	E	I	P

Autumn	Colony	Cook
Discover	Family	Feast
Fellowship	Harvest	Leaves
Peace	Pie	Share
Thanks	Tofurkey	

Join
us
this
Sunday



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