



Sunday Service Schedule

September 2011

“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

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September 4

The final Small Group Ministry Sunday for the summer. Facilitator will be James Peck. Thanks to all the folks who came, facilitated and brought snacks throughout the summer!

September 11

Welcome Back Sunday, our Water Service and a special commemoration “We Would Be One.” This intergenerational service will bring us all back together from our summer travels. If you wish to share a short summer memory and a sample of water collected somewhere this summer, we will add it to our collection from the past many, many years. Since this day is also a solemn time of commemoration and rededication, you are also invited to bring a short quotation, poem or memory about what the tragedy of September 11, 2011 has meant to you. Jenny will have a number of short readings available that morning, in hopes that many volunteer readers will assist as we raise our voices in hope and unity for the future. Following the worship service, we’ll break to set up tables for a dish-to-pass luncheon. Weather permitting, we will be outside. Bring a dish to pass and please label by ingredients, for all to share.

September 18

Inspiration & Perspiration-This Sunday we will dream out loud about specific things we want to start, stop or continue during this 2011-2012 Fellowship year. These shared goals then will belong to the fellowship and will become the framework of our board and committee activities. Your homework is to think ahead of what your list of “start, stop and continue” activities looks like and what activity you will dedicate some special effort to this year. Come prepared to split into groups of like-minded folks and begin! If you can think it, you can begin it. P.S.-Many hands make light (and joyful) work! Religious education classes will begin this Sunday.

September 25

Reverend Darcey Laine returns with another thought-provoking and articulated message. If you’ve missed her over the summer, go to her blog at <http://revlaine.blogspot.com/> to catch up. Also there you can find archived sermons. We’re so lucky to have her nearby!

October 2

Association Sunday-Celebrating Excellence in Ministries will be our annual connection to the denomination where we use a prepared service created by our best ministers, religious educators and musicians that can connect all our disparate fellowships and churches throughout the country to the core aspects of how Unitarian Universalism can influence and support current unrest-be is spiritual, political or social justice-related. A special collection will be taken in support of the denomination’s efforts to assure “the worth and dignity of every person.”

President's Ponderings

There is a job opportunity open at the fellowship.

We are currently seeking to hire someone to work as our *Church Sexton*. This position would involve taking care of church buildings and furnishings, perform cleaning and routine maintenance duties in church and auxiliary buildings and in the churchyard. Duties would also include inventory and stocking of cleaning supplies and inspection and cleaning the fellowship after building rentals to outside parties.

If you are interested in this position please contact me at: (607) 483-8699.

Moving forward towards a beautiful fellowship,

Tamara



Go New York!!!

Fellowship News

Octagon Fair

Once again the UUBF Fellowship will be hosting a booth at the fair and we are looking for volunteers to help sell our bumper stickers, buttons, books & plants. If you can help out AND enjoy a fun day at the fair, please contact Leslie Potter at (607) 301-4006 to sign up!

Around Our World

Good, bad & amazing things happened over the summer... We got another reason to love NY, more people realized that nuclear isn't green, oppressive, Middle Eastern governments met their match, credit ratings DO matter & the north isn't prepared for tropical weather.

...And More

Please help save D. Landreth, the oldest (1784) seed house in America & the 5th oldest business still in operation from having to close their doors! Be one of the million orders needed to keep them going at: www.landrethseeds.com
Lastly, our condolences go to Marcia Allen for the passing of her mother.

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

Date	Host
September 4	(Small Group Format)
September 11	Allen, Miller/Dodson and Mann
September 18	Potters and Vikins
September 25	Wilson (D & J), Morrell and Shooks
October 2	Spicer, Diens/Bruffey, Wosinski
October 9	McCalls, Stevenson and Hurley
October 16	Deerys, Edwards and Ricotta
October 23	Frost, Ballard and Glenn/Martin
October 30	Maloney/Halm & Pecks (C & J)

Our Community & Beyond

RE Work Party *Saturday, September 3, 3:30 p.m.*

We're having a work party to prepare for the start of children's classes. The program has grown and we need to accommodate more children. We are changing the room assignments and also starting an infant's group. We need help to move furniture, clean, de-clutter and decorate our classrooms. Bring a dish to share, if you are so inclined!

Labor Day *Monday, September 5*

Board Meeting *Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.*

Puppy Mill Awareness Day *Saturday, September 17*

Octagon Fair *Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

Elmira College

Elmira College student clubs provide children's activities and are joined by crafters, vendors, not-for-profits, and a large variety of entertainment from the community and campus. Fun and educational for the whole family!

Dine Out Afternoon *Sunday, September 18*

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

Talk Like a Pirate Day *Monday, September 19*

Corning Small Group Ministry *Monday, September 19, 7 p.m.*

Elmira Small Group Ministry *Monday, September 19, 7 p.m.*

Mabon *Friday, September 23*

Rosh Hashanah *Wednesday, September 28*

Leading on the Edge; *Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*

Congregations at the Speed of Change

May Memorial, Syracuse

Spend a crisp, fall day with leaders from across the St. Lawrence District as we explore new ways of approaching leadership in this exciting, changing world. Keynote speakers, workshops

For more information or to register, please visit: www.sld.uua.org Registration ends Sept. 25th.

Religious Education News

To state the obvious, our program is growing as more families with children are discovering our fellowship and our current members are adding to their families! So we will be adding an new Infant's Room and changing some of the current classroom configurations. The 7th and 8th grader's class will now

meet in the cottage, so that we can have all the younger ones meet in the main building. The small classroom will be for the new Infant's Room and the older tots will be enjoying a new structured program in the original nursery. The Peace Kids (3rd through 6th grades) will move to the north-east classroom,

where the middle school kids used to meet, the 4 year olds through 2nd grade will meet in the classroom next to the kitchen and the 2 and 3 year olds will stay in their same room.

Wow! Lots of changes in store for our young folks. We are looking forward to a year of learning and *growing!*

**Equal dark,
equal light
Flow in circle,
deep insight.
Blessed Be,
Blessed Be.**

-Night An'Fey



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Sunday



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www.slowfood.com

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