



October 2011

“Providing a safe and inviting space for religious freedom.” -UUFBF Vision Statement

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

Nursery Available during
each Sunday Service

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.”

October 9

“The Oneness of All that Is” by Rich Ballard.

October 16

“Twain in our Midst” with James Ketcham, local Mark Twain impersonator.

October 23

“Taking Root” with Reverend Darcey Laine. Sometimes as Unitarian Universalists our thinking is so progressive, our evolution this past 100 years so rapid, it is easy to fell rootless. Yet our tradition is over 400 years old. Today we reclaim the roots that bind us to our past and to one another.

October 30

“Samhain”, Halloween is the modern name for Samhain, an ancient Celtic holy day of celebration as the spiritual beginning of a new year. Come learn more about it.

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President's Ponderings

Dear Fellowship,

Thank-you, first of all, for your feedback on the surveys we did together. It is most appreciated. As a result of the mini-committee meetings, Christine Telford is not the Chairperson for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. As of this writing, I have not heard of any other committee changes. I strongly urge all committees to meet on a regular basis and the chairs should communicate to the board on a regular basis.

Some have suggested getting rid of the mowers and hiring a lawn service. That would be an awesome idea, except for the added cost. If it fits in the budget, we could look into that. It seems there are always lots of great ideas, but no one to take the ball and run with it. That is why the committees are key for communication. If you have an idea, please run it through the appreciate committee and then the chair can present it to the board. That is the structure we are building on.

In response to the inquires about the expansion, I can explain this way: The contractor is now non-responsive to my calls, the last of which was just yesterday. So we do not have the necessary CAD files the Setforth Committee needs to move forward. At this point, we need to meet again and discuss finding a new contractor with in-house drawing capabilities to get the CAD files done. Once that is completed and Charles Peck has assured us that everything is in line, we can then have a preconstruction meeting with the Town of Big Flats to find out what they are going to require us to test, have studied, or do to the property before construction can begin. Once we have satisfied the Town of Big Flats, we can move forward with applying for financing.

Moving forward,

Tamara

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.

| Date | Host |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| October 2 | Spicer, Diens/Bruffey, Wosinski |
| October 9 | McCalls, Stevenson and Hurley |
| October 16 | Deerys, Edwards and Ricotta |
| September 25 | Wilson (D & J), Morrell and Shooks |
| October 23 | Frost, Ballard and Glenn/Martin |
| October 30 | Maloney/Halm & Pecks (C & J) |
| November 6 | Reynolds and Brenner |
| November 13 | Young, Monroe & Olivera/Archer |
| November 20 | Pecks (J & S), Paquette & Scopelliti |
| November 27 | Allen, Miller/Dodson & Mann |

Our Community & Beyond

World Vegetarian Day

Saturday, October 1

Leading on the Edge;

Saturday, October 1, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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.

Chemung Valley Historical Society-Making History:

Artists of the Southern Finger Lakes

Saturday, October 1-29

Reception on Saturday, October 1 from 3-5 p.m. and a Panel Discussion on Tuesday, October 11 from 6-8 p.m. The sculpture of Olive McCall comes home after being in this exhibition.

Yom Kippur

Friday, October 7

Board Meeting

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

National Coming Out Day

Tuesday, October 11

Opening Reception & Awards for the

Annot Art Museum Regional Exhibition

Tuesday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.

This show runs from October 11 through February 3, 2012. Able McCall is so excited that his sculptures are part of this and the Southern Finger Lakes Exhibits.

Alternative Fuel Day

Friday, October 14

One Love Chant

Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster Metaphysical Chapel, Lancaster, PA

One Love, led by singer-songwriter & Interfaith Minister, Jody Dessler, leads this unique program of ancient and contemporary chants from a rainbow of spiritual traditions...a musical celebration of global prayer. Band and vocal members of One Love will present their work while inviting the audience to join in to create an interfaith devotional chanting experience. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door: 610 Second Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

Dine Out Afternoon

Sunday, October 16

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

Elmira Small Group Ministry

Monday, October 17, 7 p.m.

29th Annual Breakfast of Chemung County Human Relations Commission: Creating

Non-Violent Cultural Relationships

Tuesday, October 18, 7:30-9:30 am

Guest Speaker: Dr. Arun Gandhi, the 5th grandson of Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi. At the Holiday Inn Elmira-Riverview. Tickets are \$20 and are payable to the YWCA on Lake Street.

Corning Small Group Ministry

Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m.

Crop Walk

Sunday, October 23, 1 p.m.

Come join other faith communities at Corning's Centerway Square on this fall walk for the hungry, supporting local food pantries and feeding programs around the world. Walker packets will be at the fellowship.

Halloween/Samhain

Monday, October 31



Proof of our society's decline is that Halloween has become a broad daylight event for many.

-Robert Kirby

Fellowship News

Fall Classes to audit at Watson Homestead

Each fall there are usually a few Road Scholar courses that have some vacancies to be filled by local friends. Contact Jenny Monroe for information about auditing Iroquois Culture: Yesterday & Today (Oct. 17-20); Trio of American Genius: Mark Twain, Glenn Curtiss & Frederick Carder (Nov. 13-18); or Hands-On Glassmaking at Corning Museum of Glass (Nov. 13-18). There is also a day-trip, Wed., Oct. 19th to Seneca Falls and Ganandagan State Historic Site (in Victor, NY) to learn about the connections between the Iroquois clan mothers and leaders of the woman's suffrage movement in Seneca Falls. More info will be on the fellowship's bulletin board.

Hello Autumn Crafting Retreat



Jen Peck will host a weekend crafting retreat at the beautiful Linck Hill Inn in Morris, PA.

Thurs, Nov. 10 through
Sun, Nov. 13

This weekend will include lodging at an 1900's Victorian mansion (YES, a mansion!), delicious home cooked meals prepared by Jen, personal crafting space, games, give-aways and lots of fun and fellowship with other crafters!

This retreat is for all crafters, artists or folks who just want a long weekend for themselves!

If you are a knitter, a paper crafter, a reader, a nature lover, an altered artist, a quilter...whatever...this is THE place to be! You will have plenty of time to rest, create, recharge, explore, mingle and EAT!



There are different "packages" that range from \$325 for the entire weekend or \$200 for any two days.

All the information and the registration form is available on Jen's blog:

www.twopercentbuttercotchripple.blogspot.com

Treasurer's Report

Octagon Fair 2011

Octagon Fair is history! We were put in a less visible space, & the weather didn't exactly cooperate but we fared reasonably well, making \$220 if you count the additional sale of plants at the fellowship. We more than covered our costs and got our diversity, environment, and social justice messages out into the Elmira world. I think it's fair to say that fun was had by all who helped-Alta, Jenny M, Ramona, Grayce & Brent,

Jackie, Diane & Rich and the McCalls. Thanks to all who donated books and plants-these actually sold better than the pins and bumper stickers! Now many EC dorm rooms fell a little more like home because they have a little something green growing in them. Consider collecting stange cups, sugar bowls & pots between now and next September, as these are the students' preferred receptacles. You can give them to me, Jenny Monroe, Sara Hurley,

or Karen Reynolds. One thing we CANNOT do is store books at the fellowship, however. So please hold on to those until we need them. Thanks, thanks, thanks to all!!!

Oh, yes, and before I forget-the next REALLY fun tabling event will take place on Sat, Dec. 3: Sparkle! This is another chance to spread the word. This is held in Corning's Gaffer District and sign up sheets will be posted in the fellowship in November. Please sign up-we need you!

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Join
us
this
Sunday



Nature photos of artist Tim Simmons are being displayed on giant billboards throughout LA & Philly. This current "showing" is called the Urban Land Project and it seeks to make passersby reflect on their surroundings. "This project is meant to stimulate awareness. These images against these backdrops accentuate the tensions between the human & natural world."

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