



December 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*

Sunday Service Schedule

December 4

Memory’s Wake with Ron Owens. Ron returns to the Fellowship with “a review of my son’s book about his mother’s childhood abuse in the Finger Lakes “burnt-over land” of religious cults (...with a happy ending.)”

December 11

The Reverend Darcey Laine will be speaking.

December 18

Paint the Town December! Join us for our traditional, intergeneration service of the Children’s Choir’s holiday performance.

December 24

Christmas Eve Family Carol Sing, 6 p.m. Join us for a musical service for all ages.

December 25

Christmas Morning Memory Share. We’ll use our small group ministry to share Christmas stories, poems and songs.

January 1

Turning the Year-Reflections & Insights. What did you learn in 2011, what are you looking forward to from 2012? This service is an opportunity to share insights from your personal spiritual journey.

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President's Ponderings

Dear Fellowship,

For at least the last five years our fellowship has rung the bell at Minier's Grocery right here in Big Flats. This year we are being asked to ring on Tuesday, December 21st. I think we can cover from 12 noon until 6 p.m. doing half hour shifts. All the money raised supports the Big Flats Food Pantry. Please consider giving a half hour of your time to this much needed cause. I have a sign up sheet at the Fellowship or you can call (or text) my cell 607-483-8699.

Moving forward toward a hunger free community,

Tamara

Fellowship News

A Family to Sponsor

The Fellowship will once again sponsor a family for the holidays. This year we will be sponsoring a local family that includes a mother, father and 5 boys ages 9, 7, 5 year old twins and a newborn. The sign up sheet includes sizes for those who wish to purchase a personal gift. We will also collect cash to go towards a gift card for the family. Sign up in the Fellowship or contact Kevin Deery.

Cookie Exchange

If you would like to make and exchange some home made cookies this year, bring 3 dozen cookies in one container and bring an empty container to take home 3 dozen different cookies. We will exchange cookies directly after the service on Dec. 18th. Sign up in the fellowship or call Karen Reynolds at 654-7162 or email her at: oliver1216915@yahoo.com

Paint the Town December!

Plan to attend the Children's Choir performance on Dec. 18th. In addition to the Children's Choir, a few adults and 1-2 additional children from the Fellowship will be involved! Every participant is needed for a dress rehearsal on Sun, Dec. 11 from 11:45-12:15, and for painting sets on an evening or Sat. in December that is TBA. See Elizabeth Brown-Shook for any questions.

Adult Singers Wanted

Adult singers are wanted to sing carols in some kind of harmony (depending on how many show 2, 3 or 4 parts) for the Dec. 24th evening service. Please see Elizabeth Brown-Shook if interested. A one-hour rehearsal prior to the service will be required, but no prior singing experience is necessary. If you can carry a tune in a bushel basket, we'll welcome you!

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
December 4	Potters, Vikins & Telfords
December 11	Wilson (D & J), Morrell & Shooks
December 18	Spicer, Divens/Bruffey & Wosinski
December 25	Small Group Ministry Format
January 1	McCalls, Stevenson & Hurley
January 8	Deerys & Ricotta
January 15	Frost, Ballard & Glenn/Martin
January 22	Maloney/Halm & Pecks (C &J)
January 29	Reynolds & Brenner

Our Community & Beyond

World Aids Day Thursday, December 1

Ear Muff Day Saturday, December 3

Sparkle Saturday, December 3, 5 –9 p.m.

Market Street in Corning, festival-goers will be celebrating Sparkle, the winter street fair.

Games for UU and YOU! Saturday, December 10, 5 p.m. pot luck supper, 6 p.m. games

Watson Homestead

Gingerbread House Decorating Saturday, December 10, 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Come to Watson Homestead and build a Gingerbread House with Linda Hodges, the “Gingerbread House Lady”! All materials: gingerbread, icing, candy and a flat box to carry your house home, are included. Bring your Christmas Spirit and your Inner Elf to make the day fun! Hayrides (weather permitting), ornament creating, cooking decorating and holiday refreshments. For reservations call (607) 962-0541 or whomestead@stny.rr.com. One house can be decorated by up to four people, larger families or groups may reserve additional house.

Board Meeting Sunday, December 11, 9:30 a.m.

For the Next 7 Generations:

13 Indigenous Grandmothers Tuesday, Dec. 13, 5:45 p.m. & Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m.

This film will be shown in December at the Corning Public Library and in January at the Body Mind Wellness Healing Center, 29 E. Market Street, #3, Corning.

Dine Out Afternoon Sunday, December 18

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

Elmira Small Group Ministry Monday, December 19, 7 p.m.

Hanukkah Tuesday, December 20

Corning Small Group Ministry Tuesday, December 20, 7 p.m.

Winter Solstice Wednesday, December 21

World Peace Day Wednesday, December 21

Yule Thursday, December 22

Christmas Sunday, December 25

Boxing Day Monday, December 26

New Year’s Eve Saturday, December 31



Gingerbread House Decorating at Watson Homestead, Saturday, Dec. 10



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Hey Kids!

How about some Christmas jokes make you smile?

What do you call a snowman in July?

-A PUDDLE!

How do fish decorate for Christmas?

-They hang a REEF on their door!

What's a dog's favorite Christmas carol?

-Deck the HOWLS!

Which of the reindeer have the worst manners?

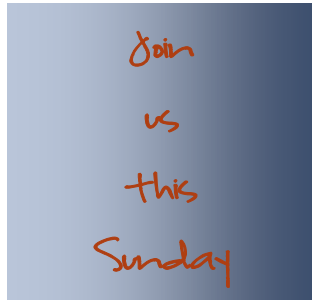
-RUDEolph!

How do Christmas trees keep their breath fresh?

-They suck on an orna-MINT!

What is a snowman's favorite Mexican food?

-BURRRRRRR-itos!



What do you give the person who has everything? How about a cow? Or a sheep, or geese or some fuzzy honeybees? You can choose a meaningful gift for your loved one that helps children & families around the world receive training & animal gifts that help them become self-reliant by "gifting" them with a certificate from Heifer International. www.heifer.org

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