

May 2012

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

-UUFBF Vision



Sunday Service Schedule

May 6

Eve's Bold Step Into Humanity with Joel Grace. Self-serving behavior, the basis of sin is necessary for individual survival, but unless complimented by selfless behavior, it is a threat to species survival. Jesus provided a model for this counterbalancing effect. Are we any closer to effecting that model now than we were 2,000 years ago?

May 13

Direct Experience of That Transcending Mystery and Wonder with Reverend Darcey Lain. Our living tradition has many sources, and the very first is our own experience. Those who seek a “direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder” are known as mystics, and there are common experiences among those who follow this path. Together we will consider the nature of the spiritual journey, and some guideposts along the way.

May 20

One Child at a Time-the Story of the CASA program, with Amy Miller-Plumley.

May 27

Memorial Day, program to be announced.

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

President's Ponderings



Photographer-Dave Muffley

One small step for UU's. One giant leap for UUF of BF!

Board President, Tamara Miller signs a contract with Foor Associates for the design/development phase of building expansion.

Plans for much needed expansion have been in the works for sometime and are finally, through trial and error, coming to light.

Details to follow...

Finally moving forward again,

Tamara

Tamara Miller signs the building contracts as Charles Peck, Larry Foor & John Shook Jr. watch.

Our Community & Beyond

Beltaine

Tuesday, May 1

Star Wars Day

Friday, May 4 ("May the Fourth be with You!")

Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 5

Games for UU and YOU!

Saturday, May 5, 5 pm pot luck, 6 pm games

VE Day

Tuesday, May 8

Corning Small Group Ministry

Tuesday, May 15, 7 pm

Food Revolution Day

Saturday, May 19

Dine Out Afternoon

Sunday, May 20

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

Abraham Path Day

Sunday, May 20

This is a 3 mile walk for interfaith understanding. It begins at 2pm at Congregation Kol Ami, (1008 Water Street, Elmira), proceeds to Park Church, (208 W. Gray St.) and then returns to Kol Ami. Following the walk a reception will be held at the Islamic Center of the Finger Lakes, (62 Main St., Big Flats). The event is sponsored by the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition to raise awareness about the religious diversity in our region and to offer the opportunity to walk with neighbors of different faith traditions. For more information contact Jenny Monroe at jmonroe@stny.rr.com or (607) 524-8439.

Victoria Day

Monday, May 21

Elmira Small Group Ministry

Monday, May 21, 7 pm

Shavout

Saturday, May 26

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 27, 9:30 am

Patriocracy, a film by Brian Malone

Tuesday, May 29, 7 pm

A voice of reason in the age of polarization, Patriocracy is a non-partisan examination of Washington dysfunction.

The League of Women Voters of Steuben County present this documentary at the Palace Theater, Market Street Corning. The film is one hour long, with a one hour feedback session to discuss "Now what?". This event is FREE with donations appreciated. For more information contact Jeni Paquette.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28

Learn about Composting Day

Tuesday, May 29

Fellowship News

Social Justice Volunteer Opportunity:

The Interfaith Hospitality Center is in dire need of someone with ?? Skills to be their treasurer. Job includes computer skill to use or learn to use Quicken and enter financial data (the program does the math...creates reports, etc.); go to a bi-monthly Board meeting for about 1 1/2 hours and present a fiscal report; pick up the mail and pay the bills, make bank deposits of donations etc.; deal with DOCCS with which the IHC has a contract and which requires vouchering and reports; liaise with our volunteer bookkeeper, who does our payroll and taxes. If you know of anyone at UUFBF or beyond who might help us it would be very much appreciated. Please shake the bushes! PS-Grant writing skills would also be a highly valued skill-but not the most essential, as others can assist with this. (For more information, please call 739-9660)

Thanks,

Margaret Strumpf

Religious Education News

Great news for our babies and their families...

Our new Nursery Caregiver is Sonia Vikin. Sonia has raised two boys and has just retired from her nursing career. She will provide consistency, which is so highly valued by the youngest among us.

News from the Treasurer

Just as I prepare to step down as treasurer for the Fellowship (after 6 years!), I acquired and read the UUA manual for treasures. Guess I thought I know what I was doing all along!

One thing that was emphasized was that collections should not be counted by the same person who makes the deposit. This is just good accounting practice. It applies to cash donations, especially to Sunday pass-the-basket collections. So I prepared a summary slip of paper to accompany each Sunday's collection and have asked someone to count and write down the money, date and sign the slip. So far, so good; the deposits have thus far agreed with the money counts.

However, because many people put pledge checks in the basket, it's important that those checks remain anonymous, not easy when one's name is right there on the check! Therefore, unless I get to the basket in time, the confidentiality of your pledge could be compromised. If you heretofore have been placing checks in the collection basket, I suggest one of three tactics; give the Treasurer your check directly; put your check in an envelope and seal it before putting it into the basket (this can be an envelope from your junk mail, we'll assume it's a pledge payment); or mail your check to PO Box 103 Big Flats, NY 14814. The Postal Service needs your support! (Of course if you don't care whether other people see what you're giving, you can just ignore this advice.)

I have prepared some envelopes with the Fellowship's mailing address and will make them available in the display rack on Sundays.

Thanks for understanding,

Leslie

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
May 6	Potters & Vikings
May 13	Wilson (D & J), Morrell & Shooks
May 20	Spicer, Divens/Bruffey & Wosinski
May 27	McCalls, Stevenson & Hurley
June 3	Deerys, Telfords & Ricotta
June 10	Frost, Ballard & Glenn/Martin
June 17	Maloney/Halm & Pecks (C & J)
June 24	Reynolds & Brenner

Fellowship at Work

These are the people to contact if you need help, have a concern or a suggestion.

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