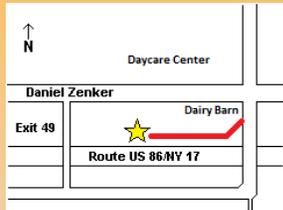


Welcome to the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally  
inclusive congregation,  
welcoming all!

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Formal Services are held  
September through mid-June

**Sunday mornings**

**10:30-11:30**

with a casual coffee hour  
following.

Informal Summer Services  
are held mid-June through  
the beginning of September.

No matter what time  
of year...

*Please join us!*

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY

## October 2012 Uni-Verse



### October Service Schedule

October 7: *Grace House, Elmira* - Terry Batrone and Cheryl Butler of [Saving Grace Ministries](#) will talk about restoring a house in Elmira to provide transitional housing for prison parolees. *Service Leader:* Michael Mann.

October 14: *"The Great Awakening" with Reverend Darcey Laine* - Universalism grew by leaps and bounds during the time of the Great Awakening, when evangelist preachers left behind their studied printed sermons and held spirited tent revivals in rural America. How did Universalism respond then, and how can this part of our heritage inspire us as we gather in community today?

October 21: *Healing Spirits Herb Farm and Education Center* - Andrea and Matthias Reisen will tell us about their herb farm and education center near Avoca, NY. *Service Leader:* Jeni Paquette.

October 28: *Friends of the Chemung River Watershed* - Welcome back Jim Pfiffer as he updates us on his latest projects and events with a Powerpoint presentation. *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson.

### November Preview...

November 4: *Pleasures of the Animal Kingdom* - Our own Beth Morrell shares her thoughts on this topic. *Service Leader:* Karen Reynolds

## Carolyn's Column

I am going to discuss **personal power** and **differing beliefs**.

Not personal power with respect to your life as a whole, but personal power within the context of our Fellowship. Not differing beliefs about the nature of the universe and great moral questions, but differing beliefs about the tangible aspects of our space.

Beliefs like: mugs should be stored upside down (to keep dust out) versus mugs should be stored right side up (so the rim has no contact with infrequently cleaned surfaces). Coffee belongs in the freezer, or coffee belongs in a drawer near the coffee maker. "We must take

care of this stuff", "We should get rid of this stuff". **Oh my!**

How can issues of this sort be worked out? Of course, they never completely will be, and obviously that is okay. Here is the power part. Power goes to the doers. What happens when the differences come to the surface and there is conflict? Almost nothing.

Here is my underlying supposition: your avoidance of conflict -- your fear of stepping on someone's toes -- is out of proportion to the consequences. Go ahead and do stuff, like put up a hook in

the kitchen and label it "ladle." Improve the coat room.

Maybe you should give voice to what you believe should be done before you do it. Or maybe not. I believe that if we encourage one another in matters from minuscule to major, we can make our Fellowship unarguably better. Go ahead!

Here is something many of you can do without moving from where you are sitting: Go to our website: [bigflatsuu.org](http://bigflatsuu.org). Look it over and then email me suggestions for improvement.

~ Carolyn, President



## Calendar and Community Events and Happenings!

Mondays, 3pm: *Grove Park Farmers' Market*

Thursdays, 10am: *Elmira Farmers' Market* (North Main & West Church)

Thursdays, 9am: *Corning Farmers' Market* (Riverfront Centennial Park)

- October 5, **Friday**: *Harvest Dinner & Square Dance*, PeaceWeavers, Bath, NY
- October 5-14: *ImageOut: The Rochester LGBT Film & Video Festival*
- October 6-7, **Sat-Sun**, 10a-5p: *Naples Open Studio Trail*, Naples, NY
- October 6-7, **Sat-Sun**, 10a-5p: *Chemung County Fall Festival*, Elmira, NY
- October 8, **Monday**: *Columbus Day*
- October 13, **Saturday**: *Grape Pumpkin Festival*, Hammondsport, NY
- October 20, **Saturday**: *Woodlawn Cemetery Ghost Walk*, Elmira, NY
- October 25, **Thursday**: *"Museum in the Dark."* Museum of the Earth, Ithaca, NY
- October 31 **Wed**: *Halloween*



## *A Few Words from Leslie...*

At the potluck and congregational meeting that followed the Sept. 22 service, participants were asked to vote for up to three local organizations they would like to see receive our first-Sunday-of-the-month collections. There can be only three, unfortunately, because we do this for nine months out of the year, with three months allocated to each of the chosen beneficiaries. This year's vote produced three old friends of UUFBF: Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes, Friends of the

Chemung River Watershed, and Food Bank of the Southern Tier. On October 7th, our initial collection of the year will go to Planned Parenthood.

Close contenders were Second Place East, Southeast Steuben County Library (Corning), and Paradise Garden Animal Haven (Woodhull). New suggestions, which we'll include on next year's tally sheet were Gas Free Seneca, the Horseheads Free Library, Pancreatic Can-

cer Action Network (will check to make sure there's a local chapter), and Salvation Army Kids' Café, Corning.

Thanks to all who voted. It's admittedly a flawed process, since we'd like to have every member's input and include all possible recipients on the ballot. Please let me know if you'd like to see a particular organization included, and why. It would be cool to have a brief "argument" for each organization!

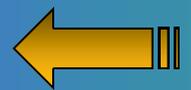
*Leslie Potter, Treasurer*



Here's a great opportunity to get rid of all the fabulous stuff in your house that you no longer need!



We will have a rummage sale at the UU Fellowship  
Saturday, 10/13 from 8:00-2:00.



The purpose is to raise a little money for our Fellowship, bring lots of people to our church, and recycle lots of stuff! You can bring items the week before (10/6) or anytime up until Friday 10/12. It would help if your items are marked with prices.

Help spread the word! Contact Lynn Ricotta, Jeni Paquette or Jackie Wilson if you have questions or to volunteer.

# A Congregational "Thank You" ...

(Submitted by a Fellowship Member)

As long as I can remember (I started coming in the Fall of 2005), Jenny Monroe has been in charge of Programs and Services at UUFBF. She has stepped down as of this

fall, and 'Jeni Paquette & Friends' is taking over, so far with great strides!

That said, Jenny's awesome knowledge in this area and its potential speakers will be challenging to replace. We

also will miss her flawless delivery of the Sunday order of service.

This congregation owes Jenny a HUGE Thank You for all those years, all those hours dedicated to making each Sunday enjoyable and enlightening.

And while we will miss her leadership in this area, we respect her decision to step away from the obligation to deliver Sunday to the rest of us.

Meanwhile, we continue as a lay-led congregation with the example of Jenny's service, to inspire us. The order of service is pretty much the same every week, and guides for opening and closing the service are available for reference. Our group is friendly, youthful, non-judgmental and open to new experiences. We want everyone to feel part of the planning and execution of Sunday services, so please consider either rounding up a speaker (which might be you!) or leading us on one or more Sundays during the regular year (into mid-June). Ideas, too, are welcome. Jeni P. needs people to serve on the committee to plan for services, so consider volunteering your time to help out in this way.



## Fellowship Hosting Schedule

Hosting is a service we provide one another. If you are unable to host on the day that you've been assigned, please make arrangements for someone else to take your place.

Date	Hosts
Oct 7	Spicer, Divens/Bruffey and Wosinski
Oct 14	McCall, Stevenson and Hurley
Oct 21	Deery, Telford, Ricotta
Oct 28	Frost, Ballard & Glenn/Martin
Nov 4	Maloney/Halm and C & J Peck
Nov 11	Reynolds and Brenner
Nov 18	Young and Monroe
Nov 25	Paquette and Scopelliti

**It's our Fellowship, for all of us to make into something special!**

### A Nice Message left on our Webpage...

"Thank you so much for the warm welcome you gave to Sam and me when we visited yesterday. We have been to many UU churches in our travels, and we have been shocked at how rare it is for congregants to enthusiastically welcome visitors. That is certainly not the case in Big Flats! Good luck with your new building. We will try to visit again if we find ourselves in the area on a Sunday."

Cordial regards,

*Mary Lee & Sam Keane*

Want to include something in future newsletters?

**Easy!**

Email Chris (by the 15th of the month before) at [ceemarie1971@verizon.net](mailto:ceemarie1971@verizon.net)

Want to Add an Event to the Online Calendar?

**Anyone can!**

Go to <http://www.bigflatsuu.org>

Click on "Calendar"

Click on the small

"Google Calendar"

logo in the lower right corner.

Log in using email:

[calendar@bigflatsuu.org](mailto:calendar@bigflatsuu.org)

password: bigflats

Create/change events!

### REMINDER

All members are welcome to attend board meetings, which normally take place the second Sunday of the month prior to the service (9:30, unless you hear otherwise.)



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Search for "Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats" and click 'LIKE'

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