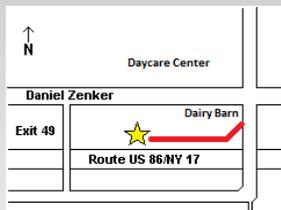


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Formal Services are held  
September through mid-June

**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

## February 2013 Uni-Verse



### February Service Schedule

**February 3: "The Righteous Mind: The Psychology of Morality and Politics,"** by Jonathan Haidt. Welcome back Dr. Ben Lovett, Professor at Elmira College, as he discusses this book. It examines the differences between liberal and conservative views on morality, attempting to explain why people with political differences so often talk past each other. *Service Leader: Corey McCall.*

**February 10:** We join with religious communities around the country to celebrate **Evolution Sunday** by looking at the stories of our evolving universe. There we hope to find the seeds of hope and wisdom for our own future. Rev. Darcey Laine will lead us. All her sermons are available [online](#).

**February 17:** Welcome Marleah Denkenberger, Southern Tier Program Coordinator of [Alzheimer's Association, Rochester & Finger Lakes Chapter](#). She will give an overview of Alzheimer's disease and the services available.

**February 24: "Spiritual Growth - Not for Sissies, a Personal Story."** Jenny Monroe will reflect on some of the ups and downs of her personal spiritual growth journey over the past 25 years that she has been a member of UUFBF. In addition to the standard "work, church and home" parameters, Jenny's desire to understand her spiritual place in the world has also woven itself into her community volunteer activities and the life coaching workshops she leads.

### March Preview...

**March 3:** Welcome our favorite UU singer/guitar/harmonica player **Danny Maloney**.

# Carolyn's Column

Sometimes it best to be direct even when discussing uncomfortable subjects. It may be clearest to use vulgar language when addressing vulgar subjects; therefore I am just going to do it. This column is about money. It is even worse; I am not talking about saving money. This column is about acquiring money. How does our Fellowship get money? I think of it as three ways.

**Rent** - we rent out our building when we are not using it. Well, actually only Saturday mornings, but we would be willing to rent it out more. Since the building is vacant the vast majority of the time, we make very little money this way.

**Fundraisers** - we do a whole bunch of them. Most of our fund raising events also have another purpose, most often increasing aware-

ness of our existence. All of the fund raising we do throughout the year combined contributes even less to our overall income than the rent we get from our nearly always available building!

**Donations** - The vast majority of our money come to us this third way, a.k.a. offerings, pledges, and gifts. I feel that the offering is an important and lovely part our service, even though I know that some wise and reasonable people feel the opposite way. It celebrates giving! It displays giving to the children and everyone. The money we get through these ritualized collections amounts to a very small part of our income. Since envelopes and checks placed in the baskets are reported differently, I do not really know how much comes this way.



Most of our donations come to us through the tradition of pledges. Now is the dawning of pledge season. Here is how I think pledge season should go: We have some kind of gathering(s), with food, where pledge forms are handed out. It is a polite event, so money is not overtly discussed. Some of the forms are completed and returned to our treasurer in short order. Completed pledge forms are always TOP SECRET, and must only be seen only by the treasurer.

Forms are given to all members and friends of our fellowship by whatever means works, by handing to them before or after a service or mailing it to them. I would like to get a pledge form from every pledging unit, which is commonly called a family. What your family budgets for this is highly personal and totally confidential. All the board members ever get to see is a list of who has pledged.

Pledge forms should be submitted to the treasurer by whatever means is most comfortable. Sealed envelopes are appropriate. Total money pledged is crucial for planning the continuing life of our Fellowship. I believe that everyone over four years old should contribute both hands-on work and (here is that vulgar word again) money. Well, I will give some elders a pass, but come on, people -- **return those forms!**

~ Carolyn, President

## 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
February 3	Deery, Monroe
February 10	Pacquette, Scopelitti
February 17	Allen, Mann
February 24	Potters, Vikins
March 3	Wilson, Spicer
March 10	Divens-Bruffey, Wosinski
March 17	McCalls, Stevenson, Hurley
March 24	Telfords, Ricotta

## Calendar and Community Events and Happenings!

- Feb 2, Sat: Groundhog Day
- Feb 4-6 (Mon-Wed) 7:30pm: [Blue Man Group](#) (Clemens Ctr)
- Feb 8, Friday: 5p-8p [Cabin Fever](#), Corning, NY
- Feb 9-10 (Sat-Sun): All Day - [Cheese & Wine Lovers Weekend](#)
- Feb 10, Sun: Chinese New Year
- Feb 12, Tues 7:30pm: [China National Symphony Orchestra](#) (Clemens Ctr)
- Feb 13, Wed: Ash Wednesday
- Feb 14, Thur: Valentine's Day
- Feb 16, Sat: 10am-1pm 171 [Culinary Series](#) is Back!
- Feb 21, Thursday: 5:30-7:30 [CMOG 2300: "Hot Blues"](#)
- Feb 22-23 (Fri-Sat): All Day Hammondspport [Mardi Gras Celebration](#)
- Feb 24, Sun: Purim (Jewish Holiday)

Our own Sara Hurley submitted the below poem to “Beaver Tracks” Fall 2012 Newsletter of the Unirondack Camp and Conference Center. *Thanks for sharing with us, Sara!*

## Poem by Alumnus Sara Hurley

We recently received an email from Sara Hurley, former Unirondack Resource Person (1998) and Women’s Week attendee (2003, 2004, & 2006) with this message and poem:

Dan, good day to you:

I have spent good times at camp. When there was a Women’s Week... I would sit on the balcony boatdock, which probably isn’t even there anymore and write... I’m sending along a poem I wrote.

—Sara Katherine Hurley, Elmira, NY

## Mountain Diary, Poem by Sara Hurley

Back to the boathouse first thing this year lily pads in full blossom midday, roar of the jets overhead cut through the silence and the old wooden water tower rises about the treeline as a reminder that civilization is nestled close by. A slight breeze ripples the placid water as it swiftly skims like a butter knife under the boatramps, a summer pretty much of continual rain, spiders’ webs wave like delicate hankies on the wooden rails of the deck.

Soon, the docks will be pulled ashore, along with swimmers’ guide ropes and various boats. The season is winding down and Fall will heavily cloak the trees in woven tapestries of autumn’s muted colors of burnt orange, copper red, charcoal brown, amber and topped off with a splash of brilliant yellow. The north winds will blow and howl as the skies open wide spilling millions of tiny snowflakes, turning this peaceful setting into an ice palace with a frozen sun.



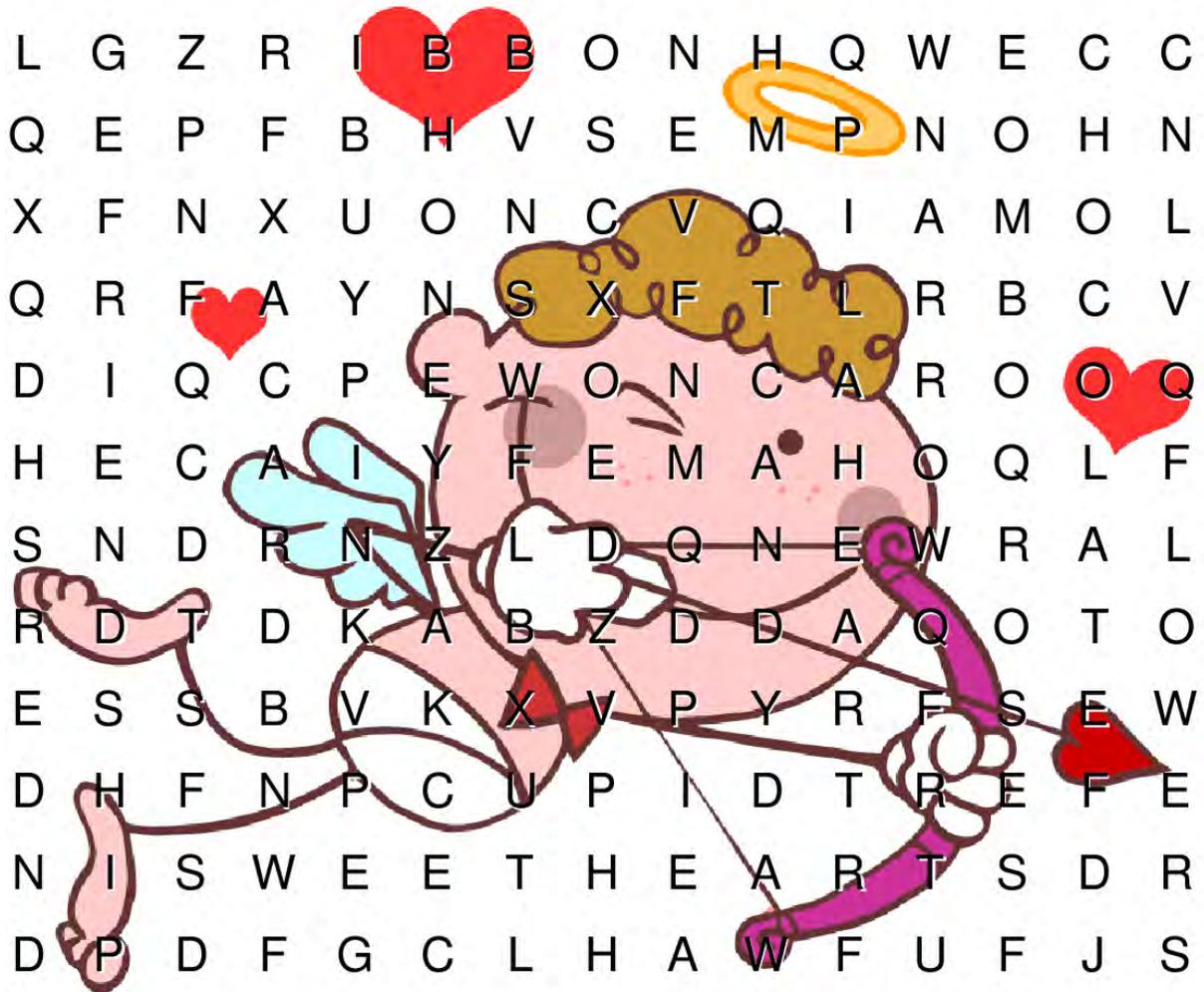
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## *Building Committee News from Karen Reynolds*

I am in the process of selecting window coverings for the windows in the rooms off the hallway. It is expensive, so it may take time to find drapes or blinds which we can afford. Tom and I have replaced the lights in the sanctuary with energy-efficient bulbs. Another goal is to repair the ceiling in the sanctuary; several areas need to be cut out and replaced with drywall, then taped and spackled. Finally, I would like to see the ceiling painted. This is a big project which will need a lot of manpower. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out in any way. Thank you! ~ Karen

# Valentine's Day Word Search

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- ARROW
- HEART
- CANDY
- CUPID
- FLOWERS
- SWEETHEART
- ROSES
- RED
- PINK
- VALENTINE
- CARD
- FRIENDSHIP
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## BOOK NOOK



Perhaps this can be the beginning of a \*NEW\* Monthly addition to our Newsletter. Let's give it a try, nonetheless, this month!

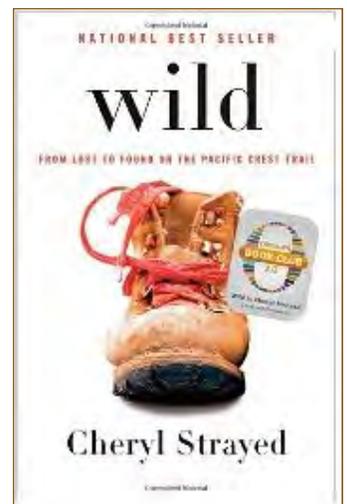
Member **Karen Reynolds** would like to recommend the book "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed.



~ ~ It is a true story about a woman who, after the death of her mother, becomes unhinged. She finally decides the only way to put her life back on track is to hike the Pacific Coast Trail-

**ALONE!**

(If you would like to highlight a favorite book, like Karen did, in future newsletters, contact Chris T. with a small write-up!)



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!**

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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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