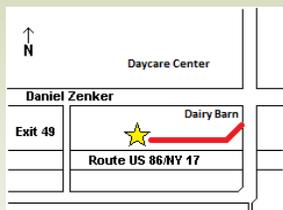


Welcome to the
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Fellowship of Big Flats.

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

April 2013 Uni-Verse



April Service Schedule

April 7: Status of Gun Regulation Debate and What You Can Do, by *Jeff and Anita Weiss of Ithaca*. ~ The presentation will include a brief summary of: 1) The status of new gun regulation proposals, 2) Why these proposals are important, and 3) What each individual can do to promote these proposals. Anita is a retired elementary school teacher, and her husband Jeff is a retired hospital finance administrator. They have been concerned about gun violence and felt that the current opportunity to pass new legislation required more active involvement. They have been involved with the [Brady Center](#) and the [Million Mom March](#). **Service leader: Jeni Paquette**

April 14: Ah, The Relief of Spring! Our favorite way to welcome Spring is to welcome back **Maryalice Little**, Harpist. Her performance will feature Aurelia (SSWesley), Morning Has Broken, On A Day When the Wind is Perfect (DWilcox), Maunawili (traditional Hawaiian), and Ocean Improv (MKLittle). **Service leaders: Terri and Lydia Divens-Bruffey.**

April 21: Houses and Homes. Are they the same? What's the difference? Member **Tom Reynolds** will share some musings about our uses of the terms and what images they conjure. We will share our thoughts about the topic. **Service leaders: Tom and Karen Reynolds.**

April 28: Observing Grief, Rev. Darcey Laine ~ Every one of us has experienced grief, yet sometimes we have trouble connecting with one another when we are grieving. Experiencing grief can feel confusing and raw. Each new grief can bring back old grief, and rend the meaning we have made out of our lives. This morning we will consider together how we can observe our own grief, and how to support those close to us when they are grieving.

Carolyn's Column

Spring has finally arrived! The time of renewed growth and general renewal is here. Although, our Fellowship is fulfilling its purpose reasonably, it could benefit from some renewal as well. The Fellowship gets its vitality very indirectly from the sun. The immediate source of energy is you, its members and friends. I expect some of you are thinking, what is the Fellowship's purpose? Well, there is a formal written answer to that. From our by-laws:



The purposes of the Fellowship are:

A. To promote the principles and purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association within the Fellowship and to extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalism in the communities in which we live.

B. To provide a place where individuals may develop and discuss their own religious philosophies within an atmosphere of openness and acceptance.

C. To provide fellowship and mutual support among its Members and Friends.

D. To provide, through a religious education program and other Fellowship activities, a liberal religious experience for children, so that as they mature they may come to understand and appreciate the moral and ethical values for which this fellowship stands.

E. To provide encouragement to and a vehicle for its members to engage in social action and community service.

I'm sure that there are unwritten purposes, too; I will leave them unwritten. All and all, I think we are doing pretty well. I am able to imagine some ways we could do better and I am sure you can, too. This is the time of year we most vociferously request contributions from all of you. Our Treasurer has written about financial contributions, which are vital to our fulfilling our mission.



But I want to get you thinking about non-financial ways you could contribute as well. We are having a party, a "T-Party," April 6, at 5:00pm to celebrate our Fellowship in general, and to discuss the *Time, Toil, Treasure and Talent* you can contribute (... and since, 'trivia' begins with *T*, we will do a Unitarian Universalist trivia game, too!).

Back to our purposes - The major way we accomplish our purposes (**A**, above) is through our Sunday services. The program committee arranges speakers and other aspects of the weekly service. Jeni Paquette has been being the entire program committee! That has been an excellent solution from the point of view of most of us, but one person cannot really be a committee, so Jeni will be moving on at the end of the program year— Thank you, Jeni! Perhaps you could be part of this vital committee.

Look at purpose **B**: *To provide a place...* We have been maintaining and improving our place. The building committee exists informally now. It is headed by Tom and Karen Reynolds, and also starring John Shook and Frank Potter. They have contributed a lot. Also, everyone who cleans helps "provide a place..." (Many thanks!). I am sure you can think of ways to improve our place, or would be willing to help to maintain our space, perhaps you can help with this.

We all help with **C** on our list of purposes, but the Caring Committee is the formal part of this purpose. Would you help with the "mutual support" Jackie Wilson has been heading this committee. Can you help?

D is our Religious Education program. It is headed by Colleen McCall and manned largely by the Deery family (a big thank you to them!). This program may be the most significant part of the Fellowship. How can you help?

Purpose **E** should be run by the Social Action Committee. Would you help coordinate our good energy by being a part of this committee?

I am sure you can think of ways to maintain and improve our Fellowship. Come to the "T-Party!" We will begin (again) with informal discussion.

~ 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
April 7	Reynolds, Brenner
April 14	Monroe, Pacquette, Scopelliti
April 21	Allen, Mann, Ricotta
April 28	Potters Vikin
May 5	Wilson, Spicer
May 12	Divens-Bruffey, Wosinsky
May 19	McCalls, Stevenson
May 26	Telford, Deery



tracked. Posting the reports online is one among the membership. Look for them, and while, I hope you all can attend our next potluck "T-Party" on April 6. I'll be there to answer any questions you may have about our financial status, past and present.

To all who contribute to UUFBF, financially and otherwise, a big THANK YOU!

~ Leslie, Treasurer

A Note from Leslie...

The 2012-2013 fiscal year is starting to wind down. With only April, May, and June remaining, I hope you feel comfortable checking with me on the status of your pledge if you're at all uncertain about it. Pledge forms for 2013-2014 have been distributed, and their timely return is appreciated. We need to know what to expect in terms of pledged income before we can begin the budget process. The size of your pledge amount is less important that that you are vested enough in our fellowship to commit some of your discretionary income to keep us up and running!



I also hope you are checking the UUFBF website to look at the monthly treasurer's reports, where income and outgo are way the board hopes to improve communication meeting minutes, too, at www.bigflatsuu.org. Mean-

Due to changes in member attendance, some rearranging has been made to the **Hosting Schedule**. Please take note of your possible new "hosting buddy[ies]." ~ Chris

Calendar and Community Events and Happenings!

- Apr 13 & Apr 27, **Sat 11a-3p**: Corning Winter Farmers' Mkt, Information Center, Centerway Square (inside)
- Apr 13, **Sat 10a-1p**: [Culinary Class: Stephanie Weaver](#) from Peaceweavers' in Bath
- Apr 15, **Mon**: TAXES DUE! :-(
- Apr 16, **Tues**: Russian National Ballet Theatre: [Swan Lake](#), Clemens Center
- Apr 19 **Fri 5p-8p**: [Locally Grown Foods Festival](#), Corning
- Apr 24, **Wed**: Administrative Professionals' Day
- Apr 26-28, **Fri-Sun**: [Anything Goes](#), Clemens Center
- Apr 27-28, **Sat-Sun**: [Arts in Bloom](#); A Steuben County Arts Trail Event
- Apr 27, **Sat**: Healthy Kids' Day and 3K Family Walk, [Corning YMCA](#)

Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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

A Note from Karen...

A big thanks goes out to John Shook for the repair job he did on our ceiling. Thanks, John, from all of us UUs!



The next project is to paint the ceiling and the entryway wall, on the right. One or two more volunteers are needed for this. We have the long handles and I don't think it will take long. Maybe we can do this at the end of April or beginning of May when the temps are higher. Please let me know when you are available.

Jackie Wilson hired someone to clean the UU, including the carpets. I walked into the kitchen and couldn't believe how different it looked. Thanks, Jackie.

Some day we need to tackle the walk-in room in the entry. I don't think it has been cleaned up and out in a long time. Maybe a fresh coat of paint, also.

Lots to do and that's only the inside!!...

~ Karen, Bldgs & Grounds



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
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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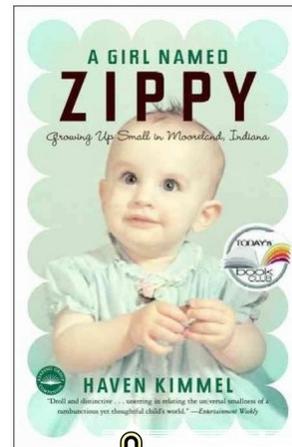
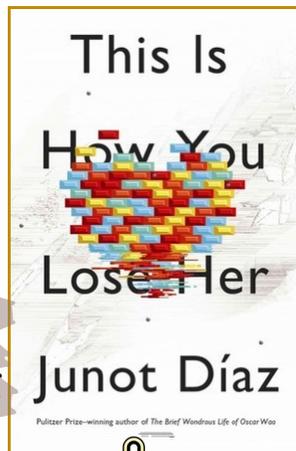
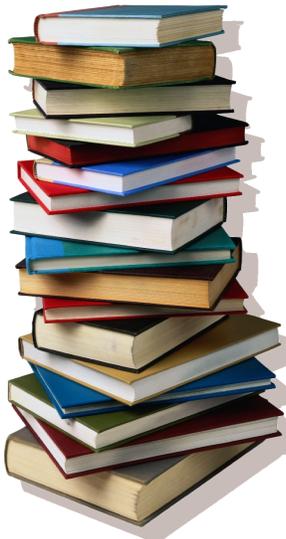
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Karen's Korner



Our Book Nook has been RENAMED (at least this month...) !!!

Member **Karen Reynolds** is reading up a storm. Two recommendations!



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



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