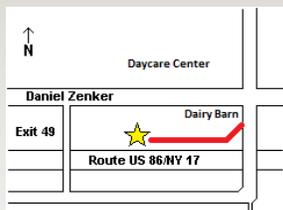


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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

September 2013 Uni-Verse



Service Schedule

September 1: *Last Summer Small Group Session ~ The Vikings' trip to Spain.*

September 8: *Welcome Back Water Ceremony - Please bring a sample of water to represent your travels this summer, whether physical, intellectual or spiritual. We'll take time to share what those travels have been as we rededicate ourselves to our congregational purpose. Service Leader: Carolyn Scopelliti*

September 15: *Christmas in December ~ It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas. Indeed, some people have their shopping all "wrapped up" by now! Some of us, however, have already started to worry about how to make our children and grandchildren happy without violating our UU principles, promoting consumption, or supporting mega-retailers, like Amazon and Toys 'R' Us, as opposed to local merchants. Come prepared to add your ideas on how we each can make the season personally and responsibly memorable. Service Leader: Leslie Potter*

September 22: *Controversial Issues with Don Duggan-Haas, Ph.D ~ Don will talk about the nature of, and the different kinds of, controversial issues, and strategies for talking, teaching, and learning about them. Service leader: Carolyn Scopelliti*

September 29: *Poetry Slam ~ Joe Vikin will read poems from his "Philo-Misogyny" collection. The audience will read their favorite poems, either their own or from their favorite author(s). Service leader: Sonia Vikin*

Ingathering time is almost here, although many of us have been here, attending the Fellowship services, throughout the summer. Water Communion will be held September 8th. Please remember to bring water from your temporal and/or spiritual travels (or simply substitute water from our Fellowship facilities). Most importantly, bring your stories; if you'd rather not speak, that is fine, too. I will be

leading the service, but I am counting on all of you to bring the substance.

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
Sept 1	SMALL GROUP...
Sept 8	Brenner, Paquette
Sept 15	Vikin, Mann
Sept 22	Potter, Allen
Sept 29	Wilson, Spicer
Oct 6	Divens-Bruffey, Wosinski
Oct 13	McCall, Stevenson
Oct 20	Telford, Coppola

We must prepare for Ingathering! There will be a work party Saturday, September 7, at 1:00pm. Let us make our temporal space as welcoming as it should be. I know that is a tall order, but please come, beautify, organize, maintain, arrange and clean. We are expecting a new baby, as well as many ex-babies. Then at 3:00pm, we are having a pizza party!



Work Party!

**Saturday, September 7,
1 PM – 3 PM**

Come to the Fellowship and help spruce up the place for the coming year. Music, laughter and some sore muscles are promised! And a pizza party follows all our hard work!



Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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

Want to Add an Event to the Online Calendar?

Anyone can!

Go to [http://](http://www.bigflatsuu.org)

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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A Few Words from Leslie...



The new clerestory windows -- the upper ones that run the length of the building, seven in all -- have been replaced! They look great, and should improve on our building's energy efficiency this winter; this is a step in right direction ecologically, aesthetically and economically. Thanks to M&P Windows for a great job and a reasonable price. The final tab, even with replacing wood rot on 5 of the 7 sills and



wrapping all of them with aluminum to make them maintenance-free, came to under \$5,000, considerably less than the up to \$7,000 that the congregation approved at the June meeting.

M&P likes to say that they clean the windows once (after installation, of course!); after that it's up to us. The regular windows are in need of cleaning now. Let's make the place gleam! Come to clean-up day at 1 PM on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Calendar & Community Happenings and Events

- **Mondays (thru Oct 28) 3p-6p:** [Grove Park Farmers' Mkt](#)
- **Thursdays (thru Oct 17) 10a-4p:** [Corning Farmers' Mkt](#), Riverfront Centennial Park
- **Thursdays (thru Sept 26) 10a-4p:** [Elmira Farmers' Mkt](#)
- Sept 2, **Mon:** Labor Day
- Sept 4, **Wed:** First Day of School (Elmira/Corning)
- Sept 7, **Sat,** 10-4: [Whingblinger Heritage Festival](#), Corning
- Sept 8, **Sun:** National Grandparent's Day
- Sept 13, **Fri:** Jewish Holiday - Yom Kippur
- Sept 14, **Sat,** 9-5: [Curtiss Fall Flying Festival](#), Hammondsport, NY
- Sept 20-21, **Fri-Sat:** [Harvest Music Festival](#), Corning, NY
- Sept 22, **Sun:** Autumnal Equinox
- Sept 28, **Sat,** 9-1: [All-Star Shenanigans](#), Corning, NY

Reading Corner



This nook is for YOU! If you've read any recent books that you just can't wait to share with the Fellowship, submit a little review to [Chris Telford](#) and she will include it in this corner! Have fun! Maybe it's not a BOOK, but a website, or catchy infographic. Let your imagination run!