

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally
inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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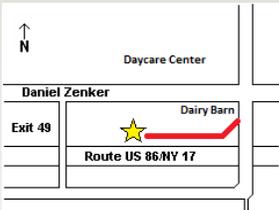
Service Schedule

October 6 - *Sky Moss and 'The Real Columbus.'* ~ Sky is a Professor of History at Corning Community College. *Service Leader:* Elizabeth Shook.

October 13 - *Dick Dubois and Machu Pichu* ~ Recently retired from his position as President of Central Recycling Coop in Horseheads, Dick has been active for years with Rotary. With fellow Rotarians, they visited Peru, including Machu Pichu, of which he will be showing slides and discussing what they saw and learned. *Service Leader:* Leslie Potter.

October 20 - *Homer Wilkins - "Some Thoughts on the American Dream: Its Promises and Problems"* ~ The phenomenon of the "American Dream" was evidently not given a name until 1931. However, some of its aspects have been in operation ever since the first settlements were established by Europeans in what became the U.S.A. This sermon focuses on some of the positive and negative implications of the "Dream," its effect on in Homer's own life, and his current concerns over some of the adverse consequences of the Dream. *Service Leader:* Carolyn Scopelliti

October 27 – *Darcey Laine* joins us once again... Topic to be announced...



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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!

Carolyn's Column

This past month, I went to a meeting, at the Ithaca Church, with people from area congregations, entitled "A Conversation about Growth." The only thing we talked about, that was specific to our religion, was that it is difficult to explain. My personal theory is that Unitarian Universalism is no more difficult to explain than Christianity, Judaism or Islam; it is just that most people are already familiar with those, so they know better than to ask. Individual practitioners are much less likely to be called upon to sum up their entire religion in a few succinct sentences. Furthermore, (boy, howdy!) there would be a lot of salient verity within each religion's description if they were called upon to do so. I do wish that when folks from many UU places got together, they would strategize more about how to inform and educate the general public about who we are.



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 6	Divens-Bruffey, Wosinski
Oct 13	McCall, Stevenson
Oct 20	Telford, Coppola
Oct 27	
Nov 3	
Nov 10	
Nov 17	
Nov 24	

We did talk about being welcoming, which we are quite good at. We must keep this up. Currently, I feel there is some room for improvement before we cross the line to being cloying. There was also discussion about 'closing the back door', the upshot of which was showing appreciation and affection to one another. (I love you all) Generally, we do that well now. Our little Fellowship has had people leave, for substantive reasons, who had been coming for quite a while. There was no mention of anything like that... Hhmmm.

I was reminded of the importance of updating and improving our electronic presence. We have much room for improvement in that area. Maybe we should start a committee that meets only in cyberspace to address this.

One thing I learned is the acronym GINE: "Great Idea! No Energy". It may be useful at our Fellowship. We are almost always agreeing about what we should do. Doing it is quite another matter.

The Finger Lakes TKGGA Chapter

The local chapter of TKGGA covering the southern Finger Lakes including Corning, Hornell, Bath, Watkins Glen, Big Flats, Horseheads, and Elmira, NY.

We are a local chapter of The Knitting Guild Association. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 pm from September through June at UUFBF. During the summer there is one group event as well. Meetings consist of group projects, individual projects, tutorials, show-and-tell and whatever members want to work on. Occasionally we bring in guest teachers (sometimes for an added fee), but mostly members volunteer to lead projects or demonstrate a technique. Dues are \$7 per year. We'd love to have new members join anytime.



This is an educational group with members from advanced to beginning knitters. We, teach, share, support and encourage each other.

If you are interested in joining, visit their [website](#) or talk to [Renata Brenner](#).

The St. Lawrence District UU Women & Religion

is hosting the Fourth Annual Women's Spirituality Conference on October 11-12 at the First UU Society of Syracuse. For more information about the conference and to register, please visit our [website](#). You may also call or [email](#) Jody Brown at (315) 476-0447. Thank you!

TEDx

ChemungRiver

x = independently organized TED event

November 9, CMOG

10:30AM - 6PM

\$40 [Registration Fee](#)

The Chemung River is the convergence of three rivers that eventually go on to connect to one of the most important watersheds in our region. And like these systems of natural beauty, TEDxChemungRiver will be the convergence of intellectual thought and creativity from which the attendees will have an extraordinary opportunity to share ideas with other thoughtful minds in our small, yet vibrant, community. For its inaugural year, TEDxChemungRiver chose the theme It Connects Us. TEDx is truly about "Ideas Worth Spreading."

Visit the [website](#) for more info on [speakers](#). Also see Jackie Wilson!

JIM SCOTT

Saturday Oct 26 at the Fellowship

7pm for a Free Will Offering
(see Elizabeth Brown-Shook for more information)



Composer, guitarist and singer Jim Scott has visited over 500 UU churches. Several of his songs are in our UU Hymnbooks, including the much loved "Gather the Spirit." Formerly a member of the Paul Winter Consort and co-composer of their Missa Gaia/Earth Mass, Jim has toured the world, recorded a number of CDs of original music and published a growing line of choral works. Jim helped create the

"Green Sanctuary" program for churches to become more sustainable, and has gathered and written the "Earth and Spirit Songbook," a collection of 110 songs of Earth and peace by many contemporary composers. A former board member of the UU Musicians Network, Jim has long been at the forefront of the movement for new music in the denomination. He has lead courses in Improvisation at such prestigious music schools as Oberlin College and has a knack for putting participants in touch with their innate creativity power of musical expression.



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

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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
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...



Last Sunday we held a mini-election to determine which three charities/organizations should receive our first Sunday donations. We will be starting with the Kramer Foundation, followed by Camp Good Days and Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes. PPSFL was, as usual, the largest vote-getter! Close contenders were the Humane Society and Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

Reminder!! ~ I want to remind folks that the most recent treasurer's report is online. The reports are cumulative, meaning that each month is added to a spreadsheet until June's report, the final one of the fiscal year. I can always provide details. if you should have a question about a category amount.

Catholic Charities

Second Place East

We, as a Fellowship, have been a part of Second Place East, Inc. for many years. This is the former Friends of Second Place East group, currently composed of members from 9 churches. Our current efforts are focused on The Help for the Home Shop, which provides some of the basics needed by people who are moving into new housing from the homeless shelter or other program. Referrals come from a variety of sources, including the Bath VA, the Second Place East shelter in Elmira, SafeHouse, and the American Red Cross.

This year, we are asking for some of the items on the list from our member churches on a rotating basis. We UU's are being asked for the following items during the following months:

OCTOBER: Toothbrushes (singly packaged) and toothpaste

NOVEMBER: bar soap

DECEMBER: toilet paper

JANUARY: paper towels

FEBRUARY: laundry detergent

MARCH: dish detergent

I will post the list at the Fellowship. These items need to be replenished regularly at the Shop, and their donation will help keep needed cash for more expensive items. Please join in; pick up an item or two when you are out shopping and bring it to the Fellowship. I will get it to The Shop.

Thank you! ~ Marcia Allen

Farmers' Markets ~ There's Still Time!

- **Mondays (thru Oct 28) 3p-6p:** [Grove Park Farmers' Mkt](#)
- **Thursdays (thru Oct 17) 10a-4p:** [Corning Farmers' Mkt](#), Riverfront Centennial Park

