

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally
inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY

November 2013 Uni-Verse



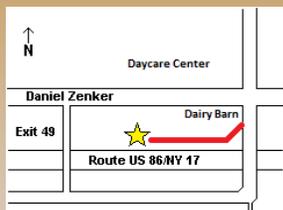
Service Schedule

November 3: *Saints Preserve Us: an All-Saints' Day Reflection* ~ Member Elizabeth Brown-Shook gives us her take on sainthood and saints. *Service Leader:* Elizabeth

November 10: *'A Christian Atheist: An Oxymoron??'* - Robert Duckmanton of Corning will speak on the case for respectful agnosticism. What is an atheist? What is a heretic? What merits the adjective "Christian" and the concepts of "The Way" and of "Chi?" Also: the "God" concept. *Service Leader:* Sonia Vikin.

November 17: *Micro-Finance* ~ Have you ever wanted to know more about micro-finance? Join us as Elmira College economics professor Mariam Khawar talks about the origins of micro-lending and its economic impact in developing countries, especially upon women. Finally, Dr. Khawar will talk about ways that people can get involved in this exciting phenomenon. *Service Leader:* Corey McCall.

November 24: *Reconsidering the Doctrine of Discovery* ~ Rev. Darcey Laine ponders: "Why is it that we say Columbus 'discovered' America when it is common knowledge that plenty of folks were already living here when he arrived? This Sunday, we join with UUs around the country in examining the assumptions and legal doctrines that allow us to overlook indigenous peoples in global expansion, and consider these in light of our Unitarian Universalist Principles."



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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!



A Story About a Furnace

Once there was an efficient little furnace, a twenty first century bargain. It was purchased (installation included) by a little green community. There was a big noisy wasteful thing that blew very hot air where the new little furnace would go. The new little furnace had been built to blow gently warmed air, but much more of it than old furnace. It was designed to blow the nice warm air through nice wide ducts. But the little community's home was built upon a slab. Ducts had been laid before concrete was poured. The ducts were wide enough for the old noisy, hot, inefficient furnace. They were much too small for the new furnace, but installation was included and installed it was.

The little furnace did what it could; it warmed air and blew it though the ducts. How nice, thought the little community and apparently the installers, too. Soon the little furnace stopped blowing. Its insides were too hot. It was designed to shut itself off before it got dangerously hot. It could not get the heat away from itself fast enough to fully heat the home of the little community. When it had cooled down a little it started blowing again.

The thermostat was blamed. The programming of the thermostat was blamed. The little community did what it was best at: it discussed the problem. Also, they called the people who installed the furnace. Repairmen came. The repairmen would examine and tinker with the little furnace. They worked as though the little furnace had once worked properly, and they were to return it to how it had once been. But, almost as though it had been designed to trick people, the little furnace would turn itself off after about 15 minutes, but if the repairman tinkered for a longer time and then tested it, it would run longer. The repairman would sigh with relief and pack his tools and leave. The furnace simply ran longer because it had cooled longer, but it is understandable the repairman was fooled. (The repair people were not paid).

The discussion continued. "Insulation," they cried. "Heat rises" they said. "It is the wrong size", some asserted. There was no mention of the ducts. Then, finally the ducts were checked. They were not blocked. More discussion. A mild winter. Good attendance. Spring then Summer. And so it went. An electric heater was brought in, then another...

Eventually, an expert was called in. The manufacturer was phoned (they didn't answer e-mails). There was some understanding. It is a little like my first marriage -- There is nothing wrong with the furnace; there is nothing wrong with the ducts. They just are not compatible! Although insulation is good, no amount of insulation will make up for this. Furnaces are no longer made for such small ducts. Over-head ducts? Maybe but they would cost more than twice as much as the little furnace, and no tradesperson has seemed confident that that is wise.

What is the moral of this story? One of the morals is this: Do not turn our thermostat down! The little furnace can maintain a temperature,

but it cannot raise it more than one degree. I know this goes against the grain of our green community, but turning down the thermostat may have killed our fledgling choir. The electric supplemental heaters are not a permanent solution. I do not know what the ultimate moral of this story is. Please advise...



Saturday, Nov. 16,

7:30pm

171 Cedar Arts, Drake House Studio

\$15 at the door

(Full Time HS, college w ID, and wheelchair: Half Price)

Children 14 and Under: FREE

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Rhonda
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Calendar & Community Happenings and Events

- **Corning Winter Farmer's Mkt, 11a-3p:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays, inside Corning Information Center, Centerway Square.
- Nov 3, **Sun, 2a:** Daylight Savings Time Ends (*Clocks BACK 1 hr*)
- Nov 11, **Mon:** Veterans' Day
- Nov 21, **Thurs, 5:30p:** Northside Tree Lighting Ceremony, Corning
- Nov 28, **Thurs:** Thanksgiving AND 1st Day Hanukkah
- Nov 30, **Sat, 6p-10p:** Centerway Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights, Corning
- Dec 1, **Sun:** Steege Hill November Hike (Pat 607-936-8312 for info)

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| 1. Carve | 11. Holiday |
| 2. Celebrate | 12. November |
| 3. Colonist | 13. Pilgrim |
| 4. Cornucopia | 14. Platter |
| 5. Cranberry | 15. Pumpkin |
| 6. Dessert | 16. Thanksgiving |
| 7. Farmer | 17. Tradition |
| 8. Feast | 18. Turkey |
| 9. Gather | 19. Vegetable |
| 10. Harvest | 20. Worship |

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Fellowship Hosting

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.

REMINDER
All members are welcome to attend board meetings, which normally take place the third Sunday of the month, after the service (at ~11:45, unless you hear otherwise.)



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| Date | Hosts |
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| Nov 3 | Reynolds, Scopelliti |
| Nov 10 | Brenner, Paquette |
| Nov 17 | Vikin, Mann |
| Nov 24 | Potter, Allen |
| Dec 1 | Wilson, Divens-Bruffey, Wosinski |
| Dec 8 | McCall, Stevenson |
| Dec 15 | Telford, Coppola |
| Dec 22 | Glenn/Martin, Maloney/Halm |


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Clemens Center, Nov 19-21, 7:30p