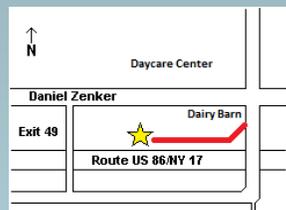


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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

January 2014 Uni-Verse

Service Schedule

January 5: *Our Religious Journeys* ~ A participatory service about why and how we came to our Fellowship, and how each of us has changed our religious practices and beliefs throughout our lives. If you are so inclined, come ready to share your story.

Service Leader: Carolyn Scopelliti

January 12: *Boundaries* with Rev. Darcey Laine ~ Without boundaries, life as we know it could not exist. Membranes allow a cell or a body to survive as a complex organism, limiting what gets in and what gets out. This year, for Evolution Weekend, we celebrate membranes and boundaries, considering how they are a critical part of all living systems and how, as the poet says, "good fences make good neighbors."

January 19: *Is Tolerance a Virtue?* ~ Member Corey McCall discusses how Unitarian Universalists often claim 'tolerance for all' as a core tenet; there is nothing wrong with tolerance, and we should be all for it. However, is refraining from being rude to someone really something to be proud of? In other words, is tolerance really a virtue?

January 26: *Climate Disruption is Very Very Real* ~ Elizabeth Whitehouse will talk about the seriousness of the climate situation, as well as what we, as individuals, can do to mitigate the problem. Also, she will discuss the [Climate Reality Project](#) which was founded by Al Gore, with the intention of educating the world about the very real danger that climate disruption has placed us in.

Service Leader: Sonia Vikin.



Letter from the editor

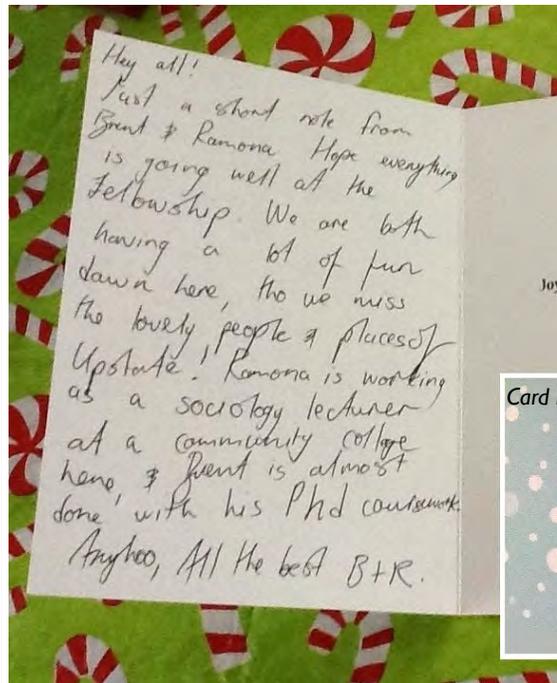
I received an email from Darcey after the December newsletter was published, and I would like to share its contents with everyone...

Dear Christine,
I noticed that the bio in the newsletter is written from the point of view of the Athen's church, rather than Big Flats. On reading it over, I wrote a special version of the last paragraph for use at Big Flats:

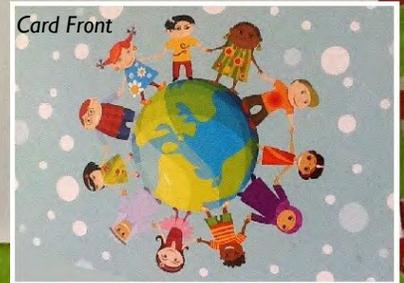
"Right after school ended in the summer of 2007 my family and I moved to Ithaca New York to lead a more family-centered life. We spent our first year enjoying living downtown after so many years of living in suburbia, and introducing our son to the joys of snow and a warm home on a cold day. I served for one year as a housing caseworker for low income families, before being called to serve as Parish Minister of the UU Church of Athens and Sheshequin. I have served as their settled minister ever since. I began preaching at UUFBF in 2008, and feel honored that you continue to invite me back to share these Sunday mornings with you."

Also, I think it's important for folks to know the difference between a "settled minister," a "consulting minister," and a "visiting minister" or "supply preacher." I think the title of my biography would more accurately be something like "About our Preacher" or "About our Visiting Minister" or "About our Itinerant Preacher."

Holiday Greetings from Brent & Ramona



Joyful tidings for peace on earth and goodwill toward all



"Hey All! Just a short note from Brent and Ramona. Hope everything is going well at the Fellowship. We are both having a lot of fun down here, tho we miss the lovely people & places of Upstate! Ramona is working as a sociology lecturer at a community college here & Brent is almost done with his PhD coursework. Anyhoo, All the Best, B & R"



Big Thanks to our BELL RINGERS this Holiday Season, at Minier's Plaza. We were quite successful at raising money for the Big Flats Community Food Pantry.

Left: Leslie and Frank Potter

Right: Jeni Paquette, Dan Paquette and Dwayne Neal.

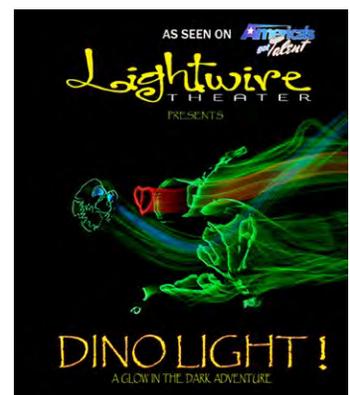
Other Ringers Not Pictured: The McCalls ~ the Vikings ~ Jackie & Doug Wilson ~ Alta Stevenson ~ Tamara Miller, Sarah & Emily ~ Jen Spicer ~ Elizabeth Shook.

Calendar & Community Happenings and Events

- **Corning Winter Farmer's Mkt, 11a-3p:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays, inside Corning Information Center, Centerway Square.
- Jan 1, **Tues:** New Year's Day 2014!
- Jan 3, **Fri, 4-5:15:** **Lecture: Iroquois Tales with Jenny Monroe**, Bath Fire Hall, Bath, NY
- Jan 16, **Thurs, 5:30-7:30:** **CMOG'S 2300 "Drink it In."**
- Jan 17, **Fri, 5-7:** **Opening Reception: Salvaged, Outsider Art in the So. Tier**
- Jan 20, **Mon:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 31, **Fri:** Chinese New Year
- Jan 31-Feb 1, **Fri/Sat:** **Wine on Ice**, First Arena

DINO-LIGHT!

Sun Jan 5, 2pm, Clemens Center
Adult \$12, Youth (under 18) \$6



Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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



UNIRONDACK
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Summer Camp for UU Youth and Families

Registration for UU summer camp experiences for our youth and families is under way. Sessions fill quickly at many of the UU Camp and Conference Centers, and now is the time to register to avoid waiting lists.

Many youth from the region attend Unirondack, a UU Camp and Conference Center in the forever-wild Adirondacks in upstate New York. The camp provides an opportunity for children and families to live our UU values in a creative, accepting and nurturing community outside the doors of our congregation. For more information about Unirondack, and to register for summer camp or weekend programs, visit their website at <http://www.unirondack.org/>.

Other Camp and Conference Centers in the region include Rowe, Ferry Beach, Star Island, and Murray Grove. In addition, for folks looking for experiences further from home, there is DeBenneville Pines in California, U-Bar-U in Texas, Unistar in Minnesota, and The Mountain in North Carolina.

Many of the centers have year-round programs. All provide an opportunity for personal growth, fellowship and community.

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
Jan 5	Brenner, Paquette
Jan 12	Vikin, Mann
Jan 19	Potter, Allen
Jan 26	Wilson, Wosinski
Feb 2	McCall, Stevenson
Feb 9	Telford, Coppola
Feb 16	Glenn/Martin, Maloney/Halm
Feb 23	Reynolds, Scopelliti

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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Meaningful Movies at Park Church

7pm, Wednesday, January 8
Beecher Hall, Park Church, 208 W Gray St.
(West Side of Winer Park)

TRIGGER
THE RIPPLE EFFECT
OF GUN VIOLENCE

Discussion following:
Is There A Faithful Response?

Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence is a documentary that frames gun violence as a "Disaster" and "Public Health" issue by taking an in depth look at how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities, while also giving voice to the questions and insights that arise from these conversations. In the documentary, all those scarred by gun violence eventually arrived at the same question: "Why...Why did this happen to us?" After looking at these in depth experiences of gun violence, *Trigger* turns its attention to the bigger question: "What can we do to prevent gun violence?"

Length: 54 minutes