

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally
inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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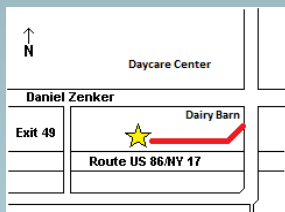
Service Schedule

February 2: *Appreciative Economics, with Steve Seaberg* ~ The world is suffering from money sickness... Are we a part of the disease? ~ **Service Leader:** Alta Stevenson

February 9: *The Continually Evolving Human Story - How Science Nurtures Our Sense of The Sacred, with Gary McCaslin* ~ This talk will explore the importance of stories, which define who we are and how we live our lives. Stories make us laugh and cry, unite and divide us as individuals and nations and help us find our place in the Universe. Finally, at this point in the history of humanity, stories are important because our survival may depend on the stories we tell. ~ **Service Leader:** Corey McCall

February 16: *The Quest to the Spiritual Way, with Robert Duckman-ton* ~ **Service Leader:** Jeni Paquette

February 23: *Digital Currency, with Keith House* ~ Over the past few years, several "digital" currencies that offer potential advantages over existing paper currencies and credit cards have appeared on the scene. These are completely intangible – they exist only as keys that represent your account, and your passcodes, and they are protected with cryptography. It runs and exists entirely within the internet. The promises are many. Can this really work? ~ **Service Leader:** Sonia Vi-kin



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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

How was your Christmas? Perhaps I should I ask “How was your Winter Holiday,” in the interest of UU inclusiveness...

In any case, I was torn about how to answer that question. I could say mine was nice, because many aspects of it *were* nice. The scarves I had made were a surprising hit. My nieces wore them around in a heated building way more than mere politeness would explain. But my Christmas celebration was overshadowed with something that appeared to be tragic, something that was immediately shrouded in secrecy. It seemed unspeakably awful. I thought seriously about not telling my church family.



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

I love our Fellowship. It was a foolish thought.

The Sunday after Christmas my son was still in the hospital. His future seemed way more uncertain, than the future usually seems. It seemed bleak. Just not having him with me at Christmas had been traumatic for me. Hearing the word ‘psychotic’ was both a terrible upset and a relief, (there had been signs). So, on that Sunday I told my religious community what was happening. It is still a serious situation that must be dealt with in realistic, (that is Unitarian Universalist) way. But telling helped. It is just a problem like many problems that people cope with as part of life. I felt supported and, as usual, accepted.

I hope some of you take this moral from this story: Strengthen your ties, or keep them strong, within a religious community. It is a very real and significant kind of insurance, whether it seems it or not... the future is not certain.

My son is doing well, although there is a new and complicated layer of concern about his life. He is back to living and working on his own, and his manners towards me, his mother are much improved.

~ Carolyn

Calendar & Community Happenings and Events

- **Corning Winter Farmer's Mkt, 11a-3p:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays, inside Corning Information Center, Centerway Square.
- Feb 2, **Sunday:** Groundhog Day & Superbowl XLVIII
- Feb 2, **Sun, 2 & 4:20:** After Tiller (**see next page for details**), Cinemapolis, Ithaca
- Feb 5, **Wed, 7:30:** Sherman Alexie: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Rockwell Museum
- Feb 11, **Tues, 7:30:** Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel, Clemens Ctr
- Feb 13, **Thur:** 7-9: “What is Outsider Art and Why Should We Care?” Film Panel
- Feb 14, **Friday:** Valentine's Day
- Feb 15-16, **Sat-Sun, All Day:** Cheese and Wine Lovers Weekend, Keuka Wine Trail
- Feb 17, **Monday:** Presidents Day
- Feb 18, **Tues, 7:30pm:** Rain, A Tribute to the Beatles, Clemens Ctr
- Feb 20, **Thurs, 5:30-7:30:** CMOG 2300: Multiplied
- Feb 28, **Fri, 5-8:** Cabin Fever, Corning Mkt St

Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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



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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"THE MOST COMPELLING AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTARY OF THE YEAR." - Filmmaker Magazine

AFTER TILLER

A film by Martha Shane & Lana Wilson



SPECIAL SHOWING IN ITHACA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
@ 2:00 P.M. & 4:20 P.M.

Panel of local leaders in women's sexual health from 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CINEMAPOLIS

120 East Green Street, Ithaca Commons

TICKETS FOR THIS MATINEE ARE \$8
A portion of the proceeds go to Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes

TO WATCH THE TRAILER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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News from 'The Shop!'

[LITTLE BACKGROUND, FOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR... 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 pro-gram. Referrals come from a variety of sources, including the Bath VA, the Second Place East shelter in Elmira, SafeHouse, and the American Red Cross.]

THANK YOU!, to all who have helped keep the shelves stocked at The Home Shop! We UUs provided paper towels, in January, **and our item for February is laundry detergent.** Smaller, 32 to 50 oz. sizes are best.

The last two deliveries I made from our Fellowship included: **8 rolls of toilet paper, 15 bars of soap, 8 tubes of toothpaste, 13 toothbrushes, and 17 rolls of paper towels.** (I regret that I did not keep a clear record of the first delivery. Our total should reflect those items as well.)

We rotate requests for needed items among our member churches, and this has been quite successful so far. The focus of The Shop is people who have been homeless, and are moving into new housing.

In the first half of January, The Shop assisted 8 adults and 3 children with "start-up" supplies, from sheets and blankets to eating and cooking materials, cleaning and personal care items, all without charge.

Thanks again, for helping out!
~ Marcia Allen