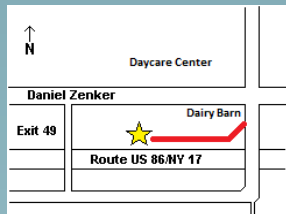


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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

April 2014 Uni-Verse



Service Schedule

April 6: UU and You! ~ A group participatory service, discussing how a Unitarian Universalist lifestyle appeals to you and why you've chosen it in your life. ~ **Service Leader:** Carolyn Scopelliti

April 13: Women in Politics: an Insider's View, with Denise King. ~ Ms. King is presently a political consultant and adjunct professor at Elmira College. She has extensive political experience working with the campaigns of candidates for the U.S. Senate and President. She has been an Electoral College member twice and a delegate to 3 national conventions. With her we will examine the role of women in today's political arena. ~ **Service Leader:** Leslie Potter

April 20: Celebrate our Fellowship: Pancake Breakfast and Talent Show ~ UUFBF members will share their oratory and visual gifts with others. **The Oratory Gifts** - Might be singing, playing an instrument, telling a story or reading a poem. Please let Joe or Ron know what you plan to do. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet at the UU Fellowship. **The Visual Gifts** - These are any hand-made projects. Example: sewing, ceramics, knitting, weaving, painting, wood work, etc. Please sign-up on the Visual Art related gifts sheet or let Sonia Vikin know what you plan to display. ~ **Talent Show Emcees:** Ron Telford and Joe Vikin

April 27: Is Football a Moral Issue?, with Frank Anastasio, retired Professor of English at CCC. ~ Some cultural activities are paradoxical: they seem to exhibit positive values but at a great cost. Could football be such an example? To answer this question, we will look at the role played by the NFL - the money involved, its influence on American culture, its regard for the health of its players, its contradictions. Also, we will focus on high school football, how it may be a benefit and also a threat. ~ **Suggestion from Mr. Anastasio** - If anyone wants to prepare for the talk, look for the Frontline program on PBS called "NFL: League of Denial" or you can Google "High School Football and Concussions" ~ **Service Leader:** Joe Vikin

Carolyn's Column



It is that time of year again. I am referring to a time which is more certain than the coming of Spring. It is pledge season. It is time to talk about finances. Of course we do it every board meeting.

I feel good about how the present board has allocated funds. We have bought some expensive things: new upper windows, a new front door. Those were clearly necessary to keep the weather and wild life outside and should pay for themselves over time. A lot of money goes for responsible stuff, like insurance premiums and energy bills. Some funds go to speakers and music. Other than that we haven't bought anything other than stuff like copier ink and toilet paper. There have been no extravagant or frivolous purchases. I cannot think of anything from which I have even a hint of buyer's remorse. You should feel secure and happy your contributions are being used effectively and efficiently toward the purposes of our Fellowship.

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
Apr 6	Telford, Coppola
Apr 13	Glenn/Martin, Maloney/Halm
Apr 20	PANCAKE B-FAST
Apr 27	Reynolds, Scopelliti
May 4	Brenner, Paquette
May 11	Vikin, Mann
May 18	Potter, Allen
May 25	Wilson, Wosinski

Alas, all is not well. Lately, we have been spending slightly more than has been coming in. Our financial cushion has been shrinking. Obviously, this is unsustainable. We need to increase our income. We will have a rummage sale this spring. (Thank you Chris) That will help. But we need your pledges for the coming year. Ask yourself, are you giving the right amount for you?

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P. 5. for an overview of where our money comes from see the February 2013 newsletter.

~ Carolyn

Leslie's Column



With three months left to go in the current fiscal year—which runs from last July through this June—it's once again time to consider next year's pledge. This has been a very expensive year for our Fellowship, including the cost of new clerestory windows, two new doors (the emergency door hasn't been installed yet), a major furnace repair, and staggering heating bills. The good news behind these im-

provements is that our energy costs will be contained, especially as the northeast is looking toward higher natural gas prices next season, and mice should not be able to get in! The bad news is that our fellowship's coffers are nearly \$7,000 below when we started the fiscal year.

(Many thanks to Karen Reynolds for coordinating the improvements, and to Carolyn Scopelliti for dealing with a heating situation with no prior HVAC experience!)

Back to pledging... (which, by the way, is not a treasurer's function, but we are without a stewardship committee at present)... We need to build our reserves back up so that future emergencies, remodels (wouldn't we love new flooring!), and program expansions, including a more robust religious education program, can be afforded.

As I prepare to leave my position as treasurer, I encourage everyone to pledge, even if the amount is small, as it indicates a level of commitment to our fellowship. And to those who are currently pledging, please consider increasing the amount of your pledge, if at all possible. Five dollars more each month will add \$60 to our funds in one year, times all those who do the same!

~ Leslie

Craft-n-Chat!
 Wednesday, 4/9
 10a-1pm

Bring your favorite craft, hobby or art project and your gabbin' skills and come on down! Light snacks and coffee will be provided.

"The Throwaways courageously explores the most pressing racial justice issue of our time: the mass incarceration of poor people of color."

-Michelle Alexander
The New Jim Crow

from the producer of *4 Little Girls* and *Slavery By Another Name*

THE THROWAWAYS

a film by Bhawin Suchak & Ira McKinley

Showing in Elmira, on
Wed., Apr. 9, 2014, at
the Park Church's
'Meaningful Movies'
film series:

- Free and Open to All
- The Park Church, 208 W Gray St.
- in Beecher Hall, please enter thru parking lot door, near Gray St.
- 6:30 PM: coffee provided, bring snacks to share
- 7:00 PM: Welcome and Introduction
- 7:10 PM: "The Throwaways"
- 8:15 to 9 PM: panel discussion/Q&A

Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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



Dear Spring,
Feel free to show up anytime now. Thanks.

Love,
The Twin Tiers



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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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Search for "Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats" and click 'LIKE'

Calendar & Community Happenings and Events

- Apr 6, **Sun**, 12-5pm: [Apartment Tour](#), Corning
- Apr 8,9, **Tues,Wed**, 7:30pm: [Cirque Dreams Rocks](#), Clemens Center
- Apr 12, **Sat**, 10-4pm: One-Day Workshop: [Marble Making](#), CMOG
- Apr 15, **Tues**: First Day of Passover
- Apr 15, **Tues**: Tax Day!
- Apr 20, **Sun**: Easter and UUFBF Talent Show
- Apr 26, **Sat**, 7:30:Valley Folk Music: [Bruce Molsky](#), Corning.
- Apr 26-27, **Sat-Sun**,All day:[Arts in Bloom](#); Steuben Cty Arts Trail Event



UNIRONDACK

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Register Now for Summer Camp

Registration for summer camp is filling quickly at the UU Camps and Conference Centers. If you are considering attending as a family or sending your child now is the time to act.

Registration at Unirondack, the camp in upstate New York that many youth and families in our region attend, is already full for their older high school sessions (Ballou). Space still remains in the Parker sessions (for 14-16 year olds) and some of the weeks for younger children, Barton(9-12 year olds) and Channing (12-14 year olds), although they are filling fast. Family Camp at Unirondack has room for a few more families but generally fills by the middle of April.

The UU Camp and Conference Centers provide 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. And don't ignore DeBenneville Pines in California, U-Bar-U in Texas, Unistar in Minnesota, or The Mountain and Shelter Neck in North Carolina.

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



"This has been a suspicious winter. One just watches the sky from the early morning sunrise, in full anticipation of some vast accumulation of snowfall, which usually happens as the sun is setting, in great awesome disbelief, only to spend the entire following day rescheduling your life. But, what a beautiful morning it has become."

~ Sara Katherine Hurley

I am looking for a few good men and women to paint some of the rooms in the back. We have the paint and supplies, just need some painters. We will wait till it warms up some and begin. Please consider volunteering for this endeavor... then come see me!!!

~ Karen
Bldg. & Grounds



COMING SOON: UUFBF

Rummage Sale!

Start gathering your stuff, big and small. All monies go toward the UUFBF. Happening at the Fellowship in May or June. See Chris Telford for details.

