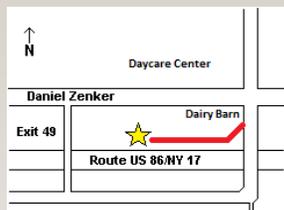


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Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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!

# December 2015 Uni-Verse



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY



## Service Schedule

December 6: World Aid's Day - Getting To Zero ~ with member *Mary Kay Diakite* - Reflecting on the past. Honoring those we love. Mourning those we've lost. Discussing how we get to zero and end this epidemic. *Service Leader: Jackie Wilson*

December 13: Faith at the Crossroads ~ with *Rev. Darcey Laine* ~ When UUs say "Happy Holidays," what holiday do we mean? Unitarian Universalism claims as one of the sources of our living tradition "Wisdom for the world's religion." In truth, many of us grew up in another tradition – Christian Jewish, Pagan or Wiccan, and were shaped by more than one faith as we grew into what we believe today. UU is there for something of a crossroads faith, where these traditions meet and mingle. What does it mean to our own faith journey to be at this crossroads?

December 20: M/S Geology ~ with member *Jean Wosinski* ~ *Service Leader: Sonia Gilabert-Vikin*

December 27: Christmas Carol Sing-a-long ~ with *UUFBF Pianist Barb Bonnelly* ~ Come in slippers and PJs if you'd like! Also, bring any leftover cookies and treats from your own holiday celebrations.

# Wordplay

Meaningful Movies - December 9th  
7 PM Beecher Hall, The Park Church  
208 West Gray St., Elmira, NY 14901  
Church phone: 733-9104

This documentary film provides an in-depth look at "The New York Times" crossword puzzle, its editor Will Shortz and the wonderfully unique and loyal fan base Shortz has built and nurtured during his 12-year tenure at the paper.

**Critics Consensus:** You see them hunched over with their brows furrowed, folded newspaper in hand as they attempt to complete the crossword puzzle. This may even describe you. This ingeniously edited documentary introduces viewers to some of the more dedicated fans of this solitary pastime, none more well-known than the puzzle editor for the New York Times, Will Shortz. This underground world provides a surprising amount of crowd-pleasing entertainment and suspense, especially at the annual crossword tournament. Didn't know there was one, did you?

**Rating:** PG (for some language and mild thematic elements)

**Genre:** Documentary, Musical & Performing Arts, Special Interest

**Directed By:** Patrick Creadon

**Written By:** Patrick Creadon, Christine O'Malley

**Runtime:** 1 hr. 34 min.

## THE 'COMING OF AGE' PROGRAM

Ella Deery (8th grade; mentor Terri Divens-Bruffey), Noel Kephart (12th grade; mentor Garnet Halm), and Olive McCall (8th grade; mentor Liz Martin) from UUFBF are participating in a **Coming of Age** program organized by Rev. Darcey Laine. Two youth from the UU church of Athens-Sheshequin are also participating.

The five, along with youth from two other area UU churches, had a retreat November 6-7 at a Girl Scout Camp in Tully. Liz Martin and Terri Divens-Bruffey represented our church as adult chaperones.

As stated by Rev. Darcy Laine: "Coming of Age is a rite of passage program for Unitarian Universalist youth, grades 8-10, designed to provide experiences for our youth that will help them integrate their childhood into their emerging adulthood with clear sense of themselves and their place in the church and in the world.

The program is designed to help our young people: Explore their own spirituality; Develop a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism; Continue the lifelong process of values clarification; explore their options for service, both to church and to the community; Deepen their relationships with each other and with adults in the church; Come to a positive understanding of their capabilities; Test themselves against their own preconceived limits."

There will be several meetings held at the Big Flats and Athens churches, as well as one other retreat. The next meeting is Dec. 13 at Big Flats, after social time. The program ends May 1.



Can you guess  
who this is? He  
just got engaged  
to be married!  
Answer is on the  
back page...



# UUFBF Member Happenings!



Terri Divens-Bruffey and son Reeder Bruffey at Corning HS's production of "Guys & Dolls"



Samson Telford turns 10!



Nov 8th Service: Lighting candles, remembering those we've lost in our lives...



Ron Telford knows who he's voting for!



"Gone But Not Forgotten" UUFBF members Brent and Ramona Archer having fun at Halloween!

# Bell Ringing at Minier's!

The Big Flats Food Bank (which is run out of the Presbyterian Church on Main St.) has contacted us about ringing the bell at Minier's again this December. The day assigned to us is Tuesday, December 22. Sign up for 1/2 hour stint, or pair up with a buddy and sign up for an HOUR! The sign-up sheet is for the hours between 11 AM - 6 PM, with an effort to fill noon to 5 PM first.



Want to include something in future newsletters?  
**Easy!**  
Email Chris (by the 15th of the month before) at [ceemarie1971@twc.net](mailto:ceemarie1971@twc.net)



Michael Deery!



Congrats, Michael!



**Second Place East**  
Donation Reminder  
**December: Cooking Utensils (Spoon/Spatula)**  
**January: Bath towel & wash-cloth**

Donations can be placed in the box at the front entrance of the Fellowship.  
Thank you! ~ Marcia Allen

## 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
Dec 6	Paquette, Fitzpatrick
Dec 13	Potter, Wosinski
Dec 20	Allen, Telford, Wilson
Dec 27	McCall, Brenner, Spicer
Jan 3	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
Jan 10	Vikin, Scopelliti
Jan 17	Paquette, Fitzpatrick
Jan 24	Potter, Wosinski

**CRAFT-N-CHAT**  
Bring your fave hobby or craft and enjoy some coffee and company, away from the hustle and bustle!  
**Wed 12/16, 11-2 @ the UUFBF**

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