

Welcome to the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally  
inclusive congregation,  
welcoming all!

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# November 2017 Uni-Verse



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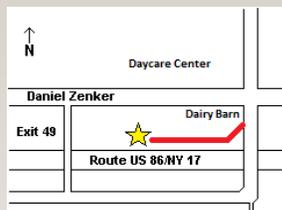
## Service Schedule

November 5: *The Necessary Impossibility of a God-Like Love* ~ We welcome back Rev. Gary McCaslin ~ “All people of faith ~ even Unitarian Universalists and American Baptists, turn to a wide variety of sources for inspiration and guidance in order to aid the belief they are moving in the right direction on the way to a spiritual life full of meaning and worth. When I turn to the Bible for inspiration and guidance, there is often a lot of confusion (and so we call that *mystery*) and a list of impossible tasks for followers. I will share some of my dilemmas and you will be invited to explore and share some of yours. It's a crazy trip ~ being a passenger on Spaceship Earth and I am delighted to be sharing part of the journey learning together.” ~ *Service Leader:* Jeni Paquette

November 12 “*Understanding Powerful Dream Images as Messengers and Teachers*” with *Elaine Mansfield* - Elaine writes: “What happens when we consider dream images to be messengers from deeper realms bringing essential information for self-understanding and inner growth? Powerful and memorable dream images can be teachers when we're curious about them, explore them, and make them conscious. We'll discuss simple techniques for working with dream images on our own. As examples, I'll share a few life-changing dreams and how I explored them. I hope to hear a few dreams from others.” ~ *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

November 19: *Traditional Bread Service, a Contemporary Communion* ~ Please bring some type of bread and related stories and memories to share. We pool our own stories to create the substance of this intergenerational service. Together we will provide both spiritual and tangible food. ~ *Service Leader:* Colleen McCall

November 26: *Sharing Stories of Thanksgiving* ~ This service will be in the tradition of the Small Group setting, as we share stories and memories of Thanksgivings past and present.



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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!



## COMMUNITY READ

On January 21, Rev. Laine will be leading a service based on this eye-opening book by Debby Irving. All are encouraged to join in reading as you are willing and able...

### [Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving](#)

*"For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In Waking Up White, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her-and ultimately for all of us."*

### *October Treasurer's Report with Leslie Potter*

Wow! First Sunday collection in October for Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes netted \$75--way to go, UUFBF! Let's keep it up in November!

We had a good month in October: \$439 in income over expenses (although that above-mentioned \$75 will fall off eventually) which is remarkable, given October had five Sundays, each one with speakers, child care, and piano performance. For those who don't know them, Kelli Holloway is our child care person. Tim Best does his best (Sorry! Couldn't help myself), which is quite great, at the piano Sunday mornings.

Our thanks go out to the Elmira Friends Meeting, who use our facility every Saturday morning, for which they pay \$160 rent every month, and Live Action Role Play (LARP) who provide another \$30 when they meet the 3rd Saturday evening of each month. While we appreciate the added income, we also celebrate the use of our fellowship by others.

And while we're at it, let's shout out a big thanks to Renata and Arthur Brenner for donating all that money from egg sales. The chickens had a rough time of it this year, but we look forward to any overproduction that benefits our membership's health and the building fund, to which all proceeds go.

Thanks to everyone--for coming, contributing, and sharing your time, talents, and presence. We thrive because all of you care.

*Thank you, Leslie*

# AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL

Meaningful Movie ~ Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7 PM ~ Beecher Hall at The Park Church

***Free and Open to All***

**Sponsors:** People for a Healthy Environment, INC  
Mothers Out Front  
The Park Church  
Catholic Charities  
Friends of St. Francis of Assisi



A decade after *An Inconvenient Truth* brought climate change into the heart of popular culture, comes the riveting and rousing follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution. Former Vice President Al Gore continues his tireless fight, traveling around the world to train an army of activists and influence international climate policy. Cameras follow him behind the scenes -- in moments both private and public, funny and poignant -- as he pursues the inspirational idea that while the stakes have never been higher, the perils of climate change can be overcome with human ingenuity and passion.

99 minutes

# October 29 Service pics "The Many People Inside of Us" .....



Want to include something in future newsletters?

**Easy!**

Email Chris (by the 15th of the month before) at [ceemarie1971@twc.com](mailto:ceemarie1971@twc.com)

# GAME NIGHT

Every  
Friday  
Night  
@  
UUFBF  
7pm  
To  
10pm

## 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
Nov 5	Brenner, Potter
Nov 12	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
Nov 19	Stevenson, Spicer
Nov 26	McCall, Wosinski
Dec 3	Telford, Wilson
Dec 10	Scopelliti, Paquette, Fitzpatrick
Dec 17	Brenner, Potter
Dec 24	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn



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