

Welcome to the  
Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally  
inclusive congregation,  
welcoming all!

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# December 2017 Uni-Verse



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY



## Service Schedule

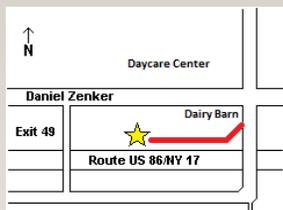
December 3: *PrEP Yourself Against HIV* ~ Members of Arnot Health will lead a discussion about a preventative medicine used to lower your risk of contracting HIV, called PrEP - Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis. Please welcome presenters Anthony Novakowski (Prep Peer Navigator) and Becky Ciotti (Prog Dir and NP) ~ *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

December 10 "Sacred in the Ordinary" with Rev. Darcey Laine - As the winter darkens, sometimes even ordinary things sparkle and shine in the crisp winter's light. Something similar happens when we choose to look at the world with a practice of seeing the sacred in the everyday- even the most humble elements of our lives can begin to reveal themselves as holy.

December 17: *Spiritual But Not Religious - The Good, Bad and Ugly* with Rev. Felicity Wright ~ According to the Pew Research Center, 27% of US adults claim to be "spiritual but not religious," a jump of 8% in just five years. The term is now so popular that it now claims its own abbreviation - SBNR. Compared to the murder and mayhem caused by extremists of many religions, SBNR has to be a positive development in human culture. Yet, many of those who identify as SBNR may feel a certain longing for a more traditional religion, especially at this time of year. We will explore the tension between and the value of *both* spirituality and religion in our lives. ~ *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

December 24: *Christmas Music Extravaganza* ~ Tim, our pianist, will present us with an array of holiday music.

December 31: *Welcoming the New Year* ~ We will gather in a small group format to share our thoughts for the past year, and the year ahead.



### UUFBF Chairs

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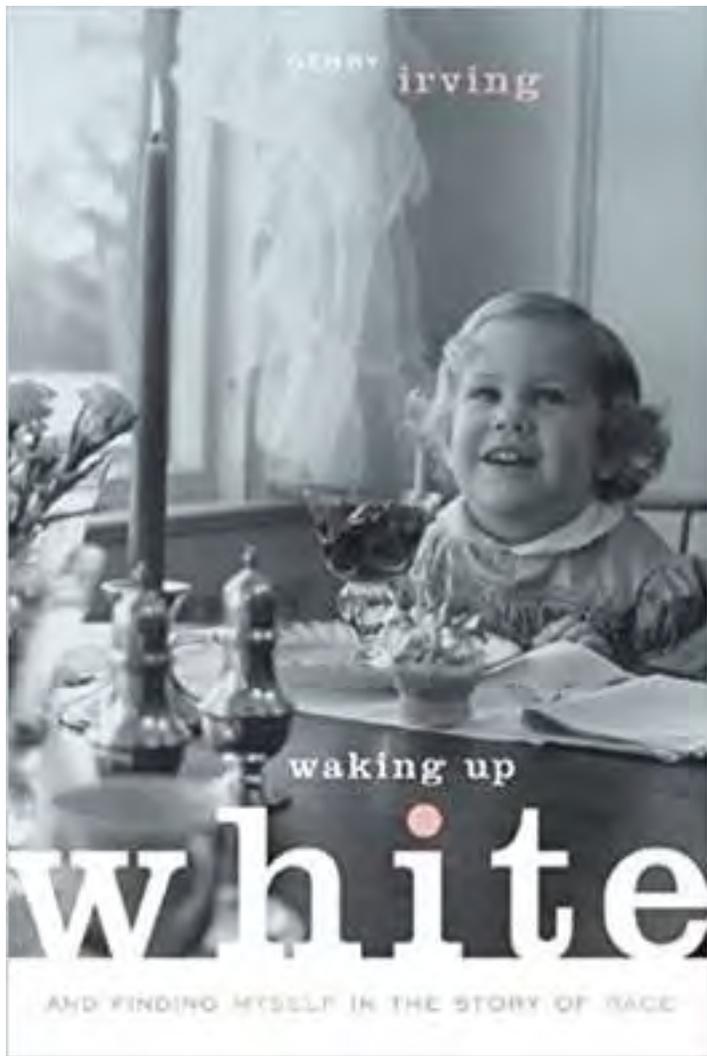
Pianist  
*Tim Best*



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."*



**Hey, didja hear the great news? UUFBF Member Liz Martin got elected to sit on the Hector Town Board!**

# SO VERY THANKFUL

UUFBF enjoying  
Thanksgiving Leftovers  
together, Sunday,  
Nov 26, 2017



# Winter Solstice Bonfire



**Thursday, December 21  
AT THE UU FELLOWSHIP**

**6pm Dish to Pass.**

**BYOB**

**All goodies welcome!**



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
Dec 3	Telford, Wilson
Dec 10	Scopelliti, Paquette, Fitzpatrick
Dec 17	Brenner, Potter, Spicer
Dec 24	Maloney/Halm, Martin/Glenn
Dec 31	McCall, Wosinski
Jan 7	Telford, Wilson
Jan 14	Scopelliti, Paquette, Fitzpatrick
Jan 21	Brenner, Potter, Spicer



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