

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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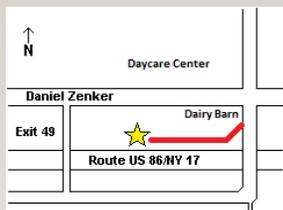
Service Schedule

January 7: "The Gifts of the Magi" with Rev. Felicity Wright Rev. V Wright returns to us to share the story of the three wise men and give us a new way of understanding the ancient story in a way that will be especially compelling for those of us who celebrate our region's history with the Underground Railroad. What is the message of the ancient story of the Magi for us today? **Service Leader:** Jackie Wilson

January 14: 'Go Back to Your Home' with Dr. M. Zaman Marwat Dr. Marwat is the Imam/Director of the Islamic Center in Horseheads, NY. He writes: ""Well, I was born in Manhattan, studied in Florida, and am working in Washington, DC; where do you want me to go?" ~ Muslims and Islam are part and parcel of the Americas. Nay, America is a relatively recent phenomenon. In reality, there is a centuries long history of the Muslim presence in America, which is all too often overlooked or misidentified." Dr. Marwat explores this topic in detail. **Service Leader:** Jeni Paquette

January 21: 'Waking Up White' with Rev. Darcey Laine Any time we turn on the news we can see that racism is real. But sometimes racism is invisible to white people- the subtle and not so subtle ways it blocks opportunities for people of color. This Sunday Rev. Laine begins a conversation about our common read "Waking Up White" (see article below). Whether you've had a chance to read the book or not, join us we collectively rub the sleep out of our eyes; let's wake up and stay awake to racial injustice.

January 28: TBA



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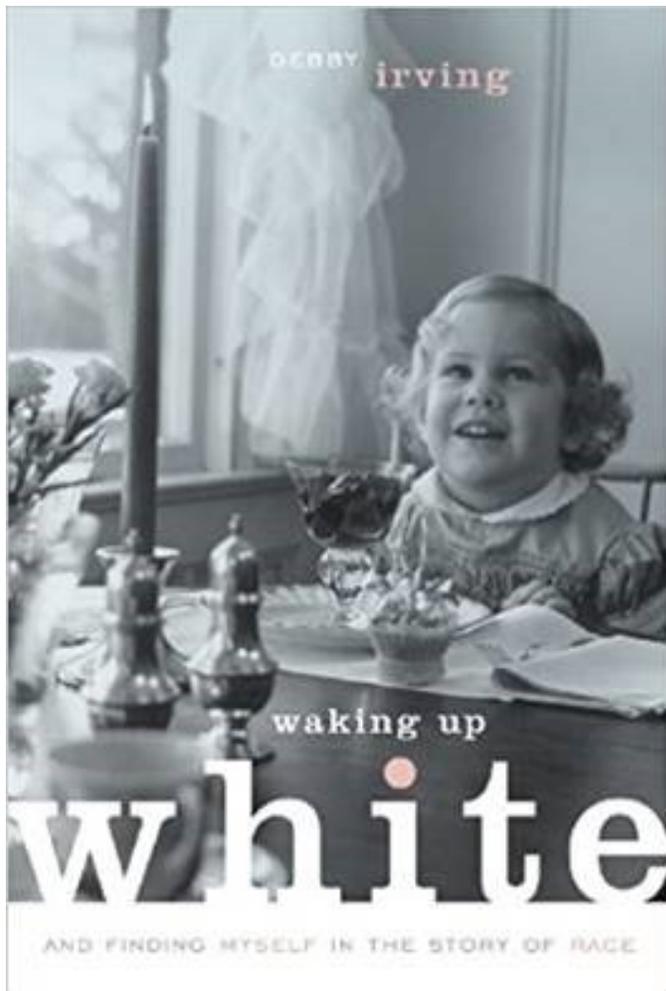
Tim Best



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."

Coffee Hour



Our Fellowship's Coffee Hour Hosting List could use a little love. I have recently edited the list once again to reflect changes in our membership. If you are not on the hosting rotation and would like to contribute, please let me know and I will add your name! Otherwise, for those of us on it - please take a look!! Your name appears more frequently than before.

~ **Chris T.**

Want to include something in future newsletters?

Easy!

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



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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
Jan 7	Telford, Wilson
Jan 14	Scopelliti, Paquette
Jan 21	Brenner, Potter, Spicer
Jan 28	McCall, Wosinski
Feb 4	Telford, Wilson
Feb 11	Scopelliti, Paquette
Feb 18	Brenner, Potter, Spicer
Feb 25	McCall, Wosinski