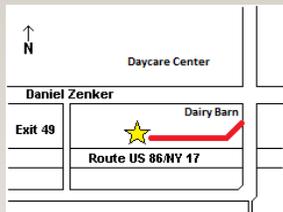


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Formal Services are held  
September through mid-June

**Sunday mornings**

**10:30-11:30**

with a casual coffee hour  
following.

Informal Summer Services  
are held July through the  
beginning of September.

No matter what time  
of year...  
Please join us!

# November 2019 Uni-Verse

## hello Autumn

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY



## Service Schedule

**November 3: The Early Years of Unitarianism w Distinguished Member Dick Cowles** ~ Dick presents from his own research, and from the writings of his deceased beloved wife and UUFBF member, Marcia Cowles ~ **Service Leader:** Jeni Paquette

**November 10: Interbeing: the Web of Connection with Rev. Jody Kessler** When we learn to look deeply at any single thing or entity in the world around us, we become aware that there is nothing we can find that exists independently of anything else. All phenomenon are inextricably linked in a great web of interconnection. When we learn to see this, it can radically transform our actions, relationships, and thoughts. Through music, reflection, and meditation, Rev. Jody Kessler invites us to explore this essential interdependence of all life.

**November 17: Foreign Roots of American Folk Music, with Rick Blesanz and his Band** Rick is a friend of member Jeni, as well as member Flo, who took one of his classes at CCC. This is the band's second performance at the Fellowship. ~ **Service Leader:** Flo Fender

**November 24: My Spiritual Journey** ~ Introducing Bill Whitmore, an Elmira native, Vietnam veteran, and possessor of various art talents. He has worked abroad and his interests include photography, film-making, wood-working and many many more! He is the author of Infinity. ~ **Service Leader:** Jackie Wilson

**Past UUFBF Member/President**

*Tamara Miller*

**1963-2019**



Tamara Miller, 56, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 3, 2019.

Tamara was president of the board for many years in the 2000s; many of us attended her wedding to Lori (they since divorced) at the Soaring Museum.

Ms. Miller was born in Danbury, CT to Charles Thomas Miller and the late Sara Fitch Miller. She enjoyed arts and crafts, music and animals, especially cats. She was an avid Vikings and Cubs fan. Tamara was a loving, self-sacrificing spirit who lived to take care of others. She attended Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Surviving, in addition to her father, are two daughters, Sara Dodson-McGovern and Emily Dodson-McGovern; a brother, Charlie Miller; two nephews, Trevor Miller and Noel Kephart; and two special friends, Pam McCloud and Kelly Barber. She was predeceased by a sister Kimberly Miller.



## **Elmira Small Group Ministry**

meets the third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm at Alta Stevenson's lovely Victorian home on the corner of Euclid Avenue & 3rd Street in Elmira. Alta provides snacks, but anyone attending is encouraged to bring a munchie. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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# SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Fall 2019 - Early Winter 2020 Schedule



October 1:  
Becoming Michelle Obama

November 8:  
The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

December 13:  
The Overstory by Richard Powers

January 10:  
'Fleishman Is in Trouble' by Taffy Brodesser-Akner

The Senior Book Club meets the second Friday  
of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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The Jewish Center & Federation presents Yachad 24

*Agreeing to Disagree: How and Why Jews  
and Christians Read Scripture Differently*



**Dr. Amy-Jill Levine**

Vanderbilt University

**Thursday, November 21**

**7:30 PM**

**Congregation Kol Ami**

**1008 West Water Street**

**Elmira, NY 14905**

# The following is being submitted to the Star Gazette's Opinion Page from the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition (STIC)

The interfaith community of the greater Elmira-Corning region and the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition (STIC) mourn the children who have died while seeking legal asylum with their families at our southern border, and, our hearts ache for all the children still separated from their families. Since 2017, more than 700 children have been separated from their parents and rendered “unaccompanied, including over 100 children under the age of four.

Forcibly separating families is deeply troubling for many reasons. Children are vulnerable. Detaining children in jail-like facilities after separating them from their families is psychologically and physically damaging and violates basic child welfare principles.

A majority of the families who arrive at the US/Mexico border are fleeing extreme violence and persecution in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. These women and children seek safety and protection in the United States, risking dangerous journeys north. Instead of receiving refuge, they are placed in detention centers, held in cages, sleep on floors, denied even toothbrushes.

Our faith traditions call on us to care for the vulnerable and welcome the stranger. We have a moral obligation to treat every person with dignity and respect. Our beloved county was founded by immigrants and bears a great obligation to ensure a safe, just process for those who seek refuge among us. One of the recent initiatives of the Southern Tier Interfaith Coalition (STIC) has been the distribution of yard signs in multiple languages with this message: “**Hate Has No Home Here**”.

With love and humility, we call upon our government leaders to act immediately to provide children and families seeking legal asylum at our southern border with proper shelter, hygiene, food, health care and emotional/psychological supports.

We call for an end to family separation and detention and insist on the immediate reunification of children with their families.

We urge that asylum seekers entering the U.S. legally be treated in a humane, just, and fraternal manner and we call on our leaders to address the “push” factors that force people to uproot their families and flee their homeland.

The US refugee/asylum program should be an immense source of national pride. It has saved countless lives, put millions of impoverished persons on a path to work, self-sufficiency and integration, and advanced US standing in the world. Beneficiaries have included US leaders in science, medicine, business, education, government, the military and the arts - as well as countless others who have strengthened the nation's social fabric through their work, family, faith and community commitments. Refugees embody the ideals of freedom, endurance, self-sacrifice - their presence helps us live up to our national ideals.

Respectfully submitted, **Kathleen M. Dubel** (Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler) on behalf of:

**Dr. M. Zaman Marwat**, Executive Chair of STIC and Imam/Director of the IAFL Islamic Center, Horseheads, NY

**Connie Seifert**, Pastor Corning First Methodist Church

**Neil Zusman**, Board Member, Ithaca Area United Jewish Community and member of Ithaca Descendants of Holocaust Survivors

**Dr. Najeeb Rehman**, Acting President, IAFL Islamic Center, Horseheads, NY

**Jeni Paquette**, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Big Flats, NY.

**Paul Solyn**, Executive Director, Jewish Center and Federation of the Twin Tiers

**Rabbi Oren Steinitz**, Jewish Temple, Kol Ami, Elmira

**Deb Sullivan** and members of Chemung County Ladies of Charity

**Rev. Steven Lape**, Roman Catholic pastor, Watkins Glen

**Rev. Jane S. Winters**, PC (USA) clergy/chaplain

**Rev. James K. Boodley** (UCC), Interim Minister - The Park Church, Elmira

**Rev. Christopher Linsler**, Roman Catholic pastor, Horseheads

**Prior John Thompson OSB** and the monks of Mount Saviour Monastery

The following members of the Jewish community organization Ithaca Descendants of Holocaust Survivors: **Ellen Berlow; Ann Racker Costello; Ester Edelman; Yvonne Fisher; Karen Gilovich; Louise Kahn; Cindy**

**Kaufman; Dani Novak; Betsey Roberts; Barbara Strupp; Ingrid Zabel**

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# GAME NIGHT

*Every* Friday Night  
@ UUFBF, 7pm-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 3	Telford, Wilson
Nov 10	Scopelliti, Paquette, Spicer
Nov 17	Martin/Glenn, Potter, Fitzpatrick
Nov 24	Greco, Wosinski, Fender
Dec 1	Telford, Wilson
Dec 8	Scopelliti, Paquette, Spicer

UUFBF Board Meetings are held on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of every month after a brief coffee hour following the service. All members are welcome to attend.



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