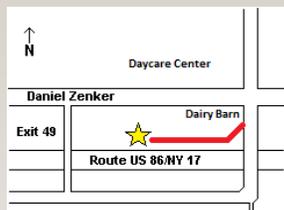


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

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
either in-person or via
Zoom (weather dependent).

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

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

October 2020 Uni-Verse



**COVID-19
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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Big Flats, NY

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Service Schedule

October IN-PERSON Big Flats Worship Services, all at 10:30am. As long as the temps stay fall-like and slightly chilly, we will continue to meet outside, distanced, with a warming bonfire.

October 11, "Que Sera Sera" with Member Leslie Potter
October 18, Topic & Speaker TBD
October 25, Topic & Speaker TBD



October ONLINE Zoom Worship Services

Click [here](#) join Zoom

To attend by phone, dial +1 646 558 8656

Then when prompted type in:

Meeting ID: 882 3456 1888 Passcode: 567821

October 11, 10:00 am: 200th Anniversary of Universalism in America

Rev. Darcey Laine and Rev. Sandra Fees (FUUBC) ~ Joint worship service with the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County (Reading, PA) as part of the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Universalist Convention.

October 18, 10:00 am: "Forward Together," a Shared Ministry Service with UUCAS and Cortland

Rev. Darcey Laine and Rev. Renee Ruchotzke

October 25, 10:00 am: "All the Feelings"

Rev. Darcey Laine

From the Board

In an attempt to improve communication about what is going on with the fellowship, we have added this new monthly feature to the newsletter to keep you better informed.

We continue to hold outdoor services Sunday mornings; it has been going well. A new mic system had been added to address the issue of people not being able to hear.

We have had 3-7 people each of the Sundays. It has been wonderful to welcome back Joe and Sonia Vikin. Sonia joined the Board and Joe led a great service on poetry.

This past Sunday, October 4, we were happy to welcome back Rev. Darcey Laine, doing a traditional service outside titled "The Power of Intention." I feel it is important to continue our traditions and keep continuity.

We are fortunate to offer Zoom Services weekly Sunday mornings in cooperation with Darcey, Athens-Sheshequin and Cortland Fellowships. These will continue through June 2021. I have joined the Worship Planning Team to keep the UUF of Big Flats in the loop and contributing to the planning, work and efforts.

Anyone needing help accessing Zoom, please contact me and I'll help you.

Our traditional Autumnal Equinox bonfire was well attended (around 12-15 people). It was decided to add an October bonfire, Halloween-themed, Friday, October 30. You are encouraged to dress up!

We are keeping track of attendees at onsite events in the event names are needed for contact tracing.

We would love to hear from you! Please email myself (jacksonita@aol.com) or Chris Telford (ceemarie1971@twc.com) with updates on what is going on in your life and Chris will print them in the newsletter.

The deadline to register to vote is Friday, October 9. In Chemung County the ballots were received and are being mailed out. **Your vote matters!!**

Hope you all are well, we have been sending out a card a week to people we have not seen in awhile.

We will strive to keep you informed on the status of In-Person Sunday morning services.

Any suggestions and/or concerns are welcome! Please contact a Board member and we can address these at our monthly Board meetings.

Stay safe and healthy.

Jackie Wilson - Board Secretary

Rev. Darcey Laine and UUFBF 10/4 Service



It was a pleasure to welcome Rev. Darcey Laine (for the first time this year!) in person. Her message was the "The Power of Intention."

It was a little chilly (50 degrees!), but a fire was built and it was comforting to have a

traditional service with singing (accompanied by taped music), lighting the chalice, joys and concerns and a "Story for All Ages." Darcey did not disappoint



with her compelling story telling. Five people attended, masks were worn throughout the service, and social distancing/seating was practiced.

Do you want to be part of worship?

Last spring, we learned that worship is so much better when there is a diversity of voices.

We are looking for help again this year with our online multi-congregation worship. There are lots of ways to help, according to your inspiration and talents:

- **Worship Associates**- folks who can read readings and/or offer reflections
- **Joys and Concerns**- Leading us through Joys and concerns, and generally keeping an eye on the chat box
- **Greeter**- this person lets folks in from the Zoom waiting room, keeps an eye on the chat box, and this year will also be welcoming newcomers
- **Visual Aids**- this person finds images or videos and makes slides needed for worship, and/or plays the slideshow someone else made beforehand
- **Technical support**- this person answers technical questions during the service, and/or is available for technical support before the service.



Please let Rev. Darcey Laine or Jackie Wilson know if you are interested in helping out this year. Training provided!



A Note from Member Tom Reynolds (written in March 2020)...



Hello UUFBF!

Just letting you know all is well here in North Carolina and hoping you and family are doing good as well. I enjoy reading the newsletter and hope the UU can weather this crisis and maintain the good fellowship that has given so much to so many good people.

I am ok here and don't venture far. Wear my mask whenever I do go out and go out of my way to avoid the "Freedom People" who have chosen to only think of themselves. Do see Becky, Chris and Elliot from time to time and that has been a real blessing. Elliot and I (in

the picture) enjoy our walks.

Feel bad I haven't gotten up to Pittsburgh to see Ben, Sarah and Baker, but we all agree that is best to wait until we're all comfortable. Thanks to Skype and Facetime we keep in regular touch. Sometimes we all have Zoom game nights that are fun.

Hello to my friends and best wishes, **Tom**



Want to include
something in future
newsletters?

Easy!

Email by the 15th of
the month before at

**UU.BigFlats@
gmail.com**

Text for Accessible Worship

Some folks find it challenging to hear all that is said in our Zoom worship. If it would help you to have a copy of the full service text before worship begins to follow along, please contact Rev. Laine (darceylaine@earthlink.net) or Chris Eng (chriseng57@gmail.com) and they will email you a digital copy each week. *(This is a pretty rough draft, exactly what our worship leaders are looking at as they lead worship).* And as always all of Rev. Laine's sermons are posted the following week in a more polished form at <https://revlaine.blogspot.com/>.



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

FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.

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WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	



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