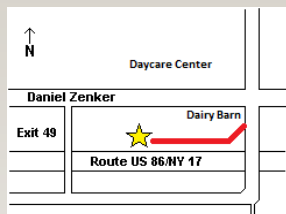


Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Big Flats.

We are an intentionally
inclusive congregation,
welcoming all!

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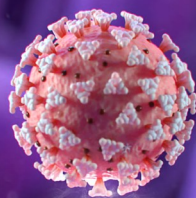


Formal Services are held
September through mid-June
Sunday mornings
10:30-11:30
either in-person or via
Zoom (weather dependent).

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

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

January 2021 Uni-Verse



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Service Schedule



January ONLINE Zoom Worship Services

[Click this link to join Zoom](#)

To attend by phone, dial +1 646 876 9923

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Meeting ID: 943 5698 0987

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10am January 10 “Like a Clear and Quiet Sky” - *Rev. Darcey Laine*
(captioning available)

Our minds talk and wonder and spin ideas around and around. How can we cultivate stillness? How can we create the space of a quiet monastery in our ordinary lives?

10am January 17 “Freely Given” – *Rev. Darcey Laine*
(captioning available)

The bible says “though shalt not steal.” The Buddhist Precept says “Do not take that which is not freely given.” Is there a difference between these 2 similar ideas and how we might apply them in daily life?

10am January 24 “When Words Aren’t Quite Right” – *Rev. Darcey Laine*
(captioning available)

Symbols like a heart, a flag or a cross have meanings that communicate without words. They have meanings that our whole culture understands, but they also have layers of meaning that are different for each person depending on their lived experience. This Sunday we will explore the meanings that symbols evoke, and how we can engage them on our personal and collective spiritual growth.

10am January 31 “Cancel Culture” – *Rev. Darcey Laine*
(captioning available)

Cancel culture is a powerful tool for social change, but it can also cause lasting harm. As people who strive to live ethically, how can we envision a “cancel culture” that is ethical, non-violent and helps transform our world toward justice and compassion?

A Word from UUFBF President Ron Telford

Dear Fellowship,

Hi. It has been quite awhile since I've seen many of you. 2020 was a long and challenging year. I wanted to take a few minutes to express some feelings of thanks and congratulations, love and hope.

Congratulations! You made it to 2021. It is with heavy hearts that we reflect upon the losses we have suffered- around the globe and in our country and communities... but let us also be grateful for what has been left intact. May we heal and rebound and look forward to brighter days, ahead.

Thank You! ...for remaining a part of this community- making the best that we can out of challenging circumstances. If you're reading this, it shows that you care. I'm sure we all miss meeting together- singing, sharing and learning- and I look forward to a time when we can do so, again. In the meantime, I am grateful for what we DO have. Outside gatherings and online Zoom meetings may not have all of the intimacy or solemnity of meeting in our little church, but they've been welcome supplements for the time being. On the bright side, it's been a pleasure to have regular connections with our fellow Fellowships in Athens, Cortland, Ithaca and elsewhere. That is something me might strive to maintain, even after we're back to meeting inside. May that day be sooner than later!

It is with a sober optimism that I greet you. Many of this past year's challenges remain with us. New challenges could be in store. It would be wrong to pretend that I knew for sure that there is smooth sailing, ahead. What I do know, though, is this: We have the best chance if we choose to follow the ideals of Truth, Love, Understanding, Caring and Forgiveness. I am proud and humbled to be a part of this community, which holds "Dignity, for All" as our first tenet. Whatever lies ahead, I will keep this teaching in my heart, letting it direct my actions.

May we find comfort, both in looking back and moving forward, in the ideals of our community.

May we all, one day soon, rejoin in service and song!

With Love,

Ron



From left to right: Sabou, Mary Kay & Jen, staying warm by the Solstice Bonfire

Featuring: Dave Muffley
Zoom Reading
Tuesday January 5, 2021
Time: 7-9pm

Poets in Play

Poets & Writers

Prompt: I knew that youth was never meant to last.

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes
79 West Market St.
Corning, NY 14830

ARTS COUNCIL

"I knew that youth was never meant to last."

Let's ring in the New Year with a featured reading by Dave Muffley. We may still have to hold virtual meetings, but 2021 at least seems more hopeful. So let's get together and celebrate making it through 2020 and the hope that 2021 brings.

Zoom Info: The ARTS Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: [Poets in Play with Dave Muffley](#)

Time: Jan 5, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Click here](#) for Zoom Link

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