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UUFBF

September 2024

Newsletter

Service Schedule

10:30 am

September 1, Labor Day weekend. Informal meeting, bring your questions, concerns, enlightenment, and maybe a wee bit of food to share.

September 8, Water Ceremony, a traditional UU welcome back service. Did you scoop up some water from the lake, river, or ocean you visited this past summer to put in our common bowl? If not, we have water to share, and we want to know everything about your summer. *Service Leader*: Beth Roggie

September 15, Mark Longo, who operates an animal rescue (P'Nut's Freedom

Farm), will walk you through his world that all started with an orphaned squirrel named Peanut. *Service Leader:* Jackie Wilson

September 22, Rev. Jane Winters will tell us about a fairly recent initiative in Steuben and Chemung Counties, “Faith in Action.” There’s a big difference between saying you have “faith” and acting on your values. *Service Leader:* Leslie Potter (sister of the speaker)

September 29, Marshall Hyde of the Southeast Steuben County Library: “So what’s a Maker Station,” and what can it do for me?” And there’s a lot more you don’t know – but need to - about the services the Corning library offers. *Service Leader:* Frank Potter

September/October Hosting Duties



Duties include: Arriving by 10:15, setting up chairs and greeting newcomers, and then cleaning up and locking the door. Hosts will also bring some light refreshments.

If you can't make it, please find someone to take your place.

September 8	Marcia Allen
September 15	John Daniel
September 22	Edwards/Ricotta
September 29	Beth Roggie
October 6	Potters
October 13	Jim Russell
October 20	Andy Wall
October 27	Jackie Wilson

A Note from Your Treasurer

Greetings from your treasurer!

Good news: The bank accounts are in great shape at the start of this new fiscal year!

But that's not why I'm writing this today. Some of you may know of tensions that have occurred over and since the June annual business meeting. We had two candidates for president, one nominated by the nominating committee and one who wished to become president but hadn't been nominated. The latter, Jackie Wilson, won that election (by one vote), and hard feelings led two members to leave the fellowship. The tensions didn't stop with the election, however. Resentments and grievances, some justified, some not, continued until a "peace circle," intended to mend rifts (held via Zoom with our liaison with UUA's Central East Region), had the opposite effect. At the board meeting held August 28, Jackie Wilson resigned as president, program chair, and her seat on the board. Therefore, it has become necessary to reconfigure the board, under the guidance of the bylaws (which all members are strongly encouraged to read), and to do that we need to have a congregational vote. This will take place on September 8 following the Water Ceremony, our traditional welcome-back service.

The slate of officers and trustees is as follows:

Interim President: Lynne Ricotta (currently Secretary)

Vice President: [open]

Secretary: Jim Russell (currently Trustee)

Treasurer: Leslie Potter (no change)

Trustee: Andy Wall (no change)

Trustee: Rick Edwards (new)

You can see we're a VP short of the full six board members required by the bylaws. Please consider helping out your Fellowship by joining the board in this position. It neither requires nor guarantees the position of president next year. The only specific duty is to run a board (or congregational) meeting in the absence of the president.

Whether you have any interest in being on the board or not, we hope you will come on September 8 for the Water Ceremony and to vote on the re-shuffled board of directors!

~ *Leslie Potter*



Reel Reflections

View and discuss a thought-provoking film
the **first Saturday of the month at 6:30pm**
POPCORN PROVIDED!



The third Saturday of each month will be Pizza & Game Night.
Come @ 5p to play games and eat pizza!



Every Tuesday at 10am.

Bring a craft project to work on and hang out.

UUFBF Chairs

(Interim) President - Lynne Ricotta

Vice President - ____

(Interim) Secretary - James Russell

Treasurer - Leslie Potter

Trustees - Andy Wall, Rick Edwards

Programs - The Board

Newsletter - Rick Edwards

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