



CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

The First Universalist Society of Central Square

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

3243 Fulton Street (Route 49, near Route 11)
Post Office Box 429, Central Square, New York 13036-0429
Our church building is handicapped accessible.
Phone: 315-668-6821 E-mail: uucentralsquare@gmail.com
Church Web site: <http://www.centralsquareuu.com>

Photo courtesy of Village of Central Square

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UU-Central-Square/199139743511564>

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the First Universalist Society of Central Square is to be a welcoming, diverse congregation, which values spiritual growth and service to the local and world community.

Andrea Abbott, Student Minister	315-635-7122	The Rev. Libbie Stoddard, Minister Emerita	315-343-4352
Leigh Parry-Benedict, Music Coordinator	315-657-5904	Ronna Schindler, RE Chairperson	315-623-7685
Robert Haskell, President	315-635-5294	Winfield Ihlow, Vice President	315-342-5939

JULY 2013

STUDENT MINISTER SNIPPET

In the past, the end of June also meant the end of the church year. Many Unitarian-Universalist churches closed for two months of vacation, just like the schools. Many reasons were given for this, mostly that with everyone vacationing, there would be few people in the church each Sunday. This assumed a lot about the economic level of people coming to church. In some churches, this assumption was true; in others, not so much. The other assumption, my particular favorite, was that UUs were so good that they didn't need to go to church for a full year. Ten months was sufficient. However, as time has gone by, UU churches have kept open 52 weeks out of the year. Could it be we are not as good as we used to be? Although we keep open through the summer, we often take this opportunity to have different kinds of services, more lay-led services or services with visiting speakers.

The change to year-round church may reflect the changes that have resulted in a 24/7 society, a society in which people have increasingly demanding schedules. Everything is open all the time, it seems. People increasingly work erratic hours. Some people, such as farm workers and domestic workers, have no choice but to work seven days a week. At the same time, others have no or little work and are desperate for a chance at a job. As we draw near to July 4th and its commemoration of political freedom, let us also give some thought to economic freedom. Let us think about those whose lives are spent in poverty despite unrelenting work as well as those who live in poverty and the despair of unemployment or underemployment. I believe we are called to help all lives blossom.

Andrea Abbott

HYMN SING

Andrea Abbott, student minister, and Leigh Parry-Benedict, music coordinator, have scheduled a hymn sing for the service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 7. Please let either Leigh or Andrea know the titles of your favorite hymns. They have a sign-up sheet on the East Room table for people to list their favorite hymns as well. They will choose between six and eight hymns for the service.

Please have articles for the next newsletter to Bob Haskell by no later than NOON on MONDAY, JULY 29. Bob would be grateful if everyone would not wait until the last minute to submit articles. His e-mail address is rhaskell@twcny.rr.com. His postal address is 29 Grove Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2332.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF CENTRAL SQUARE, NEW YORK**

The Executive Board of the First Universalist Society of Central Square has voted to call a special meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service on Sunday morning, July 21, 2013, to consider proposals to remove four trees surrounding the religious education wing.

Section 3, Article XI, of the church bylaws reads in part:

“... Any extraordinary or major expense not provided for in the budget and in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall necessitate the approval of the congregation at a Special Congregational Meeting called for that purpose, or unless such expenditure has been designated by the donor of the funds, or, in the case of the Living Memorial Fund, by the Memorial Committee.”

No provision has been made in the 2013-2014 budget for the project, nor has any amount been designated by the donor of any funds or by the Memorial Committee. The cost of the proposals to remove the four trees is expected to exceed \$500.

The bylaws provide that active members of the church 18 years or older shall have the power to vote. Any member of the church under 18 years shall have the right of voice, but not the power of voting or eligibility to hold office in the church.

Child care will be available if requested.

All are welcome.

CONGREGATION APPROVES BUDGET, OFFICERS

The congregation of the First Universalist Society of Central Square approved a budget of \$27,615 for the 2013-2014 church year when it conducted its annual meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 2.

Those re-elected as officers for one year are Robert Haskell, president; Winfield Ihlow, vice president; Marcia Burrell-Ihlow, treasurer; Barbara Kamerance, recording secretary; Ann Peterson, corresponding secretary; and Betty Figie, registrar. The congregation elected Arnold Hook to succeed Nancy Haskell as trustee for three years. Mary Jane Garlow has one more year and Nancy Hallock two more years to serve as trustees.

Those gathered also elected George Tennant to serve as a Nominating Committee member for three years. He succeeds Steve Garlow. Ellen LaPine still has a year and Marcia Moore two years to serve as committee members.

The congregation also voted to keep the American flag in the front of the sanctuary and to experiment with different affirmations of faith during the coming year. Those attending last year's annual meeting had referred these issues to the church's Spiritual Committee for preliminary discussion. The committee held two workshops focusing on these questions. Andrea Abbott and the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard led the workshop on affirmations of faith. Winfield Ihlow led the workshop on the flag.

The congregation also heard the following reports: Student minister, Andrea Abbott; registrar, Betty J. Figie; UU Circle, Barbara Kamerance, a member of the Coordinating Committee of Five that also includes Ellen LaPine, Janie Garlow, Nancy Hallock and George Tennant, that leads the UU Circle along with Ann Peterson, secretary-treasurer; treasurer, Marcia Burrell-Ihlow; Administration Committee, Arnold Hook, chairperson; Outreach Committee (which includes the Social Justice and Membership subcommittees), Nancy Hallock, chairperson; Religious Education Committee, Ronna Schindler, chairperson; and Spiritual Committee, Patricia Cerro-Reehil, chairperson.

Winfield Ihlow presided over the annual meeting as moderator. Barbara Kamerance recorded the minutes.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Congratulations to Chrissy Brandon and Ian Mumpton who were married at Pratt's Falls State Park on Saturday, June 22.

Ian is the son of Patricia Carney and Eric Mumpton.

The Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard, minister emerita, performed the wedding ceremony.

The newlyweds are now living in Oswego.

**UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote acceptance of one another
and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.**

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE:
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND MEMBERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEES AND BOOK CLUB**

The Workers' Center of Central New York was invited to our church on June 9. Several of our committee members and some workers from Upstate attended. I was told that the event was successful and the food delicious. We will continue to support this issue and upcoming legislation.

Volunteers should meet at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 21, before the service, to help pick up our adopted stretch of highway. Wear gloves, and we have hats and trash bags.

My "thank you" to Chet Perkins who has stepped forward to revive the Membership Subcommittee. Janie Garlow, Barbara Kamerance and Andrea Abbott have offered to help, and all of you are invited to join the subcommittee.

I need to hear if anyone is interested in continuing the Book Club in September. Please contact me!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hallock, Outreach Committee chairperson

**GREEN MINUTE:
WHEN SHOULD YOU TURN OFF A LIGHT?**

I just spent a few days taking care of my step-grandchildren and found that they almost never turned off a light when they left the room. I'd leave a room and shut off the light only to find it back on when I returned later. Their parents, children I helped raise, do not tell them to shut the lights off although I know we always told them to do so. After realizing just how much this bothered me, I decided to do some research to see if it really matters when you do or do not turn off a light. The answer I found is that it depends on the type of light and the cost of the electricity.

Incandescent lights should always be turned off when not in use. Only 10 to 15 percent of the energy used for an incandescent bulb results in light so they are very inefficient. The rest of the energy used in these bulbs turns into heat.

When to turn off fluorescent bulbs is more complicated but a general rule of thumb is if you are leaving a room for 15 minutes or more turn it off. Fluorescent bulbs, including the CFL (compact fluorescent lamp) bulbs that many of us now use, are more expensive to buy and their life span is affected by the number of times they are turned off and on. The amount of electricity consumed to supply the inrush of current needed to turn the bulb on is equal to a few seconds or less of normal light operation. However, because these bulbs have become so energy efficient, turning off fluorescent lights for more than 5 seconds will save more energy than will be consumed in turning them back on again. This makes the real issue the value of the electricity saved by turning the light off relative to the cost of replacing the bulb.

Energyguide.com provides a method for you to determine the cost savings of turning off the light. For example, if you have a 40-watt bulb it will consume 0.04 kWh (kilowatt hour), or if it is off for one hour, you will be saving 0.04 kWh. Don't forget that many fluorescent fixtures have two or more bulbs and that one switch may control several fixtures. Add the savings for each fixture to determine the total energy savings. Next, look at your electric bill to see what the charge is per kWh. Multiply the rate per kWh by the amount of electricity saved, and this will give you the value of the savings. For example if your electric rate is 10 cents per kWh, the value of the energy savings for the 40-watt bulb would then be 0.4 cents (\$ 0.004). The value of the savings will increase the higher the watt rating of the bulb, the greater the number of bulbs controlled by a single switch, and the higher the rate per kWh.

Having said all this, I still believe that getting into the habit of always turning off the light when you leave a room is still the best idea of all regardless of the cost to benefit analysis. Once you're in the habit, you just automatically hit the switch when you're done with the light so you're always saving the most electrical energy you can without really thinking about it, an easy way to reduce your carbon footprint on our ever warming planet.

Ellen LaPine
Outreach Committee

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ADULT PROGRAMS

We have an amazingly diverse congregation. We believe in one God, in many Gods, or in no God at all. In past lives, in this being our only life, in karma or coincidence. But whatever our beliefs, we all inspire, celebrate, and support each other as we find the path that each of us has chosen to take.

We feel the need to explore and learn.

Through the year ministers, student minister and lay people alike facilitate adult religious education classes, leading our congregation on topics from self-improvement and discovery, to history and changes in our church.

Our video discussion group meets once or twice a month to watch a video on environmental or social issues and then discusses not only the issue itself but what can be done to help improve it. The PBS series "Moyers & Company" is the base for most of these discussions.

Our Book Club reads everything from classics to new age. The books have a common thread running through them: belief in self, ethical living and self-change. The club meets about every two months with a new book and a thirst to share.

If you want to quiet your mind and center your being we have a meditation group that meets every other week and on the opposite week a spirituality group meets to discuss everything from past lives and near-death experiences to energy healing. The group asks only that you bring your own beliefs and an open mind.

As you can see we have a lot to offer. Please consider joining in and sharing yourself with others.

Ronna Schindler,

Religious Education Committee chairperson and older children's teacher

CHALICE LIGHTER REPORT

We currently have 16 Chalice Lighter families in our congregation. Proudly, more than half of our members are Chalice Lighters, a very good percentage compared with other congregations.

Chalice Lighters promote growth and vitality of congregations within the St. Lawrence District by providing funds to congregations that are willing to take on growth and renewal projects that are a stretch for them. Chalice Lighters make a pledge to give an amount of their choosing two times a year when a "call" comes to support these congregations. The small amounts pledged pooled together add up to substantial help. We experienced this wonderful assistance when we received a Chalice Lighter's grant to put in our elevator.

There were no new Chalice Lighters during the past year. Currently, our members have been Chalice Lighters from 2 to 21 years.

If interested in knowing more about being a Chalice Lighter, please see the information on the East Room table or contact me.

Ellen LaPine

Chalice Lighter Ambassador

OFFICE HOURS

Andrea Abbott, student minister, will hold office hours at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

If you need to speak to her at other times, please call to make an appointment.

WHITE RIBBON MEETING

Oswego County Opportunities will conduct a White Ribbon informational meeting at our church from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 22.

The White Ribbon Program is a program for men who are dedicated to stopping violence against

women and to speaking up about violence against women.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Women and men of the church will gather for Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread on Route 31 in Clay at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17.

All are welcome to join in casual conversation and to enjoy coffee or tea and other goodies.

For more information about the group, you may contact Nancy Haskell or Chet Perkins.

Everyone is invited to attend.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

MUSIC NOTES FROM LEIGH PARRY-BENEDICT

I want to start off by thanking Paul Riley for adding his accordion to some of the hymns during a couple of the services this past month. I also want to thank Jody Brown for her continued willingness to provide music once a month. Her assistance has allowed me to have much needed breaks when my wrist has needed a rest or the even more necessary break allowing me to travel for a family service at the end of June for my uncle who passed away this past winter.

I am very excited to announce that the choir will continue to work through the summer with anyone who would like to participate. Our current choir members are Janie Garlow, Nancy Haskell, Barbara Kamerance, Ronna Schindler, Kurt Schindler and, occasionally, Andrea Abbott. Our current choir has done an excellent job. I feel that the group has grown musically through this year and look forward to what we can do this next year. As always, anyone interested in joining our small, but dedicated, group is more than welcome. We have practices from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month and at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

I am also very excited to announce another addition to our music program for this summer. Jody Brown and I will be collaborating once a month during July and August. This should provide a nice variety of music for our summer services.

Lastly, Barbara Kamerance and I will be organizing a cabaret to help raise funds for the church this fall. If you are someone who can contribute a performance to the cabaret, you might want to start thinking about what you would like to do. I will be available to accompany anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument with accompaniment. I will also be looking into inviting high school students from Central Square to add to the performance.

WINDOW FUND UPDATE

Dear Friends

The Executive Board of the First Universalist Society of Central Square wishes to update the congregation concerning the project to restore the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary.

The total cost of the project is expected to be \$12,800. This includes \$5,800 for the restoration of the large stained-glass window on the west side of the sanctuary, \$5,800 for the restoration of the large stained-glass window on the north side of the sanctuary, and \$1,200 for the installation of mesh covering on all three large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. The restoration of the large stained-glass windows has been completed; the installation of the mesh covering is expected to be completed in about two weeks. The contractor has been paid for the restoration of the two windows; he will be paid for the installation of the mesh covering upon the completion of that phase of the project.

To finance this restoration project, the Executive Board voted to borrow \$5,000 for three years beginning March 1, 2013, with no interest charge, from the New York State Convention of Universalists. The Executive Board also voted to cash in a church certificate of deposit worth \$5,681.73. The Executive Board also asked members and friends of the congregation to contribute financially, and received \$4,221.51.

The Window Fund now has a balance of \$3,303.24. Once the payment of \$1,200 has been made for the installation of the mesh covering, the Window Fund balance is expected to be \$2,103.24. The Executive Board intends to use this money to begin repayment of the loan from the New York State Convention of Universalists. Members and friends of the congregation have pledged \$875 to the Window Fund during 2013-2014. This money will also be used as partial repayment of the loan.

This means that \$2,021.76 will still be needed to fully repay the loan. Thus, the Executive Board will continue to ask members and friends to contribute toward the Window Fund.

The Executive Board has decided not to ask members and friends of the congregation to contribute toward the replenishment of the church certificate of deposit at this time.

Thank you.

Bob Haskell,
President

(Editor's note: I am reprinting this article because not everyone received the earlier mailing.)

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

BOARD SPLINTERS

Steven Garlow, a member of the church's Administration Committee, informed the Executive Board at its regular monthly meeting on Sunday morning, June 23, that contractor Ed Dehors had said that he hoped to have the new mesh covering for the three large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary installed within the next two weeks. Mr. Garlow said that Mr. Dehors had apologized for not having finished the installation already but added that he had been quite busy and had not finished the screens. He said that he would send his son to the church this week to do some rough measurements.

Board members discussed the removal of four trees surrounding the religious education wing. The aging trees pose some threat to the building, especially its roof. Arnold Hook, chairperson of the Administration Committee, said that he had secured cost estimates from one bidder and would seek more. Because the cost of the tree removal will exceed \$500, the Executive Board voted to call a special meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service on Sunday morning, July 21, to consider proposals to remove the trees.

Mr. Garlow said that he would try to secure estimates as to what it might cost to paint the exterior window frames in the religious education wing and the sanctuary ceiling.

The Board also discussed the status of the kitchen stove, the refrigerator and the dehumidifier. Barbara Kameraner recently expressed concern about the safety of using the stove. Mr. Hook said that he would inspect the stove further to see if any safety issues could be resolved. It was also pointed out that the refrigerator had leaked water recently as a result of not being defrosted. Several Board members later defrosted the refrigerator. Robert Haskell reported that the dehumidifier that had been used in the dining room during several months of the year had been broken when it was lifted up some months ago. Upon inspecting the dehumidifier later, Mr. Hook said that it would be necessary to purchase a new one.

The Board agreed to set a target of \$2,022 to be raised to fully repay a \$5,000 loan from the New York State Convention of Universalists. Loan money was used to help pay for the restoration of two large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. The Window Fund now has a balance of \$3,303.24. Once the payment of \$1,200 has been made for the installation of the mesh covering, the Window Fund balance is expected to be \$2,103.24. The Executive Board intends to use this money to begin repayment of the loan. Members and friends of the congregation have pledged \$875 to the Window Fund during 2013-2014. This money will also be used toward the repayment of the loan. This means that \$ 2,021.76 will still be needed to fully repay the loan. Thus, the Executive Board will continue to ask members and friends to contribute toward the Window Fund.

Chester Perkins reported that a group of members had met on Tuesday, June 18, to restart a Membership Subcommittee as part of the Outreach Committee. He invited all interested persons to join the subcommittee.

The Spiritual Committee, which had met at the home of Andrea Abbott on Wednesday morning, June 12, reported that Mrs. Kameraner, rather than the Rev. Don Erickson, would lead the worship service on Sunday, July 14. The Reverend Erickson has secured a ministerial position starting July 1.

The Board approved notes of gratitude for the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard for leading the worship services on May 18 and 26, Steven Garlow for serving on the Nominating Committee, Nancy Haskell for serving as trustee for two years, the Rev. "Bud" Adams for preaching that day, Mary Perkins for her many years of service as the Organizational Task Force, and Ellen LaPine for serving as Chalice Lighter Ambassador.

Mr. Haskell and Mrs. Garlow announced that the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) would use church rooms for its General Educational Development (GED) class for 10 weeks during the summer at a fee of \$25 per week, for a total of \$250. This is the fee schedule that the Executive Board adopted on June 27, 2010.

Mrs. Kameraner reported that a new folding sign had been purchased to advertise church activities.

Winfield Ihlow told Board members that the annual Men's Gathering at Unirondack held on June 7-9 had gone well. He and Kurt Schindler attended, as they have done in past years.

The Board also discussed the care of the Memorial Garden located on the back lawn of the church.

Mr. Haskell said that he had begun work on a calendar for the new church year and asked Board members for any additions of activities.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

I am afraid that I do not possess the words that I need to possess in order to thank everyone who made a pledge or a contribution to the church during the recent Stewardship Campaign.

To say that I am pleased with the results is a major understatement. The results far exceeded any expectations that I might have had. Some of those who made pledges or contributions no longer have the close ties that they once had to the church but still think enough of it to continue to contribute to it. For that, I am greatly pleased. But I thank everyone, whether active or inactive in the church, for contributing to the continued well-being of the church, your church.

The church received \$25,245 in Operating Account pledges, \$1,200 in Fair Share pledges, \$875 in Window Fund pledges, and \$2,500 in "Other" pledges.

In preparing a budget for 2013-2014, it was hoped that the church might at least receive in the neighborhood of \$22,765 for its Operating Account. Even that was a cautious increase of \$765 over the previous year's figure. For Fair Share for this new year, it was hoped that the church would receive in the neighborhood of \$1,000. As you can see, actual pledges exceeded those figures.

But a few words of caution are necessary. Don't you hate it when someone tells you some good news, but then says "Wait a minute."? I know that I do.

I must tell you that there are various aspects regarding the upkeep of the church structure that the increased contributions will not cover. Four trees surrounding the religious education wing need to be taken down. The outside window frames of the religious education wing need to be repainted. The sanctuary ceiling needs to be repainted. The church needs to repay a \$5,000 loan from the New York State Convention of Universalists. The money was used to finance in part the restoration of the large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. I would guess that our Fair Share to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and its St. Lawrence District will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000. We have only \$2,000 budgeted. The new pledges and contributions may cover some but certainly not all of these expenses.

I could go on, but I hope that you can see that much more remains to be done. This year's pledges and contributions are good, even great, even wonderful, news, and for that I thank you.

Bob

UU CIRCLE

Ann Peterson has arranged for the Renaissance Christmas program in December.

CUUPS CORNER

We invite you to the St. Lawrence Unitarian Universalist District Women & Religion's Fourth Annual Women's Spirituality Conference. Our theme this year is "Empowering Ourselves and Each Other" and our keynote speaker is Mary Hudson, Syracuse University's pagan chaplain. The conference will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 11, and continue until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, 109 Waring Road, DeWitt. More information is available at the Web site www.slduuwr.org. Early registration is \$75 until September 10. Regular registration is \$85 until

October 3, after which a \$15 late fee is added. We hope you'll both spread the word and join us!

Our chapter contact is Laura Hudson. If you would like more information about CUUPS, you may contact her at either 315-391-9949 or hudlakat@yahoo.com. We also have a Yahoo group you may join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CNY-CUUPS/> and a Facebook page you can check out at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/CNY-CUUPS/180472471758>

Laura Hudson

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Random Acts of Kindness is the congregation's program to financially assist those in need, whether church members/friends or people in the wider community.

Finances are provided by the congregation through a special once-a-month offering, normally on the first Sunday of each month.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against the idolatries of the mind and spirit.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

JULY 2013 CALENDAR

7 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Andrea Abbott leads the worship service. Hymn Sing. Random Acts of Kindness. This is the once-a-month Sunday on which the Outreach Committee's Social Justice Subcommittee asks everyone to bring magazines to the church dining room to exchange them for others. The subcommittee will continue the recycling process by passing on any magazines that are left to the Public Safety Building Jail in Syracuse every two or three months.

13 – 9:30 to 11 a.m., Choir practices in the sanctuary.

14 – 9 a.m., Spiritual Committee. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Barbara Kamerance leads the worship service. This is the once-a-month Sunday on which the Outreach Committee's Social Justice Subcommittee asks everyone to donate food items for our Downstairs Scotty, which later will be taken to the Downstairs Scotty thrift shop and food pantry at St. Michael's Church Parish Center, 592 South Main Street, Central Square.

17 – 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread, Route 31, Clay.

21 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., the Rev. Tanya Atwood Adams leads the worship service.

28 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., the Rev. David Weissbard leads the worship service.

RETURN THOSE BOTTLES

You may continue to help the environment and make money for the Outreach Committee by leaving your returnable bottles at the church.

A barrel into which to place your bottles stands near the entrance to the church kitchen.

Nancy Hallock, committee chairperson, is returning deposit bottles and cans for the committee treasury.

DOWNSTAIRS SCOTTY

The Executive Board has designated the second Sunday of each month as the date for the collection of food for our Downstairs Scotty. The Outreach Committee will later take the contributions of food to the Downstairs Scotty thrift shop and food pantry at St. Michael's Church Parish Center, 592 South Main Street, Central Square.

The committee will continue to accept non-food items for the Downstairs Scotty on the second Sunday of each month and at all other times. Such non-food items include soap, detergent, bathroom and facial tissues, toothpaste, and the like. Our collection box is in the church dining room.

A REMINDER TO ALL

All or parts of our church building can be rented by non-members and organizations.

Examples include non-member weddings, community activities, fundraisers, etc.

We have a building use policy and fee schedule that is available from Bob Haskell.

His e-mail address is rhaskell@twcny.rr.com. His postal address is 29 Grove Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2332. His telephone number is 315-635-5294.

CHANTING AND MEDITATION

Anyone who is interested in chanting and meditation is invited to contact Tim Hart via e-mail at timhart@a-znet.com or via telephone at 315-439-2541.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement you would like to be included in the church's weekly e-mail announcements, please send it to Janie Garlow at mjgarlow@aol.com by 1 p.m. on Sundays. Earlier submissions would be appreciated.

SERMONS AVAILABLE ON CDs

We have audio CDs of most of the current Sunday sermons. These may be borrowed for your listening enjoyment.

"LEANING AGAINST THE WIND"

Our church has copies of the Rev. Max Coots's book, "Leaning Against the Wind," for sale. All you have to do is give Marcia Burrell-Ihlow or Bob Haskell a check or cash totaling \$13.

Visit our church Web site at <http://www.centalsquareuu.com>