



# CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

## The First Universalist Society of Central Square

*A Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

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### 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.

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MAY 2013

### STUDENT MINISTER SNIPPET

This morning the incredible industry of nature is all around me. I hear the birds as they call to each other and know that soon there will be nests and more birds. The grass is growing right before my eyes as a light rain seems to almost shove the blades out of the ground, and I think I can hear trumpets as my neighbors' daffodils unfurl. A month ago all of this would have seemed impossible. When we are in the midst of winter, this kind of luxuriant life seems like a fairy tale, but here we are again, with all the age-old promises of rebirth come true. But much of this growth and beauty was prepared invisibly and silently during the darkest, coldest months. We have recently had a family wedding, and I was amazed at the army of workers, some paid, some volunteers, some volunteered, that it took to put on an event lasting a few hours. It was a beautiful event, I thought, and an amazingly happy one, but many people put in countless hours to make it happen. So it is with all our lives. We seldom see the support staff that make our days possible. The servers at restaurants, the factory workers in far-off countries, the truck drivers, store clerks, farm workers, all who work hard, often for very little reward, to make our daily round possible. I hope we can begin to consider the plight of many people to whose efforts we owe much. Similarly, our church does not function without the work of all of us. We are fortunate to have a church in which a large proportion of the membership is so active. This church is nourished and sustained through the efforts of many people who work for no reward except the continued health of the church. There is not room in the newsletter to honor you all. Through your efforts we remain and flourish. The annual congregational meeting will be held on the first Sunday in June. This is the time when we remind ourselves that we alone keep this place alive and thriving. There is always much to be done, but I know I will see everyone pitching in, prepared to continue to work for this, our beloved church.

Andrea Abbott

### THE REVEREND WEISSBARD TO SPEAK ABOUT THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

The Rev. David Weissbard writes regarding his sermon at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5:

“For my May sermon, I am turning to another of the Ten Commandments - some would say one of the most violated and therefore touchiest to address. We will be looking at the Ninth when I speak about ‘Bearing Witness: True and False.’”

Please have articles for the next newsletter to Bob Haskell by no later than NOON on MONDAY, APRIL 29.

### UU CIRCLE PLANS THREE-S FESTIVAL

Thanks to all who made the Spaghetti Dinner such a success. People are already asking about when the next one will be. Tentative plans are to do it again in October.

The next UU Circle event will be the Three-S Festival to be held after the Sunday service on May 5th. There will be a potluck of salads as main dishes or desserts (examples: fruit salad and Waldorf salad), followed by the Showing and Sharing your talent, story, reading, poem, etc. with our fellow congregants. We expect this to be a fun and interesting event for all. Bring family and friends as well!

Barbara Kamerance

### SPRING-INTO-SUMMER PICNIC AND FUNDRAISER

The Cutillos are organizing a pre-summer picnic at the church from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, to support Joshua Cutillo's volunteer service at the 2013 UU Youth Missions Work Camp at the Southern Appalachian Folklife Center in Pipestem, West Virginia.

This community service project helps low-income Appalachian families and seniors with much needed home repairs and allows youths to experience the beauty of Appalachian culture.

The Cutillos are looking for donations of any of the following items:

1. Typical summer foods: hot dogs, hamburgers, summer salads and desserts (watermelon?).
2. A propane grill to use on the day of the picnic. The family will arrange for pick-up if needed.
3. Various summer-themed items or small baskets for raffles/door prizes.
4. Items for a "mini-yard sale." Any of these items not sold at the picnic will be donated to a local charity.
5. Helpers on the day of the picnic.

Anyone who would like to reserve a "picnic spot," to make a donation of items or time, or to obtain more information is invited to contact Joshua, Kate or Melanie Cutillo via phone at 315-753-1084 or via e-mail at [melliesmile@gmail.com](mailto:melliesmile@gmail.com) with "picnic" as the subject.

The picnic is open to the public. Suggested donations are \$5 for individuals and \$15 for families (more if you can, less if you can't).

### CHALICE LIGHTERS: WHO ARE THEY? WHAT DO THEY DO?

A Chalice Lighter is a special person or couple who pledges to respond with a specific contribution when the "call" comes to "light a chalice" in the St. Lawrence District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA).



A "call" is made twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. There will be a "call" this May. The "call" letter will tell Chalice Lighters all about the church or churches and the projects being funded. Advancing the light, spreading the word, and sharing the faith are what Chalice Lighters are all about. Although an individual contribution may be only \$20 per "call," when all of the gifts of the district's Chalice Lighters are added up, the total is significant. Our church received Chalice Lighter money from the district in 2003 to finance the purchase of our elevator.

Chalice Lighter money can be used for projects that enable the initiation of major programs for growth and renewal, including individual congregation projects or multiple congregations working together. The money may assist in the building, including securing a building site for new congregations and major renovations necessary for growth in established congregations. The money can assist in securing professional religious leadership or can help with start-up costs to initiate a new congregation.

There is information on the East Room table for your access anytime. The information includes how you can become a Chalice Lighter or how current Chalice Lighters can increase their pledge.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Ellen LaPine  
Chalice Lighter Ambassador

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and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

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

The annual congregational meeting of the First Universalist Society of Central Square, New York, is scheduled to be held in the sanctuary immediately after the worship service on Sunday morning, June 2, 2013.

The church bylaws specify that there shall be an annual congregational meeting on the first Sunday in June of each year.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Receiving annual reports from incumbent officers and committee chairs.
- Consideration and adoption of the budget for the next fiscal year.
- Election of officers.

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.

The Executive Board has agreed to provide for absentee ballots and proxy votes if requested.

Child care will be available if requested.

All are welcome.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Spring is finally here. The church's meditation garden is now cleared of leaves and debris, and flowers are making their appearance. Our next project will be the making of our butterfly house for the garden.

We will also begin working on our intergenerational service with Andrea Abbott for June.

Ronna Schindler, Religious Education Committee chairperson and older children's teacher

**BOOKS ARE DUE BACK**

Copies of the Book Club's selection, "Cutting For Stone" by Abraham Verghese, are to be returned to the church by Sunday, May 5. Janie Garlow will return them to the library on Monday, May 6.

No date has been set for a discussion of the book. I would love to hear from the readers about a date. Would a weekday evening (and pizza) be an option?

Nancy Hallock

**VIDEO DISCUSSION GROUP TO MEET FRIDAY**

The Video Discussion Group will view "Who's Widening America's Digital Divide?" when it meets in the Goettel Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

Susan Crawford, former special assistant to President Obama for science, technology and innovation, joins Bill Moyers in this "Moyers & Company" program. Crawford, author of "Captive Audience: The Telecom Industry and Monopoly Power in the New Gilded Age," and Moyers discuss how the

government has allowed a few powerful media conglomerates to put profit ahead of the public interest by rigging the rules, raising prices, and stifling competition.

Journalist Nick Turse, author of "Kill Anything That Moves: The Real American War in Vietnam," joins Moyers in the second segment of the program. Turse describes his personal mission to compile a complete and compelling account of the Vietnam War's horror as experienced by all sides, including innocent civilians who were sucked into its violent vortex.

The discussion group plans to have supper at the Akropolis Restaurant the same evening. Please let Janie Garlow know by Thursday, May 2, if you plan to attend the supper so that she may make a reservation.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Bob Haskell

**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, May 15.

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.

**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](mailto:timhart@a-znet.com) or via telephone at 315-439-2541.

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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.

#### OUTREACH COMMITTEE/SOCIAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

We met on April 14 and discussed our plans for May and June.

The committee decided to cancel participation in the village spring tree project. But after talking with the Project Bloom president, I agreed to participate again this year. The group is counting on us. I have one volunteer so far. No date has been set but the work must be done by May 24.

We did set a date for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and suggested that it include a church cleanup day, Saturday, May 11. Bob Haskell has put a note in the weekly church announcements.

Tracy Kinne, as a member of the leadership group of the Workers Center of Central New York, has arranged for the organization to meet at our church on Sunday, June 9, for Oswego County. We will encourage low-wage and immigrant workers to attend to learn about their rights and ways to find help for situations of mistreatment. Our responsibilities include publicity, fliers, refreshments, child care, and transportation issues.

On Sunday afternoon, April 21, Tracy and I viewed a documentary, "After I Pick the Fruit." It was a wonderful, powerful film. I would like to show it at church.

The Social Justice Subcommittee will continue to collect coins from the collection plate and bottle returns to fund contributions for Pure Water for the World. We feel strongly about providing Haitians clean water and healthier lives. Thanks to Nancy Haskell for rolling our coins.

I encourage you to read the announcement about Joshua Cutillo's fundraiser and then to support his efforts. This is an important learning experience, and he will represent our congregation for the second year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Hallock, chairperson

#### GREEN MINUTE: GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Do you have fussy friends? Primadonna roses, finicky azaleas, a burning bush that only smolders or a bully bougainvillea? These fussy friends are all beautiful but they are often high maintenance and aren't native to the area. If you want low maintenance with maximum beauty, think native plants. Native plants are already adapted to our local environment and they attract wildlife by providing food, cover, shelter and nesting for birds and other animals. Native plants are defined as those species that would have been found in our geographic area before the arrival of European settlers.

I admit it, although I love my flower gardens, I am a lazy gardener and I love native plants. I also have made an effort to use compost for fertilizer and very little if any pesticide on my plants. As the years go by I have replaced more and more non-native plants with native ones. If native plants are provided with the same soil type, level of moisture, and sun or shade that they would find in their natural setting, they will live a relatively carefree life without the need for such "bothersome" chores as pruning and fertilizing. Also, native plants rarely require treatment for disease and insect problems because they have evolved to resist them.

The Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center has an excellent Web site to help you find just what you are looking for at [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org). You can search by state, by the conditions of the spot you are trying to plant such as sun or shade, when you want the plant to bloom and any number of other combinations to help you decide just what plant would work for you. You'll see a picture of the plants by their description. There are step-by-step guides to answer questions you might have, how-to articles, even "Mr. Smarty Plant" who will answer questions you e-mail to them. "Dig" further into the site and you'll find information on conservation and educational resources. These features of the Web site have just as much information as the plant selection portion of the site and are well worth visiting.

If you are into gardening or just want to plant a tree or a flower in your yard, take a look at this site. It will be an excellent resource. Happy spring and go native!

Ellen LaPine, Outreach Committee

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

## TWO WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEDULED

At its annual meeting in June 2012, the congregation of the First Universalist Society of Central Square asked the Spiritual Committee to review the church's Affirmation of Faith and the placement of the American flag in the sanctuary.

As a result of these requests, the Rev. Libbie Stoddard and Andrea Abbott, student minister, will conduct a workshop on "Affirmations of Faith" after the church service on Sunday, May 19.

As another result of these requests, Winfield Ihlow, vice president of the congregation will conduct a workshop on the placement of the American flag in the sanctuary after the church service on Sunday, May 26.

Everyone is invited to attend the workshops.

### UNIRONDAK TO BEGIN NEW SEASON

Unirondack will be opening for its spring season in a few short weeks. The camp is located in the "forever-wild" Adirondacks on Beaver Lake, near Lowville. It is a place of incredible natural beauty where Unitarian Universalists gather for fun, fellowship, and contemplation. There are two work weekends, May 10-12 and May 31-June 2, that all are welcome to attend. The only cost is a little labor and \$15 for food. It's a great way to have an inexpensive getaway and to make new friends, and any special skills you have go a long way.

Unirondack also has several programmed weekends in the spring. May 17-19 is the Gay-Straight Alliance & Advocacy Retreat. May 24-27 is a 3-day Family and Friends Weekend, where you can get a taste of some of what camp is all about in the summer. And June 7-9 is the annual Men's Gathering, a weekend of fellowship for men of all ages. Registration is required for all weekends, including the Work Weekends.

To register for the Work Weekend or any of the program weekends, visit Unirondack's Web site at <http://www.unirondack.org/>.

In addition, there are still a select few remaining openings in Unirondack's summer camp weeks, primarily for middle-school-aged boys. If you are interested, register as soon as possible, as most sessions are full.

In UU Spirit,

Dan Gottfried  
Executive Director

(Editor's note: Kurt Schindler and Winfield Ihlow of our church have attended recent Men's Gatherings and are able to provide first-hand information about the event. Army Stieber also attended last year's gathering.)

### CUUPS CORNER: MAY 2013

The Wheel of the Year turns and the Central New York Chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) is holding regular rituals on the sabbats. Our CUUPS tradition has been to join with the Morris Dancers for their May Day celebration at dawn. This year it is being held on Wednesday, May 1. Here's the link for more information about that event: <http://rgoldman.org/morris/mayday.htm#Syracuse>.

We would also like to 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, May 17, and continue until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the First Unitarian Universalist Society, 109 Waring Road, DeWitt. More information is available at the Web site [www.slduuwr.org](http://www.slduuwr.org). Registration is \$85 until May 10, 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](mailto: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

### TIM HART TO HOST MEETING

The Spiritual Development Group will meet at the home of Tim Hart at 23 Collins Terrace in Central Square at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1.

For more information, contact Tim Hart or Chet Perkins.

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.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Our current Operating Account contains approximately \$825. Thank you to everyone for the continued support on pledges, as well as for all contributions above the pledged amounts. At any time, pledge amounts may be paid in full.

Our Window Fund contains approximately \$3,000. This includes the amount received from our New York State Convention of Universalists loan, which will need to be paid back. The Executive Board has approved the installation of a mesh covering over the three large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary at a cost of \$1,200. The money is to come from the Window Fund. The covering is to protect the windows from the weather.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for the next church year, please drop it in the mail, with attention to the treasurer, Marcia Burrell-Ihlow, or in one of the collection plates on a Sunday, or in the hands of an Executive Board member. The pledge card is reprinted below.

Thank you!

Cara Lajewski  
Assistant treasurer

The First Universalist Society of Central Square  
Post Office Box 429  
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June 1, 2013, through May 31, 2014, Pledge Form

As an expression of love and appreciation for the work of the church:

My annual pledge is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be given in increments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Weekly ( ) Monthly ( ) Annually

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

( ) The information above is an addition or change to the current directory.

( ) Fair Share Fund: I would like to give an additional donation to Fair Share. This year, the dues are approximately \$75/member. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) Window Fund: I would like to give an additional donation to the window account to refinish and restore our stained glass windows. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) One-time donation: I would like to give a one-time gift to the work of the church. \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS YOUR INTENT TO COMPLETE PAYMENT OF THIS PLEDGE BY MAY 31, 2014.  
CIRCUMSTANCES DO CHANGE AND YOU MAY MODIFY OR CANCEL YOUR PLEDGE WITH A CALL OR LETTER TO OUR  
TREASURER. THANK YOU!

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.

## BOARD SPLINTERS

Winfield Ihlow, vice president, agreed at the regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board on Sunday morning, April 28, to serve as moderator at the annual congregational meeting of the First Universalist Society of Central Square to be conducted on Sunday, June 2. He also served as moderator at last year's annual meeting.

The annual congregational meeting will take place in the sanctuary after the worship service. The congregation will hear committee reports, will vote on a proposed budget for the 2013-2014 church year and will elect officers.

The Executive Board agreed to provide for absentee ballots, proxy voting and child care if requested.

The Spiritual Committee reported that the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard, minister emerita, will lead the worship service on May 26; Andrea Abbott, student minister, will lead the services on June 30 and July 7; the Rev. Don Erickson will lead the service on July 14; and the Rev. David Weissbard will lead the service on July 28. The Reverend Erickson is studying the history of Universalist churches in New York.

Steve Garlow, a member of the Administrative Committee, reported that the protective mesh covering for three large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary is expected to be installed soon.

Board members agreed to make a donation to Fuller-Taylor American Legion Post 915 in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Ladd.

It was announced that Chalice Lighter Sunday would be observed during the worship service that day.

Board members voted to express their gratitude to Arnold Hook for providing the Stewardship Luncheon meal; to George and Sean Tennant for installing the handicapped bar in the upstairs bathroom; to the UU Circle for the spaghetti supper; to Grace Bristol, for her many years of cleaning the church; and to Jody Brown for periodically providing the music for the Sunday service.

Mr. Ihlow reminded those present that the annual Men's Gathering at Camp Unirondack will be conducted on Friday through Sunday, June 7-9. He said that he and Kurt Schindler would be happy to answer any questions by those who might be interested in attending the event. Both men, along with Arny Stieber, attended last year's weekend.

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## VIRGINIA LADD DIES

Virginia M. Ladd, who was a longtime member of our church along with her husband, Henry, died Tuesday, April 16.

The following obituary appeared in the Post-Standard of Syracuse from April 17 to April 18, 2013:

"Virginia M. Ladd, 91, formerly of Central Square, NY passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Morningstar Residential Care Center in Oswego, NY and the family would like to give a deep sense of gratitude and thanks to all the people on wings B & C of the facility who gave Virginia such wonderful care while she was there. Virginia was born January 28, 1922 in Central Square, NY, the daughter of Ernest and Beatrice Babcock Clark. She graduated from local schools and took some college course. Virginia married Henry Ladd and he predeceased her in 2003. They owned and operated the Ladd's Real Estate Company in Central Square for many years. She was a member of the Central Square Community Church and was a charter member of the Fuller-Taylor American Legion Post 915 Ladies Auxiliary Central Square.

"Virginia is survived by her daughter, Terry (Ronald) Hall of Central Square; two grandchildren, Craig (Christine) Hall of South Carolina and Denise Herholtz (Rick) of Central Square; three great-grandchildren, Corene and Garrett Herholtz of Central Square, Dustin Hall of South Carolina; a great-great-granddaughter, Kira Mooney of Central Square. She was predeceased by three brothers, Bill, Warren and David Clark; also a sister, Vera Nessmiller.

"Calling hours will be held Friday, April 19, 2013 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Watson Funeral Home, 631 South Main Street, Central Square, NY and the funeral services will be held Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Hillside Cemetery, Central Square, NY. Contributions may be made to the Fuller-Taylor American Legion Post 915 in Central Square."

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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.

## MAY 2013 CALENDAR

1 – 7 p.m., The Spiritual Development Group will meet at the home of Tim Hart.

3 – 5:30 p.m., Supper at the Akropolis restaurant. 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group will view “Who’s Widening America’s Digital Divide?” when it meets in the Goettel Room.

5 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. David Weissbard. Sermon title: “Bearing Witness: True and False.” Random Acts of Kindness will be observed. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. Noon, UU Circle to conduct Three-S Festival. Copies of the Book Club’s selection, “Cutting For Stone” by Abraham Verghese, are to be returned to the church by this day. 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.

11 – Adopt-a-Highway and church cleanup day.

12 – 9 a.m., Spiritual Committee. 9:30 a.m., Social Justice Subcommittee. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. 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.

15 – 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread, Route 31, Clay.

17 – 5:30 p.m., Supper at the Akropolis restaurant. 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group meets in the Goettel Room.

18 – 9:30 to 11 a.m., Monthly choir practice. Noon to 4 p.m., pre-summer picnic to support Joshua Cutillo’s volunteer service at the 2013 UU Youth Missions Work Camp at the Southern Appalachian Folklife Center in Pipestem, West Virginia.

19 – 9 a.m., Executive Board. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. Noon, The Rev. Libbie Stoddard and Andrea Abbott will conduct a workshop on “Affirmations of Faith.”

26 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. Noon, Winfield Ihlow will conduct a workshop concerning the placement of the American flag in the front of the sanctuary.

27 – Memorial Day.

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## 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](mailto:rhaskell@twcny.rr.com). His postal address is 29 Grove Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2332. His telephone number is 315-635-5294.

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## 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 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.

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## 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.

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