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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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STUDENT MINISTER SNIPPET

Could there be a message for November that did not take Thanksgiving into account? Unless you are a turkey, this is the time of year when you will be asked, even demanded, to be thankful. This made me think about both the blessings and the problems of this season. A grateful heart is, truly, a blessing. Most of us, as long as we are alive, have something for which to be grateful, if simply that we are alive. Many of us do fail to see the blessings around us and, instead, see only our own problems and issues. A grateful heart takes us out of the narrow prison of ourselves. When we look outside ourselves we can see a larger world. We can be renewed by its joy and beauty. We can also come to see that others also struggle and enlarge our sense of self by our compassion for their struggles.

But gratitude can also feel forced. Many of us may not wake up each morning feeling particularly grateful. We may not appreciate people telling us that we should be thankful for our blessings. Inauthentic gratitude is not helpful to anyone. Gratitude works best when it is something we can develop within ourselves. An essential part of that process is recognizing those obstacles to gratitude and working through the pain these obstacles cause us. Friends and family members, including "church family," can be a great help in this process.

Therefore, in this season I pray for the ability to listen rather than to dismiss, the wisdom to encourage rather than impose and the heart to understand those whose trials are different from my own. Through this, I can hope to increase my own authentic feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving.

Andrea Abbott

IF A WORSHIP SERVICE IS IN DOUBT

There are various ways to find out if a worship service will be held on a Sunday morning when winter weather is raging. 1. You may call Janie Garlow at 436-2238 or Chester Perkins at 668-6719. 2. You may turn to Channel 10 television, Channel 9 television and WSYR radio. Ann Peterson, an Outreach Committee member, has made arrangements with those media outlets to broadcast a notice of any cancellation. 3. You may check your e-mail for a message from Bob Haskell. The decision as to whether a worship service will be conducted will be made by 8:30 a.m.

Please have articles for the next newsletter to Bob Haskell by no later than NOON on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25. Bob would be grateful if everyone would not wait until the last minute to submit articles.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE, OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Subcommittee (nine attendees) met on Sunday morning, October 27. We briefly reviewed our projects and ideas for holiday giving that would include the congregation. Rebecca Fuentes and Tracy Kinne suggested ideas for our continued support of workers' rights. We would like our church to present a series of programs to educate us, the community and the workers.

The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 10. All are invited.

Nancy Hallock, chairperson

GREEN MINUTE: WINDOW COVERINGS

We've had an outstanding fall season weather wise. However, the reality is it's November and it's time to stop heat loss in our homes to save on energy. Windows have been called "holes in the walls" for obvious and real reasons since they can be responsible for as much as 40 percent of our heating and cooling costs. For a relatively inexpensive fix to the problem, there is a really interesting Web site at www.EfficientWindowCoverings.org that allows you to compare window coverings and that has tools to help you decide if a window covering will work for you.

The Web site tool makes suggestions based partly on the climate and location selected. For example, in our northern climate moisture condensation issues need special attention so the wrong type of window covering can actually do damage. To avoid the problem you can look at window treatments rated highly for condensation resistance. When you tell the tool that you live in a northern climate the tool will automatically default to those options.

Say you're interested only in products that provide shade in the summer, the tool can direct you to those types of window covers. It also gives information on warranties to help you make informed choices when it comes to durability in purchased coverings.

If you are interested in doing your window coverings yourself, type "DIY Window Coverings" or "DIY Window Treatments" into your favorite Web browser and you'll find more ideas than you can count. I made insulated roman shades for some large windows that covered the main wall in an addition to a home I previously lived in that wasn't properly insulated. By lowering the shades when the sun wasn't shining, I completely eliminated the need for the electric heat in that room when the wood stove was being used for the rest of the house.

You may not be able to make your windows do everything you want them to do, such as let in light and views but keep out the cold, but with some research you can make your windows perform better and without spending a lot of money.

Ellen LaPine
Outreach Committee

ANNUAL GUEST AT YOUR TABLE PROGRAM COMING UP

The annual Guest at Your Table program of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee begins this month. Guest at Your Table has been an important part of UUSC and congregational culture since it began in 1975. Each year since, involvement in Guest at Your Table has grown — strengthening UU connections to our shared principles and helping to challenge injustice throughout the world.

UU congregations in the United States and around the world participate in this important annual tradition. They come together, learn about people directly connected to human rights work, and raise funds to support this work. Together, members of these congregations inspire people to join UUSC and help raise funds to support our shared vision.

This year, UUSC is offering a special incentive as we approach the 40th anniversary of Guest at Your Table. You won't want to miss it — the winning congregation will receive a sermon written and delivered in person by the Rev. William Schulz, UUSC's president and chief executive officer!

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

UU CIRCLE TO MEET

The UU Circle will meet at about 11:30 a.m., immediately after the worship service, on Sunday, November 3.
Please bring suggestions and ideas to formulate a calendar.

Barbara Kamerance

A VERY RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season will be upon us soon. My local Renaissance group will present "A Very Renaissance Christmas" play on Sunday, December 1. The play will include music presented by the Troubadours' Guild. The Actors' Guild will present some of the play from a script as well as some impromptu humor for your entertainment and amusement. Don Sears, known as Thrommell in our Renaissance time, is a serious history buff so you can expect to hear some interesting facts from times gone by as well as getting a good laugh.

There will be a potluck luncheon after church services, and the play will immediately follow. Look for a sign-up sheet for the potluck luncheon.

There is no charge for the play, but if you wish to make a donation to the food pantry, it would be welcomed.

Ann Peterson
UU Circle

VIDEO DISCUSSION GROUP

The Video Discussion Group will view the film "A Place at the Table" when it meets in the Goettel Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 1.

About the film secured by Nancy Hallock: "50 Million Americans – 1 in 4 children – don't know where their next meal is coming from. 'A Place at the Table' tells the powerful stories of three such Americans, who maintain their dignity even as they struggle just to eat. In a riveting journey that will change forever how you think about the hungry, 'A Place at the Table' shows how the issue could be solved forever, once the American public decides – as they have in the past – that ending hunger is in the best interests of us all."

The video group plans to have supper at the Akropolis Restaurant on Route 11 just north of Central Square at 5:30 p.m. on the same day. Please let Janie Garlow know via e-mail at mjgarlow@aol.com or via telephone at 315-436-2238 by Thursday, October 31, if you plan to attend the supper so that she may make a reservation.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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, November 20.

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 Mary or Chet Perkins. Everyone is invited to attend.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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, November 6. For more information, contact Tim Hart or Chet Perkins.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has chosen "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" for its next read. I reserved it as a tote from the library but it is out. The date of return is November 18. So we'll get it soon after. The library has many copies, including free downloads, if anyone wants to start reading the book sooner.

Nancy Hallock

CHOIR RESCHEDULES REHEARSAL

The choir has delayed its first-Saturday-of-the-month rehearsal until Saturday, November 9.

Leigh Parry-Benedict, music coordinator, has written, "The choir will be working on a variety of different music styles! I am looking forward to having many voices for our choir this year! If you currently sing, sang when you were in school, sing in the car or shower, or just sing in your head, I would LOVE to have you add your voice to the choir. See you there!"

"I am trying to provide a variety of music and instruments to our music program each week, as well as a variety of performers. So, anyone who plays an instrument is always welcome to share his or her talents during the church service."

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.

TIM HART HEADS STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS

The New York State Convention of Universalists elected Tim Hart as its president when it conducted its 187th Annual Meeting at St. Paul's Universalist Church in Little Falls on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. He succeeds Joyce T. Gilbert of Rochester.

As stated in the convention's Nominating Committee report, "Tim Hart has been a life-long Unitarian Universalist. He attended the Hamburg, New York, church while growing up and has been a member of the Central Square church for the past 30 years. He served on the St. Lawrence District Board as its religious education liaison, his local church board, and was a school board member as well. He has been a trustee of the NYSCU Board for seven years, vice president for two years, and serves as its Service and Gratuities Committee chair. Tim has taught fifth and sixth grades for the past 30 years. He is an avid sports fan, rock hound and meditator. He enjoys most outdoor activities, including golfing and kayaking. His wife, Margaret, served as UU minister in the Central Square church for several years. His son, Nathaniel, is the sports information director for SUNY Canton."

Tim's niece, Christine Hart, delivered the annual meeting's keynote address on Saturday morning. She is a member of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, D.C. Her topic was "Beyond Borders – Living UU Values Through Service & Social Justice."

A native of East Aurora, New York, and the UU congregation there, Christine has been a policy associate, policy and government affairs, Women Thrive Worldwide, since December 2012. She is based in Washington, D.C.

After receiving a bachelor of arts in political science and history from Colgate University, Christine volunteered with the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso, where her work was with girls' education and empowerment. Upon her return, she joined the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights, working with grassroots human rights defenders. This led her to pursue graduate studies in the field of human rights at the University of Denver, where she served as associate director of that university's Human Trafficking Clinic and earned a master of arts degree from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies. Her field work was in the Philippines and post-conflict northern Uganda.

Besides Tim, those attending from Central Square were Ronna and Kurt Schindler, Andrea Abbott and Arnold Hook. They represented the First Universalist Society as delegates.

Tim led a visit to the Ace of Diamonds Mine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 25.

The New York State Convention of Universalists was organized in 1825. Prior to the creation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, it served as the principal denominational body for Universalist churches in New York State.

Today the Convention administers two endowments. One provides gratuities for retired New York State Universalist ministers and their families; the other is used to promote the growth of the Unitarian Universalist movement generally, and to preserve, nurture and enhance the Universalist tradition within the movement.

The Convention upholds the Universalist heritage, most notably through annual meetings and through a program of grants and loans. In addition, the Convention appoints the majority of the Board of the Saint Lawrence Foundation for Theological Education, which administers a third endowment for the support of students studying for the UU ministry.

The Convention maintains an archive at the First Universalist Society in Rochester. The Convention encourages UU societies to preserve their historical records through workshops and grants.

LIONESSE CLUB COLLECTING GIFTS

The Central Square Lioness Club is collecting gifts for the Lions Club Christmas baskets again.

It has been the custom of this church to donate knitted mittens, hats and scarves each year.

So if you are able, grab your knitting needles and have your contributions at the church by Sunday, December 8.

If you cannot complete your knitting by that date, the Lioness Club will be glad to receive your mittens, hats and scarves at any time after that for next year's Christmas gifts.

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.

PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the exasperated voice of Andrea Abbott resounds in my ears: “But, Bob, I have already spoken about this! Don’t you ever listen to any of my sermons?” And I would not be surprised if Andrea were not joined by a chorus composed of David Weissbard, Tanya Atwood-Adams and Libbie D. Stoddard, among others, loudly exclaiming the same or a similar sentiment.

My only excuse is that I am somewhat hard of hearing, and because of such a condition I might have missed an important point or two along the way.

But I recently read an article on the Internet that stated, as my memory serves me now because I can no longer locate the article, that some atheists around the world had come to recognize the importance of belonging to a community, of joining with others who shared their values, of being energized by that association.

For example, a recent article about “Sunday Assemblies” in The Economist weekly newspaper of London tells of Sanderson Jones, a stand-up comic and now a kind of preacher, who in January “created a ‘Sunday Assembly’ — a regular gathering for non-religious Londoners featuring storytelling, jokes and singing to a live band. Since then, its growth has been divine.”

“We have gone from one congregation to about 30 within a year,” Jones said. The article adds, “A similar mix of grandiloquence and irony pervades his services. They feature familiar pop songs such as ‘Celebration’ by Kool & The Gang, a funk group, and sermons that mix earnestness and silliness. At the end, people eat cakes. Members have set up a book club, a philosophy circle and a small self-help group.”

Another article, “Sunday Assembly: A Godless Service Coming to a ‘Church’ Near You,” from “Good Morning America,” reports that the movement is spreading to the United States this month. More than 400 atheists have recently signed up online to attend a Sunday Assembly in Los Angeles scheduled for November 10. Groups in New York City, Chicago, Washington, D.C., San Diego, San Francisco, Atlanta, Nashville and Phoenix, among others, are also forming.

“We wanted to do something like a church for people who don’t believe in God,” said Jones. “Life is such a wonderful thing to have been given —and frankly, it’s as transcendent as any one god. We come from nothing and go to nothing and in between we have these short glazing moments of awareness and consciousness to love and sing and mess up and try again. We should celebrate it.”

In the article, Jones says, “We talk about developing an attitude of gratitude. . . . It’s catchy, isn’t it?” Jones says he is tired of the dour meetings held by the Humanists and the Unitarians. “Why on earth aren’t people clapping and dancing around and jumping up and down at those gatherings?” he asks.

Perhaps those involved in the “Sunday Assemblies” have come to recognize what is stated in the lead paragraph of the Economist article: “Sociologists have long insisted that religion is about far more than worshipping a deity or proclaiming ultimate truths. It is also a means of social bonding, sharing pain and sorrows, and experiencing ecstasy together.” I suspect that the atheists mentioned here are looking for those aspects of life described in the last sentence.

So what is my point? It is that I hope that our congregation continues to recognize, as even some atheists do now, the importance of shared community. For I fear that unless that feeling is first and foremost among its participants our society will face difficult times ahead.

As I said in the first paragraph, I am sure that Andrea Abbott, David Weissbard, Tanya Atwood-Adams and Libbie D. Stoddard have made this point much better than I can. But I think that it is one point that needs to be emphasized again and again.

Bob

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.

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

The Executive Board approved a proposal for a Vocal Cabaret Night presented by Leigh Parry-Benedict, music coordinator, at its meeting in the church dining room on Sunday morning, October 6.

The proposed date for what is hoped will become an annual money-raising event is Saturday, February 8. The affair will include either a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. or dessert at 8 p.m.

Performances in the sanctuary are to begin at 7 p.m. They are expected to include church members. The plan calls for inviting music students from the Central Square Senior High School as well as other musicians and vocalists in the community to participate.

In other business, the Executive Board appointed Ronna and Kurt Schindler, Andrea Abbott and Arnold Hook as delegates to the 2013 Annual Meeting of the New York State Convention of Universalists to be held at St. Paul's Universalist Church in Little Falls on October 25–26.

Andrea Abbott said that her studies at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester were going well. She also said that she would begin a "12-Step Group" based upon Karen Armstrong's book, "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life," on Sunday, October 20.

Board members voted to renew the snow removal contract with Miller Lawn & Landscape for the winter season.

Robert Haskell reported that Jody Brown had accepted her appointment as the church's representative for denominational affairs.

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. Random Acts of Kindness envelopes are found on the back of the pews.

The next Random Acts of Kindness will be observed on Sunday, November 3.

The fund is administered by Andrea Abbott and Executive Board members.

FAIR SHARE APPEAL

The Fair Share is the amount of the contribution our congregation is asked to give each fiscal year to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) and its St. Lawrence District (SLD).

These contributions finance programs, services and resources that directly benefit and strengthen our congregation and the Unitarian Universalist movement as a whole.

Fair Share is based upon the number of members a congregation certified for the UUA General Assembly the previous February. This year's combined Fair

Share contribution is expected to be about \$75 per member.

Our congregation has a line item in our budget, which covers \$2,000 of our contribution. Each year we try to pay our Fair Share in full. We make the first part of our contribution during December.

We are asking members if they are able to do so to write a check for \$75 payable to the church and to designate "Fair Share" in the memo. This would help us reach our goal.

WINDOW FUND UPDATE

The Executive Board has repaid \$2,000 of a \$5,000 loan from the New York State Convention of Universalists.

Money from the loan, for three years beginning March 1, 2013, with no interest charge, was used to partially finance the restoration of two large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary and the installation of mesh covering on all three large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary.

It is hoped that an additional \$1,000 may be repaid by May 31, 2014, based upon this church year's Window Fund pledges.

This means that \$2,000 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 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.

PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD

The Social Justice Subcommittee reminds everyone that coins deposited in the collection plates each Sunday will continue to go toward its participation in Pure Water for the World.

Its Web site states:

Our Mission

Pure Water for the World (PWW) works in remote and underserved regions of developing countries that lack sustainable clean, safe drinking water. We work with local governments and community partners to select, analyze the appropriate technology for the community, and to implement cost-effective projects.

Our History

Pure Water began in 1994 when a dentist from the Brattleboro, Vermont, Rotary Club volunteered to go to a small Salvadoran village to provide medical services. He was moved by the poor living conditions and vowed to make a difference and do something. With the support of his Rotary Club, he decided to help the people by providing rural villages with potable water. The success and interest of the club's activities soon outgrew the capacity of the Rotary Club.

As a result, Pure Water for the World, Inc. was set up as a 501c3 organization to carry out this important humanitarian effort in 1999. With the focused commitment of the Board of Directors, staff was hired to move the work forward.

Pure Water worked to identify a system that would best fit the demands of the rural villages and the people that the organization first sought to serve. After much effort and investigation Pure Water focused on individual sand filters that would go into each family's home and Pure Water developed an educational component and follow-up to insure the success of the installed sand filters. Although the initial efforts were in El Salvador, most of the recent efforts have been in Honduras and Haiti. Pure Water is now expanding into other countries after being recognized as the leading organization dealing with providing clean, safe drinking water to the rural populations. The household sand filters have made a huge difference in the villages, schools and homes where Pure Water has been able to install them. Where filters are in use the crying from stomach pains, death, and poor school attendance are a thing of the past.

Our program emphasizes education as a critical component of any program trying to provide clean, safe drinking water. We also provide hygiene and sanitation education, parasitic treatment and follow-up monitoring. In order to create jobs in-country we build concrete filters at each project site where they are used. In Haiti, Pure Water's filter factory employs 30 Haitians, many of whom did not have a decent job before. We also have developed a plastic filter that can be transported more easily to the rural population and can be made in-country on a portable molding machine. Besides slow sand filters for individuals and community-based sand filters, Pure Water has also done solar pasteurization, and is setting up a rainwater harvesting program. We are expanding the technologies that we bring to each situation so that we can provide cost-effective and appropriate technologies to solve the problems of that community.

RECYCLE YOUR MAGAZINES

The Outreach Committee is asking you to bring magazines to the church dining room on the first Sunday of each month so that you may exchange them for others.

Nancy Hallock, committee chairperson, 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.

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.

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.

NOVEMBER 2013 CALENDAR

1 – 5:30 p.m., Supper at the Akropolis restaurant. 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group meets in the Goettel Room.
3 – 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends. 9 a.m., Executive Board meets. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., the Rev. David Weissbard leads the worship service. Random Acts of Kindness. 10:50 a.m., Children's religious education. 11:30 a.m., UU Circle is to meet. 11:45 a.m., Social time. Noon, "Step-12 Group" is to meet. This is also the once-a-month Sunday on which the 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.
5 – 5 to 7 p.m., Andrea Abbott will hold office hours at the church.
6 – 7 p.m., The Spiritual Development Group will meet at the home of Tim Hart.
9 – 9:30 to 11 a.m., Choir practices in the sanctuary.
10 – 9 a.m., Social Justice Subcommittee. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Andrea Abbott leads the worship service. 10:50 a.m., Children's religious education. 11:45 a.m., Social time. 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.
12 – 5 to 7 p.m., Andrea Abbott will hold office hours at the church.
15 – 5:30 p.m., Supper at the Akropolis restaurant. 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group meets in the Goettel Room.
17 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., the Rev. Tanya Atwood Adams leads the worship service. 10:50 a.m., Children's religious education. 11:45 a.m., Social time.
19 – 5 to 7 p.m., Andrea Abbott will hold office hours at the church.
20 – 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread, Route 31, Clay.
24 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Andrea Abbott leads the worship service. 10:50 a.m., Children's religious education. 11:45 a.m., Social time.
26 – 5 to 7 p.m., Andrea Abbott will hold office hours at the church.

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.

CHURCH WEB SITE/FACEBOOK PAGE

Please remember the church Web site at <http://www.centralsquareuu.com/> and the church Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UU-Central-Square/199139743511564>.

You can also reach the Facebook page by clicking on the Facebook link at the Web site.

To see the posts on the Facebook page, you have to click on "Most Recent Posts By Others" and "See All."

To view the church's electronic calendar, just click on "Calendar" at the church Web site or click on "About" and then on "Products" on the Facebook page.

We have updated the church Web site so that it is easier to read the sermons. Just go to the Web site and click on "sermons" and a list of ministers will appear. Then just click on the name of the person whose sermons you wish to read and a list of sermons will appear. Then click on the sermon you wish to read.

A shortcut: to go directly to the list of ministers, click http://www.centralsquareuu.com/selected_sermons.html

DOWNSTAIRS SCOTTY ACCEPTS NON-FOOD ITEMS

The Outreach Committee will accept non-food items for the Downstairs Scotty every Sunday.

Such non-food items include soap, detergent, bathroom and facial tissues, toothpaste, and the like.

The collection box is in the church dining room.

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