

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

The First Universalist Society of Central Square

*A Unitarian Universalist
Congregation*

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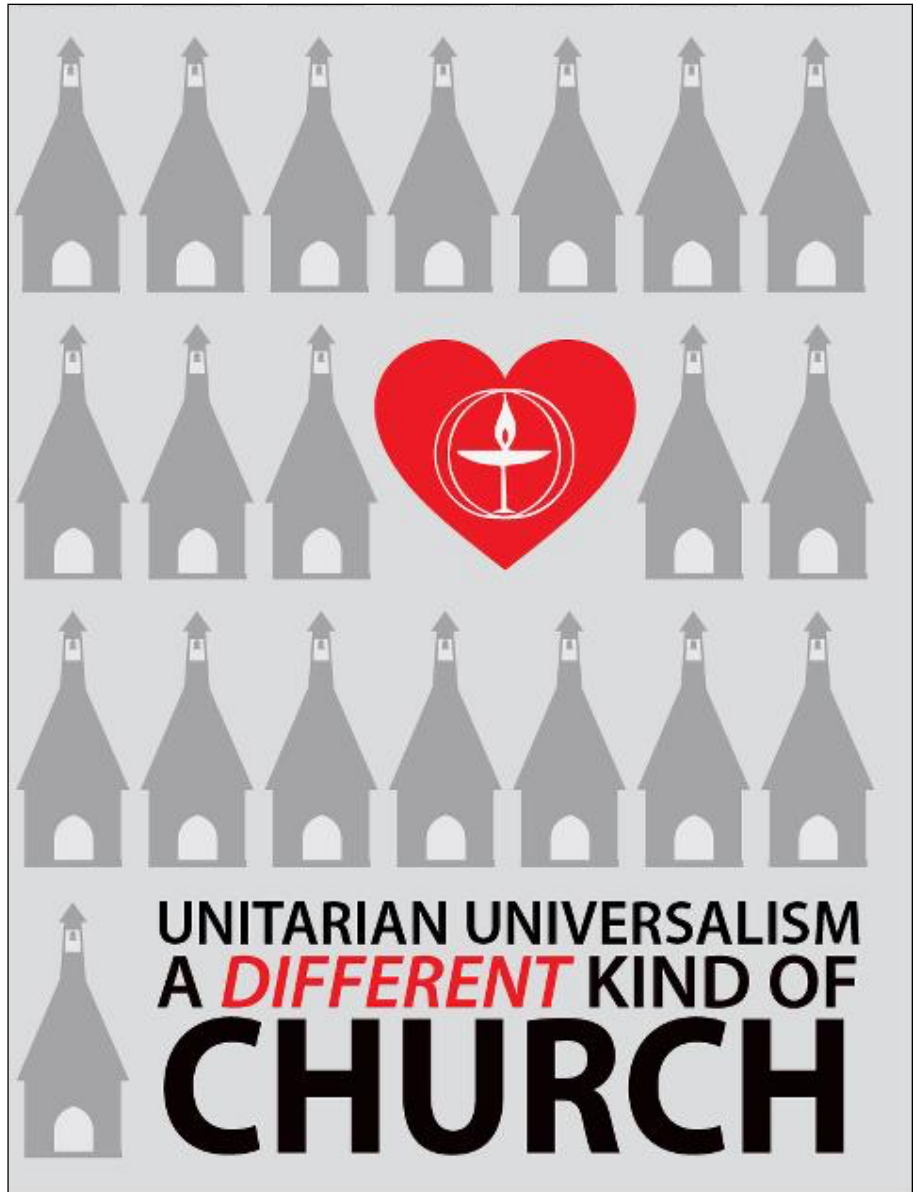
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Our Mission Statement

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.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

A MINISTERIAL MOMENT, OR MORE

October is serious autumn country. Even if the warmth of the summer lingers into October, the golden light, the shorter days and cooler nights let us know we have entered different territory.



Our garden is fading rapidly and only a few flowers survive. Most have done what they can and have formed their seeds. Their time of exuberant beauty is past. The market is crowded with all kinds of fruits and vegetables. It is apple season and the last of grapes; squash of many kinds reign as corn bows off the stage. This is the true season of harvest in this part of the world. They have accomplished what they were meant to do, leaving behind the means to sustain life through the winter and create new life next spring. We may not flower forth in geranium blossoms or leave the legacy of broccoli, but we, too, have our seasons, and we, too,

leave a harvest behind. Here at First Universalist, we wish to help everyone to flower and to be sustained, to leave a legacy that helps the world come to life.

The Rev. Andrea Abbott

THE REVEREND WEISSBARD CONSIDERS THE "ABSENCE OF HEROES"



The Rev. David Weissbard writes concerning his sermon for the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 2:

"It seems to me (and to others) that one of the problems of our time is the absence of heroes. Here we are facing a presidential election with most voters saying that they believe that neither candidate meets their expectations and we are forced to vote for a 'lesser evil'. Peter Kreeft has suggested, 'Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts, stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder. It has fed our thirst for facts but not for meaning or mystery. It produces "nice" people, not heroes'. And, I would add, some people are not so 'nice'. Sunday we will be considering 'Heroes, Heroines, Saints, & Exemplars'."

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have articles for the November newsletter to Bob Haskell by no later than 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. His e-mail address is rhaskell@twcny.rr.com.



UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

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



DRIVE WITHOUT FEAR
* JOIN #GREENLIGHTNY *
TOGETHER WE CAN WIN
DRIVERS LICENSES FOR
IMMIGRANT NY!

PROGRAM FOCUSES ON LICENSES FOR ALL DRIVERS

The Social Justice Committee will host a presentation on the campaign to gain drivers licenses for all New York drivers, regardless of whether they have a Social Security number, at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2.

“Green Light NY: Driving Together” will be presented in the sanctuary by Ann Peterson and members of the Workers’ Center of Central New York. The free community information session will last about an hour.

Prior to 2002, all New York drivers were eligible to apply for a drivers license regardless of documentation. But in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, the law was changed.

Now, New York is in violation of federal law because regular drivers licenses -- unlike the enhanced licenses -- do not meet identification requirements. Twelve states offer licenses to undocumented drivers, and the Green Light campaign seeks to add New York.

TIME TO BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH AND GROUNDS

The Executive Board has set a date for Love Your Church Day, when we spruce up the church and grounds. Volunteers are needed to help clean the church and tidy up the yard from 10 a.m. to about noon on Saturday, October 8.

Please bring your own/favorite cleaning supplies.

We want our church to look especially inviting for our fundraising dinner, which will be October 15, and get the yard and church exterior ready for winter.

For information, contact Janie Garlow, 315-436-2238 or mjgarlow@aol.com.



ALL INVITED TO 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 Thursday, October 20. All are welcome to join in casual conversation and to enjoy coffee or tea and other goodies.

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.

UU CIRCLE'S SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH

The UU Circle is having a spaghetti dinner from 4 until 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 15.

We are asking everyone to volunteer some time on that day. We will need help with set-up, cooking sauce, serving food, washing dishes and cleanup.

Funds from this dinner go to support our church, and to send cards to those who are missing from church or who are ill. We also give flowers or gift certificates to those who are hospitalized. The UU Circle also provided the Memorial Luncheon in memory of Jane Martin.

There is a sign-up sheet in the dining room.

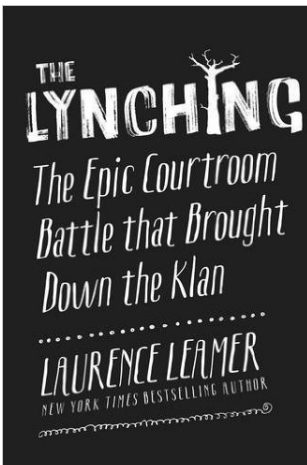
The spaghetti dinner includes meat sauce or marinara on pasta, green salad bar, Italian bread, dessert and beverages.

Prices for the dinner are adults, \$8; children 12-6 years, \$5; and those 5 years and under, free.

The Social Justice Committee will also have a bake sale in connection with the dinner. Find a time that you can spare a few hours for your church on that date.



Thank you,
Ann Peterson
UU Circle



EVERYONE INVITED TO DISCUSS "THE LYNCHING"

The Social Justice Committee has decided to discuss "The Lynching: The Epic Courtroom Battle That Brought Down the Klan" by Laurence Leamer at the church at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 17.

Everyone is invited to read and discuss this book. Please let Arne Hook know if you are interested in having a copy of the book. He can obtain used copies at about half the cost of a new copy.

Leamer chronicles the powerful and spellbinding true story of a brutal race-based killing in 1981 and subsequent trials that undid one of the most pernicious organizations in American history—the Ku Klux Klan.

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.

BOARD SPLINTERS

The Executive Board met Sunday, September 11, and began with a candle lighting and prayer by the Rev. Andrea Abbott in remembrance of 9/11.

Then the board quickly got to work with preparations for winter. Arne Hook reported that the snowplowing contract for the sidewalks and the west side drive and parking area is ready at \$648.

The Bank of America branch has closed, and since the bank kept the large lot at the east side of the church cleared, Janie Garlow will ask the village mayor who will be responsible for plowing this winter.



Arne said the contractor has been busy and hasn't updated him on the belfry repair. Arne will call the contractor again.

Bees are coming in the space where the stained-glass window on the steep east side stairway has sagged from age. Arne will try to raise the window. This also might help with heat loss and ice buildup in that area, although Arne said the main problem is two old chimneys that let a lot of heat escape.

Janie reported that after a big rainstorm water entered the church. She thinks it came in at the junction of the foundations from the main building and the addition. Arne said there may be a crack in one of the foundations. Priscilla Sparks noted that tree roots may have caused a problem. Because the problem arises only when there is a major rainstorm, the board will delay any action.

We'll be assured of having hot coffee this winter and after any storms thanks to Marcia Burrell-Ihlow, who purchased and donated a stainless steel coffee pot. Since the pot is new and the cord is stiff, anyone making coffee should be sure the cord is pushed fully into the pot. It wasn't the first Sunday the pot was used and the coffee didn't perk. Horrors! Thank you, Marcia, for your generosity!

Priscilla and Janet Jenkins are continuing to research plaques for the fire safe, which Priscilla donated in memory of her father, Pat Grosso, and the memorial garden. Priscilla noted that she would rather any money spent on a safe plaque be used for other church needs, but Janet assured her they could find a plaque for \$20 or less.

Janet continues to work on the building use guidelines. Fees are \$50 for use of the dining room and kitchen; \$25 each for use of the Goettel and community rooms; and \$100 for use of the sanctuary. Janie noted that fees are sometimes waived, particularly for nonprofits such as the Alzheimer's Association.

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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

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Mary Fran Yafchak has agreed to chair the membership committee. The board is grateful for her many good ideas, including posting the religious education curriculum on the website and sending a news release on the curriculum to local media.

Andrea will begin asking congregants to fill out the survey on the start time of worship services. The board had a request to change the service from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to fill out the brief survey, which will be emailed and will be available in print in the sanctuary. For a survey or information, see Andrea. Please be sure to vote.

Janie reported that we are entitled to have four delegates to the New York State Convention of Universalists' annual meeting October 21 and 22 at the Utica and Barneveld churches, respectively. The group has an

interesting program, and offers grants and loans from a trust fund. Janie noted that our church was originally a Universalist church. Please see Janie if you're interested in attending.


Tracy Kinne
Recording secretary

New York State Convention of Universalists
190th Annual Meeting
October 21-22, 2016

Keynote speaker:
Philip P. Arnold

Phil Arnold is Associate Professor of Religion and Native American Studies at Syracuse University. Phil is also chair of the Religion Department at Syracuse. He is Director of the Ská-nóth—Great Law of Peace Center. Phil is a member of Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON). He established the Doctrine of Discovery Study Group and the Indigenous Values Initiative, a non-profit organization to support the work of the Ská-nóth.

His books include Eating Landscape, Sacred Landscapes and Cultural Politics, The Gift of Sports and Urgency of Indigenous Religions.



“The Urgent Need to Address the Doctrine of Discovery”

Co-hosts: UU Church of Utica (Friday)
Unitarian Church of Barneveld (Saturday)
10 Higby Road, Utica and 4 Park Avenue, Barneveld

All Unitarian Universalists are warmly invited to attend
Registration information will be posted at nyscu.org

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.

GREEN MINUTE: A FEW GREEN IDEAS FOR THE GARAGE

While looking for ideas for this month's Green Minute I ran across the webpage <https://www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/22-little-ways-to-go-green>. Here are some of their ideas for workshops and garages:

Figure out which cordless power tools get the most use, and then unplug the chargers on all the rest or better yet unplug the chargers for them all. Most cordless tools with nickel cadmium (NiCad) batteries lose 15 to 20 percent of their juice each month, but only take a couple of hours to power up again. Newer tools with lithium ion batteries lose just 2 to 5 percent of their charge each month.



Save the plastic containers you get from the deli and use them to organize your nails, screws, and leftover paints. Their tight seal will help preserve solvents, and the see-through containers stack neatly displaying the contents clearly.

After cleaning brushes and tools with paint thinner, allow the dirty solvent to sit overnight so the sludge can settle to the bottom, leaving a layer of clear thinner

on top. Carefully pour the clear thinner that will remain at the top of the jar into a clean container and tightly seal it for future use. Be sure to dispose of the leftover sludge at a hazardous-waste-disposal site — never down a sink drain or into a gutter.

Combine cans of leftover paint to paint your garage or workshop. (Make sure to mix only latex with latex and oils with oils.) You'll keep the leftover paint out of the trash, and by adding the semi-glosses to the flats and eggshells, you'll end up with a finish that's easy to clean.

Store paint cans upside down so the solvents rise to the top and get trapped under the bottom of the can. Your paint will last longer because the solvents won't be able to slowly seep out through the lid.

Visit the website for more ideas for your house.

Ellen LaPine
Outreach Committee

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE HAS MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE

Members of the Social Justice Committee met on September 18 and discussed the following:

1. The Green Light Campaign program to be presented at our church at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2. The discussion focused on setup, fliers, refreshments, invitations, etc.
2. Faith for a Fair New York conference scheduled in Liverpool on September 25-27. We offered to provide transportation to and from the train station for participants. The Central New York Fight for \$15 Committee, the Workers' Center of Central New York and the Central New York Area Labor Federation sponsored a Rally in Johnson Park, Liverpool, to support farmworkers and the Fight for \$15.
3. Our Adopt-a-Highway pickup is scheduled for Sunday, October 9. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. Participants should wear old shoes and work gloves. We have vests, bags and hats.
4. Fundraising for the committee. We are having a Bake Sale on the night of the Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for Pure Water for the World. We are working on an idea to use our logo in a Christmas card form.
5. We have scheduled a discussion of the book "The Lynching: The Epic Courtroom Battle That Brought Down the Klan" by Laurence Leamer at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 17. Contact me to borrow a copy.
6. We suggested a joint showing of the film "Divided We Fall" to the Central New York Cluster Meeting conducted at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church in Syracuse on Sunday, September 18, and the group agreed. More information will follow.



Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hallock, chair

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A HEROIN OR OPIOID OVERDOSE?

There is an antidote that can be given to someone who has overdosed on heroin or an opioid. I was recently trained and certified to be able to administer the antidote, and I have the kit with the antidote available for use.

I hope that we do not have such an event at church, but if it does occur we have a way to help, thanks to ACR Health, an agency that has been dealing with AIDs prevention.

Ann Peterson

In Unitarian Universalism, you can bring your whole self: your full identity, your questioning mind, your expansive heart.

As Unitarian Universalists, we do not have to check our personal background and beliefs at the door: we join together on a journey that honors everywhere we've been before.



CHILDREN TO EXPLORE RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

October begins with our annual angel release (milkweed pods). What a wonderful way to begin fall.

Making our personal story stones will help us to learn together and accept our differences in a loving environment. We will be exploring religious diversity and the golden rule.

We will learn how we all have a right to voice opinions and the right to have a vote for things that concern us.

It is important to work for a peaceful, fair and free world but what if no one forgave? We will be discussing this thought and what we can do to make sure that does not happen.

Creating terrariums to learn about ecosystems and the interdependent web will round out our month.

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE

Thanks to these people for volunteering to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings: Priscilla Sparks and Susan Woods, September 25.

Thanks to these people for volunteering to host the social time on Sunday mornings: Nancy Hallock, September 25; Mary Fran Yafchak, October 2; and Tracy Kinne, October 9.

Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. Anyone with any questions is encouraged to speak with Winfield Ihlow.

Volunteers are also needed to host the social time on Sunday mornings. Anyone with any questions is encouraged to speak with Judy Tennant.



DREAMWORK CONFERENCE BEING ORGANIZED

Arne Hook is organizing a dreamwork conference along with Wilka Roig, a therapist and dreamworker, to be held in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, next year. For more information, click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dreaming-and-healing-many-pathways-registration-27342455019?aff=es2>

Unitarian Universalists are united in shared experience: our open worship services, religious education, and rites of passage; our work for social justice; our quest to include the marginalized; and our expressions of love.

Unitarian Universalists believe more than one thing. We think for ourselves, and reflect together, about important questions.

OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR

2 – 9 a.m., Executive Board. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:25 a.m., Announcements. 10:30 a.m., the Rev. David Weissbard leads the worship service. Sermon topic: “Heroes, Heroines, Saints, & Exemplars.” Random Acts of Kindness Sunday. 10:50 a.m., Religious education program. 11:45 a.m., Social time. 12:30 p.m., “Green Light NY: Driving Together” program. This is the once-a-month Sunday on which the Social Justice Committee asks everyone to bring magazines to the church dining room to exchange them for others. The committee 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.

3 – 6 p.m., Class in meditation led by the Zen Center of Syracuse at our church.

8 – 10 a.m. to about noon, Love Your Church Day.

9 – 8:30 a.m., Adopt-a-Highway pickup. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:25 a.m., Announcements. 10:30 a.m., Andrea Abbott leads the worship service. 10:50 a.m., Religious education program. 11:45 a.m., Social time.

The choir will also conduct its monthly rehearsal in the sanctuary. This is the once-a-month Sunday on which the Social Justice Committee 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 Divine Mercy Parish Center, 592 South Main Street, Central Square.

10 – 6 p.m., Class in meditation led by the Zen Center of Syracuse at our church.

15 – 4 to 6 p.m., UU Circle sponsors a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the church. Event includes Bake Sale by the Social Justice Committee to raise money for Pure Water for the World.

16 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:25 a.m., Announcements. 10:30 a.m., the Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams leads the worship service. 10:50 a.m., Religious education program. 11:45 a.m., Social time.

17 – 6 p.m., The Social Justice Committee hosts a discussion of “The Lynching: The Epic Courtroom Battle That Brought Down the Klan” by Laurence Leamer at the church.

20 – 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread on Route 31 in Clay.

23 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:25 a.m., Announcements. 10:30 a.m., The Rev. Andrea Abbott leads the worship service. 10:50 a.m., Religious education program. 11:45 a.m., Social time.

24 – 7 p.m., Alzheimer’s support group meets in the Goettel Room.

30 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:25 a.m., Announcements. 10:30 a.m., Worship service. 11:45 a.m., Social time.

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Unitarian Universalists are diverse in faith, ethnicity, history and spirituality, but aligned in our desire to make a difference for the good.