



CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

The First Universalist Church
of Central Square
A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

The Rev. Margaret Hart, Minister	668-1268
Andrea Abbott, Lay Speaker	635-7122
Janie Garlow, President	436-2238
Rita Thornton, Director of Music	699-4824

Our church building is handicapped accessible.

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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.

MAY 2009

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

Dear friends,

Spring has sprung, and there is enthusiasm in the air. There seems to be something going on at church almost every day or evening of the week. It requires that we plan ahead, check the calendar, and mark things down. We can no longer assume that the time and space is open!

The Religious Exploration program is building strength, as new things are happening for children, youth, and adults. There is spiritual dance, choir, and a drum circle. The men's group has become a coed group for Spirituality Exploration. There are regular meetings of the social justice, RE, and Worship Committees as well as of the Board. There is weekly chanting and meditation, monthly coffee and chat, and video-discussion sessions. There is now a Membership Committee, with ideas for how to reach out in new ways to the community. One thing of which I was reminded at the recent Gould Discourse and District Assembly in Albany is that we need to do a lot more to actively reach out and share our message of hope and love with others. As one speaker said, we need to learn to evangelize, that is to share the good news. Unitarian Universalism has been a well hidden secret for too long. In fact, for the first time in a decade, this year the Saint Lawrence District of Unitarian Universalism has lost members. What can each of us do to invite others to experience our church, and to welcome those who visit so they will want to return?

The Stewardship campaign is winding up, and it is a time to put our money where our values lie. Many of us have experienced greater economic hardships this year, and cannot contribute as much as we want to our church. Perhaps we can think about how we can donate in new ways -- through in-kind services, through something we have plenty of (e.g., eggs or other homegrown or produced items). The Smorgasbord Dinner was a lot of fun, and didn't require a lot of financial outlay by the church, but relied on the talents and donations of many. The same is true of our Service and Merchandise Auction when that comes around. Or perhaps we can serve on a committee or in other leadership roles. Or perhaps we can greet at the door or host coffee hour sometimes. There are so many ways to be involved in our great community, the First Universalist Society, and in so doing, help to keep it healthy and strong.

Tom Chulak, our District Executive, is coming, at the invitation of the Board, to conduct an assessment of the health and well-being of our church on May 4 and 5. Hopefully, many of you will participate in interviews with Tom and in the congregational meeting with him on May 5. Each of us is an important part of this church community. I'm looking forward to seeing you in church.

With love and respect,
Margaret

Note: Please have items for the next newsletter to Bob Haskell by no later than NOON on SATURDAY, JUNE 6. His address is 29 Grove Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2332; his telephone number is 635-5294; his e-mail address is rhaskell@twcny.rr.com

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The annual meeting of the First Universalist Society of Central Square will be held immediately after the Sunday service on June 7, 2009.

The agenda 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 by-laws 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. All are welcome.

Respectfully,
Janie Garlow, president

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE CONGREGATION

The Executive Board has asked the Rev. Dr. Thomas Chulak, district executive of the Saint Lawrence Unitarian Universalist District, to conduct an evaluation of the health and well-being of our church this spring.

The Reverend Chulak will meet with the Rev. Margaret Hart from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 4.

He will meet with individuals or couples at the church in 15-minute intervals from 4 to 9 p.m. on Monday, May 4, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5.

Anyone who cannot speak with the Reverend Chulak in person at the church may schedule a telephone conversation with him during those hours.

This is the time for members and friends of the church to express their concerns privately with him. He wishes to talk with as many people in the congregation as possible. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

To report his findings to everyone on Tuesday, May 5, the Reverend Chulak will meet with the Reverend Hart at 4:30 p.m., with the Executive Board at 6 or 6:30 p.m. and with the congregation at 7 p.m.

For more information, you may contact Janie Garlow at 436-2238 or at mjgarlow@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thanks to all who have made their pledges. We have received \$21,000 in pledges, with a goal of \$26,000.

We need to meet the goal if we are to continue all of the church programs.

If you would like to make a pledge or want to increase your pledge to help meet our goal and need a pledge form, contact Chet Perkins at 668-6719 or cperkins9@twcny.rr.com.

Extra forms will also be available at church.

Your help is badly needed.

– Your Finance Committee

CHALICE LIGHTERS' SUNDAY MAY 17

May 17 has been designated "Chalice Lighters' Sunday" in our church, a day to bring attention to the district Chalice Lighters program, recognize our Chalice Lighters, and encourage others to join us in

helping Unitarian Universalism to grow.

What is a Chalice Lighter?

A Chalice Lighter is an individual (or family) who pledges to make a contribution, twice a year, to a congregation that has been dreaming big and planning reasonably for a specific growth or healthy congregation endeavor.

Chalice Lighters have helped congregations move into buildings of their own. They have helped new congregations get up and running, and they have helped existing congregations realize their dreams. Chalice Lighters helped us make our building handicapped accessible.

We plan to have a Chalice Lighters information display set up at church on that Sunday, but brochures are always available, or you may contact me if you have any questions: 668-6719 or mperkins9@twcny.rr.com.

– Mary Perkins, Chalice Lighter Ambassador

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/GREEN TEAM

Just a short note to report on April, the Unitarian Universalist Association's Environmental Justice Month. Our "Tree Tending" work for the Village Project Bloom went well, and I have agreed that they can count on us again next April. I have a "thank you" note from the Village Board.

The spring Adopt-a-Highway pickup is complete and our new contract runs through April 2011.

We still have a few large "Be Green" T-shirts at \$10 each.

Please continue to bring donations for the Downstairs Scottie and the Central New York Food Bank at St. Michael's Church. Non-perishables can be brought anytime, and food items on the second Sunday of each month.

Any input on a small planting and bench for the church back yard would be appreciated.

Details on the Bigger Better Bottle Bill (BBBB) will be posted, along with Oswego County's improved collection opportunities at the Bristol Hill landfill.

I receive a weekly on-line newsletter from the Unitarian Universalist Association and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee that explain the actions and issues they support. If you are interested in signing up, contact me.

Don't forget to buy and eat local produce (or grow your own).

– Nancy Hallock, chair, Social Justice Committee

GREEN MINUTE: IT'S SPRING; LET'S GROW SOMETHING

Growing your own food is deeply satisfying, and of course fresh-picked pesticide-free veggies taste better and are better for you. You can start with easy crops such as peas, lettuce and chard, which can be planted early in the spring. You can plant tomatoes and zucchini when the weather is a bit warmer, usually around Memorial Day. Mix in some flowers such as marigolds, cosmos and sunflowers which attract beneficial insects. Marigolds do double duty because they also have pest-repellent properties.

So what can help your garden grow? Your kitchen is a great source of free organic fertilizer. Tuck nitrogen-rich coffee grounds and calcium-rich crushed egg shells underneath mulch at the base but not on the stems of your plants, or even use the cooled wastewater after boiling the eggs. Don't feed any one plant more than twice a month.

Compost is the organic gardener's favorite alternative to chemical fertilizers. You can easily make your own. You can build or buy a compost bin and then collect vegetable and fruit waste, coffee grounds, tea bags and eggshells, as well as grass clippings (without the weeds, please). Don't collect firewood ash, grains, meat, bones, beans or dairy because they rot slowly, smell bad and attract pests. Also, add "browns" such as dead plants, dry leaves and straw. Aim for two parts kitchen scraps to one part "browns." Keep the pile moist. Add water manually if your bin doesn't have holes for rainwater. Turn your pile once a week. For faster decomposition, pull the middle layer to the top with a shovel or pitch fork. Remove finished compost from the bottom of the pile. Most commercially available bins have a trap door, or you can make your own door. Work that wonderfully rich compost into your soil and watch your plants grow big and healthy all season long.

Joanne Netti of www.Petuniarfarms.com in Brewerton also swears by the compost "tea" that she gets from the bottom of the compost bins she sells and says you can get this "tea" from any compost bin. This "tea" is the liquid that collects at the bottom of your bin. Dilute this liquid fertilizer with approximately 10 parts water to 1 part "tea" before use on indoor and outdoor plant soil. She says it makes plants grow at least twice as big as the commercial fertilizers we're used to.

One or two inches of mulch helps control weeds during the growing season. If you have a spot that weeds have taken the upper hand with, try sheet mulching in the fall. Spread a layer of corrugated cardboard across a wet patch of weed-infested or barren turf and then top the cardboard with a foot of chunky mulch and soak everything with a hose. In the spring you'll have a wonderful bed of dark, fluffy, weed-free soil perfect for planting.

Got pests? Try this homemade organic insecticide. Combine a head of peeled garlic and two cups of water in a blender and blend on high until the garlic is finely pureed. Store the mixture in a covered container for a day and then strain out the pulp and add a gallon of water. Put your "brew" in a mister and spray on the tops and bottoms of plants' leaves. Insects don't like the smell and will keep off if used weekly.

Have fun with your garden patch or just a container or two. You'll enjoy the flavor even more because you grew it yourself.

– Social Justice Committee's Green Team

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

My Dear Friends,

Last weekend I attended the Saint Lawrence District Assembly, "DA" for short, in Albany. It was well attended, with, I was told, the largest attendance ever. Saturday was a lovely, warm, sunny day, too nice to be inside, you might say, but I was almost glad to be inside. It was a wonderful gathering of beautiful people of our faith: diverse, intergenerational and energetic. We sang and swayed with the music. The keynote speaker, the Rev. Tom Owen-Towle, spoke of growing and sustaining a Beloved Community in our congregations and in the larger society.

He shared this story in his keynote address. It went something like this. Grandparents were caring for their 5-year-old granddaughter while her parents were away working on their marital problems, a too familiar situation. The little girl was worried and was having trouble sleeping. Grandpa came into the room. He bent down and gently whispered in her ear, "Grandma and I love you very much, and we will always be here for you." To comfort her more, he said he would sleep in the bed next to hers that night. In the dark, the little girl softly asked, "Will your face be facing me?" Wow, that said volumes to me.

Are we there, are we really there? Are we present when we talk with people? To take a line from Pink Floyd, "Hello, hello, hello, is there anybody in there?" Often I find myself so preoccupied that I am not mentally present, but on to my next order of business. Listening is an art form, often a forgotten one for me. I am trying to regain it. My grandchildren are a big help when it comes to being present. Children don't miss much. I am blessed to have recently visited three of those little people in Austin, Texas, and their parents, too. Last weekend Steve and I were blessed with another three for the weekend while their parents visited Lake Placid. Five-year-old Ella always asks me to lie next to her while she falls to sleep. I know she wants my face, my presence, not my back.

Have you noticed how babies and small children love faces? When my brother was a small child, he would always place his hand on a person's chin and turn their face toward him when they were speaking. Mom would always correct him, but he wanted their presence, to look at their face. I hope you have my presence when we meet. I am working on it.

The DA for next year will in Syracuse. I hope many of us can be there. When they take the roll call, you actually stand and cheer for your congregation. You show your presence. Let's hear a big cheer for Central Square next year.

Put a shine in your presence with a smile on your face.

– Janie

CONGRATULATIONS, HAILEY!

Hailey Ihlow is part of the Oswego YMCA synchronized swimming team. She participated in the East Zone Invitational on March 20 and 21. She earned a first place solo and a first place in figures. The competition took place in Brecksville, Ohio, right outside Independence, Ohio. Hailey will continue to compete with her teammates, and is eligible to go to the Synchronized Swimming Nationals in July.

AN APPEAL FROM JODY BROWN

I'm proud to tell you that I'm being locked up. That's right, I'm going behind bars at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse from 9 to 10 a.m. on May 12th to help Jerry's Kids and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). To be released on good behavior I have to raise bail, and I need your help!

All you have to do is click here to make a secure, online donation before May 12th. Your donation will help families living in our community and help guarantee me an early release. I can't wait to add you to my list of

contributors.

Thanks in advance for your help. Don't hesitate to call 315 476-0447 or e-mail me at jfb523@gmail.com with any questions.

Together we'll make a difference.

– Jody Brown

P.S. I'm counting on you, click here to donate.

If the link above does not work, please cut and paste the address below into the address bar of your Internet browser.

<https://www.joinmda.org/syracuse09/jfb523/>

TEMPORARY CHANGES IN SCHEDULE

Chanting and meditation will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 4, and on Monday, May 11. The regular Tuesday evening schedule will resume the following week. People who are interested should call Tim Hart at 439-2541. The changes in the regular schedule are being made because the Rev. Dr. Thomas Chulak of the Saint Lawrence Unitarian Universalist District is to meet with the congregation on Tuesday night, May 5, and Upstate NY IANDS will meet on Tuesday, May 12.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Beth Sonnacchio, Christy Salas and Chris and Cara Lajewski recently signed the church membership book. As has been our practice of late, we asked each of them as a new member to write a short biographical sketch. Here is the sketch Beth submitted:

"I am from Watertown, New York. I graduated from Jefferson Community College with an associate degree in mathematics/science. I attended technical school to get my phlebotomy certification. I worked as a phlebotomist and medical assistant in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, until I moved back to Syracuse. I have worked as a patient advocate for Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York for the last six years.

"My husband Vince and I have been married for four years. He is a federal police officer at Fort Drum who claims to be 'allergic' to church and likes sleeping in on Sunday. I have two children, Ethan, 8, and Meghan, 5, who keep me pretty busy! We like to go downhill skiing in the winter, and in the summer we play soccer, go out on the lake in our boat, and work in our garden. There are always a lot of animals to take care of at our house! I love doing yoga and meditating, and I am working on obtaining my reiki level three attunement.

"I am so excited to have found such an understanding and open-minded group of people to share our spiritual journey with!"

A BIG "THANK YOU"

I just wanted to say thank you so much to the Green Team for their work mulching and caring for the trees in the village. They look wonderful!! We really appreciate the help and their involvement in our community.

Thank you so much for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,
Heather A. Stevens,
President, Project Bloom

HOMES NEEDED

Adults and children with disabilities need loving home environments on a full-time or part-time (respite) basis. Please call Ashley Kelly, Central New York Developmental Services Office (CNY DSO) Family Care Program, at 315 473-6919 for more information.

MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR CONGREGATIONS

The Monthly Bulletin for Congregations is a collection of announcements and updates from the staff groups and committees of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations, and from the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF).

This bulletin is compiled by the UUA Office of Information and Public Witness.

It is available at the website www.uua.org/monthlymailing.

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 20.

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

The women's and men's groups meet separately. For information about the women's group, you may contact Nancy Haskell. For information about the men's group, you may contact Chet Perkins.

ESCAPE TO VERMONT

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland, Vermont, is offering its 15th annual B&B Weekend on October 9-11.

Participants have a chance to enjoy the beauty of Vermont and UU hospitality, and have a choice of guided activities: hiking, nature walk, kayaking, bicycling, antiques/arts, cider making historic tour, soaring tour, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and more.

The prices, if you register by August 15, are \$275 (single bed) and \$475 (double bed). After August 15, the prices are \$325 (single bed) and \$525 (double bed).

For more information, e-mail uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com or telephone the Registrar for Weekend at 802 353-7969.

Fall Escape Committee
UU Church of Rutland, Vermont

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.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SURVEY

If you didn't fill out the Adult Religious Education Survey, you still have a chance to let us know what workshops you want or might want to give in the next year.

Please return it to me or put it in the box in the church East Room.

Thanks to everyone who has turned his or her survey back in.

– Ann Peterson, Adult Religious Education, Religious Education Committee

Here are some examples of workshops that we have had in the past:

Prayer

Animals

The Haunting Church (Revisiting Your Religious Past)

Finding Sacred in the Ordinary

Racism

Dreams

What subjects would you be interested in for the coming year?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Who would you like to lead future workshops?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Would you prefer workshops that are for one session? If so, why would this work better for you?

Would you prefer workshops that have several sessions? If so, why?

If so, how many sessions, and on what topic?

(In the past, we have generally had workshops of one session that met on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.)

Would you like to lead a workshop (either alone or with someone)? Yes No

If so, on what topic or topics?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Note: There are materials available through the Unitarian Universalist Association that can be modified for smaller groups or can be made into fewer sessions.

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

Marilyn Nye of the Nominating Committee told the Executive Board on Sunday, May 3, that its proposed slate of candidates for officers for the coming church year included Janie Garlow, president; Robert Haskell, vice president; Nancy Haskell, recording secretary; Ellen LaPine, corresponding secretary; Chester Perkins, treasurer; Betty Figie, registrar; and Christy Salas, trustee for three years. Arnold Hook has a year to serve on his three-year term as trustee, and Ann Peterson has two more years to serve on her three-year term as trustee. The congregation will elect officers at its annual meeting to be held immediately after the morning service on Sunday, June 7.

In other business at the regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board, President Garlow announced that she had appointed Christy Salas as chair of the Membership Committee. The Board approved the appointment. Christy said that the committee was considering holding an open house at the church in an effort to attract new members.

The Board voted to send letters of gratitude to Sean Tennant and Arnold Hook, who removed a broken window from the church belfry the previous day; to the UU Circle, which contributed \$1,500 to the church during the past month; and to Kevin White, who spoke at the morning service that day.

In his treasurer's report, Chester Perkins said that the church had enjoyed a good month financially during April. He cited the \$1,500 contribution from the UU Circle as a primary factor. He said that the monthly income for the Operating Account had totaled \$3,377.80 and that the monthly expenses had totaled \$2,327.84. The account had begun the month with a balance of \$5,622.10, and had ended with a balance of \$6,672.06. He said that the Random Acts of Kindness Account had finished the month with a balance of \$327.

The Rev. Margaret A. Hart spoke of the possibility of inviting the Rev. Dr. Thomas Chulak, district executive of the Saint Lawrence Unitarian Universalist District, to speak about his recent trip to Africa at a supper sponsored by area UU churches. She also said that she had participated in a conference call involving the two candidates for the presidency of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. She also spoke of her recent attendance at the Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Retreat and the Saint Lawrence Unitarian Universalist District Annual Assembly. President Garlow and Trustee Winfield Ihlow also spoke of their attendance at the District Assembly.

The Executive Board will meet again on Sunday, May 31, to prepare a budget for the new church year.

UU CIRCLE

We're still keeping busy. Just a reminder, you can still sign up with Nancy Hallock to go and see the show "Crowns" at Syracuse Stage on Thursday evening, May 14. She must have the money by May 6.

Wake up early on Sunday, May 17th, and come to our Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser. The suggested donation will be \$3 a person or \$5 a couple. The menu will be fruit, pancakes, sausage, bacon, a vegetarian sausage and juice. Please bring your friends and family for breakfast and stay for the church service. Make it a wonderful day.

The UU Circle will have a meeting open to all at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 17th.

Have a great month!

– Rita Thornton, UU Circle president

CHOIR

Why should you sing? New research suggests that choral singing might be just what your body wants. According to Victoria Meredith, a University of Western Ontario professor who used the school's adult choirs as a "live research lab," participation in choral music leads to increased respiratory function, improved overall health, a heightened immune system and improved brain function. Meredith also concludes that performing in a choir "can keep you younger and healthier for longer."

I can see that some of you are smiling in doubt, but Meredith also pointed to similar studies that found people who sing on a regular basis require fewer doctors' visits, are less prone to falls, don't need as much medication, and are less likely to be depressed. Look how far I've come physically with my health. You can, too, by joining and singing in our choir.

We meet in the sanctuary Sunday mornings at 9:30, every other week. Please join us.

– Rita Thornton, director of music

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 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.

SOME WORDS OF WISDOM PASSED ALONG BY BETTY FIGIE

- “Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.” – Buddha
“Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and accomplishes the impossible.”
“A rock-filled glass holds little water, just as anger-filled souls little love.”
“Answers to prayers are Heaven’s hugs.”
“Forgiveness is a precious gift to give, yet it costs the giver nothing.”
“Rather than desiring more, pray to want less.”
“The path of fools is well trod; seek a path less traveled.”
“An argument is a head-on collision of two trains of thought.”
“When your conscience hurts, be glad; God’s warning system is working.”
“People all wrapped up in themselves sometimes find that they make pretty small packages.”
“The quickest way to lift our living level is to lift our giving level.”
“Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.”
“Talking comes by nature, silence by wisdom.”

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

The Wednesday evening group is now called Spiritual Development and Empowerment. We meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church. This is now a co-ed group. We share personal spiritual experiences and take part in different personal empowerment programs as they are presented by our members and invited guests. All are welcome, and we promote a safe environment with no proselytizing. We are high energy, and welcome your input and experiences. If you have questions, please call Chet Perkins at 668-6719 or Kurt Schindler at 247-0432.

– Kurt Schindler

CALENDAR

May

- 4 – 4 to 9 p.m., The Rev. Dr. Thomas Chulak will meet with individuals or couples to discuss the health and well-being of the church.
5 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Reverend Chulak will meet with individuals or couples to discuss the health and well-being of the church. The Reverend Chulak will meet with the Reverend Hart at 4:30 p.m., with the Executive Board at 6 or 6:30 p.m. and with the congregation at 7 p.m. to report his findings.
10 – 9:30 a.m., Social Justice Committee. 9:30 a.m., Choir rehearsal. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. Margaret A. Hart, focusing on Unitarian Universalist principle number 6. Mother’s Day. 11 a.m., Religious education. Donation of food items for the Downstairs Scottie, which will be transported to the Food Bank at St. Michael’s Church.
15 – 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group.
17 – Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser. 9 a.m., Religious Education Committee. 9:30 a.m., Spiritual Dance Group. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott, lay speaker. Chalice Lighter Sunday. 11 a.m., Religious education. 11:45 a.m., UU Circle meeting.
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., Worship service. 11 a.m., Religious education.
31 – 9:30 a.m., Spiritual Dance Group. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott, lay speaker. Celebration of the life of the Rev. Max Coots and Flower Communion. 11 a.m., Religious education.

June

- 7 – 9:30 a.m., Spiritual Dance Group. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott, lay speaker. 11 a.m., Religious education. 11:45 a.m., Annual congregational meeting.
14 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott, lay speaker, focusing on Unitarian Universalist principle number 7. 11 a.m., Religious education.
17 – 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread, Route 31, Clay.
21 – 9:30 a.m., Spiritual Dance Group. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. Margaret A. Hart. Father’s Day and the youth, sharing their credos, or belief statements. 11 a.m., Religious education.
28 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by guest speaker, the Rev. David Weisbard.

Regular meetings

- Tuesdays – 7 p.m., Chanting and meditation. People who are interested should call Tim Hart at 439-2541.
Wednesdays – 7 p.m., Spiritual Development and Empowerment group meets at the church.

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