CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Message for All Ages – July 2023

We know you come from different places, different religions, different beliefs and different backgrounds. We hope you will find comfort, connection, challenge, and love here.

OUR MISSION

To be a welcoming diverse congregation that values spiritual growth and service to the local and world community.

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We are more than a "church". We are a community that believes in the **Seven Principles** which are grounded in the humanistic teachings of the world's religions.

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- 2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
- 4. A free and responsible search for meaning and truth.
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



Welcome to All

JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

TUNES and TALK! We are giving our ministers a summer break, so on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of July we will have **TUNES** – a variety of genre - provided by outstanding local musicians. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays we'll have **TALK** - speakers who will enlighten us on topics that are sure to hold our interest. As usual, **TUNES and TALK** will be on the regular <u>Service Zoom</u> link so you can join in wherever you are. Check the <u>web site</u> for details. It will be updated as new information is available.

- * Sunday 7/2, 10:30: Tunes. Bob Raymonda (acoustic guitar, vocalists, song writer) and Pete Nagurney (electric guitar). Youtube. Play List.
- * Sunday 7/9, 10:30: Talk. Julia Ganson former SU professor, world traveler, activists for justice and peace. She'll speak about her Fulbright experience in Palestine: "Living Under Military Occupation: A Year in Palestine".
- * Friday, 7/14, 1:30-6:30: 1st U Blood Drive held at the Central Square Baptist Church. (see details below)
- * Sunday 7/16, 10:30: Tunes. TBD
- * Sunday 7/16, 6 PM: The peace sailboat "Golden Rule" will dock in Brewerton. A welcome event will be held at the Brewerton Arts Center. (see details below)
- *Sunday 7/23, 10:30: Talk. Bob Faulkner Bee keeper and owner of Syracuse Honey. Bob is an environmentalist who works to keep things growing by removing bees from unwanted locations and relocating them to his hives across the area. He shares his wealth of knowledge via the web site above and educating his customers and the community.
- * Wednesday 7/26, 2:00: Book Club
 "Squeeze Me" by Carl Hiassen (Zoom only)
- *Sunday, 7/30, 9AM Highway Clean -up

*Sunday 7/30, 10:30: Tunes. TBD



7th Principle: Respect All Existence.

Our friend Janie Garlow

We are sad to let you know that Janie was in an auto accident on Monday, June 19th. She is at Upstate Medical Center on Adams Street. She had surgery on her right leg and left eye. She was moved from the surgery unit to the rehab section of Upstate on Friday, June 23rd. Janie is able to have visitors. Visiting hours are 11AM – 8PM. You could contact Steve Garlow to check on a good time to visit.

If you prefer to send a card, Janie's home address is 132 Webb Ave, Central Square NY 13036. We hope to have Janie back soon.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Bud Adams is the minister to call if someone needs pastoral care. If you or someone else you know needs to speak with a minister please contact Bud at (315) 395-1926 or (315) 637-0468. His email is bud.adams.1@juno.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - Nancy Hallock

Our ongoing projects are:

- * Pure Water for the World
- * Donations to the food pantry @ Divine Mercy
- * Collect winter accessories for Lioness of Hasting
- * Red Cross Blood Drive
- * Adopt-a-highway 3x/year

We are coordinating with UUC for future fundraisers.







This drive is staffed by our own First Universalist volunteers. Please contact Ellen LaPine if you can help.

When you come to give that day, the Red Cross will say thanks with a \$10 gift card by email to the merchant of your choice. Plus, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a backyard theater package, including a laser wireless projector and screen, projector tripod, smokeless firepit, Adirondack chair set with four chairs and two tables and a movie night snack package! You can schedule an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

MARKETING COMMITTEE - Arny Stieber.

A T-shirt and hoodie order form will be emailed to members and friends soon! The front upper left has our name, location and the chalice. The back has "We Are More Than A "Church" and our web site. Many people are unfamiliar with UUs and don't know that we exist. If we want our congregation to grow, each of us needs to be an ambassador and promoter. Order Ts and hoodies and wear them!

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – Arny Stieber.

- * Stewart's Lawn Service is cutting our lawn at no cost. To thank Matt Stewart for his kindness, we put up two lawn signs advertising his business. Matt lives in Central Square and his children CS schools. If you know someone who is looking for lawn service, call Matt at 315-751-3434.
- * Hopefully this summer we'll be installing light switches in both furnace rooms and begin the furnace room organization process.

EDUCATION FOR YOUTH & ADULTS



Ronna Schindler

UU BOOK CLUB

The UU Club typically meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2PM. Zoom only. The reading schedule is:

July 26th – Squeeze Me by Carl Hiaasen
It is not necessary to be member of the
congregation to participate. Most books are readily
available through the library or on-line, or discount
books. Please contact Nancy Hallock (315) 5337067 if you are interested in participating.

READING SUGGESTIONS FROM MARCIA BURRELL

This site brings you to information about famous UU Women in History. An enriching resource for UU© https://www.uua.org/pressroom/stories/celebrating-uu-women-history



UUA WOMEN OF NOTE Margaret Fuller (1810-1850)

Unitarian Margaret Fuller was an author, editor, critic, teacher, feminist, and revolutionary who played a key role in the Transcendentalist movement. Many of her writings have been published by Skinner House Books and Beacon Press. She served as a war correspondent and wrote about poor conditions in prisons and mental hospitals for *The New York Tribune*. She is best known for writing the first American manifesto for women's equality, "Woman of the Nineteenth Century," published in 1845.

Sunday & Monday, 7/16 & 17 - The Golden Rule Peace Boat is docking at Riverside Park by the Brewerton bridge at approx.6-7p. This boat is on a voyage to promote nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament. A project of Veterans for Peace, this boat was first sailed by Quakers to the Marshall Islands to protest nuclear testing. It was restored and is sailing for peace again.

The Syracuse Peace Council and local Veterans for Peace are planning a Welcoming at the Brewerton Center for the Arts.

You are encouraged to attend Sunday PM or Monday AM, (they leave at noon) to support the cause. There will be music by Colleen Katteau and refreshments. The Social Justice Committee is contributing coffee and baked goods. More details to follow. Contact Nancy Hallock or Arny Stieber for more information. Also see 1st U's web site and Brewerton Arts Center web site

A rummage sale is planned for August. The date will be determined by how much and how fast you bring in your donated items in to the Community room so please take a look around your house and garage for things you don't use anymore. Tell your friends and neighbors about it. Maybe they would like to donate something. Items should be clean and functioning. Clothing is acceptable. Bring them to 1st U as you collect them.

This is the UU Circle's big fundraiser for the church this year. The sale will include many types of brownies, a bake sale and maybe brownie sundaes. Contact Nancy Hallock for more information.

Please send all newsletter items or suggestions to Lucy Stieber at lastieber@aol.com or call 734-678-6533

UPCOMING EVENTS