

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

Monthly Message for All Ages –August 2023

Summer brings sunshine,
warm and flowering.

~ Lailah Gifty Akita

Enjoying the ebbing days of summer ☺

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

AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

*Saturday 8/12 10-2: Ice Cream Social & Rummage Sale

* Wednesday 8/30, 2:00: Book Club
MiddleSex by Jeffrey Eugenides

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

August 6th – Rev. David Weissbard.

“Another Day that will Live in Infamy.”

This week I went to see the spectacular film, Oppenheimer. It’s long (3 hours) but it is very well done. It is, of course, about the “father of the Atomic Bomb.” By coincidence, Sunday is the anniversary of the dropping of that bomb on the residents of Hiroshima. How could I not address that?

August 13th- Rev. Kurt Hohmann

Lughnassad: A Celebration of Sharing

In Gaelic myth, Lugh shares his mastery of many skills, and teaches us the importance of lifelong learning and embracing the diversity of talents and abilities, within ourselves and others. As we enjoy the first fruits of Earth’s bountiful harvest, we are reminded to share with the greater community the fruits of our own labor.

August 20th – Rev Bud Adams

August 27th –



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

The SJC provided the Golden Rule Peace Boat, that docked in Brewerton, with bagels, doughnuts, and fruit, plus coffee and juice before their departure July 17. We also participated in the welcoming event at Brewerton Art Center.

We are working with the UUC on fundraising. I got a donation of ice cream and toppings from Stewart's. The rummage sale items are fairly organized. More items are welcome. We may need to use some tables in dining room. Also, need commitment to work that day - Saturday 8/12, 10-2p. Just monitor sale and serve ice cream. Contact me for details

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Erin, Arny

* T-shirt and hoodie orders have been taken and submitted to Brewerton Special Tee's. They should be ready by mid August.

* We are putting our web site and a condensed version of the Seven Principals on the big parking lot side of the building in 4" letters. This should be completed in mid August.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – Paul W, Paul S, Win, Arny.

* The lawn continues to be mowed at no charge by Stewart's Lawn Care.

* Clean up outside the building is being done by a number of people as they get time and are motivated.

* The kitchen floor had some water on it due to poor drainage on the Agway side. This long time problem needs attention.

EDUCATION FOR YOUTH & ADULTS



Hope everyone is having an awesome summer. No classes for August but we will continue come September.
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:

August 30th – Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides

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) 533-7067 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

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911)

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper was a prolific writer, lecturer, and reformer. She wrote many books of poetry with strong anti-slavery themes, as well as a novel about African American life during Reconstruction republished by Beacon Press. A writer for the African Methodist Episcopal church and member of the Unitarian church, Watkins once refused to give up her seat on a Philadelphia streetcar. When the conductor refused to take her money at the end of her ride, she threw it on the floor and left. She was undoubtedly a courageous and powerful voice for justice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Ice Cream Social & Rummage Sale

Helpers Needed ☺

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



The **FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH** of **CENTRAL SQUARE** is having a **Rummage Sale** and **Ice Cream Social** on **Sat. August 12**

Come find a treasure between 10am-2pm
Make your own ice cream sundae Noon-2pm
ALL BY DONATION



Bob Raymonda and Pete Nagurney - 7/2/23



Julia Ganson speaking on Palestine - 7/9/23

JULY was TUNES and TALK Month.

Here are some pics.



Tom Neilson - 7/16/23



Michael Damani - 7/30/23