

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 2024

Monthly Message for All Ages

May we tend our Soul Fire
Through these challenging and trying times
To open the hearts and minds
Of all who enter our doors

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 a "church" as derived from the Greek word ekklesia, which means an assembly of people – a community. We believe 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.



April Calendar of Events

Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)

- 4/6 Sunday: 9:00 AM Board meeting in the building
4/18 Girl Scout Earth Day Clean Up (see below)
4/19 Girl Scout Eggstravaaganza Breakfast
4/12 Saturday: 5 PM Pagan Gathering (see below)
4/26 Saturday: 9:30-3:30 AARP Safe Driving Class. Pre-registration required
4/26 Bottle & Can Drive for Central Square & Brewerton
4/30 Wednesday: "The House in the Cerulean Sea" by T J Klune 2 PM Book Club. (see below)

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)

4/6: Rev Tanya Adams

"The Care and feeding of Star Dust"

4/13: Rev Kurt Hohmann "Rising With Joy"

4/20: Rev Bud Adam

4/27 Rev Andrea Abbott

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

PAGAN GATHERING

Úthellingu Kindred invites you to join us in the dining room on the **second Saturday every month** from 5-8 pm, for a casual get-together where you can meet and socialize with Norse Pagans. Snacks & beverages are always welcomed! We're open to honorable folks regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation. All who welcome all are welcome.

To learn more visit www.uthellingu.org or contact uthellingu@gmail.com

Rev. Kurt Hohmann

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The girl scouts are sponsoring the **Youth Empowerment Initiative program**. This is a community driven referral system that provides up to 40 families with needed resources. Currently 27 families are involved.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock.
We continue to collect hats, mitts and scarves for distribution by the Lioness. We will continue to collect cans and coins on Sundays. We will contribute whatever we can to the new after school program that will housed at 1st U.

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Amanda, Arny
* We are proud to announce that Susan has joined the UUA Membership Professionals! This will allow us to get a vast quantity of information to help us grow and connect with other small congregations. Good job Susan!
* The most effective way to grow our Congregation is by personal contact. Invite people to our Service. Tell them about our Seven Principals. Many people are looking for an accepting community and that's us! With our Zoom connection they can be anywhere. SPREAD THE WORD.
* We have received a grant for social media. We will soon be updating our web site and adding a number of social media platforms.
* We now have very attractive, pride color UUA book marks for your use and as give aways at events. They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other.
* Reminder - wear your 1st U hoodies and T's, not just to Service but everywhere!
* If you have ideas on how we can let others know about our openness and acceptance to all beliefs, please let a committee member know. *Our message is greatly needed in this time of division, distrust and fear.*

**An Opportunity for Us to
Live Our Seven Principals.**
Compiled by Arny Stieber

Our Seven Principals guide us in our relations. The first Principal is: The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Our fourth Principal is: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. I'm always open for discussion. Please contact me (voice or text) 734-216-1814

See previous Newsletters for background information. Current information is below:

- * <https://ifamericansknew.org/>
- * [Zionism and Propaganda](#)
- * [What Does This Say About Ourselves?](#)
- * [Israel and the UN](#)
- * [Documentary](#)

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Reading Suggestion

On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder

Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century
The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience.

On Tyranny is a call to arms and a guide to resistance, with invaluable ideas for how we can preserve our freedoms in the uncertain years to come.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

The Newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month. It is assembled by Lucy Stieber based on your input. If you have items, please email to Lucy at LASTIEBER@aol.com