

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

May 2025

Monthly Message for All Ages

Worship is our shared Unitarian Universalist practice of exploring, connecting to, and creating the ways that our individual lives fit into a larger whole.

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.



May Calendar of Events **Services and Book Club are also on** **ZOOM**

5/4 Sunday. 9:00 AM. Board meeting in the building.
5/6, Tuesday. 6-8 PM. Girl Scout troop 10871 Meeting
5/7, Wednesday. 6-8 PM. Indivisible will meet in the dining room. Open to all.
5/9, Friday. 1:30-6:60 PM. **Red Cross Blood Drive** See below.
5/10 Saturday. 5-8 PM. Pagan Gathering. See below.
5/27 Tuesday. 6-8 PM. Girl Scout Troop 10871 Meeting
5/28 Wednesday. 2 PM Book Club. "There There" by Tommy Orange. On Zoom. Feel free to join in.

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

5/4. Tim Harte - "The Mythical Foundation of the Iroquois Confederacy". Tim will also share info on the Herkimer Diamond during coffee hour.
5/11. Rev Kurt Hohmann – "The Sacred Fire of Imagination"
5/18. Rev Bud Adam
5/25. 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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday 5/9/2025 1:30-6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church

701 N Main St., Central Square, NY

It is highly encouraged that you schedule an appointment but walk-ins may be welcome if all appointments do not fill. You can schedule an

appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED Cross

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.

As a committee, but more as a congregation, I'm proud that we have provided Girl Scout Troop 10871 a home base and support their projects and Empowerment Campaign. We donate our coins to their efforts.

I'm proud that we open our church to causes such as AA and Indivisible Meetings, AARP classes, as well as Ellen's Blood Drives are held across the street. We are here to do the next right thing.

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Amanda, Arny

- * We are making progress on 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!
- * 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.
- * 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.

PALESTINE- The Genocide Continues.

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.

Congress is now considering making it a federal offense to criticize Israel. They're using "anti-semitism" as their reason. This is bogus.

I'm always open for discussion. Please contact me (voice or text) 734-216-1814.

See previous Newsletters for more background information. The first link below is updated daily and has a wealth of information.

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

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Reading Suggestion

A Protest History of the United States

Exploring 400 years of protest and resistance in US history—and what the unsung heroes of social movements past can teach us about navigating our chaotic world

Author: : [Gloria J. Browne-Marshall](#)

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