CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
September 2025
Monthly Message for All Ages

We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

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.

September Calendar of Events

9/1 Monday Indivisible Meeting (Dining Room)
9/7 Sunday Trustee Meeting 9AM (Dining Room)
9/24 Wednesday 2PM Book Club. "Absolution" by Alice McDermot On Zoom. Feel free to join in.

Services and Book Club are also on
ZOOM

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS
10:30 AM in the building & on Zoom
9/7 Rev Bud Adams
9/14 Rev Kurt Holmann
"Belonging in the Balance"
9/21 Speaker: Matthew Stevens
"Taking Inclusive Action" (Bio. Below)
9/28 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 GATHERINGS
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
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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. Contact Katie -KaHaberer@yahoo.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – Nancy Hallock.
The remaining money in our treasury, $200, was donated to the Cleveland Methodist Church's Back to School program for referred recipients. The money was used mainly for socks and underwear. Any leftover items are distributed to district school nurses for use throughout the year.
We are hosting the Upstate mammogram bus again this year in December. More info will follow
closer to that date. We have allowed North Shore Indivisible to use our building
every other Monday night.
Please share any issues you would like the church to participate in. Check the calendar for the next Blood Drive.

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Susan, Paul, Katie, Janis, Arny
* We have been working with our web site company to make our new site not only appealing, but easy for search engines to find. This is an essential part of the process. We will also be adding a number of social media platforms.
* Be sure to request and use our very attractive, pride color UUA book marks. They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other. Carry a few with you and be ambassadors for 1st U.
* 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 with Full U.S. Government Support.

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 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: "How Israel Won the West"

BOOK CLUB
September book: "Absolution" by Alice McDermot.
October book: "The First Ladies" by Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray.
Discussions are on Zoom the last Wednesday of the month at 2 P.M.

UUA READING SUGGESTION.
"A Rebellion of Care: Poems and Essays"
Author: David Gates.
A moving manifesto in poems and essays, inviting readers to embrace their humanity and live fully alive in our age of social change, hyper-capitalism, and pervasive loneliness.

BIO: MATTHEW STEVENS

Matthew was born and raised in Central Square. He currently attends Le Moyne College and is majoring in Political Science. He's a past high school delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program. Elected in June 2025 at 19, he's the youngest-ever member of the Central Square Village Board. As an Eagle Scout he built 1st U's outdoor book exchange box. He believes "a democratic society cannot exist without people being involved".

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