CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
November 2025

Not all UUs share the same beliefs or opinions—our religious tradition doesn't expect or require consensus—but our shared worship forms a vessel for us to find meaning together.

OUR MISSION

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

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Trustees

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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.

November Calendar of Events

11/2 Sunday Trustee Meeting 9AM (Dining Room)
11/10 Monday Indivisible Meeting (Dining Room)
11/14 Friday Blood Drive (see below)
11/24 Monday Invisible Meeting (Dining Room)
11/26 Book Club. 2 PM on Zoom.
"Isola" by Alegra Goodman. Feel free to join in

Services and Book Club are also on

ZOOM

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

10:30 AM in the building & on Zoom
11/2 Joannie Villegas – "Dia De Los Muertos" (Honoring our ancestors)
11/9 Rev Kur Hohmann - "Gratitude Amid Darkness"
11/16 Rev Bud Adam
11/23 Rev Andrea Abbott
11/30 Fifth Sunday Program

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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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday 11/14 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

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.
* Upstate Mammo Bus at the church Tuesday 12/2, 9-3p. Flyers in dining room to distribute.
*Ongoing collection of hats, scarves, mitts, etc. Partner with Hastings Lioness.
New or slightly used, Homemade or bought.
* May be sewing polar fleece items on 12/2 or maybe use it for cleanup "Love your church" (since I have to be at church that day) and it needs our TLC.
Please bring up justice issues as you want to pursue.

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.

BOOK CLUB

November book: "Isola" by Alegra Goodman
December book "The Melodian" by Glendson Swaartout
January book "The Six" by Loren Grush

Discussions are on **ZOOM** the last Wednesday of the month at 2 P.M.

UUA READING SUGGESTION.

A Queer History of the United States

Author: Michael Bronski

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"

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