



Building Community with Compassion, Service, Diversity, and Spirit

We express compassion through caring, love and support for others.

We serve by promoting our principles and purposes through leadership, giving and action.

We are inspired by diversity to accept, respect and celebrate differences and interdependence.

We grow in spirit through our religious experiences, inquiry, education, reflection and transformation.

Minister's Musings

Seeing is Believing...

When the vision in my right eye filmed over, then went black, I knew something was very wrong. Luckily it was fixable and the laser surgery did the trick. I left the doctors office looking like I had just dipped into his drug supply. With pupils dilated, eyesight fogged over and blinded by the infrequent sunlight, I assured myself that I was just fine and could still drive. So off I went, 20mph, then 30 and 40 down Erie Blvd. I had brushed off any insistence that someone else should drive me home.

I maneuvered my way to Dunkin Donuts on Bridge Street, for a badly needed cup of coffee. I pulled up to the drive-up window and shouted in my order. No response...no wonder, I was



shouting into the trash can!

I learned my lesson. With coffee finally in hand, and embarrassed, I very carefully made it home, and stayed there.

It became apparent that I had taken on more than I should have and someone else could have driven me home, had I bothered to ask.

So when we gather for the Annual Meeting on June 13th, as our officers are elected and our committees reformed it is our obligation as members to step up to the plate, to reach out to others for help when we find that we can't do it all and sincerely hope that those we ask to serve on a committee or take up a task will respond with a "yes, I would be glad to give you

a hand."

The trick is in the asking, and it is a lesson I learned the hard way!

*Sincerely, and with much appreciation,
Holly*

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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FIRST UU

SERVICES START AT 10:30 AM

June 6 "Digging Ditches" There is a time when we find ourselves in the unpleasant task of having to dig our own ditches. It's what we discover in the process that ultimately makes it all worth while. -Rev. Holly Baylies

June 13 Annual Gay Pride service with special readings from our own Theatre Reading group.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY FOLLOWS THE JUNE 13 SERVICE

June 20 **RE Celebration Sunday** - Today we will recognize all of the milestones in YRE: Youth Bridging, OWL accomplishments, Youth Chalice Lighters, and our Wonderful Teachers and YRE committee members. Please come celebrate with us! -Rev. Holly Baylies

June 27 **ALL CHURCH PICNIC** - no service.

Holly's sermons are available. Please email her at firstuurev@twcny.rr.com to request a copy.



Minister's Weekly Schedule

(Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Monday:	Holly's sacred day off!
Tuesday:	AM Staff meeting and available for appointments, meetings
Wednesday:	Church Office and appointments, meetings
Thursday:	Sermon Prep at home
Friday:	Church Office and appointments, meetings
Saturday:	Office at home

*To schedule an appointment with Holly:
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SUMMER SERVICES AT FIRST UU

- Look for us at 10 A.M. in either the Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary, depending on the temperature!
- The schedule is not fully set due to the importance of the Newsletter deadline preceding the Congregational Meeting this June.
- Dates and times already scheduled are listed below. Please check the First UU website for future services. Also, if you haven't done so, please be sure the office has your current e-mail address for goings-on during the summer. Those who do not receive e-mails will have announcement letters mailed for the services and special events that continue throughout the summer. July 4th - There will be NO service at First UU. The building will be closed as well. Please check out other Unitarian Universalist services in the area - May Memorial, Central Square or Auburn.
- **July 18th** - Thank God for Evolution - Part 2 - Michael Dowd will present a Sermon (10 a.m.) and follow up lecture (1 hour plus question and answer session) shortly afterwards, all open to the public. Remember the great audience we had last time and all the interesting conversations and new thoughts we shared? Let's do it again! There may even be a Potluck Brunch in-between! Details to be arranged. Check out their web site at <http://thankgodforevolution.com/>
- **July 25th (tentative date)** "Wellspring"; A Deeper Study of UUism." - Gracia Sears, Service Leader
- **August 15th** "The Spirit of Music" Mitzi and John Wolf will be working with their talented family members to present a service in the Sanctuary you will not want to miss. This includes Clark Wolf, piano, and his talented 11 year old son Jonathan (violinist). Service will be built around music as part of spirituality. For some background, Jonathan enjoyed playing the Kabalevsky Violin Concerto with a local Iowa orchestra in the spring and continues to work on music by Bach, Viotti and Bartok.
- Other services on the summer horizon: The Annual Poetry Sharing Service run by Peggy Flanders. Jerry Clausen will speak on "The Future of Faith," based on his extensive readings and inspired by Harvey Cox's book "The Secular City." Other summer offerings still in discussion: Green Sanctuary and CUUPs (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) presentations and other personal reflections on UU journeys and/or the sources of our faith.
- Do you have a service or a sermon in you? If so, please contact the Worship Services Committee co-chairs: Peggy Flanders, pegflanders@twcny.rr.com or 488-8077 or Jerry Trexler at jerry_trexler@hotmail.com

President's Report

The first year of my presidency is nearly over. Looking back over the year, I see many signs of good health. For more, see my annual report in the material prepared for the Annual Meeting. Please note that the Annual Meeting has been delayed one week, until June 13.

The reason we delayed the Annual Meeting was to allow time for the AIDS Walk on June 6. The rest of June is busy too. RE Appreciation Sunday, to recognize our hardworking teachers – all volunteers – will be June 20. Our annual picnic is the following week, June 27. We won't have a service that day so we can devote the time to fun and good eating. We need four or five volunteers to organize the picnic.

The Growth Task Force has given the Board many suggestions that need serious thought. Therefore, the Board will probably meet once or twice during the summer.

My alma mater, Cornell, was founded in the late 1860s as a nonsectarian university. That decision was extremely controversial, and led to the epithet, "the godless university". New York State almost didn't grant Cornell a charter. When Sage College was dedicated in 1873 as the first dormitory for women, Ezra Cornell wrote the following justification:

"From these halls sectarianism must be forever excluded. All students must be left free to worship God, as their conscience shall dictate, and all persons of any creed or all creeds must find free, and easy access, and a hearty and equal welcome, to the educational facilities possessed by the Cornell University.

"Coeducation of the sexes, and entire freedom from sectarian or political preferences, is the only proper and safe way, for providing an education that shall meet the wants of future, and carry out the founders' idea of an institution where 'any person can find instruction in any study'. I herewith commit this great trust to your care."

Cornell remains committed to these principles. With very little adaptation, Mr. Cornell's statement suits Unitarian Universalism very well. [When Mr. Cornell made his rare visits to church, he attended the First Unitarian Church of Ithaca.]

Have an enjoyable summer!

Susan King, President

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SYRACUSE

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Are you looking for a good book or an entertaining movie from Amazon?



Start your search from the FUUSS Homepage and Amazon.com will provide a donation of 10% of your purchase back to First UU!

SPECIAL EVENTS:
 June 6th The Aids Walk
 June 12 The Duck Race
 June 19th Pride Parade
 This year First UU and May Memorial will join forces at the Pride Parade representing the Unitarian Universalists in Syracuse. We will be situated next to each other at the parade and have adjoining tables in the exhibit tents following the march. A special announcement will be sent to all members with the details. Please plan to join us for this important cooperative venture.



**SUNDAY
 JUNE 6, 2010
 10 AM
 Beaver Lake Nature Center
 Baldwinsville**

1 (Tues)	7:00 pm	RE Committee Meeting (P)
2 (Wed)	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	CMM Rehearsal (S) Pride Committee Meeting (P)
4 (Fri)	6:30 pm	CMM Benefit Concert (S)
5 (Sat)	9:30 am	YOGA (FH)
6 (Sun)	10:30 am 12:00 pm	Worship (S) Chalice Circle (P)
8 (Tues)	7:00 pm	Worship Service Committee (P)
9 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Young Adults (P)
10 (Thur)	7:00 pm	Folk Dancers (FH)
12 (Sat)	9:30 am	YOGA (FH)
13 (Sun)	10:30 am 11:45 am 4:00 pm	Worship (S) FUUSS Annual Meeting (S) Rental (FH)
14 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Chalice Circle (P)
15 (Tues)	7:00 pm	Membership Committee Meeting (P)
16 (Wed)	7:00 pm 6:30 pm	Young Adults (P) Rental (FH)
17 (Thur)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FUUSS Board of Trustees Meeting (ER) Folk Dancers (FH)
19 (Sat)	9:30 am	YOGA (FH) PRIDE PARADE
20 (Sun)	10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm	Worship (S) Chalice Circle (P) Junior PoroArts (S)
21 (Mon)	6:00 pm	CMM Meeting
22 (Tues)	7:00 pm	PFLAG (P)
23 (Wed)	1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Chalice Circle (P) Young Adults (P)
24 (Thur)	7:00 pm	Folk Dancers (FH)
25 (Fri)	7:00 pm	Rental (S)
26 (Sat)	9:30 am 3:00 pm	YOGA (FH) Wedding (S)
27 (Sun)	11:30- 4:00 pm	ALL CHURCH PICNIC
28 (Mon)	7:00 pm	Chalice Circle (P)
30 (Wed)	7:00 pm	Young Adults (P)

Key:
 B=Betts Room
 ER= East Room
 (room at the end of the RE Wing hall)
 FH=Fellowship Hall
 K=Kitchen
 L=Library
 (room behind sanctuary)
 MR=Music Room
 N=Narthex
 P=Parlor
 S=Sanctuary
 TR=Teen Room

Deadline for submissions for next issue is : August 15, The next issue will cover events for through September 30, 2010. Submit your newsletters items at firstuu@twcny.rr.com, or in the office.

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR CONGRGRATIONAL DISTRIBUTION IN THE SUMMER PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO: firstuu@twcny.rr.com, or in the office.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Thanks to all who helped with our annual spring clean-up. The kitchen, parlor, sanctuary, gardens, and fellowship hall have a new sparkle. Thanks to the scrubbers, dusters and polishers, vacuum users, window cleaners and replacers, and general light and heavy duty workers. Kudos for a good job.

Building and Grounds Committee

USE YOUR HEAD: RATIONAL RELIGION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



Youth Religious Education News

Next year the 6th-8th graders will be working with the "Neighboring Faiths" curriculum. They'll be studying a wide range of faith traditions and then taking field trips to share in some their local worship services. If you have a background with Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Catholicism, the Greek or Russian Orthodox church, the Black church, the Pentecostal tradition, or main-line Protestantism that you would be willing to share with our middle-school students, please contact Claudia Klaver at ccklaver@syr.edu or 695-5272.

It is with mixed sadness and excitement that I announce that I will be leaving my position at First UU to serve as the full time Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, NY.

I have served this congregation since March of 2007 and it just amazes me to think that three years have gone by, until I look at the children. "My" Kindergarteners are going into third grade, the youth group has grown, and several of those who were Freshmen when I came on are now graduating. And we have a whole new crop of babies that I had looked forward to watching grow up in our community. I will miss them all, and hope to see them as they grow at District Youth Cons down the road when they are teens.

My mentors and volunteer colleagues on the YRE committee have taught me so much as we have shared this journey. Thank you to Eileen, and Ellyn, who got me off on the right foot and supported in my professional development. Many thanks also to Ruth Mudge for carrying much of the weight of the program when I went to massage school; and who inspired the Nursery and fostered the Young Adult group into something tangible to our Young Adults. I am grateful to everyone who has served on the committee and all who have taught, and now Claudia Klaver who carries the torch as chair of the committee while you seek a new professional to take my place. I'd also like to send a nod to Jim Vossler for finding ways to keep YRE a priority in the budgets.

Glenn Gesek, my right hand, without whom the Youth would not be as connected as they are today, will be stepping back at the end of this year as well. He has spent countless hours with our youth, often many more than he was paid for. His sensitivity and care for the youth has been deeply meaningful to them. I and they will miss him.

I will also miss working with Holly and Ruth in the office during the week. There was much camaraderie, and support between us.

But, there is much to look forward to for all of you who are here. Jewish and Christian Heritage, Neighboring Faiths, cooperative experiences for the youth group with MMUUSS, Louder than words projects, a Halloween party and more! Planning is well under weigh to make next year an exciting and rewarding experience in Religious Education at First UU.

The YRE committee needs YOU! To keep YRE a priority in this congregation moving forward, let Claudia know how you can help next year! If you have a passion you would like to share with the children and youth, if you can help lead youth group or drive to cons, lead a Louder than Words project or share your childhood faith with the Neighboring Faiths group she will want to hear from you.

You will probably see my boys from time to time when they are visiting with their Dad. And I will look for you all at district events in the future. Buffalo is not so far away. Look me up if you're visiting the area. I will miss you all.

*Sonja Lamicela,
Director of Religious Education.*



CANDLES

You may have noticed the candles on the table in the back of the sanctuary. As you come into the sanctuary, before the service begins, please feel free to light a candle for a silent joy or concern that you would prefer not to share in words.



The Church Mouse



WELCOME NEW MEMBER !!!!

Kristal Karash joined First UU in April. Her family includes her husband Joey and her cat Jack. She has a BFA in Visual Communications and works in a nursing home. She has enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere at FUUSS and has expressed an interest in Building & Grounds, Being a Greeter, and Fellowship Activities such as potlucks. Please say hello the next time you see her!

The 10th Annual "Kim's Walk of Hope" was held on Saturday, May 1st at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport, MA. Mother Nature's contribution to the walk was beautiful weather. We had over 100 adults and 40 children participate and raised over \$11,500. Our goal was \$10,000. Half of the proceeds go to our own Ronald McDonald House of CNY and the other half to the Greater Boston Ronald McDonald house. As usual, members of the congregation of FUUSS were very supportive and caring. We thank you for your generosity. Cindy, Jerry and Robbie Sharfstein. The Englis family. The Rich family.

Thank You to the Ushers & Greeters: for May: **USHERS**
Mary McLatchie, Diane Case, Cliff and Marge Mellor, Karen Bowman, Bonnie Foley, Marcia Tupper, Tim Rice, and Barbara Carter

Around the block.....

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Olive Silverstein, who passed away on May 2nd. Holly officiated at her memorial service which was held at First UU on May 8th . A very special thank you to
- Nancy Clausen and Olive's book club for the wonderful collation which was held after the service.
- Joyce Homan is recovering nicely at home from a knee replacement repair. Hopefully she will be back in church soon.
- Fred Lyman is on the mend from a knee replacement. We are holding his shovel in safe keeping for next winter!
- Our thoughts go out to Joe Cavallaro and Jim Vossler as Joe's father is struggling with health issues.



Thank You for the Flowers in May

- Elna Gordon
- Brian Gruninger, Dana Sovocool
- Marcia Tupper
- the Piato family

"In the Hayloft"

concert series is pleased to present

a Summer Solstice concert featuring Dan Duggan, at Dan Duggan's home, Esperance Fruit Farm in Red Creek NY on Friday June 11 at 8:00 PM.

The concert features Dan Duggan, Peggy Lynn, Tom Hodgson, and Henry Jankiewicz . Dan Duggan, a member of our congregation is known nationally for his wizardry on Hammered Dulcimer and Flat Picking Guitar, Peggy Lynn, who is recognized nationwide for her soulful song writing and extraordinary vocal versatility; Tom Hodgson, a superb guitar player has been performing for more than 35 years, and has toured throughout North America and Europe and Henry Jankiewicz, a master of Traditional, Jazz and Swing fiddling styles who is also featured on all on Dan's recordings.

Seating is limited so reservations are highly recommended. Donation is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For reservations, and more information please contact: Dan at Esperance Productions 315-754-8946, www.esperanceproductions.com.

Esperance Fruit Farm is located at 7456 Hawley Rd in Red Creek.



At the worship service on April 18th First UU launched a Social Justice Outreach Project to support the Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism (CWD). CWD is a program of InterFaith Works of CNY (IFW). IFW brings together a diverse array of faith traditions in our community, with the belief that engagement among these different faith groups will lead to understanding, friendships and a collaborative strength to address community issues.

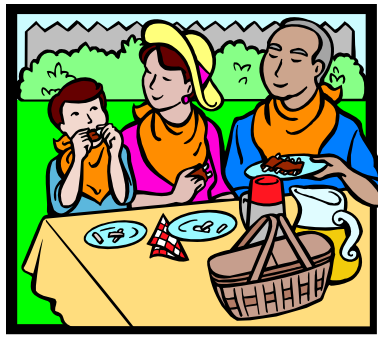
CWD is the longest-running dialogue program on ending racism in the United States. CWD utilizes a form of deliberative democracy, the study circle, to help adults and youth of diverse backgrounds breakdown misconception about race and ethnicity, and to work towards complementary action throughout our community to end racial inequity. CWD also host events, the biggest being the Annual Duck Race to End Racism, that bring together the diverse populations of our community to celebrate and dedicate ourselves to ending racism.

One of our actions for this project is selling tickets for the Duck Race to End Racism (June 12). The Duck Race to End Racism is a major fund raiser for CWD that is held each year at the Inner Harbor, where Onondaga Creek feed into Onondaga Lake. It is an event that also brings together thousands of children and adults from a wide range of racial and ethnic groups for a day of music, games, food and fun for the whole family.

Tickets cost \$5.00. This includes adoption of a numbered duck in the community duck race. If your duck wins the race, you win the 1st prize of a \$1,000 shopping spree at Carousel Mall. Last year there were over 9,000 ducks in the race so the competition is stiff, but the odds of winning \$1,000 are much better than they are with a lottery ticket!

Non-profit organizations that sell at least 40 tickets become Level 1 Non-profit partners. Level 1 Non-profit partners receive 1/2 of the proceeds of the tickets they sell and are entered into the "Power Paddling" drawing for a chance to win \$1,000. The organization that sells the most tickets also receives a \$250 award. Our goal at First UU is to sell at least 200 tickets. All that is required for us to reach this goal is for every member to buy or sell two tickets. If every member does this we will raise over \$500 for first UU, over \$500 for CWD, and receive significant community exposure. **THAT'S A LOT OF BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!**

Tickets will be on sale in the Social Hall after worship service every Sunday until June 6. They will also be available in the office during the week. On Sunday the 18th we sold 50 tickets. Thus, we have already qualified as a Level 1 Non-profit Partner, and we are well on our way toward meeting our goal of selling 200 tickets. If you have any questions about this project, including finding out about other ways we are supporting CWD and how you can become more involved, stop by the Duck Race to End Racism table in the social hall after worship service or contact Barry Lentz at belsyr@aol.com.



First UU Church Picnic

A Picnic – Food, Games, and Fellowship

Sunday June 27 - 12 pm to 4:00 pm

WHERE: OUR OWN BACKYARD AND FELLOWSHIP HALL

(since we do not know the status of the state parks we are holding the picnic at the Church)

Your donation covers the cost of the hamburgers, hot dogs, charcoal and condiments.

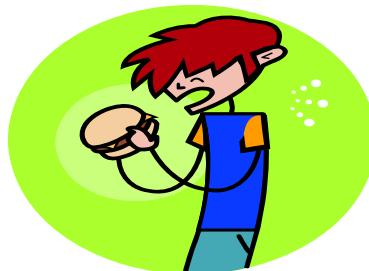
Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice!

Please consider bringing reusable plates and utensils to lessen our impact on the environment.

Please sign up at the “picnic table” in the Fellowship Hall or contact Eileen Taveniere at etaveniere@yahoo.com by June 20 so we can plan on the number attending.

A Suggested Donation of \$3 per adult and \$1 per child (6 to 12)

Kids 5 and under free. \$15 per family max. (Donate as able/All are welcome)



SYRACUSE PRIDE PA RADE

On June 19, join
MAY MEMORIAL & FIRST UU
as we celebrate this year's pride theme
"UNITY IN COMMUNITY"

Meet at the corner of State and Washington Streets

(Southwest Corner) at 10:30am – our Marshals will direct us from there

Parade: 11:30-12:00

Festival: 2:00-6:00



Good Food !!!

Once again, the fresh organic food from Grindstone Farm comes to us at church on Tuesdays this summer.

We were a pod (distribution location) for the spring Community Supported Agriculture/Central New Your program as well.



The CSA provides food grown in a way to sustain a healthy earth and encourage healthy family eating. This program helps the farmer, too! In addition, the food is really delicious! For more information, go to www.grindstonefarm.com.

The CSA potluck will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 13 a 5 o'clock. You are invited to attend. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. A CSA potluck is guaranteed to be an adventure in good eating (in every sense).

See you this summer!