



# 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

What is the difference between Halloween and Election Day?

None. One must wait for the masks of meticulously manicured images to come off. Once the votes are in, we wait for the president-elect to shed the costume of politics to reveal ones true self. Only then can the reality of his or her intentions and actions become fully known.

So, we trust that what we hear and see is closer to the authentic self and not simply a masquerade of eager candidates telling us what we want to hear. We hope that our chosen candidates hold in their hands and hearts the potential solution to the unknowns that fuel our real fears, that the lifestyles and freedoms we cherish may be in not jeopardy.

The days ahead are anxious ones as election day draws closer and the battle lines intensify as accusations of one another's credibility and sincerity is questioned. Underneath these distracting tactics and facades remains the real issues and questions that remain unknown and will not be fully answered until our new president is in office.

It is no coincidence that Halloween and Election Day lie in such close proximity! Halloween is an ancient celebration of the unknown, representative of the unseen that scares us and is hidden from our view behind the veil of the mystical. So we adorn the costumes of our terrors, to torment the very "spirits" that frighten us, inviting them to disappear.

But that is not quite enough, to merely rattle our sabers and shout out our agreements or displeasures.

As Unitarian Universalists whose track record was once very admirable and hands on, lip service is never enough. As the time draws near to cast our votes, each and every one of us has an important role to play in the way we address one another and respect choices that may not be our own.

These are hard times, revealing times that will test our principles and our commitments to our church and to one another.

But in the mean time, enjoy the season of ghosts and spirits. Adorn the costumes of your choice, rail at the unknowns but when they come off, let us resume the work we have chosen. To honor this earth, respect one another, labor diligently for the causes we cherish and ultimately, to worship together in the spirit of community and freedom.

Happy Halloween....and vote your heart with confidence.

*Sincerely, Holly*



- **There will be a vegetarian POTLUCK on November 30 after service. Please attend and bring a dish to share!**
- **See page 7 for exciting concert news at First UU!!**
- **See page 8 for exciting news about the FUUSS website!**
- **See page 9 for Fundraising opportunities.**
- **FYI: All of the links in this newsletter can be accessed by simply clicking on them.**

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## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FIRST UU

### SERVICES START AT 10:30 AM

- November 2**    *"A Democracy Deserved?"* This is an age where we take our freedoms for granted. Where do our expectations of government end and our responsibilities as citizens begin?  
–Rev. Holly Baylies
- November 9**    *"Every Day Is Veteran's Day"* There is a message in Veteran's Day for everyone, especially those whose daily labors we take for granted...  
–Rev. Holly Baylies
- November 16**    *"The Tolerance Dilemma"* As Unitarian Universalists we are labeled as the most tolerant of all religious traditions. At what point do we say NO...or do we ever?  
–Rev. Holly Baylies
- November 23**    *"Give Me Your Tired Your Poor"* As our primary symbol of freedom and welcome to immigrants, the Statue of Liberty has a strange history which is far from welcoming...  
–Rev. Holly Baylies
- November 30**    Lay Led by the Green Sanctuary Committee (followed by a vegetarian pot-luck lunch!)

*Holly's sermons are available, email her at [revholly1@aol.com](mailto:revholly1@aol.com) to request a copy.*

### MINISTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- 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  
**Sunday:** Church and afternoon appointments

*To schedule and appointment with Holly:*

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*Office phone: 446-5940*

*For emergencies: Holly's cell phone is 617-548-5113*

### THE MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS MOVED!

Holly's office is now located in the office adjacent to the church office (the copier / printer will remain in the office).



*A special thank you to Jim Vossler and Joe Cavallaro for moving Holly's office from the attic to the office adjacent to Ruth.*

## Ministerial Relations Committee

### Are you Interested in helping First UU move us forward?

The Board and Rev. Holly agree that this is the year to form a "Ministerial Relations Committee" (MRC). The Committee's duty will be to lay the groundwork for a return to a formal MRC when we call our Settled Minister. The Committee's goal is to "develop methods of communication in addressing issues that affect the congregation."

Besides providing welcome and information about the congregation to a new minister, the MRC serves as a resource for congregational members. Members are encouraged to share concerns, suggestions and comments concerning the minister in the performance of his or her duties and interactions with the congregation. Ideally such interaction would take place between the parishioner and the minister and the MRC would encourage that process. However, in the event that direct contact is uncomfortable the MRC is an alternative resource. The MRC would maintain ongoing communication with the minister to assure that things are going smoothly and would provide support and advice when needed.

Ideally the minister selects two members, and the Board selects three members from the community at large representing a cross section of the congregation.

**This is an important committee and we urge anyone interested in finding out more to contact**

**Joe Cavallaro, Rev. Holly or Peg Flanders at 488-8077, or [pegflanders@twcny.rr.com](mailto:pegflanders@twcny.rr.com)**

# FROM ME TO UU! REACHING IN AND REACHING OUT WITH OUR UU FAITH



## Youth Religious Education News

The Coming Of Age (COA) kids took a trip up to Unirondack over the weekend of the 17th. They had a terrific time getting to know each other and the teachers. We had the chance to do some community service for the camp, including moving furniture, sweeping and helping with general shut down of the camp. Many fun community building games took place. We had a fun campfire in the evening where everyone got to share a song or silly story. It was a great weekend and good way to begin the year.

Sonja Lamicela, DRE



## Welcome a Guest at Your Table

Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in the UU tradition of Guest at Your Table.

By bringing home a beautiful Guest at Your Table box, families and individuals learn about how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared principles into action in the United States and around the world. Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots organizations, UUSC promotes economic rights, advances environmental justice, defends civil liberties, and preserves the rights of people in times of humanitarian crisis.

Sharing our blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that UUSC's human-rights work continues, while building UUSC membership. UUSC members are vitally important, as UUSC is an independent, membership-based organization that receives no funding from the UUA or the U.S. government.



Through the booklet Stories of Hope we connect with people in the United States and around the world who are working hard to advance human rights - and protect their own rights - in partnership with UUSC.

In each household, the Guest at Your Table box is placed in a prominent spot, often at the family meal table. When family and friends gather to enjoy their blessings, they can reflect on the contributions of their Guests and share generously. Each week, we can choose a different story to read, bringing our Guests to life and helping to celebrate our own rights. Please visit [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) for ideas and information.

If you would prefer not to bring home a box, you can take a donation envelope or support UUSC directly online at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org).

**We will open our Guest at Your Table program with an intergenerational worship celebration on November 23, 2008.**

## Adult Enrichment News

**SOUP AND DISCUSSION - WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12 AT 6:30 PM**  
**TOPIC WILL BE:**  
**INTRODUCTION OF THE NETWORK OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESSIVES**  
**LED BY RICHARD LEVY**

THE ADULT ENRICHMENT GROUP (Formally the APRE committee) is offering a soup and discussion program on Wednesday evening, Nov. 12 at 6:30 PM. The topic this month led by Richard Levy will be an introduction of the "Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP)". From their website I quote:

*"The NSP is an interfaith organization open to progressive people who are religious, or "spiritual but not religious", or secular people who understand the need for a politics of meaning and a Spiritual/ Religious left and wish to support efforts to build it"*

The NSP is a project that seeks to challenge: The misuse of God and religion by the Religious Right, the religio-phobia and hostility to spiritual concerns in some sectors of liberal and progressive culture and the materialism and selfishness that is the Old Bottom Line of American society.

Please contact the church office to sign up by November 9th (446-5940) or sign up on the big board.

-Gracia Sears



# President's Report

I am glad to report that our Special Congregational Meeting on October 26 passed the Total Cost of Ministry compensation package for the 2009-10 church year. Our Ministerial Search Committee has sent in our Congregational Record and TCM to the UUA to invite ministerial candidates to consider serving as our next settled minister.



Your Board of Trustees and the MSC worked to develop a TCM that was both appealing to candidates and took into account the needs of our total church program. Working on the TCM and the "assumptive" budget during one of the worst stock market crashes in recent years was interesting to say the least.

The stock market crash in early October and continued poor market performance has dealt a hard blow to our Endowment Trust accounts. Our Trust Committee has informed the Board that we should consider all of our funds as being without available liquidity. Basically what this means is that we cannot draw from our endowments trust funds for the extra expenses not covered in our annual operating budget.

Another aspect of our current fiscal situation is that last year's pledge receipts ended about \$11,000 short of the promised amount of \$146,550. While our 2007-08 budget anticipated a 5 % pledge shortfall because circumstances do change, this unanticipated larger shortfall means we carried over a deficit of about \$4300 into the current fiscal year. This would have been worse if not for several cuts in expenses due to belt tightening.

I urge everyone to please contribute your annual pledges on a regular and timely manner. Also please remember that if you want your cash contributions to count toward your pledge (and appear on your statement as well as for tax purposes) it must be submitted in an envelope with your name on it. Otherwise it is counted as "plate collections" (which is a separate income line on our budget) and not directly credited to you.

I also wanted to let everyone know that we have not forgotten about our annual Garage Sale fund raiser. Due to a number of reasons, we decided to wait until the Spring and the start of the "garage sale" season. One of the reasons, however, is that we are in great need of someone to organize the Garage Sale event. If you have a burning desire to test your retail and marketing skills please see our Vice-President Peggy Flanders or me.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns (joecav50@gmail.com) or 469-0096)

*Joe Cavallaro, President*

## FUUSS FISCAL UPDATE (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008)

	Actuals:	Total Passed Budget:
To Date (July 1, 08 - September 30, 08) Total Expense:	\$36,862.76	\$197,703.50
To Date (July 1, 08 - September 30, 08) Total Income:	\$24,240.07	\$197,703.50
2007-2008 Surplus/ (Deficit) Carried Forward:	(\$4,275.25)	
Current Overall Operating Surplus / (Deficit):	(\$16,897.94)	
To Date Pledges Received:	\$20,220.00	\$136,790.00
To Date Fund Raising:	\$78	\$5,000.00

## Many Hands Make Light Work!

Want to do a time limited task to help our First UU community? Peg Flanders, VP, can put you in touch with projects where helping hands are needed. For example, helping with the Guest at Your Table project in November, putting together newcomer packets, assisting with social hour (and learning something about the kitchen!), ushering, greeting, etc. Also, we would like to gather the names of people interested in helping with one-time fund-raisers or fellowship activities of all kinds.



Already contributing to the larger community? Please add your name and organization to the Community Involvement poster so we can share information with each other! And check out the names posted already to see how other First UUsers contribute!

We hope to finalize the membership for the Committee on Ministry this month. If you are interested, please talk to Peg Flanders or Rev. Holly to find out more about the duties and how your participation can benefit the congregation. pegflanders@twcny.rr.com or call 488-8077.



**Green Sanctuary Vegetarian Potluck  
November 30  
Immediately Following Service**



**Bring a dish to share - All are welcome  
For the potluck please bring a vegan or  
vegetarian main dish or salad to serve 4-6  
people, a card listing its ingredients, and plates  
and utensils for your use.**

**Michael Dowd**

**"Thank God for Evolution"**

Please join our Chautauqua Circle on Mondays at 7:30 in November at May Memorial where we will be discussing Michael Dowd's "Thank God for Evolution". Videos of Michael's lecture are available. Please call Margi Nasemann at 315-445-0061 if you are interested.

**The Eidolon Design Group will present a Quilt Show at the May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society**

Sunday October 5 through Friday November 14. The quilt-makers celebrate a wide variety in their finished art, and present radically different approaches to design and quilt construction. Thus their name – Eidolon – a Greek word meaning "image breaker." Gallery hours are Monday through Friday Noon - 4 pm, and Sunday 10 am - 1 pm.

2 (Sun)	10:30 a 12:15 p	Worship (S) Chalice Circle (P)	<b>Key:</b>  B=Betts Room BR=Big Room (room at the end of the RE Wing hall) FH=Fellowship Hall K=Kitchen L=Library (RE Office) MR=Music Room N=Narthex P=Parlor S=Sanctuary TR=Teen Room
4 (Tues)	7:00 p 7:00 p	Chalice Circle (P) Finance Committee (BR)	
7 (Fri)	7:00 P 7:30 p	Lunch Bunch (P) <b>AMERICAN ART SONG RECITAL (SEE PAGE 7)</b>	
9 (Sun)	10:30 a 1:00 p	Worship (S) Ministerial Search Committee (S)	
10 (Mon)	7:00 p	Chalice Circle (P)	
11 (Tues)	7:00 p 7:30 p	Board of Trustees Meeting (P) Worship Service Committee (B)	
12 (Wed)	1:15 p 6:30 p	Chalice Circle (P) <b>Soup &amp; Conversation (FH) (SEE PAGE 3)</b>	
15 (Sat)	6:30 p	<b>LAURA ENSLIN CONCERT (SEE PAGE 7)</b>	
16 (Sun)	10:30 a 12:15 p 6:30 p	Worship (S) Chalice Circle (P) Junior Professional Artists (S)	
17 (Mon)	7:00 p	Green Sanctuary (P)	
18 (Tues)	7:00 P 7:00 P	Chalice Circle (P) Board Meeting (P)	
20 (Thur)	6:30 p	<b>BOT / Staff Leadership Workshop (FH)</b>	
23 (Sun)	10:30 a 12:15 p 1:00 p	Worship (S) Seekers Group (P) Ministerial Search Committee (S)	
24 (Mon)	7:00 p	Chalice Circle (P)	
25 (Tues)	7:00 p	Membership Committee (P)	
26 (Wed)	1:15 p 7:00 p	Chalice Circle (TR) Constitutional Committee (P)	
30 (Sun)	10:30 a 12:00 p	Worship (S) <b>GREEN SANCTUARY POTLUCK</b>	

**REMINDER:**  
  
CHOIR REHEARSAL IS HELD ON THURSDAYS (NOVEMBER 6, 13, AND 20) AT 7:15 PM IN THE SANTUARY

**Deadline for submissions for next issue:**  
**Tuesday, November 18, for the issue that will cover events from December 1, to December 31, 2008, at firstuu@twcny.rr.com, or in the office.**

## News From The Ministerial Search Committee

### A very sincere THANK YOU to everyone who took the ministerial search survey!

Your overwhelming participation – over 75% of the congregation - will surely send a message to candidates that you are strongly invested in this process and look forward with enthusiasm to having a settled minister. You can be very proud. The search committee was greatly encouraged by your positive participation in the focus groups and the willingness to share with each other your hopes and concerns for the future of First UU.

The committee is working to compile the results of the survey, and other information about First UU into a Congregational Record, which must be submitted to the UUA Transitions office by October 31. This document will eventually be available to candidates. Secondly, the search committee is preparing a packet which will include information about First UU and the Syracuse area that will be sent to ministers showing an interest.

A timeline showing the steps in the ministerial search process is on the Ministerial Search bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. The committee will share information from the survey and Congregational Record with the congregation once they have been approved by the UUA Transitions office.



## The Church Mouse

# Thank You



Thank you for your help!

- ◆ To the Lyman's for the impromptu lunch for service leaders and Rev. Holly.
- ◆ To Phil Klein for his generous donation of anatomically correct dolls for the YRE program.
- ◆ To the Building and Grounds Committee for their time and financial support brightening the Narthex and Parlor.
- ◆ To the Youth Band: Mike O'Bryan, Joel Bowman, Dylan Holgate, Nick Lamicela
- ◆ To Jim D'Aloisio for fixing the Sanctuary heat on concert night.
- ◆ To Marcia Tupper, Maria Brown and MaryGail Perkins, and Dana Sovocool for providing the flowers for October.
- ◆ Thanks to the Susquehanna String Band members and all the "elves" who made the Saturday concert and Sunday morning special to us all!
- ◆ All the people who contributed helping hands to the Fall work party are much appreciated.

### Recent Usher & Greeters:

*Gary Shepard, Marcia Tupper, Lee Murray, Mike O'Bryan, Joel Bowman, Cliff & Marge Mellor, Jim Anderegg, Lora McCooey, Tim Rice, MaryGail Perkins, Tanya Gesek, Randy Kalish and Liz Kalish.*



### Coffee Hour Helpers for October:

Thank UUs to Rebecca Karpoff, Fred Lyman, Nancy and Jerry Clausen, Pamela Spearman, Jim Anderegg, and for providing snacks, Harry McTernan, Liz Myers, Roxanne Tupper, Glenn Gesek, and Chris Allen.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

Please introduce yourself and meet **Valoree Suttmore & Karen Bowman**. They both joined FUUSS this Spring and were attracted by our open and welcoming congregation. Valoree has a son and Karen has two young adults, all three young people are engaged in YRE.

If you eat at Stella's Diner you may find them there. An ideal vacation for both would be sharing a condo at the beach. Sometime ask Karen about her twenty years of volunteer work at a camp for children with cancer. Valoree also helped out at camp more recently. Valoree would be a good person to ask about tissue donation.

## The Green Corner



On Columbus Day ten people, including several children, enjoyed seeing how Recycle America Waste Management separates recyclables. The field trip provided an opportunity to understand what happens to the "stuff" in our blue bins.

**Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice** - the new congregational study/action issue sponsored by the UUA's Washington Office for Advocacy and Witness, was adopted at the 2008 General Assembly. An Ethical Eating Core Team will develop a resource guide for congregations beginning their four-year exploration of the issue.

The First UU Green Sanctuary Committee will be presenting the topic of ethical eating at the service on November 30. After the service everyone is invited to a vegetarian potluck luncheon. Please mark your calendars and plan to come with your favorite vegetarian dish to share.

### "Food-Miles and the Relative Climate Impacts of Food Choices in the United States"

Christopher L. Weber and H. Scott Matthews of Carnegie Mellon University suggest that "dietary shift can be a more effective means of lowering an average household's food-related climate footprint than "buying local."

**Shifting less than one day per week's worth of calories from red meat and dairy products to chicken, fish, eggs, or a vegetable-based diet achieves more GHG reduction than buying all locally sourced food."**

You can read the full article at:

<http://pubs.acs.org/cgi-bin/abstract.cgi/esthag/2008/42/i10/abs/es702969f.html>





## Music Happenings at First UU !!!

### American Art Song Recital

Friday, November 7 – 7:30 pm - \$5 suggested donation

featuring

Barbara Skipworth, soprano and George Skipworth, piano

Performing Emily Dickenson settings by Ernst Bacon and George Skipworth

with

Jon English, tenor

Nathan Sumrall, piano

Performing music by Charles Ives & Lao Silesu



Having appeared internationally as a recitalist and concert artist, Barbara Wester Skipworth's performances as an art song and German Lied specialist include appearances in cities such as New York, Washington, D.C., Florence, Munich and Bern, with engagements at Weill Hall, CAMI Hall, Heinz Hall, the Smithsonian Institute, Teatro Petrarco, Palazzo Oddi, Villa Petrolo, San Benedetto and the Accademia Dell'Arte. Additional New York appearances include the Open Center, Symphony Space, Alliance Francaise and the American Festival of Microtonal Music. Extensive concert tours and residencies in Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Switzerland and England have demonstrated Ms. Wester Skipworth's affinity for repertoire of the Renaissance and Baroque to avant-garde premieres of leading American and European composers. Recent orchestra appearances include concerts and opera/concerts with the Sinfonia Dell'Arte in Florence and Arezzo and performances of new works in Portland and Seattle. Ms. Wester Skipworth has been the featured guest artist at the International Women's Conference, the International Berlin Wall Conference, the International Emily Dickinson Society Conference, the Frick Museum Series, the Pittsburgh Twentieth Century Society and the Baltimore New Works Orchestra.

### Fall Concerts by SU Soprano Laura Enslin

### Featuring New Music by Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Ward

November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Syracuse

Soprano Laura Enslin, a faculty member in the musical theater program of Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, will give multiple performances of a new piece by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Robert Ward throughout November and December. **All performances are free and open to the public.**

"In Praise of Science" is a short, celebratory work adapted from a 19th-century poem by Anne Lynch Botta. Ward, 91, has a sterling body of work, which includes eight operas, seven symphonies, choral pieces and chamber music. He received a Pulitzer Prize in 1962 for his opera "The Crucible," based on Arthur Miller's play. Ward received his bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester.

The program includes arias by Puccini, Bellini and Richard Strauss; various Broadway selections; and a lengthy set of pieces by another postwar American composer, Hubbard Miller, featuring bass and WCNY radio personality Bruce Paulsen.

Described as the "perfect vessel of beautiful singing" (The Buffalo News), Enslin is one of Central New York's up and coming artists. She recently performed the title role of "Hansel and Gretel" with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as the roles of Adele and Nedda in the Rochester Opera Factory's productions of "Die Fledermaus" and "I Pagliacci," respectively, where she was singled out for her "plush, velvety voice and unflinching sensitivity" (Rochester Democrat and Chronicle). An active oratorio and orchestral soloist, she has performed the music of Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, Haydn and Mozart, in addition to Mahler's Fourth Symphony. In 2007, Enslin made her Canadian debut, performing the title role of "Molly Brant" by Augusta Cecconi-Bates. Other recent premieres include Kazuaki Tanahashi's "Peace Poems," commissioned by the Society for New Music, as well as Jing Jing Luo's "How Silent It Is" and Kevin Nitsch's "The Beginning," both commissioned by The Commission Project.

For more information on Laura's performances, please visit : [http://sunews.syr.edu/story\\_details.cfm?id=5440](http://sunews.syr.edu/story_details.cfm?id=5440)

For more information on Robert Ward and the piece, "In Praise of Science", visit:

<http://thecollege.syr.edu/pressrelease/praiseofscience.htm>

# THE FUUSS WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK !!!!!

Check it out at: <http://www.firstuusy.org/>

Thank to the hard work of the Web Committee - MaryGail Perkins, Keith Bertrand, Peg Flanders and Ruth Yamaguchi - the FUUSS Website has undergone a MAJOR renovation and transformation. The new look has added features, a user-friendly interface and navigation menu, as well as just plain being FUN!

The new look was unveiled this past Friday.

Additional content and features are yet to follow.

If you see any of the Web Committee congratulate them on their hard work.



**Just a Reminder!**

Please wear your name tags. It will make it a bit easier to match faces with names as well as helping Reverend Holy, newcomers, and visitors learn who we are.

Thank you - your Membership Committee



## Words on Worship



Sanctuary At First UU, the Sanctuary has as many meanings as we have members. It is a special place for each of us in its own way. Some of the words that come to mind are: sacred, refuge, quiet, contemplation, meditation, prayer, reflection, fellowship, haven and so many more. I'm sure each of you can add to this list. While in the sanctuary during a Worship Service, maintaining and respecting that special feeling is important to the experience of the service.

Preserving that atmosphere is difficult when it is interrupted by applause. The Worship Service Committee has, after much consideration and discussion,

determined that going forward the new policy will be to 'Refrain from applause while in the Sanctuary during z Worship Service'. The use of raising and waving hands can still be used to express our appreciation, but will maintain the special atmosphere of the worship service. You will be seeing this change reflected in the Order of Service. We know this change may feel strange at first, but ask that you give it some time to become part of the fabric of our service. Jerry Trexler, Worship Service Chair, or Reverend Holly are available for your questions.

Several dates for services are available for the Winter and Spring season. Please give me a call at 635.8806 if you'd like to discuss providing a service. Ideas for services are always welcome.



**Chittenango Falls State Park**  
in Cazenovia

*Jerry Trexler, Worship Service Chair*



## Please Support Your Coming Of Age Program! Returnables Fundraiser

In order to defray the cost of the traditional COA trip to Boston (which may include UUA, YRUU, UJSC tours, Harbor tour, Quincy Market, Walden Pond) this spring, the COA group has registered at F-M Returnables. This is a No Brainer!

**Just bring your bottles and cans to F-M Returnables and let them know you want the deposit money to go to the COA Group. It's located at 202 Seneca St. in Manlius, 682-4830.**

Hours are:

Mon.	10-5
Tues.	10-3
Thur.	10-3
Fri.	10-5
Sat.	9-3
Wed. & Sun.	Closed



For those of you who find the drive a hardship, just bring your rinsed returnables to church with you, put them in the marked container, and the COA Team will get them there for you.

**Thank you for your support!!!**

### AT FIRST UU WE ARE HAVING A METAL BANC / GREEN SANCTUARY FUNDRAISING DRIVE

### Trash into Cash Tailgate Recycling

Metal Banc is a local charity driven organization that finds value in unwanted or end of life items through recycling and donations. Proceeds to us will be determined by the quantity of goods received.

All drives will be held in the FUUSS parking lot. There will be a designated path to take with volunteers collecting items from the vehicles. You can place your items in the trunk or hatch of the vehicle and an attendant will remove them for you. There will be four drives:

- ▶ **Drives 1 & 2 (November 16th & 23rd): Pots and Pans** [Church members 11:30-1:30 others 1:30-2:00]  
Any pots, pans, baking sheets, cutlery, silverware, or other metal objects usually found in the kitchen. Look for unwanted items in the kitchen, attic, and basement. We are mostly looking to acquire aluminum, copper, and stainless steel. If you have scrap copper or aluminum, you may bring that as well. If bringing in sharp items, please put in a box with "SHARP" written on it.
- ▶ **Drives 3 & 4 (November 30th & December 7th): Gadget Drive** [11:30 -1:30]  
Any small household appliance with a cord, motor, or which uses batteries. Microwaves, A/C units, coffee makers, toasters, or any other unwanted or end of life gadget. Scrap copper and aluminum, car/truck batteries, cords, wires, and jumper cables are also acceptable at this drive.

Future drives will include E-Waste, Precious Metals and Stones, Cardboard, and Scrap Paper. Please tell everyone about the upcoming drives, so that each one will be successful. For Questions or for home Pick ups please contact Chris and Les directly at: 315-516-2906 Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm or email us at: MetalBanc@Hotmail.com



### Raise Money for FUUSS By Buying Groceries!

When you purchase P&C gift cards through FUUSS, you receive a card at the full value you purchased and the church receives 5% of the total purchase price. (for example, last month \$1560 worth of cards were purchased resulting the FUUSS receiving a check for \$78)

**The next order for gift cards will be taken on November 9th** - See Joe Cavallaro after service to place your order. Your cards will be available on Sunday, November 16th.

## Caring and Concerns

Our caring thoughts go out to the following church members:

- Our warm and caring thoughts go out to Marilyn Lyman and Joyce Homan as they mend from recent surgery.
- Caring thoughts continue for Carolyn Coit as she continues her healing journey.

The next meeting of The Seekers will be on **November 23 (5) at 12:15 p.m. in the Parlor. We will continue with the series on Philosophy and Religion in the West by showing a DVD, followed by discussion led by Eric Holzwarth. All are welcome.**

**Mark your calendars for a holiday break by spending quiet evening with labyrinth on Friday December 12th. Watch for further information in the next newsletter.**

## Central New York Developmental Services Office

Homes needed: adults and children with disabilities need loving home environments on a full time and part time (respite) basis. Please call David Shipe, CNY DSO Family Care Program, at (315) 473-6919 for more information. If you have any questions for would like someone to speak at your church/synagogue, please give me a call at same number.

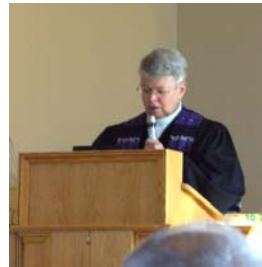
Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Sincerely, David Shipe, Central New York DSO, Asst. FC Coordinator

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE CHURCH? ARE YOU PONDERING MEMBERSHIP?



The Membership Committee and Rev. Holly invite you to attend a **"New UU Orientation Class"** which will be held on **November 9 at 12 noon** in the Sanctuary. This class will focus on a brief history of Unitarian Universalism, and the origins and operations of our church, committees, leadership and the ways in which one enters into membership. All are welcome!

Orientation classes will also be held in January and in March prior to our Annual Meeting, the dates to be announced.



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