

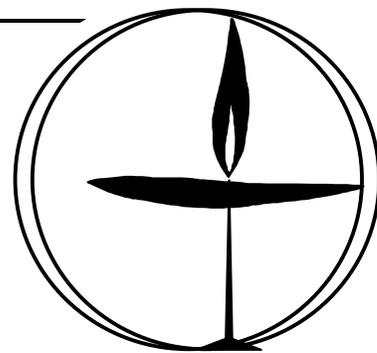
# UU News

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SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM

Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer



June 24, 2015

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## UUSO goes to a Concert!

**Thursday, July 23, 6:30 pm at Neahwa Park**

Join us for the second of three UUSO summer events! We'll meet up to enjoy an evening of music by Just Throw Money, a band well known locally for being a crowd pleaser. The concert is being presented as part of the Oneonta's Summer Concert Series. Bring along your own seating or blanket, bug repellent, and if you'd like, some snacks to share. We'll supply the lemonade. The concert begins at 7 pm.

## UUSO has a Picnic!

**Tuesday, August 11, 6 pm at Wilber Park**

Our third and final of the UUSO summer events. Meet us by the pavilion at Wilber Park, we'll be close by the playground for families with active young ones. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck event and your own table setting. We'll supply the lemonade.

These activities can also be found on the UUSO Community group on Facebook.

—Elayne Mosher Campoli, Membership Committee

## FROM THE OFFICE...

- Today's Newsletter will be the last issue of the "regular" church year. The next Newsletter will be published July 29, with a deadline of July 27 at 9 am.
- Summer office hours will begin next week: Tuesday and Thursday, 9-2.

—Robin Ahearn

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### Welcome to Summer

Happy Summer Solstice! I hope everyone had a chance to celebrate in their own special way. (Cheryl and I celebrated with ice cream—as is our tradition.) During the summer, some things slow down a little at UUSO: reduced office hours for all staff, the newsletter comes out once a month instead of every two weeks, the small group ministries end, Religious Education for our children and youth takes a summer break, and many of the committees skip a meeting or two.

On the other hand, some things remain the same: There will still be services every Sunday, as always. The Membership Committee has social events scheduled for each month this summer. (The UUSO outing to the Outlaws game was last week and Spirit and I very much enjoyed spending a Friday evening with UUSO friends at the baseball diamond.) I'm also available for walk-n-talks during the summer months and welcome the chance to get some more exercise, physical and spiritual. In addition to all of these things, the Committee on Ministry is asking for input in identifying and categorizing our shared ministries. (See article below.) I hope everyone participates in this exercise. Things may slow down a little bit—but there are still plenty of exciting and fun things happening at UUSO this season.

—Cooperatively, Rev. Craig

### THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Committee on Ministry has been working to identify all of the ministries of the UUSO and relating them to our mission "CREATING BELOVED COMMUNITY... FREELY SEEKING THE LIGHT... REACHING FOR A BETTER WORLD..."

However, we need your help. We have identified many of our ministries, but we know we are missing some. We have also tried to place these ministries under our three mission goals, but as you may imagine, we have each come up with different ways of doing so. So for the duration of the summer we will have signs for each of our mission goals on the walls of the sanctuary, colorful post-it notes, and a list of ministries that we have identified. Please take some time before and after service to place a post-it for each ministry in what you think is its appropriate place. Ministries can be put on multiple walls, and we want you to add ministries that we have inadvertently missed. At the end of the summer, we will collect the results, and Rev. Craig will make it part of our In-gathering in September.

—Kevin Schultz

### CHANGE FOR CHANGE 2015-2016

This is your chance to make a suggestion to the Social Action Committee for Change for Change for next year. Please let any member of the committee know your idea.

—Dotty Hudson

## Sawdust from the Board

April Gates has turned over the “sawdust” article to me as I plan to begin my UUSO Board term and position as President as of July 1. While this was an unexpected role for me to play as I just begin my Board term, I believe I was elected due to some of our current Board leadership being unavailable during the first half of this year and my prior experience serving as UUSO President. I am honored and quite humbled to fulfill such an important responsibility, especially following April who has led our congregation expertly with abundant grace and wisdom from all accounts. We are fortunate that she is now our Moderator. I’m excited about the coming UUSO year! Our Committee on Ministry has already begun to explore its new focus, we are continuing to check off items on our Long Range Plan, the “Sounding Board” will continue as it has been a success in promoting open discourse between the congregation and the Board, and we truly benefit from a consistently outstanding staff. In summary, our Congregation is healthy and moving forward. Blessings be!

### The 2015-16 UUSO Board of Trustees:

President:	Karen Palmer	2018	Social Action (temp)
Vice President:	Jeanne Bennett-O’Dea	2017	Mali, Memorial
Clerk:	Mary Ruhoff	2016	Worship, Music, Website
Trustees:	John Bagby *	2018	RE, Properties
	Virgil Briggs	2016	Fundraising, Design
	Amy Forster Rothbart	2017	Office
	Stan Maricle**	2016	Finance, Stewardship, Endowment
	Kate Seeley	2017	Personnel, Membership
	Susan Turell***	2018	TBD

### Liaison Assignment

- \* John will be taking a leave of absence from the UUSO Board for the first half of this year.
- \*\* Upon Stan Sessions’ resignation, Stan Maricle has graciously agreed to stand in during the last year of his Board Term.
- \*\*\* Susan is temporarily appointed until Sandy Smith is available to attend Board meetings.

Following the August 16 service, The Sounding Board will be staffed by Trustees Karen Palmer and John Bagby. The Sounding Board offers an opportunity for you to greet board members and communicate your concerns and ideas, likes, and wishes directly to the Board. The Sounding Board table is usually located near the Sanctuary bulletin board. Traditionally, the Board does not meet in July. The next Board meeting will be August 19, 6:30 pm in the Chapin Memorial Loft. As always, UUSO Members are welcome to observe all regular Board meetings. I ask that if you have an issue to bring up at the Board meeting, please either bring it to the Sounding Board or present it to me via e-mail or in writing the Sunday prior to the Board meeting.

—Karen Palmer, President, UUSO Board of Trustees, kpalmer14@hughes.net

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

“Here’s to freedom, cheers to art.  
Here’s to having an excellent adventure  
and may the stopping never start.”

—Jason Mraz

Our year of Religious Education programming officially ended with an ice-cream sundae party last Sunday at the Olympia Brown House. The ice cream was donated by Stewart’s Shop in Oneonta. We also had a guest visitor, Ivy, who was a frolicking baby goat. In fact, she was probably the most frolicking guest we have ever entertained! We are grateful to the Johnson/Enck family for bring her to see us.

Although there will be no Religious Education classes during the summer, the nursery will continue to be available during Sunday services for children ten years old and younger. Children are also always welcome to attend services in the sanctuary.

We conclude a fantastic year of classes where we have explored the Interdependent Web of All Life, UU values through our own Hogwarts Oneonta: The Wizarding World of Harry Potter Class, and COAST (our Coming of Age Spiritual Trek program).

There is no need for these adventures in Unitarian Universalism to stop for the summer—You can continue them at home! Here are some of the many resources available:

### UU Family Camps, Workshops, and Programs:

- Camp Unirondack near Lowville, NY: [www.unirondack.org](http://www.unirondack.org)
- Ferry Beach in Saco, ME: [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org)
- SUUSI (Southeast UU Summer Institute) from July 19-25 in Blacksburg, Virginia: [suusi.org](http://suusi.org)
- Star Island Family Conference and Retreat Center on the Isles of Shoals off the coast of New Hampshire: [starisland.org](http://starisland.org)

### UU Home Family Activities over the summer:

- [www.uuworld.org/hashtag/parentingblog](http://www.uuworld.org/hashtag/parentingblog) is written by Michelle Richards. Michelle is also author of a wonderful book: [Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting](#).
- *Parents as Spiritual Guides* is a six-lesson workshop for parents and caregivers. I think it would be a great class to offer sometime at UUSO. For now, you can have access to all of the lessons in a pdf file: [http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/lfd/tapestry/parents\\_spiritual\\_guides.pdf](http://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/lfd/tapestry/parents_spiritual_guides.pdf)

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- *Call and Response: Journeys in UU Lifespan Faith Development* can be found at [callandresponse.blogs.uua.org](http://callandresponse.blogs.uua.org). This site addresses current issues of interest to UU families and includes a way to communicate with other UU parents by posting and reading comments.
- The Family Pages pull-out section of the monthly UU World magazine contains activities around a topic for families to engage in together. Many of the themes and activities are part of UUSO Religious Education during the church year. They are interesting and fun! A paper version of UU World magazine is sent to all members of UUSO. It is available online at [www.uuworld.org](http://www.uuworld.org).
- You can find stories and other resources at *Family Quest: Church of the Larger Fellowship* at [www.questformeaning.org/programs/family-quest](http://www.questformeaning.org/programs/family-quest).

### For UU Youth

- BLUEBOAT: This site offers a way for teens to stay in touch with each other and with what's happening in the UUA regarding youth and young adult ministry. They also are on Facebook: [blueboat.blogs.uua.org/youth](http://blueboat.blogs.uua.org/youth)
- YAYA: is the site of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries Office at the UUA and has the goal of supporting youth working for the future of our faith: [twitter.com/YAYAUUA](https://twitter.com/YAYAUUA)
- St. Lawrence District UU Youth Ministry at [www.sld-yruu.org](http://www.sld-yruu.org). This is the site to keep watching for postings of future Cons as well as other youth events in our district. It doesn't yet have information about next year's schedule, but I expect it will be updated over the summer. You can also contact them if you would like more information about UU Youth leadership opportunities.

Regular Religious Education programs will begin again on September 13 with an all-RE Minecraft-themed event! Next year's children's classes will focus on Unitarian Universalism and Social Justice. For teens we will be offering the Our Whole Lives Curriculum (aka OWL). OWL is a holistic sexuality education program for youth that models and teaches caring, compassion, respect, and justice. We intend to host a YRUU program (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) for older high school youth.

Here's to a wonderful year of RE and to a summer of freedom, art, and continuing the journey until we meet again in the fall!

—Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education

## JULY CHANGE FOR CHANGE

Otsego County Conservation Association (OCCA), [www.occainfo.org](http://www.occainfo.org), is the recipient of July's Change for Change. OCCA's mission is to promote the appreciation and sustainable use of Otsego County's natural resources through education, advocacy, resource management, research, and planning.

OCCA, Friends of Glimmerglass State Park, and the Otsego Lake Association will host a Lake Appreciation Day on Saturday, July 11, from 11 am-4 pm at Glimmerglass State Park. A free picnic lunch (pre-registration required), swimming, and kids' activities will be among the highlights. To learn more, e-mail [admin@occainfo.org](mailto:admin@occainfo.org) or call 547-4488.

OCCA also co-sponsors Otsego County's annual Household Hazardous Waste Day, which this year will be held on Friday, September 11, at the Unadilla Town Barn from 8 am-12 noon, and Saturday, September 12, at the Meadows Office Complex, Cooperstown, from 8 am-1 pm. Please consider joining other OCCA volunteers in helping with the recycling of paint, which mostly involves opening paint cans and mixing. Contact Martha Clarvoe, Volunteer Coordinator, at 547-4020 or [martha.clarvoe@gmail.com](mailto:martha.clarvoe@gmail.com).

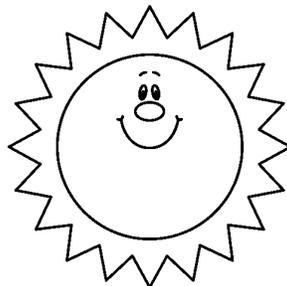
—Carol Malz

## NAACP COMMUNITY PICNIC IN THE PARK

On July 18, the Oneonta Branch of the NAACP will celebrate its membership with a "Community Picnic in the Park." Together with the League of Women Voters we will assert our voting rights and will launch a voter registration drive. The event will take place in Neahwa Park, from 12 noon to 4 pm. We will provide food, music, games, Zumba lessons, face painting, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, stimulating conversations, and more. The picnic is free but you may bring a dish to share. For donations and suggestions, please call 432-5850 or 278-5073.

—Submitted by Regina Betts

*Happy Summer!*



**CALENDAR  
JUNE**

Jun 26	Fri	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		10 - 11:30 AM/Jung & Yoga/CM
Jun 27	Sat	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM/Building Use/OBH
Jun 28	Sun	NO RE
		10:30 AM/Service: "Answering Children's Questions UUSO Style"/Alexandra Tolin Schultz/CM
		1 PM/Free Hypnosis Clinic/CM Loft
Jun 29	Mon	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:30 PM - 8:00 PM/Zen Meditation/CM

**JULY**

Jul 5	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "It's OK to be Weird"/Alexander Riba/CM
Jul 6	Mon	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Zen Meditation/CM
Jul 9	Thu	5:30 PM - 8:30 PM NAACP/OBH Living Rm
Jul 12	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "Growing Pains"/Rev. Craig/CM
		12/Finance Cmte Mtg/OBH Dining Rm
		5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Building Use/CM
		6/Dining for Women/CM
Jul 13	Mon	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Zen Meditation/CM
Jul 18	Sat	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Building Use/OBH
Jul 19	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "A True Unitarian"/Rev. Craig/CM
Jul 20	Mon	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Zen Meditation/CM
Jul 23	Thu	6:30 PM/Concert/Neahwa Park
Jul 26	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "Question Authority"/Rev. Craig/CM
Jul 27	Mon	Mid-summer Newsletter Deadline
		6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Zen Meditation/CM

CM=Chapin Memorial/OBH=Olympia Brown House

**Rev. Craig's Office Hours:**

*Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Thursday, 10-2*

**Office Administrator's  
Summer Hours:**

*Tuesday and Thursday, 9-2*

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS at the UUSO**

**June 28, 2015**

**"Answering Children's Questions  
UUSO Style"**

Raising caring children in today's world is a practical and spiritual challenge. A warm, worshipful community makes it easier and rewarding.

**Alexandra Tolin Schultz**

**Music provided by  
Music Director Tim Horne**

*Usbers: Steve Berman & Norma Lee Havens*

*Coffee Hosts: Charles King & Kay Stuligross*

*Worship Associate: Adrienne Martini*

*(Please submit announcements to  
Adrienne via email by 6/26.)*





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**UPCOMING SUNDAYS at the UUSO (Cont'd)**

**June 28, 2015**

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**July 5, 2015**

**"It's OK to be Weird"**

What is so wrong about being weird?

What does that word even mean?

Which is more damaging to us, being weird  
or being afraid of being weird?

**Alexander Riba**

**Music provided by**

**Music Director Tim Horne**

*Ushers: Jeane Bennett-O'Dea & Virgil Briggs*

*Coffee Hosts: Donna Behrendt &*

*Carolyn Wolf-Gould*

*Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz*

*(Please submit announcements to*

*Kevin via email by 7/3.)*

**July 12, 2015**

**"Growing Pains"**

We are not who we used to be.

We are not who we will eventually be.

Everything we know is changing. In the face  
of flux, shall we be afraid or excited?

**Rev. Craig Schwalenberg**

**Music provided by**

**Music Director Tim Horne**

*Ushers: Laura Reyda & Molly Swain*

*Coffee Hosts: Dorothy & Michael Frye-Hunt*

*Worship Associate: Julian Pecenco*

*(Please submit announcements to*

*Julian via email by 7/10.)*

**July 19, 2015**

**"A True Unitarian"**

Unitarians, historically, asserted the  
heresy that there was only one god. What  
if they were more right than they know?

**Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
& UUSO Chancel Players**

**Music provided by—TBA**

*Ushers: Norma Lee Havens & Mary Krupp*

*Coffee Hosts: Daniel Blacklock & Sallie Han*

*Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz*

*(Please submit announcements to*

*Kevin via email by 7/17.)*

**July 26, 2015**

**"Question Authority"**

*Family Friendly Service*

We are a faith tradition with a rich history of  
questioning authority—and just questioning  
in general. Bring your questions for  
Rev. Craig to answer.

**Rev. Craig Schwalenberg**

**Music provided by Paul Carter**

*Ushers: Cathryn James & Pat Knuth*

*Coffee Hosts: Mary Ruboff & Linda Wilcox*

*Worship Associate: Adrienne Martini*

*(Please submit announcements to*

*Adrienne via email by 6/24.)*