

# UU News

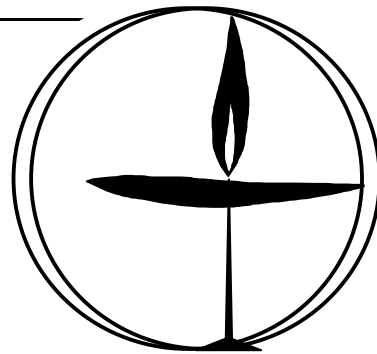
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SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM

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

September 10, 2014



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## Religious Education Kick-Off Event! Some Wonders of the Natural World\*

Sunday, September 14, at 10:30  
Olympia Brown House

### Come Start the Year Together!

\*also chocolate frogs generously provided by Honeydukes

### PIZZA & GAMES RETURNS!

Join us for Pizza and Games Friday, September 12, from 5:30-8:30 pm in Chapin Memorial Sanctuary. Bring your favorite game to share, \$1.50 per person for pizza, and a smile. This event is fun for all ages and will be hosted the second Friday of each month.

—Elayne Mosher Campoli



## 188th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF UNIVERSALISTS (NYSCU)

This year's NYSCU Convention will take place at the All Souls Universalist Church in Watertown, NY, on October 3 and 4. The Rev. Christana Wille-McKnight will be the keynote speaker. Workshops will include: "Harmonize the Body with Sound"; "Moving Music Forward: Integrating Music and Universalist Worship"; "Growing Our Faith by Keeping Our Kids"; and "Happiness Workshop." Cost is \$30/person, pre-register, \$35/at the door; \$45/couple in advance, \$50/at the door; \$5/student. For additional information, view their brochure, either posted on the UUSO interior bulletin board or at [http://www.nyscu.org/AM\\_brochures/2014/2014\\_AM\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.nyscu.org/AM_brochures/2014/2014_AM_brochure.pdf).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome to another year of the Religious Education Program at UUSO! We look forward to all of the energy, creativity, activity, questioning, exploring, and Spirit that can be found as we journey together. All ages are an integral part of the religious journey of children and youth. As the children and youth are a part of the journey for us adults. I wish for a year of doing much more together as a group of seekers of all ages!

The youngest UU's will have their usual cozy and fun time in the nursery. Caregiver Eliza has gone away from Oneonta to go to college. We are fortunate to still have Hailey and Avalon working this year. They both are SUCO students now but want to stay with us! Sara will be working in the nursery as well instead of attending YRUU. But more about that in a bit.

Explorers (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) will be called “Web of Life Explorers” this year. They will be working from the curriculum, Experiences with the Web of Life. This is a popular, energetic, and hands-on curriculum! The class visits an outdoor “special space” almost every week in all kinds of weather. They are able to observe their discoveries over time and throughout the seasons. They will learn about seeds, migrating and hibernating animals, birds, snakes, spiders, plants, and how to track animals in the snow and much more. There will be quite a few animal visitors to the class as one of their teachers lives part of the year on a farm. All of the lessons allow experiences of appreciation and joy for the chance to be with and learn about living things.

Seekers (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be teleported to “Hogwarts Oneonta” each Sunday. This is another extremely popular curriculum! It was started by our own former DRE Lisa Zuend-Misner and continues to grow more lessons as time goes on. Throughout the year, the group will take classes in Potions, Defense Against the Dark Arts, Charms, Flying, and Herbology. The class will study the Muggle World as well as UU Principles “through the eyes of a Wizard.” They'll discover the “magical powers” within each of us that are just waiting to be released. There will be wizard tournaments, House Awards, the occasional chocolate frog, a House Feast, and of course—Quidditch. It is not necessary to have read the Harry Potter books to enjoy the magic of this class!

COAST (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade), Coming of Age Spiritual Trek, is designed to address a teen's passage from childhood to adolescence/young adulthood. It is offered to UU Youth as well as their friends or others from our community. It is a program dedicated to recognizing and celebrating this transition through thoughtful discussions, group support, retreats, conversations with adult Advisors and Mentors, a social service project, fundraising, and a trip to Boston! Each teen will create her or his own faith statement that will be presented at a COAST recognition ceremony in the spring. Sunday school classes will work on COAST materials yet will also be interesting to any teen who is not in the COAST Program.

YRUU (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade), Young Religious Unitarian Universalists—There are very few youth of this age group this year, not enough to meet regularly as a group. The YRUU advisors are available to meet informally as needed. We encourage the youth to become involved in one of the many parts of church life. We will work with them to find mutual areas of interest. They are

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welcome in all that we do at UUSO! It will be important that adults in the congregation make a special effort to reach out to our youth and support them in finding their contribution to our society. Youth are also welcome to sit in on COAST classes. Their own past COAST experiences will greatly enhance the class for present COASTers.

It all begins next Sunday, September 14, with RE's Kick-Off Event at the Olympia Brown House. Special guests Stan Sessions and Florian Reyda will amaze with tales from the Web of Life. There will be living creatures (besides the people) and chocolate frogs for snack. Come start the year together!  
 —In Peace, Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education

### *Among Ourselves...*

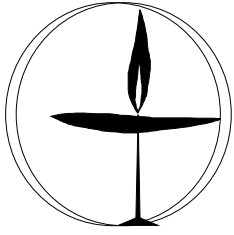
Long-time UUSO Member **Larry Armstrong** recently had a stroke. Thankfully, he is doing remarkably well with recovery. Please keep Larry and his wife Suzy Beddoe in your thoughts during his recovery. If you'd like to send a card, Larry's current address is:  
 Larry Armstrong, c/o Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 269,  
 1270 Belmont Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12308.  
 His email address is: armstrwl@oneonta.edu.

## CALENDAR

Sep 11	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		5:30-8:30pm/NAACP/OBH Living Rm
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Sep 12	Fri	8:00am - 9:00am/Exercise/CM
		<b>5:30pm/Pizza &amp; Games/CM</b>
Sep 14	Sun	9:00am - 10:30am/Building Use/OBH
		<b>10:30am/Service: Elliot Ruggles/"Shifting the Center: What We All Can Learn from 'Queer' Experiences"/CM</b>
		<b>10:30-12:00pm/RE Kick-off/OBH</b>
		12:00pm/Finance Cmte/OBH Upstairs
		12:00- 1:00pm/Building Use/OBH
Sep 15	Mon	8:00am - 9:00am/Exercise/CM
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
Sep 16	Tue	3:00- 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Sep 17	Wed	8:00am - 9:00am/Exercise/CM
		6:30pm/Board of Trustees/CM
Sep 18	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Sep 19	Fri	8:00am - 9:00am/Exercise/CM

Sep 21	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "Overcoming a Betrayal of Faith"/Rev. Sam Trumbore/CM</b>
		<b>6:00pm/Dining for Women/CM</b>
Sep 22	Mon	<b>9:00am/Newsletter Deadline</b>
		3:00- 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Sep 23	Tue	6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
		10am-12pm/Sm Group Ministry/OBH
		3-7:30pm/Building Use/CM Classroom
Sep 24	Wed	6:30-9:30pm/Stop the Pipeline Mtg/CM
		8:00am - 9:00am/Exercise/CM
Sep 25	Thu	1:30pm/Small Group Ministry/Off-site
		5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
Sep 28	Sun	6:45- 9:30pm Building Use/CCS/CM
		<b>10:30am/Service: "Days of Awe"/A UU Celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur/Pam Strother &amp; UUSO Members/CM</b>
		1:00pm/Free Hypnosis Clinic/CM Loft

CM=Chapin Memorial/OBH=Olympia Brown House  
**Rev. Craig's Hours:** On sabbatical through 12/3/14  
**Office Administrator's Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:30



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## UPCOMING SUNDAYS at the UUSO

**September 14, 2014**

**"Shifting the Center:  
What We All Can Learn from  
'Queer' Experiences"**

*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

People who push the boundaries of what we consider "normal" around gender and sexuality allow us all to contemplate what it means to be human. Join me as I share the stories of those who do this and what their experiences can teach us all.

**Elliot Ruggles**

**Music provided by  
Music Director Tim Horne**

*Ushers: Beth & John Rafter  
Coffee Hosts: Jane Bachman & Bob Brzozowski  
Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz  
(Please submit announcements to  
Kevin via email by 9/13.)*

**September 21, 2014**

**"Overcoming A Betrayal of Faith"**

*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

"The church interfered with my spirituality," is a common complaint of people visiting our congregations. Creeds and doctrines can undermine our faith rather than support it. When church leaders profess one thing on Sunday morning and do another Saturday night, faith can easily be betrayed. Unitarian Universalism has a very different approach to philosophical and spiritual growth that develops an independent and free faith.

**Rev. Sam Trumbore**

**Music provided by the UUSO Choir  
and Music Director Tim Horne**

*Ushers: Mary Ambrose & Tom O'Brien  
Coffee Hosts: Ann Marie Mills & Beth Rowland  
Worship Associate: Bob Brzozowski  
(Please submit announcements to  
Bob via email by 9/20.)*