

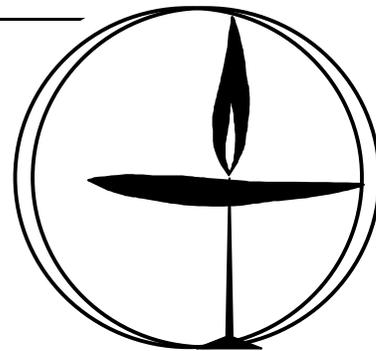
UU News

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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



October 7, 2015

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WINE TASTING – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

If you haven't gotten your tickets for the UUSO Wine Tasting on Saturday, October 17, you can still buy them now. Tickets are available from any of the committee members listed below, or from Robin in the church office at 432-3491 or UUSO@uuso.org, at a cost of \$30 or 2 for \$50. Non-Drinkers can enjoy all the foods and drink sparkling cider (or diet soda) and pay only \$15. (Tickets at the door will be \$35 and \$20.) If you prefer, you can purchase tickets online by going to our web page, <http://www.UUSO.org> and clicking on the link in the "Upcoming Events" on the home page. Come anytime from 7 to 9 pm in order to taste all the wines and foods.



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RUMMAGE SALE!

November 1-7 is Rummage Sale Week! Mark your calendar. Be ready to bring in your donations Sunday, November 1, or Monday, November 2. The sale will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 4, 5, and 6. More information in the next newsletter!

—Anne Ray

2015 CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Our next Candlelight Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 6 to 8:30 pm. Spend a cozy evening sharing a meal at the home of a fellow congregant. Hosts provide a welcoming table for 8 to 10, guests contribute to the dinner, and everyone gets a chance to enjoy each other's company outside of committee meetings and Sunday services. All UUSO members and friends are invited to join the fun. Childcare and dinner (pizza for the kiddos!) will be provided at Olympia Brown House, 16 Ford Avenue, starting at 5:45.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Our Best Selves

One of the purposes of this congregation, one of our mutual ministries to one another, is to inspire each other to be our best selves. Such an aspiration is just that—an ideal, a goal, a hope. We want to be kind, compassionate, reasonable, honest, just, intelligent, well-informed, and positive people. The actual details of what that best self looks like is different for each one of us—but I think we all know what it feels like. Being in a Beloved Community, being a part of a covenanted faith, means recognizing that we are often are not our best selves. And when we fall short, we kindly forgive one another and call each other back in to right relationship and toward being our best selves once again. It is an ongoing process—one I like to call, “being human.” (As my classmate and friend, Megan Dalby-Jones says, “Look at those people being people.”)

This past Sunday, at the congregational meeting, we had one of those human moments.

Our Democratic Process

Twice a year (or more often), the members of the congregation gather to conduct the business of the congregation. We elect our Trustees, our Moderator, and some of our committee members. We pass preliminary and final budgets. We amend our bylaws. We approve social justice task forces. We approve major expenditures that go beyond the normal scope of the annual budget. The list goes on. At those meetings, our Moderator does their best to help us conduct our democratic business in the most efficient, respectful way possible. Usually, the Moderator recruits a person to serve as a parliamentarian to help ensure we follow the rules we've chosen to govern these meetings. I, as the minister, do not vote at these meetings—but I'm granted a special privilege of being recognized to speak most of the time. Between the Moderator, the parliamentarian, and myself, we try to conduct a meeting that is in line with our democratic principle AND our desire to be a Beloved Community. Sometimes the issues we are addressing at these meetings are controversial and/or emotionally charged. This Sunday's meeting was one of those times.

As your minister, I want to apologize for my role in contributing to the difficult nature of the congregational meeting this past Sunday. I was not my best self. I likely spoke more than I should have at some points and less than I should have at others. I let my passion and frustration overwhelm my wisdom and compassion and in so doing, I abdicated the roll of leader you called on me to be. There are several members of this community I owe personal apologies to—and I will do my best to make those in the coming weeks. (If you count yourself among those that I should apologize to, please let me know. In the moment, I may have made an unintended or unremembered slight and I would like to make amends.)

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At our next congregational meeting, I hope we will all be called back to being our best selves. Assuming the best of intentions. Allowing all to be heard. Discussing the issues robustly, deeply, and passionately, but with reason and respect guiding us. It seems fitting that we hold our congregational meeting in our worship space. Aside from it being the only space we have—it is also a reminder to us that our democratic process is one of the ways we practice our religion. A congregational meeting is another opportunity for us to live our principles and fulfill our mission. We can do that in a worshipful way. I believe the next time we meet, we will do so.

The Black Lives Matter Issue

At the congregational meeting, those members of the congregation present voted to create a task force to study the Black Lives Matter issue and educate the congregation and the community about it. They also voted to table the proposal to hang a Black Lives Matter banner on the church until the Black Lives Matter Task Force brings a recommendation back to the congregation. This is, I believe, the right decision.

In listening to those who attended our Black Lives Matter conversations, I heard a small but significant number of objections to hanging the banner at this time. Everyone was in agreement and support of the principle of doing anti-racism work and working toward a world where all beings matter. (Our vision!) But, there were questions about the process, the timing, the reaction from the community, the risks to our building and our staff, and about the Black Lives Matter movement. These questions deserve to be addressed. They indicate that the congregation as a whole is not ready to make the bold public statement that hanging a banner on the church would be. There is no shame in that. I am not disappointed by this vote in any way (beyond what I've already mentioned regarding our demeanor in reaching this conclusion).

We do need to ask more questions. We do need to do more work. This IS a difficult issue rife with emotion and challenge. We have voted to take the time to do that work. I am confident that the Black Lives Matter Task Force will help us to do that work. I am also confident that everyone in this congregation will step up to do the work when the opportunity is presented. The issue is certainly not going to go away—any more than the problem of racism is going to go away—until we do our part to recognize it and address it. So, keep your eyes and ears open for what the task force you created has to say and has to offer in the coming months. Attend events when they occur. Voice your questions and your ideas. And be ready to do some work internally and externally—the world needs to be transformed and that transformation starts within us all.

—Cooperatively, Rev. Craig

SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

I want to express my gratitude for what I experienced at UUSO this past Sunday. First, I enjoyed being part of the coffee hour/ushering in partnership with my board colleagues. The service was exceptional, from the worship associate (who does much more than I realized) to the excellent music by Tim Horne, which we have come to expect, and a first rate sermon by our Reverend Craig, which included the best description of Unitarian Universalism that I've ever heard. For those who missed it, you would do well to check it out when it is uploaded to our website. Then came the special commemoration of the stained glass window restoration honoring Rich Stelling and Gene Mallard and all of the many donors. Gene told us in detail the incredible care and craftsmanship that went into each beautiful window. Then there was the congregational meeting... I believe it was one of the most highly attended I've seen in my many years at UUSO. It was long, it was complex in parliamentary procedure (thank you April, Sandy, and Craig for helping us through all of the amendments and Robin for taking challenging minutes!), and we maintained far greater than a quorum to the very end despite the extra length—a testimony to the dedication of our congregation. Discussion of the Board's Black Lives Matter proposal engaged us in a deep, often passionate, sometimes confusing, and truly UU conversation! The outcome was that we approved the Task Force, to educate the congregation and the community, and we will entrust the people on this team to bring actions such as hanging the banner back to the congregation at a date of their choosing in the not-so-distant future. Other actions were to inform and answer questions regarding the new Membership Affirmation Procedure policy, approve the amended \$8,000 expenditure proposed for a new marquee, approve the Micro-loan and Mali task forces, and approve our final budget. In reflecting on the day, I realize I am so fortunate to be a UU among those who understand what it is to be in loving community supporting one another in our free liberal faith with all of our wonderfully diverse passions and views. Amen!

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Members and friends of UUSO are invited to observe. Board members are always happy to listen to your concerns or suggestions and two board members will be present at the "Sounding Board" table after the service the Sunday before the board meeting.

—Karen Palmer, President, UUSO Board of Trustees, 267-4793 kpalmer14@hughes.net

FROM THE OFFICE...

- The UUSO Office will be closed Monday, October 12, for the holiday.
- In a recent newsletter I mentioned that I'd be re-arranging the congregational mailboxes the following week. Silly me! The office has been hopping and as a result, I've not had a chance to do as I said I would. I am still planning to work on them sometime in the near future. So, if you have any requests, it's not too late—please let me know. And, my apologies for the delay!

—Robin Ahearn

INTRODUCING THE BLACK LIVES MATTER TASK FORCE

At the Fall Congregational Meeting, the congregation charged the new Black Lives Matter Task Force with educating those within and outside of our UUSO community regarding the Black Lives Matter movement and has asked the BLM Task Force to propose recommended actions to the congregation when ready. The following people have agreed to be participants on this task force: Patricia Engel LaFata, Kay Stuligross, Karen Palmer, Duncan Smith, Pam Strother, Spike Paranya, Susan Turell, and Amy Forster Rothbart. Supporters of the Task Force are Rev. Craig Schwalenberg, Kate Seeley, April Gates, Carolyn Wolf-Gould, Mary Krupp, Kevin Schultz, Elizabeth Rowland, Ann Marie Mills, Cathi Wiltsey, Sandy Smith, Cynthia Squires, Stan Maricle, Donna Behrendt, and Carol Malz. The BLM Task Force is already in the process of organizing its first meeting. Meanwhile, please take some time to explore the official Black Lives Matter website at www.blacklivesmatter.com for information on the history, principles, and organization of this movement's network founded by Alicia Garza, Opel Tometi, and Patrisse Cullors. You may also wish to review the Fall 2015 issue of the UU World magazine which features articles related to the General Assembly's passing of an Action of Immediate Witness, which calls on UU congregations to support the Black Lives Matter movement.

—Karen Palmer, President, UUSO Board of Trustees

THE RIGHT COMMITTEE FOR YOU!

The Membership Committee could be the right committee for you if:

- You like to have fun.
- You like having fun while hanging out with friends from UUSO.
- You want to help other people have fun hanging out with friends from UUSO!!
- You think it's important to be welcoming and help other folks figure out if UUSO is the right spiritual home for them.
- You have one hour per month available to meet with the committee.
- If you fit this description, then the Membership Committee is for you, and we need your input! It's a small time commitment with a big payback. Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month, 7-8 pm in the dining room at Olympia Brown House, 16 Ford Avenue. Our next meeting is November 5—if you want to just check it out, please visit the meeting to see if it's the right fit for you. We hope you'll consider this opportunity to make a fun and positive contribution to the UUSO Congregation. Thanks!
- If you have any questions, please contact committee chair Elayne Mosher Campoli at ms.elayneous@yahoo.com.

—The Membership Committee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The RE year is off and running! Classes are meeting, projects are being planned, and all participants are having a great time being together again after a summer break.

Most Sundays have Religious Education Classes. There are a few exceptions including Intergenerational Services and Children's Worship Services. The detailed RE schedule is available on our uusoo.org website and printed copies are in the classrooms. Please register your child or teen if you haven't already done so.

I will hold a Children's Worship Service on Sunday, October 18, about social justice work. We'll look at how this work is just as much a gift to ourselves as it is for someone else. I expect we will generate many ideas for projects for us to explore and to enact. This service will be at 10:30 at Chapin Memorial in the downstairs double classroom. It will be for both the Explorers and Seekers so it will include children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The next Children's Worship Service will be on November 1 at Olympia Brown House where we will celebrate *Dia de los Muertos*, Day of the Dead. This is a popular service and I heard from many children who were sad that I did not do it last year. I will write more about this service in a later newsletter.

The high school youth met with Caroline Cooper and myself to discuss ideas for Youth to be together at church this year. They are excited about participating in district Youth Cons (Conventions), which are scheduled at various UU churches in the region throughout the year. They would love to have enough youth in the group to host our own Con! Interest was expressed in attending UUA training to be a Youth Chaplin as well as joining in with other UU churches to go on social justice service trips. Our youth are active here at UUSO by helping me on Sunday mornings as Assistant DRE's (Directors of Religious Education), working in the nursery (this is a paid job) and in our classrooms as needed. We have some very motivated, talented, creative, and organized teens at UUSO! We are looking to increase our numbers because a bigger group can do so much more. We agreed to meet next week to discuss the idea of organizing a "manhunt" game as a way to have fun and to let more teens know about our church group. We will need to do this soon before it gets too cold outside, so look for more information on UUSO social media as plans progress. Please have the teen in your household contact me if they would like more information about all the activities we are planning! Texting seems to be the preferred method and I can be texted at 643-1927.

I am excited about our new RE year together.

—Susan Ryder, UUSO Director of Religious Education

“WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY DO, EXACTLY?”

Someone asked one of us this question last week, and suggested that we write a piece for the newsletter, to let all of you know just what it is that we do. There is a move across the country to change the focus of the COM, and our group is looking at these changes and working to find our way along this new path. These committees are moving away from a ministerial relations model toward the formation of a group that keeps a bird’s eye view of the congregation and works to keep the mission and vision part of all church activities.

We are still working out what this means and suspect it will take us some time to get it right. We welcome input from members of the congregation as we grow and change. We ask all of you to remember that change isn’t easy, and trust that we will do the best that we can.

We put together these thoughts to share with you. Please keep in mind that our new role in the church is a work in progress. These are not fixed guidelines, just a place for us to work from at this point in time.

The purpose of the Committee on Ministry is to keep the mission of our congregation in the forefront of its thoughts and actions. Ministry, here, is defined as anything the congregation does in fulfillment of its mission. In order to achieve this purpose, the Committee on Ministry covenants as follows:

- **To understand that the mission and the ministry of the congregation are the responsibility of the whole congregation.**
- **To educate in order to keep the congregation's focus on its mission.**
- **To assess the effectiveness of all of the ministries of the congregation in light of its mission.**
- **To manage (not resolve or solve) conflicts which interfere with our ministry and mission.**
- **To provide an overview of our ministry not biased by attachment to any particular program or church function.**

To advocate for the whole ministry of the entire congregation.

To understand that the professional ministry is only one component of the larger ministry of the congregation. Every component is key to success.

To ensure that the committee works confidentially, not secretly.

We look forward to exploring new ways to work together as the committee evolves. As always, members of the committee are available to meet with you if you have concerns you’d like to discuss.

—In peace, Your Committee on Ministry: Carolyn Wolf-Gould, Patricia Engel LaFata, Kevin Schultz, and Rev. Craig Schwalenberg.

OCTOBER DINING FOR WOMEN

The Oneonta Chapter of Dining for Women will have its next potluck dinner on Sunday, October 11, at a new time, 2:00 pm, at the UUSO. Each month the group learns about and supports organizations that help women and girls in developing countries improve their lives. The featured organization this month is DB Peru, which provides health education and medical care to people in a remote area of the Peruvian Amazon region. Donations will help provide cervical cancer screening and treatment in this area as well as education about women's reproductive health.

All are welcome to come to the monthly meetings. Bring a dish to pass if you would like. For more information, call Linda at 433-2985. —Linda Wilcox

UUSC—Unitarian Universalist Service Cmte Refugee Crisis Response

From the UUSC—Unitarian Universalist Service Committee website:

www.uusc.org/updates/depth-and-breadth-refugee-crisis-response:

Four million Syrian refugees in total have sought shelter in neighboring countries, the Middle East, and Europe. UUSC's response to this crisis examines critical areas along the Syrian refugee migration route where there is a lack of international protection, cooperation, and burden sharing, as well as a consistent failure to uphold the basic human rights of displaced people. UUSC's work—made possible by generous donations of more than \$175,000 to the UUSC-UUA Refugee Crisis Fund—focuses on protecting refugees on the move and helping them access relief, assisting overburdened nongovernmental organizations on the ground in Jordan, and supporting refugee resettlement in the United States.

Supporting Refugee Resettlement in the United States:

The recent announcement by Secretary of State John Kerry about the administration's plans to increase the amount of refugees admitted to the United States is not as generous as UUSC hoped. However, the government will allow an extra 15,000 refugees (for a total of 85,000) this fiscal year and 30,000 more refugees (total of 100,000) the following year.

To support arriving refugees, UUSC will work with grassroots organizations in the United States to safeguard the rights of incoming refugees and ensure their access to education, legal support, work opportunities, and social services.

See more at: <http://www.uusc.org/updates/depth-and-breadth-refugee-crisis-response#sthash.FNHPObKq.dpuf>. —Suzanne Miller, Social Action Committee

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OCTOBER CHANGE FOR CHANGE...

The October Change for Change recipient is NAMI.

About NAMI:

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. They are the nation's leading voice on mental health. They are an association of hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers who work in the community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need.

NAMI relies on gifts and contributions to support their important work. They educate. Offered in thousands of communities across America through our NAMI State Organizations and NAMI Affiliates, our education programs: They advocate. NAMI shapes the national public policy landscape for people with mental illness and their families and provides grassroots volunteer leaders with the tools, resources and skills necessary to save mental health in all states. They listen. Their toll-free NAMI HelpLine allows them to respond personally: 1 (800) 950 NAMI (6264); locally, 783-2522; info@nami.org or namiofotsego@gmail.com. They lead. Public awareness events and activities, including Mental Illness Awareness Week, NAMIWalks and other efforts, successfully combat stigma and encourage understanding. NAMI relies on gifts and contributions to support their important work. —Dotty Hudson, Social Action Cmte

FIERCE GOODBYE: LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF SUICIDE PRESENTATION

On Thursday, October 29, at 7 pm, NAMI will present a program on suicide in Craven Lounge at the Morris Conference Center on the SUNY Oneonta campus. Each October, NAMI sponsors a program related to mental health for the public. Special effort is made to attract students interested in fields connected to mental health, as well as professionals, and families and friends of people who have mental illnesses.

For the 2015 October program the documentary, "Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide," will be shown, hosted by folksinger Judy Collins, with Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University as the key mental health expert. Dr. Stephanie Poplock, PhD., LCSW, will go over some suicide prevention guidelines as well. The film and Dr. Poplock's presentation will be followed by time for questions and concerns from the audience with a panel, including our own **Rev. Craig Schwalenberg**, among a list of others, available to respond.

—Submitted by NAMI-Otsego County, Inc.

WINE TASTING – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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We're having wonderful foods this year paired with 11 different wines. Some of the food selections are: Spike's Spicy Shrimp, Sweet and Spicy Meatballs, Baked Brie, Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower, Chocolate Biscotti, Caramelized Onion Tart, and a number of other delicious offerings. We also have fantastic desserts to top off the evening!

Live piano music will be provided throughout the evening by Tim Horne and Michael Frye-Hunt.

If you'd like to be transported to and from the event by a "designated driver," we'll provide that service for only \$5 per person.

Free childcare will be available in the Olympia Brown House. Please let us know if you'll be bringing children so that we can plan for the number and ages of them and be sure to have childcare providers available.

Don't miss this wonderful evening!!

—The Wine Tasting Committee: Kathy Paranya, Molly Swain, Grace Smith, Barbara Sue Agoglia, Kathy Parker, Ken Davis, and Rosemary Summers

2015 CANDLELIGHT DINNER

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A representative of the Membership Committee will be circulating with a clipboard at coffee hour on October 18 and 25. Sign up then! Let us know if you would consider hosting a dinner as well as any dietary preferences/restrictions. —Kate Seeley, Membership Cmte

NOTE OF THANKS...

September 28, 2015

Dear Rev. Craig Schwalenberg,

On behalf of everyone connected with Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County—the Board, the volunteers, and especially our Partner Families—thank you so much for your letter and the enclosed check from "Change for Change" for \$176. They were received on September 17, 2015. The money will indeed help us continue our efforts in our community.

Thank you, too, for reaffirming the Society's covenant with us.

And, though it has nothing to do with HFHOC, thank you for your work with FPSCNY (Family Planning of South Central NY)—another worthy group. Sincerely, Peggy Fowler, Office Manager

YOGA CLASSES

Gentle Yoga Classes resume Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm, October 8 (free class for all) through October 29, and November 12 in the sanctuary. Free for UUSO members (donations welcome) or \$10 per class.

Contact Tracy Verma for information or to register at 433-2353 or atma@stny.rr.com. Bring a mat or towel, sitting cushion and light blanket for the deep relaxation. Wear comfortable, loose clothes. Avoid a meal 2-3 hours before class. Light snack is OK. —Tracy Verma

CALENDAR OCTOBER

Oct 8	Thu	10AM - 12:00 PM Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
		2:30 PM - 4:30 PM/Building Use/CM
		4:30 - 6:00 PM/C&C/OBH Dining Rm
		5:30 PM - 6:30 PM/Yoga/CM
		5:30-8 PM/NAACP/OBH Living Rm
		7 PM - 9:30 PM/Building Use/CCS/CM
Oct 9	Fri	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
Oct 11	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "Fact or Fiction"/Cheryl Petersen/CM
		12:00 PM - 2:00 PM/Building Use/Robotics Team/CM/Seekers Rm
		12-2 PM/RE Children's Teacher Training/OBH Living Rm
		1:30 PM - 2:00 PM/Building Use/CM
		2 - 4:00 PM/Dining for Women/CM
Oct 12	Mon	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:30 PM - 8:00 PM/Zen Meditation/CM
Oct 13	Tue	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM/Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
Oct 14	Wed	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:00 PM/Scrabble & Potluck/CM
		6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
Oct 15	Thu	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM/Yoga/CM
		7 PM - 9:30 PM/Building Use/CCS/CM
Oct 16	Fri	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		10 AM - 11:00 PM/Building Use/CM
Oct 17	Sat	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM/Building Use/CM
		7 - 10:00 PM/Wine Tasting/CM
Oct 18	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "Seeking the Light: A Quaker Photojournalist Bears Witness"/Michael Forster Rothbart/CM
		10:30 AM/Children's Worship/OBH
		12 PM/Finance Cmte/OBH Dining Rm
		12-2:00 PM/ Building Use/Robotics Team/CM/Seekers Rm

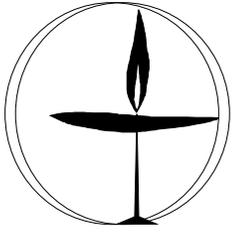
		12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Childcare Training/CM Seekers Rm
		12-2P/Mali Task Force/OBH Lving Rm
Oct 19	Mon	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		9:00 AM/Newsletter Deadline
		6:30 PM - 8:00 PM/Zen Meditation/CM
		7P/Endowment Cmte/OBH Lving Rm
Oct 20	Tue	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
Oct 21	Wed	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:30-8:30 PM/Board of Trustees/CM
Oct 22	Thu	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
		5:30 PM - 6:30 PM/Yoga/CM
		7 PM - 9:30 PM/Building Use/CCS/CM
Oct 23	Fri	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		NYS Convention of Universalists/CM
Oct 24	Sat	NYS Convention of Universalists/CM
Oct 25	Sun	10:30 AM/Service: "The Little Boy"/Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed/CM
		12:00 PM - 2:00 PM/Building Use/Robotics Team/CM/Seekers Rm
Oct 26	Mon	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:30 PM - 8:00 PM/Zen Meditation/CM
Oct 27	Tue	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
		6:30 - 9:30 PM/Stop the Pipeline/CM
Oct 28	Wed	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Small Group Ministry/OBH Living Rm
Oct 29	Thu	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM/Yoga/CM
		7 PM - 9:30 PM/Building Use/CCS/CM
Oct 30	Fri	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM/Aerobics/CM
		6:00 PM - 6:30 PM/Building Use/CM
		6:30/"Conversation About Planned Giving"/Rev. Renee Ruchotzke/CM
		8:00 PM - 8:30 PM/Building Use/CM
Oct 31	Sat	9 AM-3 PM/Leadership Retreat/CM

CM=Chapin Memorial/OBH=Olympia Brown House

Rev. Craig's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 10-2

Office Administrator's Hours:

Mon, Wed & Fri, 9-2; Tues & Thurs, 11:30-2



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UPCOMING SUNDAYS at the UUSO

October 11, 2015

"Fact or Fiction"

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

Natural artificial flavorings, tummy-tucks, flights to Mars, miracles:
How do we tell what's real or not
in our responsible search for
truth and meaning?

Cheryl Petersen

**Music provided by Kathy Shimberg,
Clarissa Stewart, Barbara Bonebrake
& Matt Downey**

*Ushers: Kathy & Spike Paranya
Coffee Hosts: April Gates & Judy Tator
Worship Associate: Adrienne Martini
(Please submit announcements to
Adrienne via email by 10/9.)*

October 18, 2015

"Seeking the Light: A Quaker Photojournalist Bears Witness"

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

Having lived in Chernobyl, Ukraine, and
visited Fukushima, Japan, for a month,
Michael reflects on taking the time
to fully stop, listen,
and see the people around us..

Michael Forster Rothbart

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

*Ushers: Laura Reyda & Volunteer Needed!
Coffee Hosts: Alice Blu & Grace Smith
Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz
(Please submit announcements to
Kevin via email by 10/16.)*