

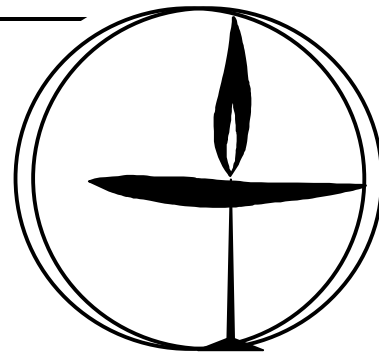
# UU News

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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 8, 2014

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

All UUSO members are encouraged to attend the fall Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 12, at 12 noon in the sanctuary. Items on the agenda include: Approval of the 2014-15 UUSO budget; approval of an Appendix to our Bylaws pertaining to conflicts of interest; and approval of Social Justice Task Forces. Please make every effort to attend; this is your opportunity to contribute directly to decisions affecting our religious community! Remember, you must be a Member of UUSO to vote.

—Ben Friedell, Moderator

## OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1st IS RUMMAGE SALE WEEK!

Preparations for this popular event begin on Sunday afternoon, October 26, right after coffee hour; the sale runs from noon on Wednesday, October 29, through noon on Friday, October 31.

Our longest-standing annual fundraiser, the sale contributes, on average, about \$2,000 to our treasury, but it's not just about the Money!

It's a community service—many people rely on our sales for their clothing and other needs.

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## “DAY OF THE DEAD” CANDLELIGHT DINNERS

*Dia de los Muertos* (“Day of the Dead”) is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the memory of deceased loved ones by gathering family and friends to pray for, remember, and share stories of those who have passed away. It is celebrated annually from October 31-November 2. The Membership Committee is organizing Day of the Dead Candlelight Dinners to be held on Saturday, November 1, from 6-9 pm. Please join us in an opportunity to spend a cozy evening sharing a meal (Day of the Dead dinners are typically Mexican-themed) as well as stories of loved ones at the home of a fellow congregant.

Sign up to be a guest or to host a dinner. All are invited to bring a picture of the loved one they wish

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## Sawdust from the Board

Following yesterday's Sunday Service, the Board of Trustees introduced "The Sounding Board," a place to share your concerns, ideas, likes and wishes with your elected Board of Trustees. A dozen or so congregants stopped by to say hello, offer ideas and concerns and chat with Board members Mary Ambrose and April Gates. Each month, usually on the Sunday before a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, two members of the Board will welcome your comments and ideas at a table in the front of the Sanctuary during the Social Hour which follows the Service. Come join us there!

Next Sunday (10/12) is our October Congregational Meeting. Members, please be sure to be there if possible to review and vote on UUSO's final 2014-2015 budget and task force proposals, as well as a special addition to the Bylaws, to maintain our compliance with New York State law governing all not-for-profit organizations.

As always, if you have a matter that needs to come to the Board, please let me know by noon on the Sunday before the regular third-Wednesday Board meeting in order to have your item on the agenda. Meetings are open to members and begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the Loft at Chapin Memorial.

—April Gates, President, for the Board of Trustees

### Save the Date — WINE TASTING — Saturday November 8th!!!

Mark your calendars... The UUSO Wine Tasting Evening will be held this year on Saturday, November 8, from 7 to 9 pm!

We're looking for people to help out at this fundraiser for the church. We need people to cook appetizers or desserts and we need people to work in the kitchen or as wine stewards pouring wine that night. If you cook in advance, we'll reimburse you for the cost of the ingredients. If you work the evening of the tasting, we'll sell you a half price ticket and will give you plenty of time off to taste all the wines and foods. Please contact Kathy Paranya at 441-3206 or [kparanya@stny.rr.com](mailto:kparanya@stny.rr.com) if you can help with any of these things.

—Kathy Paranya

### The UU is on Facebook, are you too?

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta now has a Facebook presence. Our page is called UUSO Community. All UUSO members and friends are invited to join and use it as another means to connect with folks in our community. We can use it for things like creating Facebook events for UUSO events, sharing inspirations, questions, or interesting information, and inviting each other to join together for various types of community events. It is a closed group, and the privacy is set so that folks can search and find the name of the group but only members can read posts to the group. You may also invite friends to join the group. Elayne Mosher Campoli is the group admin.

If you haven't found us on Facebook yet and would like to join, please search "UUSO Community" on Facebook or contact Elayne Mosher Campoli to have an invitation sent to you.

—The Membership Committee

## Opportunity for YOU to join the Membership Committee!

Are you looking for a fun way to get more involved in the UUSO community? The Membership Committee is looking for folks to join our committee, and we think we're a pretty great committee. Here are some reasons why:

- We get to plan cool events like Candlelight Dinners, Pizza and Games, Holiday Workshop, Secret Valentines, and a bunch of others. We have some other ideas we've been tossing around, so if you join us you'll get to hear them first and give us your ideas for more great events!
- We get to help welcome visitors and new members to this place we already love and call home, and help them find a place here too.
- No experience necessary! Doesn't matter if you still feel new here or if you've been here your whole life.
- Our meetings are always one hour or less. Currently the first Wednesday of the month, 7-8 pm, but all things are negotiable.

Please feel free to contact any of us about this, thank you!

—The Membership Committee: Elayne Mosher Campoli, Chair; Kate Seeley, Board Liaison; Laura Reyda; Tiffany Trogdor Doris; and Cathi Wiltsey, Consultant

## Special Second Collection, Sunday, October 19

On Sunday, October 19, Rev. Mark Kiyimba, a Ugandan UU minister, will be in our pulpit speaking about “The Importance of Our UU Faith in Uganda.” His congregation supports a number of worthwhile projects in his country. Among these are:

- Their New Life School, which is an orphanage school of children who have lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS, catering to 650 children. These are children who are orphans but are not sick with the virus.
- The Church also operates an orphanage home for 33 children who have lost their parents to AIDS and who are also themselves infected with the virus.
- The Church, in addition, operates a Standing on the Side of Love Project, an LGBT outreach in Kampala, which shelters over 32 young gay men and lesbian adults.

Our Board of Trustees has approved a second collection on October 19 to help Rev. Mark’s congregation continue these projects. Should you wish to contribute, please make your checks payable to UUSO and write Uganda in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with me. —Pam Strother, pstrother@stny.rr.com/267-4280

## CHANGE FOR CHANGE REPORT

Disbursements in the past quarter were as follows: \$113.50 in July to the Delaware Valley Humane Society; \$164.00 in August to Saturday's Bread; and \$114.50 in September to Family Planning of South Central New York. —Cindy Squires

## MESSAGE FROM PROPERTIES COMMITTEE...

Masonry work will begin on the retaining wall in the backyard of the Olympia Brown House on Thursday, October 9. Work should last approximately one week. During this time the driveway and backyard of OBH will be unavailable. Sorry for any inconvenience. —The Properties Committee

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Explorers Class (Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) is working with a curriculum that looks closely at our Seventh Principle: *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* They have been visiting a “Special Place” in the backyard of the Olympia Brown House each Sunday and watching for changes as the season progresses. They noticed that there are now fewer bugs, it smells crisper and colder, and there are more leaves on the ground. Their rain gauge showed that it had rained 1¼ inches since their class the previous week. Some of the ferns have turned brown and are falling over.

The class has been observing the life cycle of Monarch butterflies. It has always been tricky to find Monarch caterpillars in “the wild” to fit with the RE schedule. This year I ordered Monarch eggs that were mailed to me this fall. You may have seen the caterpillars and/or chrysalids that were at church the last two weeks. Adults were as interested in them as the RE children!

It is truly wonderful to watch the metamorphosis of a Monarch butterfly. Their chrysalids have beautiful spots that look like real gold! It is mindboggling to imagine changing into a chrysalis, the journey to Mexico, and the journey back north. There are three to four generations of Monarchs that make their way back to us in the spring and summer. The last generation in the fall is physiologically different from the previous ones. It is the generation that has to make it from here all the way to Mexico. Once there, they settle on branches of oyamel fir trees where they go into a state that is similar to hibernation. This fall generation isn't able to reproduce until they have overwintered in Mexico and the warm, longer days of spring signal to them that it is time to become active again. Then it's back north to us, although it takes a few generations to get here.

Last winter was the lowest count of overwintering Monarchs on record. This summer I saw only two Monarchs in my garden and I strongly suspect I saw the same one twice. Monarch butterfly habitat has been shrinking as more and more roadsides are mowed. Herbicide use has decreased the milkweed that they need for survival. Those of us who have gone out of our way to plant insect-friendly gardens may have actually exposed them to pesticides. According to a report released last June by the Pesticide Research Institute and Friends of the Earth, a majority of the the bee and butterfly attracting plants sold by Walmart, Lowes, and Home Depot contained high levels of systemic pesticides!

Yet we can make a difference for Monarchs. Many people are planting butterfly gardens. It is important to let garden centers know that you won't buy plants if they are full of pesticides. We have a plant sale at church each spring where you can find flowers for your garden that butterflies and bees use for nectar. There are many online places to purchase organic plants and seeds.

Monarch Watch, [www.MonarchWatch.com](http://www.MonarchWatch.com), has a program to create Monarch Waystations (habitats) in the yards of homes, schools, businesses, and any other type of garden or unused plot of land. You can order a seed kit for \$16 that includes three kinds of milkweed and six types of plants that butterflies and bees use for nectar. If your site meets certain requirements, you can register it as a Certified Monarch Waystation, complete with a sign to let your neighbors know what you are doing!

Once you have established milkweed plants, you can order Monarch eggs and caterpillars from many online sites. Sadly, this may be the only way to observe them for now.

We really can make a difference. The Florida Atala Butterfly was thought to be almost extinct in the 1960's. Gardeners planted host plants and the Atala made a comeback. By the 1980's Atala populations returned to range across the state.

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Let's celebrate the interconnected web of all life. We can change the world – one garden at a time.

—Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education

### FROM THE OFFICE...

- The UUSO Office will be closed Monday, October 13, in observance of the holiday.
- Have you ever sat and admired the lovely UUSO chancel table? Have a theme in mind, or a tribute or memorial you'd like to share? This is your chance. There is a chancel table decorating sign-up sheet on the sanctuary bulletin board; please sign up!  
—Robin Ahearn

### NAME TAG MACHINE OPERATOR TO RETIRE

Should you need a totally new name tag or if you need a replacement, you should notify Paul Robinson at [probinson6@stny.rr.com](mailto:probinson6@stny.rr.com) no later than October 20. Paul will make buttons up until that time, then the button maker will go out on retirement.  
—Paul Robinson

### OCTOBER DINING FOR WOMEN

The Oneonta Chapter of Dining for Women will have its next potluck dinner on Sunday, October 19, at 6 pm in the UU sanctuary. Each month we learn about and support organizations that help women and girls in developing countries improve their lives.

This month, Dining for Women is supporting Bumi Sehat, a program that provides gentle, safe, free childbirth for women in Bali, Indonesia. Our donations will pay the salaries of 11 midwives and cover the costs of most of the medicines and medical supplies they needed to serve 480 women over the course of one year.

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

### UUSO ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT INFORMATION & APPLICATION

The applications for grant money from the UUSO Endowment Fund are now available. This year the total of available funds appears to be in the \$3500 range. Each grant will, most likely, be under \$1000. The committee is eager to receive completed applications in October. The grant information and application forms are in the foyer of Chapin or can be downloaded by contacting Grace Smith at [chewsie6@gmail.com](mailto:chewsie6@gmail.com).

The UUSO Endowment Fund supports community activities or programs that further the realization of the Principles of Unitarian Universalism. As examples, in past years support has been given to Catholic Charities' Lantern Hill after-school project, a local effort to increase composting, registration fees for GA, the bicycle stand at Chapin Memorial and new headphones for our hearing assist loop in the sanctuary.

Please put your thinking caps on as well as reach out to your community friends who have projects in mind. Some ideas to stimulate thought: a speaker or artist whose work or message could be shared in our community; an inspirational idea to be put into action to encourage recycling, reduce local air or water pollution, increase voter registration, assist the homeless, access to mental health facilities, leadership training, pre-school education...the list could be endless!

Please encourage people to apply. The application is very simple.  
—Grace Smith

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It's also about our church community—the good fellowship of accomplishing something together and the opportunity for newcomers to participate in a meaningful way. There are many different kinds of jobs for volunteers to do: setting up and taking down equipment (some heavy lifting), unpacking and sorting goods, pricing, selling, cashiering, kitchen work, packing up remainders, and if you cannot help with the sale itself, posting flyers or bringing food for the workers are other options.

Finally, it's about recycling things that still have useful life. For this sale, we will be looking for fall and winter clothing and accessories; jewelry, giftware, antiques, and collectibles; blankets, curtains, linens; baby goods; lamps, small appliances, house wares, and tools in working condition; games, puzzles, stuffed animals; winter sports equipment; and small furniture. We cannot accept books, electronics, hardware, or any large items. If in doubt about any items you'd like to donate, please call Anne at 432-8875 or Julia at 563-2924 to ask.

We will be accepting rummage goods on Sunday afternoon, October 26, until 5 pm, and on Monday, October 27, from 9 am to 7 pm.

To offer your services, you may sign up at church on the next two Sundays, or you may call Anne at 432-8575 or email the office at [uusou@uusou.org](mailto:uusou@uusou.org). We extend a special welcome to newcomers to join us!

—The Fundraising Committee

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to celebrate as well as a small but significant memento that represents that person or his/her memory. Guests will contribute a dish for the meal. Hosts provide beverages and a welcoming table for eight to 10. Additionally, hosts will set up an altar where *ofrendas* (offerings) are laid out for the dead. Pictures and mementos can be displayed on the altar for the evening. To learn more about Day of the Dead celebrations, this web site provides helpful information and instructions on setting up altars: <http://www.celebrate-day-of-the-dead.com>.

Our annual Candlelight Dinners offer a chance to enjoy each other's company outside of committee meetings and Sunday services. Day of the Dead celebrations provide an opportunity to remember and learn about important spirits in the lives of UUSO members and friends. All are invited to join the celebration. Childcare will be provided at OBH starting at 5:45. Dinner and Day of the Dead activities will be offered for children as well.

Sign-up sheets will be available at coffee hour on October 5, October 12, and October 19. Let us know if you would consider hosting a dinner and if there are dietary considerations of which we should be aware (vegetarian, gluten-free, chocoholic, ...). About a week before the dinner (October 25ish), you will be contacted by your host who will provide his/her address and discuss your contribution to the meal. If you have questions, please speak with a member of the Membership Committee.

—Kate Seeley, for the Membership Committee

## Family Service Association--Thanksgiving Food Basket Project

The Family Service Association is seeking donations of gift certificates to local supermarkets, cash, and food items needed for a Thanksgiving holiday meal. For additional information, call FSA at 432-2870.

—Kimberly DeFalco, Emergency Services Program Manager, and  
Patricia Leonard, Executive Director

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

Oct 9	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		<b>5:30pm/NAACP/OBH Living Rm</b>
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Oct 12	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "Zombie Theology"/Rev. Michelle George Yates/CM</b>
		<b>12:00pm/Congregational Meeting/CM</b>
Oct 13	Mon	3-4pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6:30pm/RE Cmte Mtg/OBH Dining Rm
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
Oct 14	Tue	3:00pm - 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Oct 15	Wed	4:00pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		4- 6:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		6:30pm/Board of Trustees/CM
Oct 16	Thu	12:00pm - 2:00pm/Building Use/CM
		5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Oct 17	Fri	4:00pm/Building Use/J.Smith/OBH
		5:30-8:30pm/Building Use/Moss/CM
Oct 18	Sat	1- 10:00pm Building Use/Moss/CM
Oct 19	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "The Importance of Our UU Faith in Uganda"/Rev. Mark Kiyimba/CM</b>
		12/Social Action Cmte Luncheon/CM
		12-1:30/COAST Mentor Training/OBH
		1-3pm/Small Group Ministry/CM Loft
		2-3pm/COAST Cmte Meeting/OBH
		<b>6:00pm/Dining for Women/CM</b>
Oct 20	Mon	<b>9:00am/Newsletter Deadline</b>
		3-4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6-8:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
Oct 21	Tue	10am-12pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		3:00pm - 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Oct 22	Wed	1:30pm/Small Group Ministry/Off-site
		4:00pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM
Oct 23	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45-9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM

Oct 26	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "Pretty Woman"/Rev. Margie Allen/CM</b>
		12-2pm/Mali Mtg/OBH Living Rm
		12:30Bldg Use/Rummage Sale Prep/CM
Oct 27	Mon	9am-11pm
		3:00pm - 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Oct 28	Tue	9:00am - 11:00pm
		3- 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Classroom
Oct 29	Wed	9:00am - 12:00pm
		<b>12:00pm/Rummage Sale Begins!/CM</b>
		4:00pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Oct 30	Thu	<b>9:00am/Rummage Sale Continues/CM</b>
Oct 31	Fri	<b>9a-12p/Rummage Sale Continues/CM</b>
		12:00pm/Building Use/Rummage Sale Clean-up/CM

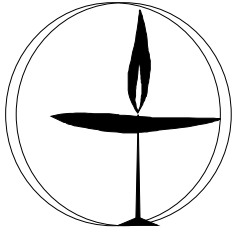
### NOVEMBER

Nov 1	Sat	Bldg Use/Rummage Sale Clean-up/CM
		2-5pm/Stop the Pipeline Mtg/CM
		<b>6pm/Day of the Dead Candlelight Dinners/Offsite</b>
Nov 2	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "When Being Good is No Longer Possible"/Prof. Sandy Huntington/CM</b>
		1-3pm/Small Group Ministry/CM Loft
		<b>9:00am/Newsletter Deadline</b>
Nov 3	Mon	3-4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6- 8:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Mediation/CM
Nov 4	Tue	10am-12pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		3:00pm - 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft

CM=Chapin Memorial/OBH=Olympia Brown House

**Rev. Craig's Office Hours:**  
*On sabbatical through 12/3/14*

**Office Administrator's Hours:**  
*Monday-Friday, 8:30-12:30*



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## UPCOMING SUNDAYS at the UUSO

**October 12, 2014**

### **"Zombie Theology"**

*Start Together Sunday*

What does the current zombie craze tell us  
about our internal theology?

What is percolating in our minds and hearts  
that has given rise to this macabre obsession?

**Rev. Michelle George Yates**

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

*Coffee Hosts: Jeane Bennett-O'Dea and  
Caroline Carter and Liz Jacob-Carter  
Ushers: Kathy and Spike Paranya  
Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz  
(Please submit announcements to  
Kevin via email by 10/11.)*

**October 19, 2014**

### **"The Importance of Our UU Faith in Uganda"**

*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

As a former evangelical preacher, my views  
have since changed and now I preach  
acceptance, reconciliation and unity, peace  
and love. I attribute all this to the fact that I  
discovered Unitarian Universalism, a faith that  
is fair and balanced. I will share how  
important it has been to me.

**Rev. Mark Kiyimba**

**Music provided by  
Music Director Tim Horne**

*Coffee Hosts: April Gates and Judy Tator  
Ushers: Julia Gregory and Debbie Misner  
Worship Associate: Bob Brzozowski  
(Please submit announcements to  
Bob via email by 10/18.)*