

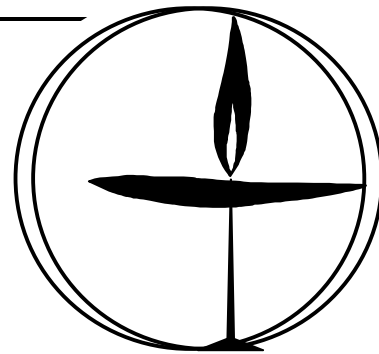
# UU News

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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



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## FALL RUMMAGE SALE—October 29, 30 & 31!

Just in time for Halloween! Donate your old costumes and get some new ones!

**\*\*\* Rummage Sale Hours: Wednesday, 12-6; Thursday, 9-8; and Friday, 9-12 \*\*\***

Many in the community look forward eagerly to our sale, and we have a reputation for having the best one in town! Our Society depends on the funds from the sale. The rummage sale operation depends on the whole congregation to provide the goods and to volunteer time.

### How Can You Help?

Many hands are needed for preparations on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for sales on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday until noon, and for packing up afterward. Shifts are two to three hours, and there are sit-down jobs for those who can't be on their feet. And for parents with young children at home, if you come in on Monday or Tuesday, you can bring them with you. It's not too late to sign up!

### What Can You Offer?

Space and time limit what we can handle. We will gladly accept:

- Fall and winter clothing and accessories;
- Jewelry, giftware, collectibles for the boutique;
- Holiday decorations;
- Curtains, Linens, bedding;
- Small appliances and lamps in working order and other quality house wares;

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## FROM THE OFFICE...

Remember to check your Coffee Hosting & Ushering Assignment List, the back of the newsletter, the announcement section of the order of service or the church website at [uuso.org/members/coffee-hosts-ushers](http://uuso.org/members/coffee-hosts-ushers) for dates you may be assigned to either host coffee hour or usher. Ideally, every able UUSO member and friend hosts one coffee hour and ushers one Sunday each year. **It is very important that everyone is aware of their assigned dates and, if unable to fulfill the obligation, arrangements are made for coverage.** Thank you for your cooperation!

—Robin Ahearn

## Sawdust from the Board

At the Board of Trustees' regular meeting on October 15, we heard reports from Treasurer Beth Rafter and Director of Religious Education Susan Ryder, referred a question about the Committee on Ministry to the Sabbatical Committee, and heard reports from Board committee liaisons to Membership, the Mali Task Force, and Properties.

The Board clarified its charge to the Website Committee, at their request. In cooperation with the Website Committee, the Trustees are working on developing a release form for guest speakers/ministers that will allow us to legally post those services on our new (beautiful—check it out if you haven't already!) UUSO website. The Website Committee folks are working to smooth out any kinks, so if you find something that needs attention, please let Kathy Paranya, who leads this committee, know about it.

Several committees are seeking new members, including (but not limited to) Membership, Website, Finance, and Fundraising. Most of UUSO's committees have a mission statement with their list of members, found in our Directory. If you are new to UUSO, or would like to try working with one of these committees, please take a look and think about where you might put some of your energy this year.

—April Gates, President, for the Board of Trustees

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE...

The Social Action Committee was happy to host the Welcome Rev. Mark Kiyimba Luncheon following the October 29 service. Thanks to all who helped provided food, set up and clean up.

We next meet on the first Tuesday of November, November 4, at 5 pm, at 67 Church Street with optional potluck following. We seek people interested in working on the Adopt-a-Family Christmas project at Family Services Association. Also be on the lookout for Clothes-the-Loop boxes for items no longer usable but able to be recycled. The boxes will be available at our rummage sale and also at the Kick-Off event at the Otesaga Hotel, Cooperstown, November 5-7 at the 25th Annual NYS Recycling Conference and Trade Show.

—Alice Siegfried

## SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

On Sunday, October 19, Rev. Mark Kiyimba, a Ugandan UU minister, was 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.

While we had a second collection to support this work on October 19, **we will be having an additional second collection this coming Sunday, October 26**, 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. ***Donations must be received within a day or two after the October 26 service to be included in the wiring of funds to Uganda.***

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

# **A Wonderful Wine Tasting Evening!**

**Saturday, November 8th, from 7 to 9 PM  
Chapin Building**

*Taste 12 wines paired with  
delicious complementary foods*

*(Sparkling Cider for non-Drinkers)*

*Followed by coffee, tea, decaf, and sumptuous desserts*

**Piano music throughout the evening provided  
by Tim Horne and Michael Frye-Hunt**

*Free Childcare is available in  
the Olympia Brown House*

**Designated Drivers in the Oneonta Area:  
please reserve at \$5 per person**

**Advance Sale Tickets:**

**\$30 for wine drinkers (or 2 for \$50)**

**\$15 for non-drinkers**

*(Will be \$35 and \$20 at the door)*

**on Sale during Coffee Hour on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>  
or contact Robin at 432-3491 or [UUSO@uuso.org](mailto:UUSO@uuso.org)**

***Bring your friends to this great event!!!***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This past Sunday the Hogwarts-Oneonta class participated in making potions. They looked at how common household cleaning potions often contain chemicals that are harmful to living creatures and to the environment. The potions they concocted in class will serve to clean houses as well as not to harm living creatures or the environment. They learned to make the following potions that they would like to share with you:

### **ALL-PURPOSE SPRAY CLEANER**

**Ingredients:**

- 1/4-1/2 teaspoon liquid detergent
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 cups water

**Method:**

Combine ingredients in a spray bottle and shake until the washing soda has dissolved. Apply and wipe off with a sponge or rag.

### **FURNITURE POLISH**

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup vinegar or fresh lemon juice

**Method:**

Mix the ingredients in a glass jar. Dab a soft rag into the solution and wipe onto wood surfaces. Cover the glass jar and store indefinitely.

### **GREASE CUTTER SPRAY**

**Ingredients:**

- 2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup Castille Soap (we used Dr. Brommers)
- 10 drops essential oil

**Method:**

Mix together in a spray bottle and spray on surface, let sit for a few seconds, then wipe off with a damp sponge.

Be sure to label your potions so they are used correctly. The class potions manual has many other green cleaning recipes. I would be happy to give you a copy.

—Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education  
sryder@stny.rr.com

## **BAKER? CANDY MAKER? SALAD DRESSING CREATOR?**

The Cookies & Crafts Committee is wondering if you would consider making your specialty item for our annual Cookies and Crafts fundraiser from 10-4 on Saturday, December 6. We are requesting donations of artisanal food items to be sold on our "gourmet table" such as homemade fudge, caramels, other candies, breads, pies, salad dressing, pickles, etc. You don't have to make a large amount as these are specialty items. If you would be willing to make a special item for us or have a question, please contact Liz Jacob-Carter at 437-8131 or [lizjacobc@stny.rr.com](mailto:lizjacobc@stny.rr.com). Thanks and... remember to mark your calendars for December 6th! —Liz J-C, C & C Cmte

## **CHECK OUT THE ROCK WALL!**

If you want to see some fine masonry work, come check out the rock wall in the backyard of the Olympia Brown House. The old rock wall and the steps have been taken down and rebuilt and are now usable and safe. And beautiful! —Robin Ahearn, for the Properties Committee

## **“DAY OF THE DEAD” CANDLELIGHT DINNERS**

We are extending the sign up for this event! A Membership Committee representative will be circulating with a clipboard on Sunday, October 26, at church.

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 to 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 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 8 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 website 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 others' 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.

Final sign-up opportunity will be Sunday, October 26. 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, ...). Your host/hostess will contact you to 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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE UUSO 2014

In keeping with our tradition, we will have a gala Thanksgiving dinner at the church again this year, complete with all the amenities and trimmings. We'll gather in the sanctuary about 2:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, for appetizers, beverages and conversation, followed by a sit-down feast beginning at 3:00 pm. Feel free to invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives. We welcome anyone who wishes to come.

We will be forming an ad hoc committee to help with the planning. If you would like to assist with this wonderful event, please be in touch ASAP.

A sign-up sheet will appear on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary during the first week in November. Please sign-up so we can plan for enough tables, chairs, and turkeys. As always, we need people who are willing to cook the turkeys. Reimbursement is available for the cost of the birds. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to help, please contact me.

—Pam Strother, 267-4280/pstrother@stny.rr.com

## FALL RUMMAGE SALE

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- Baby goods;
- Stuffed animals, larger toys;
- Tools (but no other hardware).

Please omit books, tapes, TV's, and other electronics.

Donations may be brought in on Sunday, October 26, after coffee hour, as soon as we have tables set up to receive them, and until 5 pm, or any time between 9 am and 6 pm Monday. Any questions, please call Anne at 432-8575.

Our Sunday set-up crew could use some strong people to do the heavy lifting. And we need many more names on our volunteer list for the rest of the week. If you can spare a few hours on any day, please let us know by calling Anne or emailing the office at [uuso@uuso.org](mailto:uuso@uuso.org). Consider staying a while to help. We serve lunch to the workers around 1:30!

—Anne Ray, Fundraising Committee

## GLIMMERGLASS FILM FESTIVAL

On November 7-9 nine films about WATER will be shown at the Glimmerglass Film Festival in Cooperstown (Otsego 2000 is the organizing group).

Check out: [glimmerglassfilmdays.org](http://glimmerglassfilmdays.org) or go to Otsego 2000 and click on Film Days—click on "Films" (for description of films) and "Tickets" (most are \$5 advance sales or \$6 at the door—if still available). There are several other "events" you can attend.

You, your friends (that would include students) and other loved ones will enjoy these. Some are very unique and all are interesting. Please call 433-2236 if you have questions.—Dave Hutchison

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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

Oct 23	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45pm - 9:30pm/Bldg Use/CCS/CM
Oct 24	Fri	<b>6pm/Grodsky-Lane Moving Party/CM</b>
Oct 26	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "Pretty Woman"/Rev. Margie Allen/CM</b>
		12-2pm/Mali Mtg/OBH Living Rm
		12:30-5pm/Building Use/Rummage Sale Prep/CM
Oct 27	Mon	9:00am - 6:00pm Building Use/Rummage Sale Prep/CM
		3-4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Oct 28	Tue	9:00am - 6:00pm Building Use/Rummage Sale Prep/CM
		3-7:30pm/Building Use/CM Classroom
Oct 29	Wed	9:00am - 12:00pm Building Use/Rummage Sale Prep/CM
		<b>12-6pm/Rummage Sale Begins!/CM</b>
		4-4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Oct 30	Thu	<b>9am-8pm/Rummage Sale Cont'd/CM</b>
Oct 31	Fri	<b>9-12/Rummage Sale Continues/CM</b>
		12pm/Building Use/Rummage Sale Clean-up/CM

### NOVEMBER

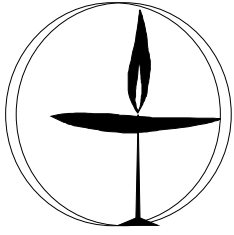
Nov 1	Sat	Bldg Use/Rummage Sale Clean-up/CM
		2-5:00pm/Stop the Pipeline Mtg/CM
		<b>6:00pm/Day of the Dead Candlelight Dinners/Offsite</b>
Nov 2	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "What Is Religion?"/Prof. Sandy Huntington</b>
		12-1pm/COAST Mentor Mtg/OBH
		1-3pm/Small Group Ministry/CM Loft
Nov 3	Mon	<b>9:00am/Newsletter Deadline</b>
		3- 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6-8:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Mediation/CM
Nov 4	Tue	10:15am-12:15pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		3-7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Nov 5	Wed	4pm- 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft

		4- 6:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		<b>5:30/Vespers: "Full Tree Moon"/CM</b>
Nov 6	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
		7:00pm/Passover Planning Mtg/OBH
Nov 7	Fri	10:00am - 11:00pm/Building Use/CM
Nov 8	Sat	8:00am - 7:00pm/Building Use/CM
		<b>7:00pm - 10:00pm/Wine Tasting/CM</b>
Nov 9	Sun	<b>10:30am/Service: "Meditation on the Interdependence of All Existence"/Rev. Bob Janis Dillon/CM</b>
Nov 10	Mon	3:00pm - 4:00pm/Building Use/CM
		6:30-8pm/RE Cmte/OBH Dining Rm
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Mediation/CM
Nov 11	Tue	3pm - 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Nov 12	Wed	1:30pm - 3:30pm Small Group Ministry/Off-site
		4pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		<b>6:00pm/Scrabble &amp; Potluck/CM</b>
Nov 13	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Nov 14	Fri	3- 9:00pm/Building Use/GOHS/CM
Nov 15	Sat	1-4:00pm/Building Use/Wiltsey/CM
Nov 16	Sun	<b>10:30am/Srvc: "Bamboo and Broken Lotus"/Rev. Douglas Taylor/CM</b>
		12:00pm/Finance Cmte/OBH Upstairs
		12-1:30pm/COAST Brown Bag Lunch/OBH
		1- 3:00pm/Dining for Women/CM
		1-3pm/Small Group Ministry/CM Loft
Nov 17	Mon	<b>9:00am/Newsletter Deadline</b>
		3pm - 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6- 8:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
Nov 18	Tue	6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Mediation/CM
		10:15am - 12:15pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		3- 7:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft

CM=Chapin Memorial/OBH=Olympia Brown House

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

*Office Administrator's Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:30*



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## UPCOMING SUNDAYS at the UUSO

**October 26, 2014**

**"Pretty Woman"**

*Start Together Sunday*

The Rev. Margie Allen, minister with the UU Fellowship at Stony Brook, uses Ovid's story of the sculptor Pygmalion to talk about transformational processes and the fashioning of human beings.

**Rev. Margie Allen**

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

**November 2, 2014**

**"What Is Religion?"**

**Prof. Sandy Huntington**

**Music provided by  
Dorothy & Michael Frye-Hunt**

*Daylight Savings Time ends—  
Remember to turn your clocks back!*

*Coffee Hosts: Kathy & Spike Paranya  
Ushers: Elaine Downing & Joe Stillman  
Worship Associate: Adrienne Martini  
(Please submit announcements to  
Adrienne via email by 10/25.)*

*Coffee Hosts: Ben & Diana Friedell  
Ushers: Larry Armstrong & Suzy Beddoe  
Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz  
(Please submit announcements to  
Kevin by 11/1.)*