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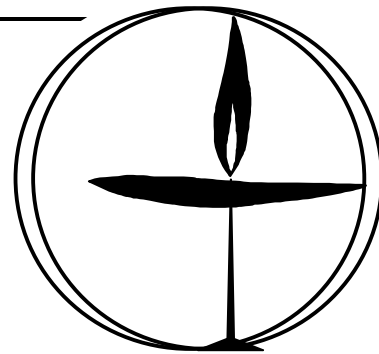
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SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM

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

November 19, 2014



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COOKIES & CRAFTS ARTISTS

DECEMBER 6: SAVE THE DATE, HOLD THE PHONE, DON'T BE LATE!

Cookies and Crafts will fill the sanctuary with loads of goodies and wonderful crafts! Here is the line-up:

- ❖ Jennifer Kemper—pottery, ornaments, and recycled crafts;
- ❖ Pam Strother—crocheted scarves and shawls;
- ❖ Nancy Wolters—quilting;
- ❖ Barb Grant—knitting;
- ❖ Muffy McDowel—gourd art;
- ❖ Betty Bryden—prints, cards, calendars, felted ornaments;
- ❖ Leslie Craigmyle—handmade soaps;
- ❖ Linda Herring—quilted items;
- ❖ Maryann Stow—watercolor prints, cards, collage ornaments;
- ❖ Joanne Sharkey—jams, honey, mustards, syrup.

Many of these arts and crafts will be included in the raffle, so be sure to stop at the raffle table and get your tickets.

We still have room for one more fine craft, something that will complement the ones we have. Please contact Jennifer at 783-2895 for information. The show will be from 10 am-4 pm. —Jennifer Kemper

FROM THE OFFICE...

The UUSO Office will be closed November 26-28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please submit all 11/30 order of service announcements to the office by Tuesday, November 25, at 9 am.

When using the church buildings for any reason, **please be sure to clean up after yourself or your group**, i.e., cups and plates rinsed and in the dishwasher, chairs pushed in at the table, trash disposed of—much like one would do at home. As this *is* our church home. And, there isn't anyone officially tasked with these duties... Thank you for your cooperation.

—Robin Ahearn

Sawdust from the Board

During the Social Hour following yesterday's Sunday Service, Trustees Kate Seeley and Amy Forster Rothbart staffed "The Sounding Board." 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 near the bulletin board during the Social Hour. Be sure to take this opportunity to share your ideas and concerns with your elected Board of Trustees. Come join us there!

Our regular meeting is this Wednesday, November 19. We'll be discussing matters of policy, receiving reports from staff members, and hearing committee concerns through Board liaison reports. As always, meetings are open to members who would like to observe, and begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the Loft at Chapin Memorial.

—April Gates, President, for the Board of Trustees

WELCOME-BACK POTLUCK

On Sunday, December 7, there will be a potluck in the sanctuary after the morning's service. Please bring a dish to share and join us in welcoming Rev. Craig back from his sabbatical.

—Karl Seeley, for the Sabbatical 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 pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, for appetizers, beverages and conversation, followed by a sit-down feast beginning at 3 pm. Feel free to invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives. We welcome anyone who wishes to come.

As part of our celebration we will be collecting non-perishable items for the food bank. And Guest-at-Your-Table boxes will be on each table to support the work of the UU Service Committee.

Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share with our church family. And please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so we can plan for enough tables, chairs, and turkeys. We still need people for set up and clean up. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to help, please contact me...

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

WINE TASTING – INCOME!!!



A BIG THANK YOU to all who worked on the Wine Tasting Evening this year as well as all who attended the event. We raised over \$1400 in profit for the Society!! This is not bad for a wonderful evening of socializing, music, appetizers, desserts, and, of course, wine!!

—The Wine Tasting Committee: Kathy Paranya, Grace Smith, Molly Swain, Barbara Sue Agoglia, and Lisa St Onge

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Office Committee is beginning the process of creating the 2015 UUSO Directory! If you have any changes or corrections you'd like included in either personal/family information, committee listings, adult birthdates, or the U-Use-It section, please send the information to the office at uuso@uuso.org. A list of current information will be posted Sundays, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21, for your review. Thank you for helping us provide the most accurate and up-to-date directory possible!

—Robin Ahearn

DECEMBER CHANGE FOR CHANGE

December's Change for Change will go to Family Service Association. FSA is a private non-profit social service agency. The mission of FSA is to support individual and family strengths and to assist area residents in meeting their own needs. The agency has a remarkable history for being there for the community in times of need.

—Norma Lee Havens, Social Action Committee

ADPOT-A-FAMILY GIFT GIVING!

The Adopt-A Family gift tag Christmas Tree will arrive at UUSO on Sunday, November 30. We are hoping you will all get involved by taking a gift tag and providing a part of the holiday celebration for our three adopted community families who will not have any gifts without some help. This is how it works:

Check out the Christmas tree in the back of the sanctuary; take a gift tag to provide a gift for a child or a gift card for the family based on their needs, such as food cards, gas cards, or utilities. Tags will describe the ages, sizes of the children, their favorite wish, favorite colors, or a particular request. Buy the gift and return it with the tag securely taped or attached. Place it under the tree.

Tags will appear on the Holiday tree on Sunday, November 30, and December 7. Gifts must be returned by December 14, or arrange with the committee to be delivered before December 18. Members of Social Action Committee will deliver the gifts to Family Service Association on December 18. FSA will then deliver gifts to each of our three families. We will also provide wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon for the gifts to be wrapped by the parents.

Adopt-A-Family is a special program of Family Service Association. FSA is located at 277 Chestnut Street in Oneonta and is a private, non-profit helping agency. Take an informational brochure to read about FSA services. If you have any questions, please call Norma Lee Havens or another member of the UUSO Social Action Committee.

—Norma Lee Havens

EVERYTHING UNDER THE STARS BAZAAR

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Oneonta, will be holding an "Everything Under the Stars" Bazaar on Saturday, November 22, from 9 am-4 pm. The bazaar will feature crafts, stitchery, baked goods, antiques & white elephants, a cookie booth, and a jewelry booth. The "Starlight Cafe" Snack Bar will feature a lunch menu. Proceeds support the United Methodist Women's mission of peace and justice for women, youth and children locally and around the world. The church is located at 66 Chestnut Street.

Submitted by Virginia Wilson, 1st UMC

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

In the last newsletter, I wrote about the many activities that the COAST (Coming of Age Spiritual Trek) group will be doing in the coming months. (Be sure to see announcements in this newsletter about fundraising activities!) This article will be a peek at what's coming up for the Web-of-Life Explorers class as well as for the Hogwarts-Oneonta class.

The Web-of-Life Explorers are children who are in kindergarten through third grade. They meet in the double classroom downstairs at Chapin Memorial. They have a "Special Spot" in the backyard of the Olympia Brown House at 16 Ford Avenue. They go outside almost every Sunday, even through the winter! As the class observes their Special Spot each Sunday, they are able to spot subtle differences as the seasons change and to appreciate all the living things that they encounter. They record observations in individual journals and conduct experiments. Right now they are observing growing beans in their classroom and also the weekly changes in an indoor compost tank.

The Explorers will join all Religious Education participants for January workshops that explore our place in the cosmos. We expect to have lessons about our solar system, ethno-astronomy, and about the music of the spheres. We plan to have a field trip after class on Sunday, January 18, to the SUCO planetarium. RE participants, the RE Committee, adult volunteers, and I will create an Intergenerational Service for Sunday, January 25, to share some of our experiences with the congregation.

Regular RE programs begin again in February. The Explorers are blessed this year to have Adina Johnson as one of their teachers. (Of course all RE teachers are blessings!) Adina and her family spend much time on a nearby farm. She has graciously offered to bring animals to visit the class and she has many wonderful stories about their care. Winter classes will include experiences with: rain and snow, litters and runts, pets, things that hatch from eggs, uniqueness, friendship, and crickets.

The Hogwarts-Oneonta class consists of fourth through sixth graders. They have been experiencing our Seven UU Principles through the lens of the wizarding world of Harry Potter. When their classes begin again in February, they can expect classes about magical plants, curses, good vs. evil, magical house pets, amulets and charms, and the secret language of flowers. These classes will look at the interdependent web of life, personal power to affect change, social justice work, acceptance of difference, and explorations of faith. The winter session will conclude with a Wizarding Challenge class. There will be cooperative challenge tasks that will lead up to participants earning completion certificates. This will be a chance to have fun while celebrating their class community. It will also be a chance to gain exemption from the dreaded N.E.W.T.'s (Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Tests) allowing them to progress to spring classes. (Don't worry, I really have no plans to have them sit for N.E.W.T.'s—even if they are unable to come to the challenge class!)

Here's to the Winter RE program!

—Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education

PIZZA & GAMES!!

Friday November 21, starting at 5:30 pm



All UUSO Members and Friends are invited to Pizza and Games! Please bring \$1.50 per person for pizza, a dish to share (like veggies & dip, salad, hummus, salsa and chips, dessert, etc.) and games to play. This fun event has been enjoyed by folks of all ages at UUSO for many years. Fun is guaranteed for all, whether you come alone or with your whole family. We'll hang out, enjoy company and conversation, eat a casual dinner together, and maybe even learn a new game or play an old one you've always loved. We hope you'll join us!

Also check out the event on Facebook. —Elayne Mosher Campoli, Membership Committee

PARENTS' DAY OFF

Date: December 6, Saturday—**Time:** 12-4 pm—**Place:** Olympia Brown House, 16 Ford Avenue

Your kids will have fun hanging out with the COAST (Coming of Age Spiritual Trek) group so that parents can get holiday shopping started (same day as Cookies and Crafts!) or just get out on their own for a bit. Snack will be provided. This is a fundraiser for COAST towards their trip to Boston; your donation for babysitting will go towards this fund.

—Elayne Mosher Campoli, COAST Coordinator

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS FOR 2014-2015!!

The Endowment Committee is pleased to have received many thoughtful grant applications again this year and to be able now to announce the seven projects which were awarded funds:

- **NAACP Oneonta Area Branch:** Funds in support of their annual community picnic!
- **Pets, Plants, People and the Plant:** Funds to provide and distribute free backyard compost bins made from recycled wooden pallets and to an emergency pet food pantry!
- **Stop the Pipeline:** Funds to cover some of the costs of providing community informational materials!
- **UUSO Design Committee:** Funds for an additional folding table for Chapin!
- **Catholic Charities:** Funds to provide supplemental activities/materials for children during the summer lunch program in Neahwa Park!
- **UUSO Properties Committee:** Funds to complete the installation of an interior door between the OBH living room and the stairway hall to increase privacy for those using the living room!
- **Oneonta Acupuncture Clinic:** These funds will be used to help establish a local cooperative reduced-fee acupuncture clinic!!

We received requests totaling \$5,910 and were able to distribute \$3,430 in grants. The Endowment Committee can distribute money only from the income it receives on its investments. We are so grateful to all who contribute to the Endowment Fund through individual gifts and through the returnable bottle/can efforts! These grants allow UUSO to extend its mission in support of community organizations and individuals. —With Gratitude, Grace Smith, Chair, UUSO Endowment Committee

ONEONTA COMMUNITY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE **Tuesday, November 25, 7 pm**

This year's Oneonta Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 39 Walnut Street, on Tuesday, November 25.

The service will begin at 7 pm, with choir rehearsal at 6 pm. All are welcome to sing in the choir under organist/choirmaster John Jurgensen. The choir will sing "Canticle of Thanksgiving," by Mark Schweizer. Choir robes will not be worn.

Father David Mickiewicz of St. Mary's will host the service. Father David Poling from St. Innocent Orthodox Mission Church will deliver the message. Other participants will include Russ Southard, Rev. Olu Harding, Rev. Randy Palada, Rev. Cynthia Walton-Leavitt, and members of Naksibendi Hakkani Muslim Sufi Center.

Donations of money and non-perishable food are requested. Donated food and money will be distributed to Oneonta food pantries.

A reception will follow immediately in the vestibule of the church.

—Ric Chrislip, 431-4189/chrislip@hartwick.edu

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner open to all is once again being prepared by St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and The Lord's Table, in Oneonta. With your help, we will be able to accommodate the increasing number of individuals attending the meal—as well as deliver meals to the homebound. Last year we delivered 200+ meals and served over 400.

Dinner will be served Thanksgiving Day at the Elks Club, 84 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, from 12:30-2:30 pm.

The UUSO Congregation is invited to participate in the following ways:

Encourage lonely or needy individuals and families to attend the dinner. If someone needs a ride to the dinner or if they are unable to travel and need a meal delivered, please call Deb Bruce at 433-0356 or email oneontathanksgiving@gmail.com by Tuesday, November 25.

Volunteer time (set up, cooking, serving, delivering meals, clean-up, etc) by calling Maryann Hartmann at 226-1785 or email hartx@wpe.com by Tuesday, November 25.

Donate specific foods and/or make homemade pies or breads, i.e., cranberry, banana or pumpkin. Call Maryann Hartman at 226-1785 before November 25. Items should be brought to the Elks Club, 84 Chestnut Street, or The Lord's Table on Elm Street on Wednesday, November 26, between 9 am and 4 pm.

For further information, please contact Chris Carpenter at 435-7987.

—Rev. David Mickiewicz, Pastor, St. Mary's Church
Chris Carpenter, Dinner Coordinator

Happy Thanksgiving!

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CALENDAR NOVEMBER

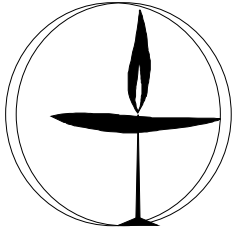
Nov 20	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Nov 21	Fri	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		5:30pm/Pizza & Games/CM
Nov 23	Sun	10:30am/Service: "The Career as a Path to the Soul"/David Rottman/CM
		12:00pm - 1:30pm COAST Brown Bag Lunch/OBH
Nov 24	Mon	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		3:00pm - 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
Nov 25	Tue	4:30-8:30pm/Bldg Use/CM Classroom
		6:45- 9:30pm/Building Use/CCS/CM
Nov 26	Wed	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		4:00pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Nov 27	Thu	2:00pm/Thanksgiving Feast/CM
Nov 28	Fri	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
Nov 29	Sat	11am-7pm/Building Use/Ambrose/CM
Nov 30	Sun	10:30am/Srvc: "Appreciating Being Unappreciated"/Cheryl Petersen/CM
		1:00pm/Free Hypnosis Clinic/CM Loft

DECEMBER

Dec 1	Mon	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		9:00am/Newsletter Deadline
		3- 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6- 8:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
Dec 2	Tue	6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
		10-12/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		4:30- 8:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Dec 3	Wed	8:00pm/Stop the Pipeline Group/CM
		8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		4pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		5:30pm/Vespers: "Ditching a Grudge"/CM
Dec 4	Thu	7- 8:00pm/Membership Cmte/OBH
		5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
Dec 5	Fri	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		3-11pm/Building Use/CM/C&C Set-up

Dec 6	Sat	7:00am - 10:00am/Building Use/CM
		10am - 4pm/Cookies & Crafts/CM
		12-4/Parents' Day Off/COAST/OBH
Dec 7	Sun	4:00pm - 6:00pm/Building Use/CM
		10:30am/Service: "Returning"/Rev. Craig Schwalenberg/Sabbatical Return Service/CM
		12:00pm/Ingathering Potluck/CM
Dec 8	Mon	1-3pm/Small Group Ministry/CM Loft
		8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		3pm - 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6:30-8/RE Cmte Mtg/OBH Dining Rm
Dec 9	Tue	6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
		4:30- 8:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Dec 10	Wed	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		4pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		6:00pm/Scrabble & Potluck/CM
Dec 11	Thu	5:30pm - 6:30pm/Yoga/CM
		5:30-8:30/NAACP/OBH Living Rm
Dec 12	Fri	8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
Dec 14	Sun	9-11:00am/Youth Cooks/OBH Kitchen
		10:30am/Service: "Stories of the Season"/Rev. Craig/CM
		11:30am/Holiday Workshop/CM
		12pm/Finance Cmte/OBH Dining Rm
		2-6pm/Building Use/Catskill Chamber Singers/CM
Dec 15	Mon	6:15- 9:30/Compassionate Friends/CM
		8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		9:00am/Newsletter Deadline
		3pm - 4:00pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Dec 16	Tue	6- 8:00pm/Small Group Ministry/OBH
		6:30pm - 8:00pm/Zen Meditation/CM
		10-12/Small Group Ministry/OBH
Dec 17	Wed	4:30- 8:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
		8:00am - 9:00am/Aerobics/CM
		4pm - 4:30pm/Building Use/CM Loft
Dec 18	Thu	6:30pm/Board of Trustees/CM

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

November 23, 2014

"The Career as a Path to the Soul"

Start Together Sunday

"How do we find our own higher purpose in life? The path to individual meaning involves coming to terms with dimensions of ourselves that are often hidden but need to be revealed—a challenging but most worthy process."

David Rottman

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

Ushers: Arleen Benedict & Clark Rhodes
Coffee Hosts: Kevin Schultz and
Alexandra Tolin Schultz
Worship Associate: Julian Pecenco
(Please submit announcements to
Julian via email by 11/22.)

November 30, 2014

"Appreciating Being Unappreciated"

No Religious Education Classes Today

We help others. We help ourselves.
The world asks for more. We ask for more.
How do we appreciate more?

Cheryl Petersen

Music provided by
Music Director Tim Horne

*Ushers: Mary Ruhoff & **Volunteer Needed!***
Coffee Hosts: Steve Berman &
Elaine Downing
Worship Associate: Julian Pecenco
(Please submit announcements to
Julian via email by 11/29.)