

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

## Fall 2015 Worship Schedule

Regular Sunday Services start at 10:30 am

September 13

**"Many Currents, One Stream"**  
**Ingathering and Water Communion**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

There are many currents and eddies in the waters of life;  
Pulling and pushing us in different directions;  
Ultimately, it is all one stream--and we're all one people.

September 20

**"Days of Awe"**  
Pam Strother & UUSO Members  
*\*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

As we honor our Jewish heritage, we are asked to  
live and plan our lives more deliberately, to ask  
forgiveness, to remember the dead, and to rededicate  
ourselves to our vision of the good and the true.  
These are the Days of Awe.

September 27

**"Coping with Conflict"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

Being a people of passion and varied beliefs invariably  
leads to disagreements, differences, and even conflict.  
Where do we stand when common ground  
is hard to find?

October 4

**"Our Power, Our Promise"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Start Together Sunday*  
(Congregational Meeting at 12:00)

Unitarian Universalism is not a simple faith or an easy  
religion. Our creedless tradition has always made a  
solemn promise, a promise our faith empowers us,  
calls on us, to fulfill.

October 11

**"Fact or Fiction"**  
Cheryl Petersen  
*\*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?

October 18

**"Seeking the Light:  
A Quaker Photojournalist Bears Witness"**  
Michael Forster Rothbart  
*0Children to Children's Worship at 10:30*  
*Youth 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.

October 25

**"The Little Boy"**  
Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed writes:  
"I was hiking up a mountain when a fleeting,  
but excruciating moment set me on the path to  
social activism. Along the way, the challenges  
taught me hard lessons, including  
learning to be thankful for the obstacles."

November 1

**"Always Be Right"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Children's Worship at 10:30*  
*Youth to Classrooms at 10:30*

Jay! Tomlinson of "The Best of the Left" podcast  
strives to live his life with the motto,  
"Always Be Right!"  
It's easier than you think it is. And quite important.

November 8

**"One of Those Faces"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*\*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Building the Beloved Community isn't hard to do.  
A kind word, a simple act, a sympathetic ear;  
Each a divine gift all of us have to share.

November 15

**"Depth and Disconnection"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*\*Start Together Sunday*

In a world more profoundly, deeply connected,  
there may be something radically redemptive and  
renewing in actively choosing to disconnect.

November 22

**"Thank You"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*\*Stay Together Sunday/Thanksgiving Service*

Originally, to "Thank" meant to think well of someone  
or something, to hold them in thought with good will.  
As we prepare to give thanks this holiday,  
let us share our thoughts of good will.

November 29

**"An Attitude of Gratitude"**

Rev. Cindy Maybeck

*No Religious Education Classes Today*

When we express gratitude not only for profound gifts  
but also for everyday coincidences, we change our  
outlook on life, and can even change the world.  
Expanding Thanksgiving from a day of feasting to a  
year-round attitude is an opportunity for  
personal and community transformation.

December 6

**"Glaciers, Icebergs, and Black Ice"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*\*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Winter is here and we ignore it at our peril.  
Would that we had the same awareness of the  
dangers we are facing in the changing seasons  
of our society and in the wider world.

December 13

**"Stories of the Season"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*\*Stay Together Sunday/Holiday Workshop*

There are many stories told  
during this season of holy days and holidays.  
Tales of hope and love, joy and generosity.  
Come, let me tell you a tale or two or three...

December 20

**"Magic, Mystery, Myth, and Meaning"**

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Where do magic, mystery, and myth  
fit in our modern world of science, rationality,  
and reason?  
Surely, we have left such things behind by now.  
Haven't we? I hope not.

**Christmas Eve Services**

December 24

Join us for one of our candlelight services  
celebrating the birth of Jesus and his  
message of hope.

**Family Service at 6:30 pm**

Music and stories for all ages

**Meditative Service at 10:00 pm**

Contemplative and traditional

**\*Start Together Sunday:** Children through  
6<sup>th</sup> grade start out at 10:30 am in the sanctuary  
with their families until after  
Time for All Ages.

**\*Stay Together Sunday:** Children stay  
with their families for the entire service.