



# Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

## Fall 2017 Worship Schedule

Regular Sunday Services start at 10:30 a.m.

September 10

**“Our Water, Our Lives”**  
**Ingathering and Water Communion**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

As we start the new church year with our traditional Water Communion, let us consider the water of life-- and those called to protect it.

September 24

**“Days of Awe”**  
Pam Strother & UUSO Congregants  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Our Unitarian Universalist celebration of the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a time to forgive one another and ourselves, to remember our dead, and to recommit ourselves to a vision of the good and the true.

October 8

**“Fake News or Good News?”**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

As a people dedicated to the responsible search for Truth and Meaning, in this new world of "fake news" and "virtual reality", how do we discern and disseminate the real truth?

October 22

**"With Liberty and Justice for All"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

According to the Pledge of Allegiance, our country is indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Oh, that it were so...

November 5

**"Sustaining the Work & the Spirit"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*  
(Daylight Saving Time; turn clocks back!)

It's been a long and tumultuous year filled with surprises, disappointments, and sorrows. How do we sustain our spirits and keep on doing the good work that needs to be done?

September 17

**"Being Present"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Sometimes, the simplest thing is the most important, hardest thing to do. Sometimes, rather than do something, we just need to be present.

October 1

**“With Fierce Love: A Unitarian Universalist Approach to Social Justice”**  
Elayne Mosher-Campoli  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

Many wonder what they can do to make a difference and how to keep up with the issues of the day. Everyone can be part of the solution; It starts with love and continues with ferocity.

October 15

**“I, Thou, We”**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
**(Congregational Meeting at 12:00 p.m.)**  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

Martin Buber believed that meaning and the holy were found in our relationships to one another; but, our relationships are even more than that.

October 29

**"Lighting the Chalice at Home"**  
Suzanne Miller  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

Setting aside a regular time for lighting the chalice at home, whether alone or as a family, can be used for inspiration, meditation, and reflection. It offers us a time to think about UU principles and practices in our own lives and in the larger world.

November 12

**"The Struggle to Be"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
Transgender Remembrance Service  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

How dangerous it can be to just be who we are. How courageous it can be to be who we are. How amazing and healing it could be, if we are all who we were meant to be.

November 19  
**"On Giving and Gratitude"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
Thanksgiving Service  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

What have we done to give others reasons to be thankful?  
What reasons do we have for giving thanks?  
Let us reflect and gave thanks together.

December 3  
**"Evolution Defined"**  
Mark VanLaeyes  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

What is evolution?  
Is it a viable option for this planet?  
And, why does it have to be so painfully slow?

December 17  
**"Winter is Coming"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

The motto from the popular book and television show  
is a reminder that hard times are coming,  
and everyone must work together  
to survive the coming storm.  
There's truth waiting for us in those words.

December 24  
*@ 7:30 PM*  
**"Christmas Candlelight Service"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Meditative Service*

All are welcome to attend this contemplative,  
candlelight service in celebration of Christmas.

November 26  
**"Troubleshooting and Honoring Surprises"**  
Cheryl Petersen  
*No Religious Education Classes Today*

Sometimes we get surprised.  
Whether they're good or bad,  
we can use surprises to our advantage.

December 10  
**"Stories of the Season"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

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

December 24  
*@ 10:30 AM*  
**"The Christmas Story"**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg & Susan Ryder  
and a wide cast of UUSO members  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

Join us for our traditional family-friendly celebration  
of Christmas,  
the telling of the Christmas story  
with a no-rehearsal pageant.  
Everyone has a part to play in this story.

**\*Start Together Sunday:** Children from  
Kindergarten through 6th grade start out at  
10:30AM in the sanctuary with their families  
until after Time for All Ages.  
**\*Stay Together Sunday:** Children stay with  
their families for the entire service.

