



Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

Fall 2018 Worship Schedule

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

September 9

“Where the River Will Never Run Dry”

Ingathering and Water Communion

Rev. Kimberley Debus

**Stay Together Sunday*

Join us for our Ingathering Celebration!

We will honor the many journeys we have taken and are on, and join our hearts together in this place of nourishment and replenishment.

September 23

“Just What Is a UU Chaplain Anyway?”

Suzy Beddoe

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

What does a UU Chaplain have to offer?

A sharing of thoughts, experiences,
and thanks from a novice.

October 7

“Transmogrified”

Rev. Kimberley Debus

**Start Together Sunday*

Sometimes, when our ideas, beliefs, and perspectives seem stuck, it's helpful to take them apart, mix them up, and see what comes out. Let's see what happens when we do this with our principles.

October 21

"Love Reorients the Soul"

Rev. Dr. Stan Sears

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

"Good fences make good neighbors," the oft-quoted Robert Frost poem tells us; of course, the full poem is more nuanced. When are our fences helpful and when do they get in the way.

November 4

"Reclaiming My Time"

Rev. Kimberley Debus

Children to OBH at 10:30

Over the past year, we have seen women and more than a few men say "enough" to misogyny, sexual violence, and a culture that devalues half the population. What does it mean to promote a new vision of a world that no longer needs #metoo?

September 16

"Days of Awe"

Rev. Kimberley Debus

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

Jews around the world celebrate the time between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as “The Days of Awe” – a time of forgiveness, reconciliation, and preparation for the new year. Together, we will celebrate our own version of these holy days.

September 30

“A Creative Shift”

Rev. Evin Carvill Ziemer

**Start Together Sunday*

Human diversity is a source of both wonder and frustration. “Wow!” and “Geez!” in the same breath. Often communities experiencing a shift to greater diversity have a significant increase in friction, even violence. Creativity offers us a different way to move into relationship across human difference.

October 14

“Living in Body”

Rev. Darcey Laine

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

What does it mean to live in a body? Does that meaning change as our capacities change? What is the relationship between our body and our Self? Rev. Laine will tell us about her journey of living in body, and reflect on how our answers change as we grow into ourselves.

October 28

“T.H.I.N.K.”

Rev. Kimberley Debus

**Start Together Sunday*

In these tumultuous times, it is easy to be unkind to those with whom we disagree. Yet there is a prophetic as well as a pastoral value to kindness, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness. We'll explore how our principles and sources call us to treat others.

November 11

"A Misunderstanding of Fences"

Rev. Douglas Taylor

**Start Together Sunday*

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 18
"Always Room for One More"
Rev. Kimberley Debus
Thanksgiving Service
***Stay Together Sunday**

In this celebration of Thanksgiving, we will consider what it means to be open and welcoming. We will celebrate with bread and cider – all are invited to bring a loaf of bread based on their ethnic heritage or family tradition.

December 2
"What to Expect When You're Expecting"
Rev. Kimberley Debus
***Start Together Sunday**

December is a time of waiting. The holidays we celebrate – Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Hanukkah – are all connected to anticipation, hope, and expectation. Sometimes the waiting is good, but sometimes it's difficult. Together we'll explore what it means to wait and dwell in possibility.

December 16
"Coming Home"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

What makes a house a home?
What makes a church a sanctuary?
Having been away, it is time to return to my, to our,
religious home.

December 24
@ 6:30 PM
Traditional Christmas Service
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Family Friendly
Join us for our traditional family-friendly celebration of Christmas.

@ 9:00PM
Christmas Candlelight Service
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Meditative Service
All are welcome to attend this contemplative, candlelight service in celebration of Christmas.

November 25
"My Alphabetical Journey"
Rosemary Summers
No Religious Education Classes Today

Each of us has a story of how we came to UUSO, though I have yet to meet another person who based her spiritual quest on the alphabet. Come to hear my story. There may even be a surprise ending!

December 9
"Stories of the Season"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Holiday Workshop Following Service!
***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 23
"Blue Christmas"
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg
Children to Classrooms at 10:30

In this time of twinkling lights and cheerful tidings, some are struggling with loss and grief. As we celebrate the joys of the season, we must also acknowledge the sorrows.

***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.

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