



UUU NEWS

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THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF ONEONTA

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

The Spiritual Benefits of Being Social

There are many ways to gauge the health of a community, religious or otherwise. Does it do good work? Does it have a mission? Are people kind to one another? Are they growing or shrinking? Do they work/play well with others? Are they having fun? That last one may seem a bit frivolous in our work-focused society, but it may be the most important one of all. People report greater spiritual satisfaction if they believe their actions make a difference AND if they feel connected to others. Having fun with the people you work with promotes healthy relationships and motivates people to do the hard work when it is necessary. UUSO used to be a very social place with lots of fun opportunities to get to know one another. Summer picnics. Pizza and Games. Secret Valentines. Mardi Gras. Potlucks. Candlelight Dinners. Shared Walks. March Madness. The Auction. Many of these activities were started by families who were looking for ways to get together with other families, or they were created as fundraisers. In any case, they became traditions. But over the past few years, our social activities have suffered. Attendance and participation in some of the events slackened. Volunteers were harder to get to coordinate the events. The Membership committee took over most of the social events-- but found it was more than the small group could coordinate (it also energy away from important tasks related to their true purpose.) And so, with the Board's blessing, the Membership committee let go of the social activities and handed them off to minister as an important ministry of the church. The Fun Team was created to help coordinate fun, social activities

at UUSO. Unfortunately, only one person volunteered to be on that team. And so, the social activities were left to languish. This past year, the congregation has felt the loss and the lack of those opportunities for social connection and fun. People have brought up the loss in our appreciative inquiry sessions and have let the Board and I know that something must be done to bring intergenerational fun activities back to UUSO. I couldn't agree more.

So how do we do that? Some of have suggested we reform a Social Activity committee. Others have strongly urged me to draft specific people to take charge of certain tasks. In talking with the Board, I mentioned a model used by another congregation where monthly social luncheons are sponsored by various committees. They are all good ideas-- but they all have one thing in common. They require members of the congregation to step up and take charge of planning social activities. The Membership committee has detailed, easy instructions on how to coordinate many of the activities we used to do. I, along with our Office Administrator, Evelyn, are happy to help people plan new activities we haven't tried before.

We want this to be a congregation for all generations. We want this to be a fun and social place to gather. We want to meet new people and get to know them beyond the social hour on Sunday mornings. Having fun is an important part of our spiritual health, and we need to rediscover that sense of joy and play that was always a part of the UUSO community.

What would you like to do? Let's have some fun!

Cooperatively,
Rev. Craig

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are some signs of spring about. Birds are singing louder and more melodically in the mornings, buds are on the lilacs and some silly daffodils are almost blooming under the snow. We are working to compile the calendar of events for Religious Education classes for spring and for the rest of the church year. You should be able to have one soon.



April 16th will be UUSO Religious Education's Annual Easter Party and Can Hunt. We will look for sneakily hidden non-perishable foods in the backyard of the Olympia Brown House, gather them up, count them and package them up for delivery to area food pantries. If the weather doesn't allow for this, the sneakily hidden cans might be inside the Olympia Brown House. We will have games, art projects and special snacks. We often pose for a photo behind a unique "can-struction" created by the group. I am the lucky one who gets to deliver these foods and to see how much they are appreciated by the food pantry organizers each year. We do make a difference. This event is one of the ways that RE participants help our community.

Clearly, this is a Sunday not to be missed at church!



We count on your donations of nonperishable foods for this event to be successful. Please begin putting aside small cans and other foods and remember to bring them to church to add to the collection boxes. There will be one in the entryway of Chapin and one in the office entryway porch at the Olympia Brown House. You can leave donations at any time at the Olympia Brown House as this office porch is unlocked.

Thank you for this and for all of the many ways you support the children and youth at UUSO,

Susan Ryder
 UUSO Director of Religious Education
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UUSO MONTHLY MEETINGS - APRIL

April 2	12:00 PM	Green Sanctuary Committee	OBH
April 4	6:00 PM	Social Action Committee	67 Church St.
April 12	6:00 PM	Scrabble and Potluck	CM
April 9	6:00 PM	Dining For Women	CM
April 16	12:00 PM	Finance Committee	OBH
April 10	6:30 PM	RE Committee	OBH
April 19	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees	CM
April 16	12:00 PM	Mali Task Force	OBH

CM: Chapin Memorial Sanctuary/12 Ford Ave. — OBH: Olympia Brown House/16 Ford Ave.

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Prophetic Advocacy/Indivisible Workshops

Last Session: We discussed the use of social media in our advocacy work. We discussed Twitter, Facebook, Email, Snapchat, Live-Streaming, Apps, and Podcasts. If you'd like to learn more about how to use Facebook and Podcasts to connect to UUSO and the wider social-action, advocacy networks, let the UUSO office know. With enough interest, we'll schedule a training workshop.

Helpful social advocacy apps on the phone include:

- Countable - keep track of your representatives, their votes, and their contact info
- Stop & Frisk - a live streaming camera app created by the ACLU to record abuse
- Indivisible - a new app, not reviewed yet, to connect to indivisible groups

Interesting podcasts for social advocacy include:

- Best of the Left - an aggregator of information on various issues. Very informative.
- NPR Politics Podcast - round-table discussion of recent political news.
- On the Media - NPR show focused on how the media covers stories.
- Code Switch - NPR show that explores white privilege and racism.

Next Session: Friday, April 7th @ 6:30p - 8:00p Topic - Effective communication.
All are welcome. All ages welcome. Meets in the meeting room in Chapin basement.

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Getting to Know UU

This is for you if you are new to UU and/or new to the UUSO congregation! Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and UUSO? Interested in meeting other people new to the community? Considering membership? Then consider joining us for this year's Getting to Know UU! The Membership Committee and Rev. Craig Schwalenberg will present this three-part series. Whether you're planning to sign the membership book or simply curious to learn more about our congregation and its history, you are welcome to join us for conversation and fellowship.

Childcare will be provided upon request.

Meetings will be held 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

5/2/17 @ Olympia Brown House

5/9/17 @ Loft in Chapin Memorial

5/16/17 @ Olympia Brown House

5/21/16 New member welcome during the worship service.

Please RSVP by contacting Rev. Craig or Evelyn, our Office Administrator, at 607-432-3491.

Mali Dinner—April 1st

The Mali Education Project will hold its annual delicious buffet fundraiser on Saturday, April 1st, from 6 to 9pm in Chapin Memorial Chapel.

This year's event will feature South African cuisine as well as the inspiring documentary Taking Root about the life of Wangari Maathai who founded the Green Belt Movement in her native Kenya to reforest the environment and empower impoverished women to change their lives. This fundraiser will benefit Youchaou's School in Bamako, Mali where 55 students are sponsored by both UUSO members and others in the wider community. The proceeds will support the new library which needs more books, shelves, tables and chairs.

Reservations are required by contacting Carolyn Wolf-Gould at 607-434-3304 or cswolfgould@gmail.com.

Don't delay as space is limited. The tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$10 for children over 5 years old. Childcare is available by request. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available.

First Sunday—Backpack Buddies Donations

First Sunday is almost upon us again. Spring has sprung, or so the calendar says. This means spring break is close behind and with it the children are home and need food to get them through the break. As you tidy up the house for spring, please think about donating non-perishable, kid-friendly, easy to prepare, kinda-nourishing food to Backpack Buddies and those toiletries you have collected on your travels to the Personal Care Products Collection. You can also make a monetary donation, cash or check, to the Northeastern NY Food Bank with Otsego, Delaware Counties backpack buddies in the memo of checks. We are making a difference in our community and it is greatly appreciated. Let's keep the momentum going.

-Dawn Kilts for Social Action Committee

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GAME DAY POTLUCK AT UUSO

April 29th, 2PM - 8PM

Celebrate International Tabletop Game Day at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta. Bring your favorite games and a dish to share to our first annual GAME DAY POTLUCK.

All ages are welcome! UUSO members, friends, guests, and visitors welcome!

To help UUSO be environmentally friendly, please bring your own place setting (plates, silverware, glass). If you can't bring your own utensils, we have plenty in our newly cleaned, organized kitchen-- but bringing your own will make clean up much easier for the organizers.

Staff from the Bearded Dragon game store will be there with games to demo and prizes to give away.

Come, have fun. Make new friends. Learn new games. Play your favorites.

Roll the dice. Deal the cards.

Let the games begin!

Hosted by Rev. Craig Schwalenberg



The Oneonta Chapter of Dining for Women will have its next potluck dinner on Sunday, April 9, at a new time, 6:00PM in the UU Sanctuary. Each month the group learns about and supports organizations that help women and girls in developing countries improve their lives. The featured organization this month is Chicuchas Wasi School for Girls in Cusco, Peru. It provides free primary school education for rural indigenous Quechua-speaking girls who otherwise would not attend school. It also provides them with a nutritious meal, often the only one they will have that day. All are welcome.

Chocolate and Child Slavery

As we get ready for Easter and chocolate bunnies, stop by the Social Action table after the service on Sunday and learn more about child slavery in West Africa and its connection to the chocolate industry. Learn sources of Fair Trade and slave free chocolate and sign a petition to the chocolate companies to change their practices.

-Suzanne Miller for the Social Action Committee

Plates for Peace

The Social Action Committee is hosting a "Plates for Peace" luncheon on Sunday, June 11th, at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The event is fashioned *a la* the Chili Bowl, in that people are asked to paint plates and those same people or others may buy them, the food being free of charge. Doug Hallberg is generously donating his time and facility. The finished plates will sell for \$20.00, except a child may purchase the plate he/she painted for \$10.00. A church plate may also be used for a charge of \$5.00. Money raised will be donated to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee/UUSC project assisting Syrian and other refugees in Croatia. There will be two opportunities for congregants to paint plates. The first is on Sunday, April 23rd, in the sanctuary, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The second is on Sunday, April 30th, at the Carriage House, from 1-3 p.m. Space is limited, so sign-up sheets will be passed around. Participants are asked to paint whatever symbolizes "peace" for them. On Sunday, April 9th, there will be display of four plates painted by SAC members on the chancel table. Please plan to join us on June 11th. The food will be delicious.

-Carol Malz for the Social Action Committee

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Kitchen Clean Out Update *(written before the clean-out day)*

Cords have been kept with the coffee pots for the past 2 wks. Before that, I would receive panicked calls several times a month about the cords. Those who did not expect cords to be in an old coffee can, never thought to look there. We have a lot of new members who are not familiar with our old traditions.

The total table surface will be **larger** than the total of the two tables currently used in the kitchen, but we will be able to be spray it with a weak bleach solution whether it needs it or not. The total surface will be greater. That is a good thing. The old green table (which had been resurfaced with linoleum and then painted) is underneath the new surface. It is not gone. It still has pride of place in our kitchen. We did remove all those old churchie stained glass windows. They were a distraction from the chore of cooking.

Re plates: Seems to be a bunch of anxiety about the plates. Hopefully we can reduce it.

Space needs to be developed for other items in the kitchen. If the counters were clean, we would have more prep space, for example. We store a bunch of stuff on the counters that could go into drawers, it would create more counter space for zero money. If space can be found on the plate shelves while still keeping 108 plates (if we even have that many plates!), bowls (we have no where near 100 bowls), small plates (we probably have 200+) etc, it will be used to store other kitchen items. Is there any input on the # of serving platters we need? Storing a large # of items that are only used once a year (if that often) does not make space usage sense.

For the occasional huge event (we can't even set 100 people at tables! and still have room for serving tables, chairs and for people to walk), there might be extra plates people need to bring from home or bring from storage downstairs or bring from OBH just for that event. Not a big deal. Otherwise, we regularly serve 40-65 people at potlucks and we have maybe 3 large memorial services a year where we only serve finger food, punch and coffee/tea. Statistics from these events have been gathered over the past 3-5 months and no one intends to leave any event without plates. Trust us.

Mali sells about 80 tickets (per Carolyn) and feeds its numerous volunteers. No other dinner event even comes close to this number.

How many sharp knives do we need to have in the kitchen? Now there is a total of 43. I think we will cut down on that number (ha! ha! pun). How many doilies do we need to store or do we use?

Do more than 10 of the mismatched wine and sherry glasses ever get used? Otherwise, the large set of matching wine glasses are used. We would like to free up space to store them in the kitchen, but to do this, some things will have to go.

We would like not to have left behind food storage/serving items on the table for months. How do we solve that problem? If they were labeled, the job would be so much easier.

The good news is that the kitchen is not very large so lost/misplaced items can easily be found. The bad news is that the kitchen is not very large so thoughtful use of limited space is important.

The space committee is grateful for all the input and for the help we have received.

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Update on the Goods and Services Auction – Saturday April 22

We are well on our way to a super auction - lots of new ideas for services and beautiful items for both the silent and live auctions! Themed dinners with language and culture added; an historic costume design; vacation getaways; bread by the month; music lessons; music for your next party; a song composed for you – these are just a few of the fun and valuable services that have been donated. We also have exquisite jewelry; framed art; one-of-a-kind ceramics; and practical items like lighting fixtures, a rug, and a wine rack. There will be a wide range of minimum bids and items both grand and small, so everyone can participate!

We are accepting donations until April 20, so you have a little time yet to put together your unique service or find that beautiful item in your house that you're just not using anymore (or maybe never have?!). Check out the list of suggestions below to get your creativity flowing!

We also need about 6 to 8 more volunteers to help in the kitchen and on the floor during the auction. We have our auctioneer and one Vanna White, so there's still a Vanna slot open for a highly energetic and dramatic person! We'll have a volunteer meeting on April 2 after the service to bring everyone together and explain the process and jobs. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help with this event that is so important for the church's fundraising drive.

Another way to help is to donate a food item for the gastronomic pleasures of the guests at the event! Sweet and savory delicacies are both very much appreciated.

Please contact Arlana Young or Jane Bachman by email, phone or in person to make your donation of goods, services, time, and/or food. And plan to attend this lively and entertaining event!

1. Progressive dinner – 3 or 4 people in the same general neighborhood get together to host one course of the dinner at each house. Participants walk, pedal or drive to each house.
2. International dinner series – 3 or 4 dinners spread throughout the year, each featuring a

different culture. Could include a cultural movie, craft, game, or language lesson!

3. Themed dinner/lunch/brunch
4. Picnic/Cookout/Barbecue (at the lake; on a mountain; during the Fall colors)
5. 12 months of Soup/Bread/ or Cookies
6. Walks/hikes (wildflowers; waterfalls; birds)
7. Indoor or Outdoor Game day
8. Vacation house for a week
9. Overseas tour
10. Gift certificate from local area store or restaurant
11. Spa day
12. Massage certificate
13. Art or craft lessons (stained glass; pottery; quilting; weaving; purses; gloves; recycled materials; painting; flower arranging; origami; ornaments; embroidery; sewing)
14. Compose a song with music using bidder's choice of topic
15. Compose a poem using bidder's choice of topic
16. Dance lessons
17. Sailing lessons
18. Portrait painting
19. Musical instrument lessons
20. Dog sitting
21. Airport transportation
22. Window washing
23. Yardwork
24. Pruning of trees/shrubs
25. Indoor/outdoor painting
26. Grass cutting
27. Flower/shrub planting
28. Computer help
29. Garage/attic clean out

GOODS

1. Fine art, framed
2. Exquisite, unique ceramic, glass or carved wooden art
3. Exquisite, unique jewelry
4. Fancy baked goods on a beautiful platter
5. True antique items in very good condition
6. High quality handmade items of clothing or accessories in excellent condition
7. Handmade quilt/textile art

These are just suggestions – take one of them and go with it, or use them to jumpstart your creativity and come up with something amazing, fun and auctionable!

SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

The Board met on February 15 and March 22. During these meetings we reviewed a number of policies (included in this newsletter), reviewed and approved the bylaw changes to be brought to the Congregation during the annual meeting, and used the congregational assessment of the ministry to determine priority areas such as reinvigorating our multi-generational efforts. We also approved the property committee project to refurbish our kitchen table at Chapin and we applaud the efforts of all who contributed ideas and labor to clean and organize our kitchen.

Approved policies are now featured on our website. Creating and updating UUSO policies has been a major goal for the Board over the last couple of years. Our policy subcommittee of Mary Ruhoff, Stan Maricle, and Keith Willcox have been invaluable in this effort.

Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Members and friends of UUSO are invited to observe. Board members are always happy to listen to your concerns or suggestions and a Trustee and member of the Committee on Ministry will be present at the "Sounding Board" table after the service on Easter Sunday April 16, 2017.

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Paid Time-Off Policy

February 15, 2017

All UUSO staff (except the Minister) receive, as a benefit of their employment, the equivalent of 4 weeks paid time off per year.

- 2) Paid Time-Off (PTO) can include, but is not limited to; vacation, sick days, and holidays. The amount of PTO awarded to each employee will be based on EITHER their normal scheduled hours per week for the current year, OR average hours per week worked in the preceding year, as determined by the staff supervisor and the UUSO Treasurer. Paid time off hours will begin to accrue after 1 month of employment.
- 3) Due to the diversity of schedules and positions at UUSO, the Treasurer and Finance Committee will determine the actual rate of PTO accrual for each position using a rate of 1/12th of the total allotted paid time off per month as a guide.
- 4) Paid time off does not carry over from year to year and can never exceed the total allowable amount (4 weeks per fiscal year). The staff supervisor may grant PTO in advance of accrual. Employees who give two weeks notice of their intent to leave the employment of UUSO will be compensated financially for any unused paid time off they have accrued. Employees who do not give two weeks notice will not be given their accrued PTO. If an employee is unable to use their paid time off due to UUSO-related exigent circumstances approved by the staff supervisor, the Board may be petitioned to approve compensating the employee for the unused PTO.
- 5) All PTO and changes to scheduled hours must be approved by the staff supervisor and/or the appropriate committee chair. Scheduled time off must receive prior approval from the staff supervisor and the relevant committee must be notified.

Replaces "Paid Time-Off Policy" of May 16, 2012

SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

Policy for the Memorial Garden, Plaque and Records

February 15, 2017

The Memorial Committee has a threefold purpose:

1. To maintain the Memorial Plaque in the sanctuary and to record on the plaque the names and dates of deceased members and friends of UUSO.

Members, former members and friends - both those whose cremains are interred in the garden and those whose remains are buried elsewhere - may be memorialized on the Plaque. In addition, the Board of Trustees, by a majority vote, may authorize the memorialization of other persons. Family approval is not required.

- 1.2 The maintenance of the Memorial Plaque will be under the exclusive control of the Society represented by its Board of Trustees and its appointed committees.

2. To maintain permanent records which will contain the information of the Memorial Plaque and standard biographical data (when provided) for historical and family use.

- 2.1 The Board appointed Memorial Committee will have direct responsibility for maintaining the records.

- 2.2 When interment occurs, the Memorial Committee will keep a record of placement.

3. To monitor the maintenance of the Ruth Achenbach Memorial Garden so that it endures as a place for quiet reflection, remembrance and the interment or scattering of cremains.

- 3.1 It is expected that all who enter the garden honor the intent and purpose of this space.

- 3.2 The use and maintenance of the Memorial Garden will be under the exclusive control of the Society represented by its Board of Trustees and its appointed committees.

- 3.3 No individual will be permitted to add potted plants, flowers, shrubs, trees or statuary to the garden without consultation with the Memorial Committee and approval of the Properties Committee.

- 3.4 As directed by the Board, the Memorial Committee will work with the appropriate committee or staff member to assure the proper maintenance of the Garden. Further, the Memorial Committee will be included in any discussions about changes or additions to the Memorial Garden. No individual or group not so empowered by the Board will have any right whatsoever with respect to the use or appearance of the Memorial Garden.

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- 3.5 The cremains of members of the church family may be interred in the garden. The Board of Trustees may authorize, by a majority vote, the interment of other persons.
- 3.6 Arrangements for the details of interment must be made with the Minister of the Society or with the Memorial Committee. The Society will not ordinarily assume responsibility for the storage of cremains. An interment service in the Memorial Garden may be arranged at the request of the family or life partner.
- 3.7 The Memorial Committee will work with those closest to the deceased to offer interment or scattering of cremains in the garden. Pre-need planning is also available.
- 3.8 Cremains must be buried in a suitable biodegradable container or scattered in a specific area of the garden. Although there will be no plot markings, a record will be kept of each placement. Should need for space require it, burial places may be re-used after a five-year period.
- 4) Funding Expenses incurred by the Memorial Committee will be disbursed from the Commemorative Fund.
- 5) In Perpetuity

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta, NY, Inc. promises to maintain the Ruth Achenbach Memorial Garden for as long as the Society exists at 12 Ford Avenue, Oneonta, NY. The Memorial Plaque and the records will be maintained for as long as the Society exists.

Replaces "Memorial Garden Policy" of February 14, 2008
Replaces "Policy for Memorial Garden" of March 2005

Building Use and Rental Policy February 15, 2017

Items added:

"16. UUSO Building will be closed between the hours of 9PM and 8AM except for authorized/scheduled events/activities. UUSO Staff may authorize use. "

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Projector and Media Laptop Usage Policy

February 15, 2017

UUSO owns a video projector. This projector is available for use for UUSO events and for those renting UUSO facilities.

The projector (and the laptop computer that works with it) will be stored in the AV closet at 12 Ford Avenue.

The Office Administrator will maintain a “Projector Schedule/List” and a list of those trained and authorized to use the projector.

Those wishing to use the projector must reserve it by contacting the Office Administrator and being added to the Projector Schedule. (If the Office Administrator is not available, the Minister or the Director of Religious Education may authorize and schedule projector use.)

Only a trained/authorized projector operator may reserve the projector and that person must be present for any use of the projector.

For non-UUSO sponsored events, there will be a \$30 projectionist fee for the first 2 hours, paid to UUSO. Additional hours will be billed at \$15/hour. (2/3 of the total fee will be remitted by UUSO to the projectionist.)

The projector may not leave UUSO premises for non-UUSO events without approval of the Office Administrator or the Minister.

Any special discount or waiving of rental fees must be approved by the Board.

Replaces “Projector and Media Laptop Usage Policy” of February 15, 2012
Replaces “Projector and Media Laptop Usage Policy” of December 15, 2012
Replaces “Projector and Media Laptop Usage Policy” of June 18, 2014
Replaces “Projector and Media Laptop Usage Policy” of October 21 2015

Note from the UUSO Office:

The new office hours are Tuesday—Friday, 10AM-3PM, with a lunch hour from 12-1PM. Evelyn will also be in the Office for the same hours on Mondays, however, the office will be closed to minimize interruptions and allow more time for special projects.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Next Sunday, April 2nd, is One-Day Sunday, the culmination of this year's Stewardship campaign.

By early this week you should have received your pledge packet in the mail. It contains a letter about what we learned in the appreciative inquiry and survey stages of the campaign and the goal for the year. There's also the pledge form and an insert with tables summarizing what we know about last year's pledging patterns.

Among the things we learned:

- Many of us donate our time and our money to support the work of the UUSO. We have some big dreams!
- Of those responding, the average pledge is about 2.6% of reported income. (Other congregations report 3-4% from similar surveys.)
- Based on responses to the survey, those with lower reported income levels pledge a greater percentage of their income.
- Our stewardship goal for next year is \$196,000. (A majority of the increase relates to increased staff hours and a modest raise for the staff.)
- **IF WE RAISE THE AVERAGE PLEDGE TO 3% OF INCOME, WE WILL EASILY MAKE THIS GOAL!**

If you can, please consider increasing your pledge amount by .5% (From 2.5% to 3.0%). The stewardship packet includes charts to help you determine what a .5% increase would be for your income level. We know that some will not be able to increase their pledges, and some may even have to reduce their pledges, but we hope that others will be able to make up the difference. Now that we have a more complete picture of what resources we have and how we are pledging so far, we hope everyone will be able to make an informed, inspired pledge to support our work towards our shared vision and mission.

If you are able to be at church next Sunday, please bring your completed pledge form at that time. If you can't make it on Sunday, you can mail in your pledge (the address is on the back of the pledge form, and on the envelope included in your packet), or pledge online at <http://uuso.org/2017-2018-pledge-form/>.

Thank you for your support of this year's campaign, and for all that you do for UUSO.

UUSO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ONEONTA

IF I HAD A
MILLION DOLLARS

APRIL 2, 2017 | REV. CRAIG SCHWALENBERG | SERVICE STARTS 10:30 AM

Stewardship Sunday

What would you do if money was no object?
How would you make a difference in the world?
I know what I'd do.

**Start Together Sunday*

With Music provided by Michael Frye-Hunt
Worship Associate: Rich Stelling

Coffee Hour Hosts: Need Volunteers!
Ushers: Rosemary Summers & Kimberly Elsener
Chancel Table: Sue Hutchinson
Sound System: Beth Small



A synonym for sanctuary is "a Safe Space."
Sometimes safety is hard to achieve and overrated.
What if, rather than "safe space",
we built a "Brave Space" both here and out there?

**Start Together Sunday*

With Music provided by Music Director Tim
Horne
Worship Associate: Keith Willcox

Coffee Hour Hosts: Liz Jacob-Carter & Paul
Carter
Ushers: Need Volunteers!
Chancel Table: Plates for Peace—Social Action
Sound System: Scott Segar

April 2017

Sunday Worship Service 10:30AM
Chapin Memorial Sanctuary
12 Ford Ave, Oneonta, NY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OBH: Olympia Brown House—16 Ford Ave	CM: Chapin Memorial Sanctuary— 12 Ford Ave	Green: Off-Site				1 Mali Dinner/ CM
2 12:30p Green Sanctuary/ OBH 12p Auction Volunteer Meeting/CM	3 8am Exercise Group/CM 6:30p Zen Meditation/CM	4 6p Social Action Cmte/67 Church St 6:30p Pastoral Care Training/CM	5 8am Exercise Group/CM 1:30p SGM/Off-site	6 4:30p Transgender Support Group/ CM Loft 7p CCS/CM 7:30 Membership/OBH	7 8am Exercise Group/CM	8 4p Cyber Privacy Workshop/CM
9 12p Finance/OBH 6p Dining for Women/CM	10 Newsletter Deadline 8am Exercise Group/CM 6:30p RE Cmte/OBH 6:30p Zen Meditation/CM	11 6:30p Small Group Ministry/OBH 6:30p Pastoral Care Training/ Gathering Rm CM	12 10:30am Small Group/OBH 5:30 Affinty Grp/OBH 6p Scrabble & Potluck/CM	13 4:30p Transgender Support Group/ CM Loft	14 8am Exercise Group/CM	15
16 Easter Sunday 12p Mali/OBH 12p Finance OBH 1p SGM/CM Loft	17 8am Exercise Group/CM 6:30p Zen Meditation/CM 7p Endowment Cmte/OBH	18	19 8am Exercise Group/CM 1:30p SGM/Off-site 6:30 Board of Trustees/CM	20 4:30p Transgender Support Group/ CM Loft 5:30 NAACP/OBH 7p Catskill Choral Society/CM	21 8am Exercise Group/CM Auction Set-Up/CM	22 Auction/CM
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please see our calendar on our website at:

www.uuso.org/church-calendar

Or click on the Calendar tab on our website: UUSO.org

Social Action "Change for Change" collected on April Sundays will help **Susquehanna Animal Shelter**. SAS, a "no-kill" shelter, accepts homeless or abandoned animals from across Otsego County, treats for illness or malnutrition, vaccinates, and spays or neuters before adoption to loving homes. SAS's Better Exchange Thrift Shop helps with some of the ongoing expenses, but community donations are also necessary for continued operation, plus repairs after recent serious flood damage. (See news article on Chapin bulletin board.) <http://susquehannaanimalshelter.org/>

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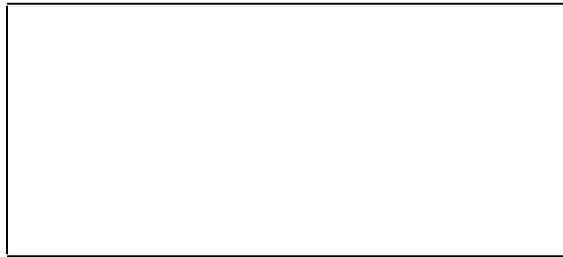
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Order of Service Announcements:

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

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Contact Worship Associate by Friday before Service

Green Sanctuary Corner



The UPS stores in Oneonta on Rt.. 23 and the Copy Shop on Main Street Cooperstown will take packing Styrofoam pieces and peanuts.

It is better to bring a reusable shopping bag.

Plastic Bags: If you forget to bring a reusable shopping bag, Plastic bags and clean dry film (the kind that can be stretched over your thumb) can be recycled at all grocery stores in Otsego County.

Lids or caps on plastic bottles can be recycled if left on the container, if separate they may get lost.

From Dot Hudson