



UUU NEWS

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Unitarian Universalists Assemble!

Every year, Unitarian Universalists gather from around the United States (and from other countries, as well) for our General Assembly. This year, General Assembly was held in Columbus, OH. I had the pleasure of attending GA this year along with Suzanne Miller, chair of our Social Action Committee, and Evelyn Warren, our Office Administrator. It was one of the best General Assemblies I've attended in many years and I'm excited to share what we all experienced/learned from our fellow UU travelers. While in Columbus, I posted daily dispatches of my experiences on my Facebook page. Here are a few of the highlights from my time at General Assembly that I think you might find useful and inspiring.

Opening Celebration

One of the most fun events of General Assembly is the banner parade. Every congregation in attendance and many of the affiliated groups have a banner and with music and singing, all of the banners are march into the hall. This year, Evelyn (along with her children, Henry David and Amelia) carried the UUSO banner in the parade.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX65veSoUjE>
(our banner shows up at 23:56)

Service of the Living Tradition

The annual celebration of all those ministers and religious professionals that have reached professional milestones. They also recognize those that are retiring from service and memorialize those that have died in the past year. Being chosen to give the sermon at the SLT is considered to be a high honor and a great challenge for a UU minister. This year, the sermon was delivered by our former UUA President, the Rev. Bill Sinkford. His sermon was moving and challenging-- one of the best SLT sermons I've heard in a decade.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqM3Trcu3aM>
(Reading "Between the Word and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates at 1:31:00)
(Sermon "Life Calls us On" by the Rev. Bill Sinkford at 1:33:58)

Sunday Morning Worship

Prepared and delivered this year by the Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, a classmate of mine from Meadville Lombard, with music directed by Dr. Glen Rideout. I found this service to be the most moving and important part of the whole General Assembly experience. I am still thinking about what Rev. Nancy had to say to us about how we are with one another and how the world needs us to be. I was so impressed that I will be showing this sermon at two different times in our own sanctuary. Once at GA Movie Night on Friday, 7/8, from 5:30 - 7:30 (RSVP so I can provide popcorn and pizza for everyone,) and again at the GA Movie Brown Bag on Tuesday, 7/12, from 11:30 - 1:30 (no pizza this time, so bring your brown bag lunch). For those that can't come to either of those showings, here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2v-AR9-3JKY>
(Musical Prayer "There Is More Love Somewhere" at 27:45)
(Poem "God is No Noun" by Dr. Glen Rideout at 35:00)
(Readings "Proverbs 4:1-11" and "The Place Where We Are Right" by Amichai at 59:10)
(Sermon "In All Thy Getting, Get Understanding" by Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd at 1:11:55)

In addition to these services and gatherings, I also attended workshops on the Black Lives Matter movement, Innovative Stewardship ideas, and understanding the Qur'an. I attended the Ware Lecture, delivered by Krista Tippet and listened to a debate/forum involving the three candidates for UUA President. I'll be sharing highlights from these workshops and events at the worship service this Sunday (7/10) along with Suzanne and Evelyn. I hope you can join us to hear about our experiences at General Assembly.

Next year, General Assembly will be in New Orleans. I wonder how they'll top the GA experience from this year. I wonder who will be representing UUSO at that gathering-- and what new ideas and resources they will bring back to our congregation.

**Cooperatively,
Rev. Craig**

SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

We have elected our Board officers for 2016-17! They are: Karen Palmer-- President, Sandy Smith—Vice President, Stan Maricle---Clerk. Mary Ruhoff has finished her Board service and Suzy Beddoe has begun as our newest Trustee. Karen Palmer will act as temporary liaison to Mary Ruhoff's committees (Music, Worship, Website).

We believe that open communication between the Board and UUSO members and friends is essential. You may have taken the opportunity to convey your thoughts via our "Sounding Board". We are now partnering with the Committee on Ministry (COM) during Sounding Board times. While some items you bring to our attention will be brought to the Board, others may be more appropriately addressed with the help of the COM or you may be asked to speak directly with Rev. Craig Schwalenberg if your issue concerns the worship service or other matters related specifically to his ministry. It is important for you to know that the Board does not address anonymous messages.

You can also communicate with the Board by speaking with any Trustee in person, by phone, by letter, or by e-mail. Our website lists the names of our current Trustees. We encourage this rather than sharing concerns with others who can't answer questions accurately or make the changes you may be seeking. In the fall the Board and COM will be hosting cottage meetings. This will be an opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts on our Ministry together!

Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, July 27, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Members and friends of UUSO are invited to observe. A Trustee and COM member will be present at the "Sounding Board" table after the service on July 24.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Adapted from the June 19th Newsletter Article)

During the summer there will be no RE classes. Nursery care will always be available during church services for children up to age ten. All are also welcome to attend the service in the sanctuary. There are "Chalice Bags" available in the hallway right as you enter the sanctuary with some activities that children might enjoy. There are ideas for keeping UU Religious Education going at home over the summer on our webpage at uuso.org. There are some additional ideas in the last newsletter article I wrote which is also available on the webpage. My ideas always can be summed up to this: Go Outside. Enjoy and learn about the awesome interconnected web of all life that nourishes us and surrounds us. Do this alone and also together with families and with friends. Notice and feel the wonderfulness of our connections.

Our Society will hold our annual Ingathering Intergenerational Service on September 11th. If you like you can bring in a bit of water from your summer adventures to combine in our common bowl at the service. This symbolizes our joining together and the beginning of another church year. Of course, we always have some "virtual summer water" available because who really remembers to do this? Who knows? Maybe this will be the summer when you remember.

Enjoy your summers! Thank you for such a nice RE year together and I look forward to being together again in the fall.

Susan Ryder
UUSO Director of Religious Education

UUSO MONTHLY MEETINGS • JULY

July 10	12:00 PM	Green Sanctuary Team	OBH
July 10	5:30 PM	Dining For Women	CM
July 13	5:30 PM	Scrabble and Potluck	CM
July 14	5:30 PM	NAACP	OBH
July 16	10:00AM	Anti-Racism Task Force	OBH Living Room
July 17	12:00PM	Finance Committee	OBH Dining Room
July 17	12:00PM	Mali Task Force	OBH Living Room
July 19	5:00 PM	White Caucus Meeting & Potluck	OBH
July 27	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees	CM

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

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Social Action Committee Code Pink Petition

The Social Action Committee asks you to please consider signing a petition developed by Code Pink regarding an executive order passed by Governor Andrew Cuomo. It reads as follows:

"Governor Cuomo: Repeal the unconstitutional Executive Order Number 157 punishing those who employ boycott and divestment as a means to effect political change. Boycotts are a constitutionally protected and time-honored nonviolent tactic used by social movements to achieve needed change for justice and equality. New York State has no business curbing political speech by instituting a McCarthyite blacklist. "

This petition will be available at this week's sumptuous post-service coffee hour.

—Lisa Barr, Social Action Committee

Social Action Committee Retreat

In place of our regular monthly meeting, the Social Action Committee will have a retreat on Sunday afternoon, July 17th, at the home of Dawn Kilts, starting with a potluck lunch at 12:30. We will be reflecting on the past year and setting goals and plans for the year ahead. New members are welcome. Please contact Suzanne Miller if you would like to join us. 607 432-1316/Suzanne.Miller@oneonta.edu

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Backpack Buddies

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the project that Dawn Kilts has organized to collect non-perishable, kid friendly, nutritious food for our school children who may not have enough food to eat over weekends and personal care products for those who need them. This project will continue at UUSO the first Sunday of every month. Donations can be made in cash or by check made out to the Central NY Regional Food Bank with backpack pantry in the subject line. Thanks!!

—Suzanne Miller for Social Action Committee

Green Sanctuary Team

The Green Sanctuary team will be meeting on July 10 at noon after the service at Olympia Brown House to begin planning our church-wide environmental assessment. All who are interested in being a part of helping UUSO become accredited as a Green Sanctuary or simply are dedicated to contributing toward a greener and healthier Earth, please join us!



Petition to Ban Weaponized Drones from the World

David Swanson, antiwar author and activist, who spoke at UUSO in April, has developed a petition to ban weaponized drones from the world through his website Roots Action. It is available on our Social Action table to sign. It makes the point that US drones are killing many innocent civilians, are making the world less stable and creating new enemies. It states that weaponized drones are no more acceptable than land mines, cluster bombs or chemical weapons. The petition includes a request to President Obama to abandon the use of weaponized drones, and a request to the US Secretary of State and the ambassadors to the United States from the nations of the world, to support a treaty forbidding the possession or use of weaponized drones. Thank you to those who have already signed this petition. For more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/94q674l>.

—Suzanne Miller for Social Action Committee

Dining For Women



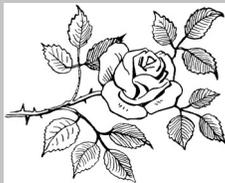
The Oneonta Chapter of Dining for Women will have its next potluck dinner on Sunday, July 10th at 6 pm at UUSO. Each month the group learns about and supports organizations that help women and girls in developing countries improve their lives.

The featured organization this month is Development in Gardening (DIG) in Uganda. DIG will provide experiential training in sustainable agriculture, nutrition, improved cooking practices and business record keeping. There will be three community demonstration gardens and 400 women-led home gardens. The project will empower Batwa women to raise enough crops for their families and enough to sell.

All are welcome to come to the monthly supper. For more information, call Linda at 433-2985.

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Save the Date!



Memorial Service - Howson "Hap" Hartley

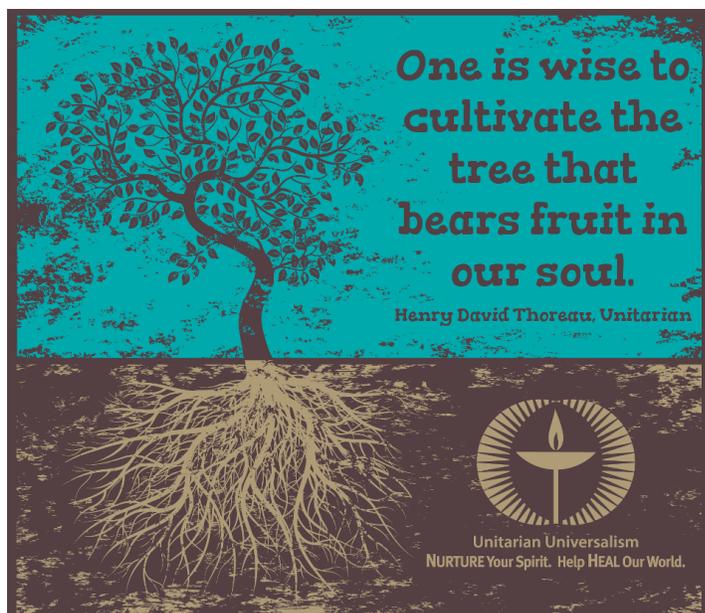
There will be a memorial service in celebration of Hap Hartley's life and in honor of his death held at UUSO on July 30th at 2 p.m. Rev. Craig Schwalenberg will be leading the memorial service and will be offering the eulogy. If you have a special memory or story you would like to share with Rev. Craig to add to the story of Hap Hartley's life, please contact him. There will be a reception after the memorial service. Diana Friedell is coordinating this reception; if you can offer assistance or items for the reception, please contact her.

Hap's obituary can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/haphartleyobit>

From the Editor:

We are experimenting with a new newsletter format for greater ease of production and more professional aesthetics and would love to hear your feedback! Let us know what you think by emailing us at uuso@uuso.org

Article submissions are always welcome. Please keep articles under 150 words. No advertising permitted. Deadline for submission is 9am on the Monday before publication. Articles may be edited for space, grammar or content. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will be published at the discretion of the editor.



Still want to receive a mailed hard copy of the newsletter? We're refreshing our list!

In our efforts to be greener and gain 'Green Sanctuary' status, we're reducing the amount of paper resources used around the office. We are looking to reduce the cost to the congregation and the environment involved in our printing, stamping, and mailing of copies of the newsletter. Get yours instantly in full color online on our website at uuso.org/newsletters. Those who are subscribed to our UUSO News email list receive a notification when it's been published.

If you'd still like to receive a mailed copy, please give the office a call or send an email to uuso@uuso.org. If you take no action, we will assume you no longer would like to receive a printed copy, and you will be removed from the list as of the August 15th newsletter.

UUSO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

<p style="text-align: center;">July 10 "UU's Assemble!" Rev. Craig Schwalenberg</p> <p>Every year, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations gathers at General Assembly. This year the theme was "Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect." Come be inspired and challenged by messages from UU's from across the country!</p> <p>Music Provided By: Music Director Tim Horne Worship Associate: Keith Willcox Ushers: Mary Ruhoff and Molly Swain Coffee Hour Hosts: Lisa Barr & Rosemary Summers Sound System Operated By: Beth Small</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 17 "No Stopping Him" Jim Atwell</p> <p>We know next to nothing of Jesus' boyhood except the mythic account of his birth. Drawing on his book in progress, <i>Jesus' Dog</i>, Jim Atwell will speak about attempting to take Jesus' message and, reading backwards, build him a childhood.</p> <p>Music Provided By: Paul Carter Worship Associate: Cathi Wiltsey Ushers: Norma Lee Havens & Mary Krupp Coffee Hour Hosts: Sandy Smith & Susan Turell Sound System Operated By: Paul Carter</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 24 "Meaning and Spirituality in Nature" Florian Reyda</p> <p>Our modern day-to-day living is enhanced with the wonders of technology. Some of these, however, can disconnect us from our environment. Since we cannot always take time to get back to nature, I advocated finding meaning and spirituality in the tiny natural wonders that are around us.</p> <p>Music Provided By: Music Director Tim Horne Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz Ushers: Cathryn James & Pat Knuth Coffee Hour Hosts: Jim Johnson & Linda Wilcox Sound System Operated By: Scott Segar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 31 "Declaration of Independence Part 2: Inalienable Rights" Rev. Craig Schwalenberg</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inspired by the last sermon written by our own Hap Hartley, I'll explore the concept of inalienable rights.</p> <p>Music Provided By: Michael Frye-Hunt Worship Associate: Cathi Wiltsey Ushers: Duncan & Grace Smith Coffee Hour Hosts: Barbara Sue & Paul Agoglia Sound System Operated By: Beth Small</p>

July 2016

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24	25 6:30PM-8PM Zen Meditation/ CM	26	27 6:30-8:30 BOT Meeting/CM	28	29	30 1PM-4PM Memorial Ser- vice/CM
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UUSO DEADLINES:

UU News Articles: Deadline for July 20th issue is July 18th

Order of Service Announcements:

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

Verbal Announcements:

Contact worship associate by Friday before Service

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If there is someone who should be celebrated or remembered in this column, please contact the editor at uuso@uuso.org

July

Susan Turell	7/10
Kate Seeley	7/20
Karl Seeley	7/21
Julian Pecenco	7/22
Corey S.	7/22
Ben S.	7/23



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