



UUU NEWS

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THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF ONEONTA

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS



July 29 is Rev. Craig's last Sunday with us before his Sabbatical begins. As a show of gratitude for his ministry with us so far and an opportunity to wish him a "fruitful" Sabbatical, the congregation is invited to bring a dish to pass for a fruit-filled potluck following the service. Dishes without fruit are also definitely welcome and needed! Remember to leave out the turmeric as our minister is allergic to this spice! Cool fruity drinks would be a refreshing offering. You might want to bring a juicy watermelon, ripe red strawberries, a fruit salad or any of the excellent casseroles, green salads, and grains that our congregation is famous for. Some gluten-free and vegan items are always appreciated. Let's make this a colorful bounty to send our Minister off on his four month journey of growth and renewal!

SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

Trustees for 2018-19:

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to another year of service to UUSO's Mission. The newly constituted Board is as follows:

	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Liaison Assignments</u> (will be updated next BOT mtg)
President	Karen Palmer	2021	Green Sanctuary, Memorial, Mali
Vice President	Amy Forster Rothbart	2020	RE, Small Group Ministry
Clerk	Adrienne Martini	2020	Sounding Board, Fundraising, Sound
Treasurer	Jeane Bennett-O'Dea	2020	Finance
	Nathan Elsener	2019	Stewardship, Covenant
	Keith Willcox	2019	Endowment, Personnel
	Arlana Young	2021	TBD
	Jennifer Hyypio	2019	TBD
	Rosemary Summers	2021	TBD
Board Member & Moderator	Mary Ruhoff	2019	Bylaws, Policy

Next Board Meeting: Our next Board meeting is going to be combined with a Board Retreat at Destination Oneonta, on Saturday, July 28. Members and friends of UUSO are invited to observe the Board meeting part of this day from 1pm to 3pm. We ask that if you are intending to observe, please let Karen Palmer know a week in advance so that the proper accommodations can be made for you. Board members are always happy to listen to your concerns or suggestions via the "Sounding Board" held after the July 22 service.

Karen Palmer, President
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Recent Change for Change disbursements were \$76.50 to Heart of the Catskills Humane Society in April; \$38.00 to Caring Connections fifth Sunday; \$122.00 to NAMI Otsego County in May; \$115.00 to OFO Violence Prevention Program in June.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE LISTENING SESSION

On Sunday July 15 we will be hosting a listening session to hear your thoughts on the new endowment fund. The event will take place at noon in the sanctuary. It will be the first of several opportunities for members and friends to express their hopes for this exciting initiative.

I moved here in 1981 as a single mother with a preschool child, a new job and no friends. I was registering Patrick for Y programs and noticed the UU SO marquee. I came to a service the following Sunday. It was a life altering decision, and that is why I look forward to establishing the new fund. I want UUSO to thrive in the future, so that it will always be available for those looking for a fresh start. I look forward to seeing you on the 15th and hearing your stories and aspirations for the future.

Margaret Davis
Chair, Endowment Committee

\$\$\$GET CREDIT FOR YOUR CASH CONTRIBUTION\$\$\$

Our new fiscal year started July 1, 2018, so your contributions will go towards your annual pledge made in the Spring. If you would like your cash contributions credited to your pledge, please use the new pledge envelopes available at the Visitors stand under the clock in the sanctuary. Please write your name on the envelope and put it in the collection plate.

Thank you for your support of our beloved community.
The Stewardship Committee

NEXT CANDLELIGHT DINNERS/PICNICS - AUGUST 4, AUGUST 5

Get better acquainted with our congregation by hosting or attending a "candlelight" dinner or picnic on SATURDAY August 4 or SUNDAY August 5. A host invites the assigned guests, provides the table, place settings, and beverages. A guest brings a part of the meal.

Sign up with Alice or Justine after church the following three Sundays or call or e-mail us. Tell us of any dietary restrictions or if you would appreciate childcare. Then we will divide up the guests and assign them to the hosts who have told us how many guests they can accommodate. Our last round of 5 dinners was fun and delicious for all and it's great seeing the continuation on Sundays of the new connections made!

Justine Roefs, 267-0020, justine.roefs@gmail.com

Alice Siegfried, 432-8673, alice.pott@icloud.com



**FREE ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
PICNIC,
HOSTED BY THE
ONEONTA AREA
NAACP**

Saturday, July 14 11AM-3PM
Neahwa Park, in the large pavilion

***UPDATE at 11am the Oneonta City Fire Department will be with us to give tours of a fire truck and meet the kids!!

Free food and drinks!

Free face paint by Hafsa, temporary tattoos by Annyah and build it crafts for the kids donated by The Home Depot!

Free make your own sundaes sponsored by Stewarts!

- * Zumba event presented by Bre
- * Susquehanna Animal Shelter will be on site
- * local groups will be available with community resources.

We will have a gift cards and baskets to be raffled off, and a 50/50!

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, donating to our raffle, or are a non for profit or outreach and would like to have a free table at or event and agree to let us use you in our promotions, please contact Shannon Hughes (607)267-1654

New Folk-Jazz Duo Comes to Oneonta



The Pat Wictor / Deborah Latz duo, a new collaboration between singer-songwriter Pat Wictor and jazz vocalist and performance artist Deborah Latz, will be performing a concert in Oneonta at 7pm on July 28, at Chapin Memorial Church, 12 Ford Avenue.

More information at their websites:

www.patwictor.com

www.deborahlatz.com

NEW CARPET FOR SANCTUARY COMING SOON!

We have chosen a new carpet for the church! The Aesthetics Committee (formerly called the Design Committee) reviewed many, many carpet samples in shades of blue, green, brown, and rust. We finally chose several to present to the congregation on a Sunday in June, and we took the top choice on that Sunday and presented it along with some bluer selections and presented them on a second Sunday. On both Sundays, the top choice by those who commented was a variegated carpet with shades of blue, green, a bit of red, and some grey. We plan to have a sample of the chosen carpet in the church for you to see during the next few weeks. We chose the carpet because we liked the look of it, but in addition it is made from partially recycled fibers, so our “green” values are also supported.

The Aesthetics Committee feels that the carpet we have chosen will look great in the sanctuary and will pick up some of the colors in our fine windows as well as the dark red chairs. The scheduling of the installation will be coordinated by the Properties Committee and the Board, but we hope it will take place later in the summer. There will be some electrical and carpentry work done after the old carpet is pulled up but before the new carpet is laid down, so there will be some disruption to the church while all that takes place. We plan to carpet four areas with the same carpet: the sanctuary, the stage area, the front vestibule and the hall/closet area between the vestibule and the kitchen.

Please take a look at the carpet sample we’ll have on view over the next few weeks.

Kathy Paranya for the Aesthetics Committee

UUSO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM

I'M NOT OLD, I'M VINTAGE

SUNDAY SERVICE WITH MOLLY SWAIN
JULY 15, 2018 • 10:30 AM • UUSO

The scientific and medical upgrades
our parents didn't have are allowing
us to live longer each year.

Molly has some spiritual
thoughts about aging.

**No RE — Summer Break*

With Music provided by Kathy Shimberg
& Paul Carter

Worship Associate: Alexandra Tolin-Schultz

Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Malz

Ushers: Emily Phillips & TBA

Chancel Table: Alice Siegfried

Sound System: Paul Carter

THE *Sam Goodyear* OTHER

UU Society of Oneonta



July 22, 2018
10:30 am

Being able to enter the reality of another is an
art that grows with practice.

We discover the rewards of the art when we
ourselves become the "other."

**No RE—Summer Break*

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

Coffee Hour Hosts: Cathi Wiltsey

Ushers: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Chancel Table: Rosalind Thomas

Sound System: Scott Segar

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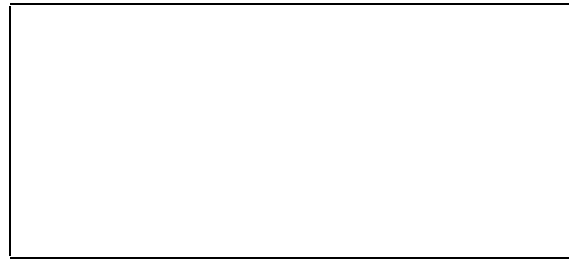
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UUSO DEADLINES:

UU News Articles: Deadline for July 25th issue
is July 23rd, by 9AM.

Order of Service Announcements:
Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

Verbal Announcements:
Contact Worship Associate by Friday before Service



Green Sanctuary Corner

Solar Garden Update

For the people in our congregation who have signed up to obtain energy via a local solar garden through Solstice, I've received word from lead organizer, Sean Hutton, that your spots are locked in. However, the Calicoon site filled faster than expected so our UUSO congregation will have spots in the new Laurens solar garden that has just begun construction. It should be completed within a few months. During this time, there are now 400 spots available for more people. Please contact Karen Palmer if you are interested in signing up so that you, too, can get your household electric from 100% solar and get a 10% discount on your NYSEG bill. A representative from Solstice has been invited to return for another presentation at UUSO in the fall. By the way, our two UUSO buildings are also signed up for the solar garden!

Karen Palmer
For the Green Sanctuary