



UUU NEWS

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SOCIETY OF ONEONTA

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Poke-what now?

What is Pokémon Go?

For those who haven't heard about it from their kids or grandkids or seen a story about it on the news, Pokémon



Go is a new game that was released on smart phones in early July. It quickly became the most downloaded game with the largest number of active players ever. The game involves using your smart phone to walk around to key spots in the real world where you capture pokémon (pocket monsters) of various types. There are more aspects to the game, but that's the important basic concept. People playing the game need a smart phone and need to walk around the real world to play the game.

What is a Pokéstop?

One of the key locations in the game is called a pokéstop. It is where players can pick up items for the game (on their phone) and are more likely to find pokémon. Real world locations like art displays, memorials, public buildings, and historical buildings were designated as pokéstops. There are two pokéstops at CANO where there used to be two art installations. (The information they used to create the game is from several years ago and sometimes is out of date.) The UUSO Chapin Memorial Sanctuary is also a pokéstop, because it is on the National Register of Historic Locations. In the Oneonta area, these three pokéstops are the closest together and allow players to play the game more efficiently.



Why does it matter to us at UUSO?

Well, first, it means there are a lot more people walking by and around our property both day and night. You can recognize the players because they are the ones with a phone in their hand and frequently pausing. CANO has become a late night gathering spot for the players with 20-30 young adults gathering on their lawn every evening after dark. CANO has given them permission to gather there as long as they leave the property clean and undamaged. I've let the players know they are welcome on our property as well (they only need to be on the sidewalk), but I've asked players to refrain from playing the game in our sanctuary. We have plans to host some Pokémon Go-themed events at UUSO to try and tap into this young adult and youth community. Our first event will be a pizza and pop fundraiser on Friday, August 5th, at 9 p.m. One of our goals in our Long Range Plan was to increase outreach to the community and specifically to young adults. This game gives a chance to show we are a welcoming, accepting, and exciting group to be a part of.



So, if you see someone wandering around on Ford Avenue with their phone in their hand, say "Hi" and wish them "Happy Hunting." You might strike up a conversation; you might make a new friend; you might just have found our newest member of UUSO.

Cooperatively,

Rev. Craig



SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

During our July 27 Board of Trustees meeting, we passed a Building Use and Rental Policy (View here: <http://uuso.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/BuildingUseRentalRev3-1.pdf>). We also discussed the evaluation of the ministry planned for Fall, the Leadership Retreat taking place September 25 sponsored by the Committee on Ministry, reviewed the Long Range Plan, and discussed a liaison experiment that we will try this year —more information to come.



Karen Palmer, President
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A new question we will ask at the end of each board meeting is “What voices have not been heard or represented during the meeting?” so that our leadership is always thinking about our white privilege and making sure that we increase our awareness and inclusiveness.

We also determined that our Fall Congregational Meeting date will be October 23, 2016 and our Annual Meeting will be May 7, 2017.

Our next Board meeting is *Wednesday, August 17, at 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 August 14th.



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UUSO MONTHLY MEETINGS • AUGUST

Aug 7	12:00 PM	Green Sanctuary Team	OBH
Aug 10	6:00 PM	Scrabble and Potluck	CM
Aug 13	10:00 AM	Anti-Racism Task Force	OBH
Aug 14	12:00 PM	Finance Committee	OBH
Aug 16	5:00 PM	White Caucus Meeting & Potluck	OBH Living Room
Aug 17	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees	CM
Aug 21	12:00 PM	Mali Task Force	OBH
Aug 23	7:00 PM	Stop the Pipeline	CM

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

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Thanks to All Who Signed Our Social Action Committee Petitions

A big thank you to all of you who signed our Social Action Committee/SAC petitions, which have now been mailed to the various recipients. Seventy signed the petition to divest New York State and local retirement funds from fossil fuels; 65 signed the petition to stop drone warfare; and 38 signed our latest petition to Gov. Cuomo to repeal his executive order punishing those who employ boycott and divestment as a means to effect political change.

Stop by the Social Action table where there are several books available to loan on various social justice issues.

—Suzanne Miller, Social Action Committee

Habitat Lunch

The Unitarian Universalists provided lunch for the workers at the Habitat House on Saturday, July 16. The crew works hard and gets to enjoy a good meal. Mary Ambrose, Lisa Barr, Dawn Kilts, Alice Siegfried, Grace Smith, Prue Stelling, Kay Stuligross and Linda Wilcox all sent food. Prue, Linda and I delivered the food, toured the house and talked with the workers. The house is finished and they are starting work on another home.

— Martha Robinson, Social Action Committee

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Green Sanctuary Organizing Meeting - Aug. 7

Our Green Sanctuary process has begun at UUSO! We plan to have brief check-in meetings monthly to track our progress toward getting Green Sanctuary accreditation from UUA, and will also be participating in the UUA's Green Sanctuary monthly conference calls for guidance through the process. We hope that everyone who expressed interest in helping us create this program will be able to attend our next committee meeting, this coming **Sunday, August 7, at 12 noon** in Olympia Brown House. All are welcome to join us. We hope to communicate in general with a minimum of in-person meetings, keeping in touch and collaborating mainly by email and through the Newsletter and UUSO Chat email group. Anyone wishing to receive meeting minutes, please let us know.



—Kathy Shimberg, for Green Sanctuary start-up team,
along with Dotty Hudson, Deb Bruce, and Karen Palmer

Backpack Buddies First Sunday Collection

Time to think about first Sunday and the backpack buddies and personal care collection, it will happen on **Sunday, August 7**. A big thanks to all of you who have been helping with the collection. Everything is greatly appreciated. We have had wonderful feedback.

Please remember to pick up a couple of non-perishable, kid-friendly food items the next time you shop and to collect those sample personal care items when you travel.

Financial donations are also welcome.

—Dawn Kilts for the Social Action Committee



Chancel Table Volunteers Needed

Please consider arranging the Sunday chancel table with flowers, plants, sculpture, or something to creatively illustrate the sermon topic. Vases, table coverings, candles and candlesticks are in the closet next to the stage. Just call me (607-432-8673) or e-mail (alice.pott@icloud.com) so that we can fill the Sundays.

—Alice Siegfried

Change for Change recent contributions include

- \$128 to Caring Connections in April
- \$143 to OFO Emergency Housing Program in May
- \$143.50 to Oneonta Community Health Center in June.

Let's keep up the good work!

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Pokémon Go Fundraiser Friday

Please join us Friday Evening for a Pokémon Go Pizza and Pop Fundraiser for CANO [Community Arts Network of Oneonta] outside Chapin Memorial Sanctuary at 9PM. Lures during the event from pokéfan, Rev. Craig Schwalenberg. Pokémon Photobooth courtesy of Stone & Blossom Photography



Food and Soda:

- Valorous Pepperoni Pizza - \$2/slice
- Mystic Mushroom Pizza - \$2/slice
- Instinctual Cheese Pizza - \$1.5/slice
- Red Cola, Blue Cola, Yellow Lemonade - \$1/can

All net proceeds will be donated to Community Arts Network of Oneonta (CANO) for their generous hospitality and support of the Pokémon Go! community. (They have the two pokéstops across the street from UUSO.)

The team with the largest amount at the end of the event will get special credit for the donation and special consideration at the next event.

Come, eat, chat, play, and catch 'em all!

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1200643216623845/>

*“Pokémon Trainer Rejuvenation Station”
—Water station set up outside of the Sanctuary for passersby on especially hot days.*



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

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Newsletter Deadline 9AM Zen Medita- tion/CM 6:30PM	2	3	4	5 Pokémon Go fundraiser for CANO/CM 9PM 	6
7 Green Sanctu- ary Team/ OBH 12PM 	8 Zen Medita- tion/CM 6:30PM	9	10 Scrabble & Potluck/CM 6PM 	11	12	13 Anti-Racism TF/OBH 10AM- 11:30AM
14 Finance Cmte/OBH 12PM 	15 Newsletter Deadline 9AM Zen Medita- tion/CM 6:30	16 White Caucus Mtg & Pot- luck/OBH 5PM	17 Board of Trus- tees/CM 6:30	18	19	20
21 Mali Task Force/OBH 12PM	22 Zen Medita- tion/CM 6:30PM	23 Stop the Pipe- line/CM 6:30PM	24	25	26	27
28	29 Newsletter Deadline 9AM Zen Medita- tion/CM 6:30PM	30	31	OBH: Olympia Brown House—16 Ford Ave	CM: Chapin Memorial Sanctuary—12 Ford Ave	

For the most up-to-date information on events and building reservations,
 please see our calendar on our website at:

www.brownbearsw.com/cal/uuso_1

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

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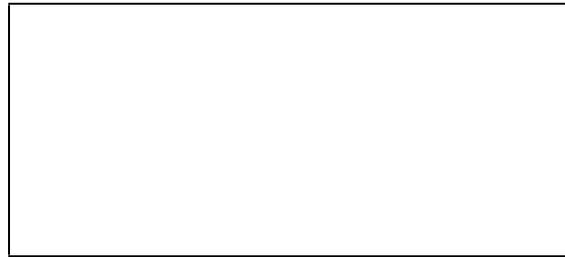
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UUSO DEADLINES:

UU News Articles: Deadline for Aug 17th issue is Aug 15th.

Order of Service Announcements:

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

Verbal Announcements:

Contact Worship Associate by Friday before Service

Green Sanctuary Corner

QUICK TIP

Keep the shades closed
when the AC is on.
Sunny windows account for
40% of unwanted heat
and can make an AC work up to
3 times harder.

