

Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

Fall 2014 Worship Schedule

Regular Sunday Services start at 10:30 am

September 7

"Spirit of Place"

Ingathering and Water Communion

Susan Ryder and Pam Strother

**Start Together Sunday*

Please join us and bring water from your travels or elsewhere as we come together for the beginning of the church year.

September 14

"Shifting the Center: What We All Can Learn From 'Queer' Experiences"

Elliot Ruggles

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

People who push the boundaries of what we consider "normal" around gender and sexuality allow us all to contemplate what it means to be human.

Join me as I share the stories of those who do this and what their experiences can teach us all.

September 21

"Overcoming A Betrayal of Faith"

Rev. Sam Trumbore

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

"The church interfered with my spirituality," is a common complaint of people visiting our congregations. Creeds and doctrines can undermine our faith rather than support it. When church leaders profess one thing on Sunday morning and do another Saturday night, faith can easily be betrayed.

Unitarian Universalism has a very different approach to philosophical and spiritual growth that develops an independent and free faith.

September 28

"Days of Awe"

A UU Celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Pam Strother & UUSO Members

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

This season, our Jewish heritage calls us to live deliberately, to seek and offer forgiveness, to honor our dead, and to rededicate ourselves to the good and true.

October 5

"The Pursuit of Happiness"

Hap Hartley

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

The Declaration of Independence states that we are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The first two are clearly rights. Happiness, however, is an emotion that must be achieved. How does this happen?

October 12

"Zombie Theology"

Rev. Michelle George Yates

**Start Together Sunday*

What does the current zombie craze tell us about our internal theology? What is percolating in our minds and hearts that has given rise to this macabre obsession?

October 19

"The Importance of Our UU Faith in Uganda"

Rev. Mark Kiyimba

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

As a former evangelical preacher, my views have since changed and now I preach acceptance, reconciliation and unity, peace and love. I attribute all this to the fact that I discovered Unitarian Universalism, a faith that is fair and balanced.

I will share how important it has been to me.

October 26

"Pretty Woman"

Rev Margie Allen

**Start Together Sunday*

The Rev. Margie Allen, minister with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook uses Ovid's story of the sculptor Pygmalion to talk about transformational processes and the fashioning of human beings.

November 2

"When Being Good is No Longer Possible"

Sandy Huntington

Children to Classrooms at 10:30

There are two different ways of leading the spiritual life, as embodied in the Biblical story of Mary and Martha. (Luke 10:38-42)

November 9

"Meditation on the Interdependence of All Existence: Or, Why The Chicken Crossed the Road"

Rev. Bob Janis Dillon

**Start Together Sunday*

This will be a morning of poetic exploration of interdependence, youth, grief and loss, adventure, particle physics, and bad jokes.

November 16

"Bamboo and the Broken Lotus"

Rev. Douglas Taylor

***Start Together Sunday**

Nature's resiliency can teach us of our own resilience. As we face the 'winds of change' and 'times of trial' we can learn to bow and bend and rise anew with each dawn.

November 23

"The Career as a Path to the Soul"

David Rottman

***Start Together Sunday**

"How do we find our own higher purpose in life? The path to individual meaning involves coming to terms with dimensions of ourselves that are often hidden but need to be revealed--a challenging but most worthy process."

November 30

"Appreciating Being Unappreciated"

Cheryl Petersen

No Religious Education Classes Today

We help others. We help ourselves. The world asks for more. We ask for more. How do we appreciate more?

December 7

"Returning"

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

***Start Together Sunday**

After time away and travels afar, it is time to return to the Beloved Community, time to be, once more, a part of the greater whole.

December 14

"Stories of the Season"

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

***Stay Together Sunday/Holiday Workshop**

Let's celebrate the time of holidays and holy days with the telling of stories from different lands and different traditions.

December 21

"Two Hundred Years!"

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

***Start Together Sunday**

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Edwin Chapin, for whom our church is named, is on December 29.

What lessons remain for us after 200 years?

Christmas Eve Services

December 24

Join us for one of our candlelight services celebrating the birth of Jesus and his message of hope.

Family Service at 6:30 pm

Music and stories for all ages

Meditative Service at 10:00 pm

Contemplative and traditional

Spiritual Vespers

5:30 pm

October 3

"Out of Balance? Getting Off the Teeter Totter"

Sara Delafield co-owner of the Red Feather Retreat, a small learning center for the exploration of consciousness will share techniques to help integrate your energy system.

November 5

"Full Tree Moon"

On November 6 we observe a full moon. How do we use the energy of the full moon to magnify our intentions?

December 3

"Ditching a Grudge"

How we can heal ourselves of old hurts and have a more loving attitude during the holiday season.

***Start Together Sunday:** Children through 6th grade start out at 10:30 am in the sanctuary with their families until after Time for All Ages.

***Stay Together Sunday:** Children stay with their families for the entire service