



# UUU NEWS

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### Fall Worship Calendar

The Fall Worship Calendar is now posted on our website and attached to this newsletter (in print form). There are some exciting services planned with some traditional favorites and some new pulpit guests. Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend these worship gems:

9/11 "Catching the Wave"

*Our annual Ingathering/Water Communion*

Bring some water with special meaning to you for our water communion ritual.

9/25 "The Very Best..."

*Pulpit Guest, the Rev. Joan Becelaere with Rev. Craig*

Rev. Joan is part of the Congregational Life staff of our UUA Central East Region. She is looking forward to helping us find what we do best at UUSO.

10/1 "Who Do You Think You Are"

*Pulpit Guest, our own Jeane Bennet-O'Dea*

Jeane's debut in our pulpit, sharing her understanding of the Buddhist tradition.

10/9 "Days of Awe"

*Our annual celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur*

Join Rev. Craig as he leads this traditional service honoring our Jewish heritage.

10/30 "Looking Forward & Looking Backward"

*A Samhain Celebration.*

Pam Strother helps us celebrate the Pagan New Year, drawing from and honoring the earth-centered faith tradition.

11/13 "God's Own Image"

*Our first Transgender Day of Remembrance Service.*

Leah Bridgers and Rev. Craig are working together to craft this moving service.

11/27 "Warmth and Sincerity"

*Our regular pulpit guest, Cheryl Petersen, returns.*

Cheryl has traditionally filled our pulpit on this Sunday after Thanksgiving.

12/11 "Stories of the Season"

*The traditional, intergenerational holiday story service.*

After the service, we will likely have the Holiday workshop for all ages.

12/24 Christmas Eve Service

Join us for the Family-friendly or the Meditative candlelight service.

12/25 "A Family Christmas Morning"

*An informal worship on Christmas morning.*

Rev. Craig and Cheryl DeDecker once again invite everyone to a family tradition of Christmas songs, stories, and breakfast in your best pajamas.

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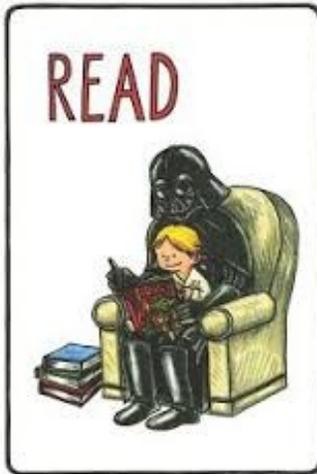
# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There is much preparation underfoot and excitement as we ready the classrooms for the Religious Education year ahead. I envision an exuberant and spirit-full time for all children and youth as they participate in the following classes:

K-3rd grade will explore Super Heroes Bible People

4-5th grade will enter Hogwarts Oneonta

6-8th grade will participate in Jedi Academy



and Youth from 9-12th grade will meet as YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) to plan their year together. The next newsletter article will include in-depth descriptions of these classes. It is not necessary to be a Harry Potter fan or to have read the books or seen the movies to enjoy the class. This is also true of those who aren't Star Wars aficionados. All classes are dynamic, active, thought-provoking, and fun. They also are interwoven with UU Principles, personal introspection about values and spirituality, social justice awareness and activities, and lessons about the care of our planet.

**Registration for RE will take place after the church services on September 11th and 18th. There is no fee for participating. Everyone must register even if you have already registered in previous years.**

Please help your children and youth come to church as often as they can. The more they participate, the more they will benefit from the RE Program. This is a place where they can be part of a supportive, questioning, accepting, justice-seeking community that can prop them up in ways that they won't find anyplace else in their lives. However, please don't

The RE Program Officially Begins on  
RE KICK-OFF Sunday, Sept. 18!  
Join us for RE FUN DAY  
A Day of Quidditch, Games, Crafts,  
and Ice Cream Sundaes!  
We will begin the day in the sanctuary  
for the first part of the service  
and then adjourn to the nearby Olympia  
Brown House for festivities.

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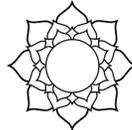
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worry if attendance must be sporadic or if your child is just visiting or joining later in the year. All are always welcome. All are also always welcome to bring friends to their classes.

**Here's to another wonderful year in RE!**

**Susan Ryder - UUSO Director**

**of Religious Education**



*As some of you know this is a difficult time for me as I am assisting my mother in her end-of-life journey. This has resulted in many new responsibilities that are also distressing. My mother lives near Chicago, so seeing her is quite the trek. Fortunately, my brother and his wife live near her and are able to provide immediate care. We work well together and have shared some difficult experiences and decisions. I have travelled to be with my mother many times since Easter. Of course there is no predicting how long this will go on but I sense not too much longer. I know grief has touched all of our lives so, in some way you all know what I am experiencing. It is a time that is wrenching, yet I am learning so many things. I have had the gift of sharing some dear times with my mother. This experience helps me see the world in a new way and to appreciate and love the people in my life as well as life itself.*

*Unfortunately, this situation is affecting my ability to be as present as I would like to be in my role as Director of RE at UUSO. The RE Committee, Rev. Craig, Evelyn, and the Board of Trustees are all supporting me as I continue my duties here as best I can. They have all taken up parts of my workload and are helping me during this hard time. Contingency plans are in place, for when I am needed in Chicago. I am most grateful for the support of this loving community. If you have any questions or concerns about the RE program please let me know. Rev. Craig and the Chair of the RE Committee, Adrienne Martini, are also available if I am not. I am confident that, together, we will continue our tradition of fabulous RE programming.*

*With Gratitude,  
Susan Ryder*

## SAWDUST FROM THE BOARD

During our August 17 Board of Trustees meeting, we held a Zoom video call with UUA Central East Region consultant Rev. Joan Van Beelaere to discuss her facilitation of the upcoming Leadership Workshop planned for September 25 afternoon and Evaluation of the Ministry process.

We also appointed Paul Carter as Trustee to stand in for Amy Forster Rothbart during her leave of absence from August through December. We reviewed a letter that we will be sending out to committee chairs concerning our new liaison/committee communication approach and determined liaisons to specific committees.

We also heard reports and discussed recruiting new leadership for the Fundraising Committee which we are planning to hold off until January as the various fundraising event leaders are all doing a wonderful job.



Karen Palmer, President  
UUSO Board of Trustees

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Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 21, 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 September 18.

### New Online Calendar

We are experimenting with a new calendar on our website for scheduling building use and events. We apologize for any confusion this past week with events not showing up on the old calendar. The event updates have indeed been made, and they're all waiting for you on the new platform. This calendar will have the ability to synch across all of your 'smart' devices. It will still be color-coded, for ease of use. All of the issues we had with the administration side of the old calendar have been addressed; and the best part of all, it's **free**. We will no longer have to pay a yearly fee. Please be sure to click on events for the full text and details to come up. We are working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible, and we are still looking into other calendars that may suit our needs better.

-UUSO Office

## UUSO MONTHLY MEETINGS • SEPTEMBER

Sept 4	12:00 PM	Green Sanctuary Team	OBH
Sept 6	6:00 PM	Social Action Committee	67 Church St.
Sept 7	6:30 PM	Web Committee	OBH
Sept 18	12:00 PM	Finance Committee	OBH
Sept 18	5:00 PM	Mali Task Force	OBH
Sept 19	7:00 PM	Endowment Committee	OBH
Sept 21	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees	CM

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

## UUSO NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Anti-militarism Film Series to begin in September

The Social Action Committee is starting a last Wednesday of the month film series with a focus against militarism. The first film will be Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us for a simple vegetarian meal at 6:00 followed by the film at 7:00 at no cost. Meal reservations are requested but not required by emailing [uuso@uuuso.org](mailto:uuso@uuuso.org) or calling the church office at 607 432-3491. Child care is available by notifying the church office of the number and ages of the children by the Monday prior to each film. September's film is Michael Moore's "Bowling for Columbine." Hope to see you there!

-Lisa Barr and Suzanne Miller

### Workshop on US Killer Drones and What We Can Do- Sat., Oct. 1 at 1:00 p.m. at UUSO

Drones used by our government are launched from Hancock Air force base near Syracuse. Many civilians have been killed in US drone attacks in other countries which has further alienated their citizens from us. Activists Mary Ann Grady Flores, Ed Kinane, and Anne Tiffany of the Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars will help lead a workshop at UUSO on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 1:00 to 3:30 which will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Join us and learn more about this issue and what we can do. At the end of the workshop, there will be an option to join a demonstration downtown against drone warfare for those who would like to participate. Email [uuso@uuuso.org](mailto:uuso@uuuso.org) if you would like to attend the workshop or sign up at the Social Action table in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks!

-Lisa Barr, Janet Sutta, Suzanne Miller and Elliot Adams for the Social Action Committee

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# UUSO NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Small Group Ministry at UUSO

Also known as "covenant groups" and "chalice circles," Small Group Ministry is a vital part of many Unitarian Universalist congregations. A group of about 10 people meets twice a month to reflect on and discuss significant life topics.

Small groups are great places to get to know other people and to get to know yourself. Over time, participants build deep connections with one another, with the congregation and with the sacred.

Whether the topic is "good and evil," "mindful living" or "letting go," the conversation is respectful and caring and leads to greater understanding. In each session, facilitated by a member of the group who has been trained, all participants have an opportunity to share their perspectives, tell their stories, and listen deeply. The time together is structured: Groups begin and end with centering readings and often include a time of silence before the sharing begins. Small groups engage in two service projects a year, putting their faith into action.

Our Small Group Ministry program has an "open enrollment" time at the beginning of September and requests a commitment of one church year. Groups begin in October and end in June. Sign ups for this church year start on Sept 4 after the service. You may also sign up on Sept 11 and Sept 18 after services. Contact Mary Krupp at [dollover124@hotmail.com](mailto:dollover124@hotmail.com) or 432-0772 to sign up or find out about Small Group Ministry at UUSO.

## Proposal to Change the Bylaws Regarding the Committee on Ministry

Last May, the Committee on Ministry (COM) proposed changes to the by-laws. Unfortunately, none of the COM members were able to attend the congregational meeting and were therefore not able to answer our friends' questions. On September 11, during social hour, the COM will be present to answer any questions the congregation may have on the proposed by-law changes, which we will present once again at the one of the next congregational meetings. If you cannot be at church on Sept. 11, please feel free to contact any COM member personally.

The COM has changed its focus from ministerial concerns to keeping the mission of our Society at the forefront of our thoughts and actions. We've become a committee that is responsible/accountable to the whole congregation, rather than to the minister or the board. We have spent considerable time reviewing how the role of this committee is changing in UU churches across the country, and have created a model that we hope will work for our own UUSO. We are proposing the following changes to the by-laws to insure that the committee will continue to function in this new way over time. Please bring any and all concerns to the members of the COM (Kevin Schultz, Patricia Engel Lafata, Carolyn Wolf-Gould).

7.6.1 The Committee on Ministry (COM) shall consist of three (3) Society members. In odd numbered years three (3) members will be elected by the Society, each for a term of two (2) years. A member of the COM may serve for only two (2) consecutive terms. A member of the COM may not be a member of the Board of Trustees or the Chair of any other committee.

7.6.2 In election years, the COM will give the Nominating Committee the names of six (6) Society members, three (3) of which will be placed in nomination and voted on at the Annual Meeting.

7.6.3 The purpose of the Committee on Ministry is to keep the mission of our Society in the forefront of its thoughts and actions, to facilitate cooperation among ministries, to mediate conflicts which interfere with its ministries or mission, and to monitor the effectiveness of all of the ministries of the Society in light of its mission. Ministry, here, is defined as all that the Society does in fulfillment of its mission.

7.7.1 The term of each member of a Standing Committee begins at the start of the fiscal year following the Annual Meeting.

LAST WEDNESDAYS FILM SERIES:

# AGAINST MILITARISM

JOIN US THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR A VEGETARIAN DINNER AT 6:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A FILM SCREENING AT 7:00 PM, NO CHARGE. DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW AFTERWARDS  
VIEWER DISCRETION MAY BE ADVISED PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE.

“THE MILITARISM IS IN ALL OF US, IT’S TOUCHING ALL OF US IN ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. AND UNTIL WE



**SEPTEMBER 28, BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE**  
SEEKING TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHY GUN VIOLENCE IS SUCH A THREAT IN THE U.S., JOURNALIST AND FILMMAKER MICHAEL MOORE DECONSTRUCTS THE COLUMBINE SCHOOL SHOOTING! IN THE PROCESS, HE SHINES A WELL-RESEARCHED, PROVOCATIVE LIGHT ON AMERICAN GUN CULTURE, RACISM, GUN HISTORY, POVERTY, GUN REGULATION, MEDIA COVERAGE, POLITICS, MEDIA-INSPIRED FEAR, PARANOIA, AND MEDIA BLAMING. A HIGHLIGHT IS THE CLASSIC SEGMENT BY SOUTH PARK PRODUCERS.  
R RATED FOR SOME VIOLENT IMAGES AND LANGUAGE.

**OCTOBER 26TH , FORGIVING DR. MENGELE**

DIFFERENT FROM OTHER HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTARIES, THE TITLE SAYS IT ALL. VIEWERS ARE FORCED TO QUESTION THEIR OWN CAPACITY TO FORGIVE AS THEY WATCH EVA MOZES KOR, A SURVIVOR OF DR. MENGELE’S EXPERIMENTS ON TWINS COME TO GRIPS WITH HER PAST. SHE FINDS A FUTURE IN FORGIVENESS AND IN SO DOING, FINDS HERSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIRESTORM. BUT SHE GOES ON TO CREATE A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT IN RURAL TERRA HAUTE, INDIANA. NOT RATED.



**NOVEMBER 30, SIR! NO SIR!**

THIS FILM BRINGS TO LIFE THE GI, OFFICER, AND INTELLIGENCE AGENT REBELLION AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION TOWARD VIETNAM, USING THE VOICES OF THOSE INVOLVED IN IT, ALONG WITH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND NEWS REPORTS OF THE DAY. IT RESURRECTS HISTORY-CHANGING EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN ALL BUT OBLITERATED BY A RENEWED PRO-MILITARISM PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN TODAY’S INFOTAINMENT ERA. SEGMENTS INCLUDE: “1965-1966 A FEW MALCONTENTS”; “1967-1969 WE THOUGHT THE REVOLUTION WAS STARTING.” “1970-1973 ‘SIR MY MEN REFUSE TO FIGHT!’”; AND “EPILOGUE: THE MYTH OF THE SPITTING HIPPIE.” NOT RATED.

**DECEMBER 28, SWIMMING TO CAMBODIA**

WITH A GLASS OF WATER, A MICROPHONE, AND A NOTEBOOK, THE LATE COMEDIAN SPAULDING GRAY EXPLAINS HOW U.S. MILITARISM LED TO THE “KILLING FIELDS” OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. INSIGHT AND HILARITY ENSUES FROM HIS OBIE AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE. NOT RATED.



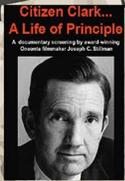
**JANUARY 25, PAYING THE PRICE FOR PEACE: THE STORY OF S. BRIAN WILSON.**



WILSON, A FORMER AIR FORCE VIETNAM VETERAN TURNED PEACE ACTIVIST, LOST BOTH OF HIS LEGS DURING A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY A MUNITIONS TRAIN THAT WAS SPEEDING 3 TIMES OVER THE LEGAL LIMIT TOWARD THE PROTESTERS AT THE CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION, CALIFORNIA. CONSEQUENTLY, THOUSANDS OF ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATORS CONVERGED AT THE SITE AND RIPPED UP THE RAILROAD TRACKSBLOCKING ALL TRAINS FOR THE FOLLOWING 865 DAYS IN PROTEST OF ALL MUNITIONS SHIPMENTS TO THE US GOVERNMENT BACKED WARS IN NICARAGUA OR EL SALVADOR. WILSON HAS SINCE RETURNED TO VIETNAM TO MAKE AMENDS. NOT RATED.

**FEBRUARY 22, CITIZEN CLARK: A LIFE OF PRINCIPLE**

FOR FIFTY YEARS, FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK HAS CHALLENGED THE ABUSES OF U.S. POWER AND CHAMPIONED THE CAUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS. LOCAL FILM-MAKER JOE STILLMAN WILL BE ON HAND TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON THIS FILM AFTER SCREENING.  
NOT RATED.



**MARCH 29, CITIZENFOUR**

BY JANUARY 2013, LAURA POITRAS, AN AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY FILM DIRECTOR/PRODUCER, HAD WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON A FILM ABOUT MONITORING PROGRAMS IN THE US FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS. THE FILM FOLLOWS HER RECEIPT OF AN ENCRYPTED E-MAIL FROM A STRANGER WHO CALLING HIMSELF, “CITIZENFOUR.” SHE WOULD LATER MEET EDWARD SNOWDEN, WHO OFFERS HER INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ILLEGAL WIRETAPPING PRACTICES OF THE US NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA) AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES. THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS HISTORY. AND AN ACCLAIMED FILM.  
NOT RATED.

**APRIL 26, A TIME OF BURNT ORANGES**

TESTIMONIES OF RESISTANCE, TRANSFORMATION, AND HOPE MAKE A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT ARGENTINA’S 1970 U.S.-SUPPORTED STATE TERRORISM A REVELATION. FILMMAKER SYLVIA MALAGRINO WON THE CINE GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD BY ESTABLISHING LINKS BETWEEN THE STRUGGLES OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE WITH TODAY’S NECESSITY TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS AND PRESERVE HUMAN DIGNITY WITH DEMOCRATIC VALUES. NOT RATED.



**MAY 31, THE YOUNG LORDS**

THEY WERE LEADERS OF THE YOUNG LORDS PARTY, THE MILITANT PUERTO RICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION BEGUN IN CHICAGO, THEN BASED IN NEW YORK. TODAY, MANY ARE NOTABLE MAINSTREAM JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING JUAN GONZALEZ, FELIPE LUCIANO, AND PABLO GUZMAN. IRIS MORALES MAKES HISTORY COME ALIVE AS VETERANS OF THE MOVEMENT RECALL THEIR FIGHT FOR EQUALITY, JOBS, HEALTH CARE, AND EDUCATION, ALL THE WHILE BEING INFILTRATED BY NYPD. NOT RATED.

RSVP SUGGESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED.  
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST,  
PREFERABLY BY EMAIL, [UUSO@UUSO.ORG](mailto:UUSO@UUSO.ORG),  
OR CALLING 607-432-3491.

PLEASE CALL BY MON OF EACH WEEK, WITH AGES/NUMBER OF CHILDREN.



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MARY ANN GRADY FLORES, OF UPSTATE COALITION TO GROUND THE DRONES AND END THE WARS

[Click Here to zoom in.](#)

UNDERSTAND THAT, WE’RE NOT GOING TO BE ENGAGED TO THE RESISTANCE TO IT.”

# UUSO NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Bridges Interfaith Campus Ministry**

Four Oneonta congregations (Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta, First United Methodist, First United Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian) have joined together to create a new spiritual alternative for the students at both Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta. Bridges Interfaith Campus Ministry is debuting this week at both campuses, appearing at the SUNY Multicultural Club Expo (8/31), the Hartwick Taste of Wick (9/2), and the SUNY Expo (9/7). With volunteers and ministerial support from all four congregations, we hope to offer a weekly presence at the campuses (alternating between them every other week.) The name of this program comes from a quote from Angela Davis, "Walls turned sideways are bridges." Our shared mission is to build bridges among and to the campus communities to develop and deepen our faith journeys by exploring, welcoming, and appreciating the full tapestry of humanity. This collaborative, cooperative network of faith communities embraces the following ideals:

- Welcoming all • Respecting all • Seeking understanding together•
- Building bridges instead of walls•

If you are interested in helping with this campus ministry program, please contact Rev. Craig.

 [Facebook.com/bridgesinterfaithministry](https://www.facebook.com/bridgesinterfaithministry)

 [Twitter.com/MinistryBridges](https://twitter.com/MinistryBridges)

## **Building Your Own Theology Class - CANCELLED**

Unfortunately, we did not have enough people pre-register for the Building Your Own Theology class. Charles King and Rev. Craig will try to find another time to offer the class in the Winter/Spring quarter. Our apologies to those that did pre-register-- you will be given the first opportunity to pre-register for the class when it is offered again.

Cooperatively,

Rev. Craig



### A Conversation on Community Policing: Toward an Anti Racist Community

SAVE THE DATE:  
September 18, 2016 from noon to 1:30pm

Jacqui Williams, UUA resource person and member of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, will present her perspective as an activist who has worked closely with police in her local community to establish and implement community policing principles. She will facilitate an interactive conversation with invited police and community members as we create a safe space to engage in a conversation about this subject.

-The UUSO Anti-Racism Task Force

# UUSO NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pokémon Go Fundraiser Friday 9/2

Our third Pokémon Go Pizza and Pop Fundraiser is this Friday, outside Chapin Memorial Sanctuary at 7PM.

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

Sweet treats from [221 Bakery](#)



Net proceeds will be donated to: [NAMI](#) [The National Alliance on Mental Illness], [CANO \[Community Arts Network of Oneonta\]](#) (for their generous hospitality and support of the *Pokémon Go!* community) and our own 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.

Team Mystic and Instinct: Please gather at 7:45 for team photos! Wear your team colors.

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

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1123343551065528/>

## Coffee Hour and Ushering Volunteer Schedule Sign Up

It's that time of year again! If you sent the office an email specifying which dates you'd like to sign up for, you've likely already received notification this week letting you know that you've been inserted into the schedule. If you haven't received an email from Sign-Up Genius, please sign up for your choice of dates for hosting coffee hour and ushering here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4fa9af2babf49-coffee>



These are available on a first come-first serve basis. If you don't pick a date, your email will be put in a pool to be randomly pushed into empty slots. You'll get assigned wherever there's room, which might not be an ideal date for you. If you do not have an email, please call the UUSO office during business hours and the office administrator will help you get signed up.

Remember: Coffee hour need not be a big affair. Something to nibble on is all that's needed. Fruit and a cracker of some sort, and a juice. Get reimbursed up to \$16 by filling out a Request for Funds slip.

**UUSO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM**

September 4  
**“Beyond the Black Lives Matter Banner”**  
 Members of the Anti-Racism Task Force

How do we become an anti-racist congregation if our only experiences are lived within a racist society? We must learn how to talk authentically about whiteness and across our differences. Join us to continue the conversation.

Music Provided By: Paul Carter  
 Worship Associate: Keith Willcox  
 Ushers: Vickie Andritz & Bob Rightmire  
 Coffee Hour Hosts: Deb Blue & Maureen Tarry  
 Sound System Operated By: Scott Segar

September 11  
**“Catching the Wave”**  
**Ingathering and Water Communion**  
 Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

A Drop, A Stream, A River,  
 An Ocean, A Wave.  
 Amazing what can happen when  
 we all work together.  
 Let's celebrate our coming together,  
 and look toward catching that next wave!

Music Provided By Music Director Tim Horne  
 & the UUSO Choir  
 Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz  
 Ushers: UUSO Board of Trustees  
 Coffee Hour Hosts: UUSO Board of Trustees  
 Sound System Operated By: Paul Carter

September 18  
**"Across the Ages"**  
 Rev. Craig Schwalenberg & Susan Ryder  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

We wish to be a congregation for all ages.  
 What would that look like?  
 What does it look like now?  
 Let's make our ministries truly intergenerational!

Music Provided By: Music Director Tim Horne  
 Worship Associate: Cathi Wiltsey  
 Ushers: TBA  
 Coffee Hour Hosts: TBA  
 Sound System Operated By: Beth Small

September 25  
**“The Very Best...”**  
 Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
 and Rev. Joan Becelaere  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

To get where we are going, we first need to know where we are and where we are headed. Only the very best tools of navigation will do. We need to look at the stories we tell about who we are and who we want to be. Only the very best stories will help us shape our future.

Music Provided By Music Director Tim Horne  
 & the UUSO Choir  
 Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz  
 Ushers: TBA  
 Coffee Hour Hosts: TBA  
 Sound System Operated By: Julian Pecenco

September Change-for-Change Recipient: NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. They have hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations, and volunteers who work in the community to raise awareness and provide support and education to those in need. For more information or to ask for assistance, contact them at their toll-free NAMI HelpLine: 1 (800) 950 NAMI (6264); locally, 783-2522; [info@nami.org](mailto:info@nami.org) or [namiofotsego@gmail.com](mailto:namiofotsego@gmail.com).

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

# September 2016

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 4PM Building Use/CCS/CM	2 7PM Pokémon Go fundraiser for NAMI/CANO/ UUSO 	3
4 12PM Green Sanctuary Team/OBH 	5	6 6PM Social Action Cmte/67 Church St.	7 10AM Small Group Minis- try/OBH  6:30P Web Cmte/OBH	8 1PM Web Cmte/ OBH 5:30 NAACP/ OBH 6PM Building Use/CCS/CM	9	10
11 5:30PM Dining For Women/CM	12 Newsletter Deadline 9AM 4:30PM Transgender Town Hall/CM	13 6:30PM Small Group Ministry/OBH	14	15  6PM Building Use/CCS/CM	16	17 1:30PM Build- ing Use/CM  1:30PM Build- ing Use/OBH
18 12PM Mali Task Force/ OBH 12PM Finance Cmte/OBH	19 7PM Endowment Cmte/OBH	20	21 10:30AM Small Group Minis- try/OBH	22 4:30PM Trans Support Group/ CM Loft  6PM Building Use/CCS/CM	23 3PM-Building Use/CM	24 ALL DAY Zen Medita- tion Retreat/ CM
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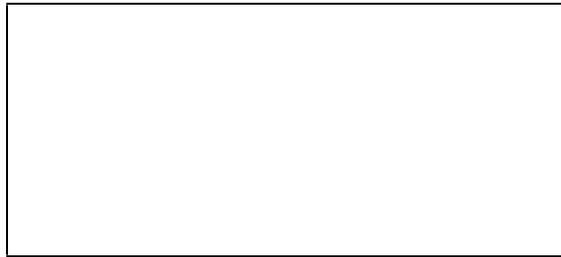
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**UU News Articles:** Deadline for Sept 14th issue is Sept 12th.

**Order of Service Announcements:**

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

**Verbal Announcements:**

Contact Worship Associate by Friday before Service

## Green Sanctuary Corner



Our Green Sanctuary Team now has 30+ members, including those who signed up initially and those who came to our meeting August 7. We will be meeting regularly on the first Sunday of each month, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, in Olympia Brown House.

For anyone who can't make it to the meetings, we keep in contact via email, UUSO Chat, UUSO Newsletter, and in-person conversation. Our next meeting is this coming Sunday, Sept. 4. We hope as many as possible can attend as we continue to organize, plan, and gather ideas from everyone interested. Anyone else who'd like to join us, or who just wants to find out what this is all about, please come, too.

If anyone has relevant ideas they'd like to circulate, please send them to me and I'll pass them along to the group and/or the congregation. Anyone not already on the group list who'd like to catch up via the minutes from our meetings, let me know.

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