



# UUU NEWS

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THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
SOCIETY OF ONEONTA

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## COMING UP AT UUSO

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# AUCTION

Saturday, April 27  
Doors Open: 5PM | Live Auction: 6PM

Get your bid paddle and strategy ready, because this year's auction is looking to be the best ever! All kinds of intriguing and valuable items, something for every budget and every interest!

One item that we want to bring to your attention early so that you can talk with other people and make plans: Cindy Squires is once again donating her vacation rental in the Berkshires. She has two units right next to each other but with separate entries. One unit sleeps two people; the other can sleep up to four (queen bed and pull out sofa bed). This is a one week rental; Cindy is checking on the dates, but it is always toward the end of May/beginning of June, and it would be for this year, so coming up very soon!

The people who took this prize two years ago added a volume of information to the notebook, to include practically everything you can do in the area – hikes, museums, festivals, music, historic sites, restaurants and more – so your vacation plans are easy to make!

We'll be bidding on the two units separately, so talk it up with your friends and family and get ready for vacation in the Berkshires!

Please note: this year, the auction starts a little earlier than in previous years. The doors open at 5:00 pm and the Silent auction and Wall items are available for bidding at that time. The Live auction will begin at 6:00 pm and the first Silent table will close just before the Live auction begins so come early to make your bids.

As always, we'll have complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages to keep your belly grumbles at bay and your mind sharp for strategic bidding!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify, simplify!" Henry David Thoreau

The Explorers Class continues to learn about famous Unitarian Universalists. I was fortunate to join their class on Sunday, March 31, where we learned about Henry David Thoreau and the joy of living simply. We discussed his time living close with nature. We then talked our enjoyment of different things from the natural world. The discussion moved on to what each of us does for fun. There was talk about electronic devices that we play on. Pokémon and Minecraft is fun! We then wondered what we could have done, if we were in the woods, such as Henry David Thoreau, with very little to play with. We were able to identify things we could do with a stick, or a rock or just our imagination. We then tried to play the board game Mousetrap, but were missing several pieces. It's hard to play Mousetrap with missing pieces. We moved on to simplicity. We played hopscotch and had a ball together, cheering each other on. We then made paper airplanes and see how far we could sail them. We were able to have fun simply!



I enjoyed being with the combined Explorers and Hogwarts Spring Gathering class on April 14. The class celebrated Friendship Rocks. We talked about what makes a good friend. We decided that among other things, friendship is helping each other, being nice and kind, being loyal, playing and having fun together. We then read a story called Each Kindness. It was about a new little girl in class that was a little bit different from the others and the other children did not want to play with her. That story showed how important friendship is and how it can be hurtful when excluded from friendship. I am proud to say our class was quite indignant that friendship was not offered to the new girl in class and told of ways that they reached out new students they meet. We then moved onto decorating Friendship Rocks. We discussed who we can share them with or perhaps where we can leave them to perhaps brighten someone's day.

I also took a quick peek into the nursery. They had fun making origami dinosaurs to bring home and made coffee filter butterfly's to decorate the room for spring. Next Sunday we will have our Easter Can Hunt at Olympia Brown house. The donations will go to St James food pantry.

"It is fun to have fun, but you have to know how." Dr Seuss

Thank you, our children of UUSO, for showing me to have fun.

Barbara Sue Agoglia

A Note from Susan Ryder:  
I needed to have surgery three weeks ago to help protect my eye from glaucoma. All went wonderfully and I've healed quickly. I want to thank all the people who made sure the RE program was on firm footing during my absence: Deb Bruce, the chair of the RE Committee; Barbara Agoglia, my assistant; as well as the members of the RE Committee and all of the Teachers. I received many well wishes, flowers, and beautiful cards. I especially appreciate the kind words and drawings from so many children and youth in our program. I am grateful to be a part of such a loving and supportive community.

### OPEN CHALICE CIRCLE

Curious about small group ministry? Want to connect with others while exploring topics of spirituality? Join us for a special, short-term Chalice Circle facilitated by Rev. Craig Schwalenberg. Chalice Circles, also known as Covenant Groups or Small Group Ministry, are intentional gatherings that allow and encourage participants to practice active listening and spiritual exploration. Since several people have expressed an interest in this experience but were unable to commit to coming every week, we have decided to make this Chalice Circle a drop-in style group. All are welcome to join whenever they can. Normally, a Chalice Circle meets every two weeks for 2 hours for the span of church year (7-8 months) and requires participants to commit to attending most of the sessions. This limited-term, drop-in Chalice Circle will meet only 7 times on Friday mornings from 10a - 11:30a on the following dates: 4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/31, 6/7, and 6/14. We will gather in the front parlor (Mara Kern Library) of Olympia Brown House. While an RSVP is not required, Rev. Craig will be sending out materials for each Chalice Circle a couple of days before— so letting him know you are coming will ensure you get the materials ahead of time.

### CANDLELIGHT DINNERS

Celebrate MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU or ¡Cinco de mayo! by hosting or being a guest at a Candlelight Dinner Saturday, May 4th or Sunday, May 5th. Hosts let us know how many they can fit, provide place settings and beverages, and contact the guests to arrange the meal. Guests each bring a portion of the meal. Hosts and guests can sign up with Justine or Alice during coffee hour April 21 or 28. If you haven't been to one of these yet, you're really missing out! Let's set a record for participation in this fun, camaraderie-building event!  
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 Alice Siegfried, 432-8673, alice.pott@icloud.com

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Our next BOT meeting will be on April 24, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Congregants are welcome to observe. We will hold the Sounding Board on April 21 (Easter Sunday) after the service to hear any comments, questions, or concerns to be brought to the Board.

**Wanna help out on Sunday?**

**INTERESTED IN..**

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



**RESURRECTING  
EASTER**

APRIL 21 | UUSO  
REV. CRAIG SCHWALENBERG

The resurrection of Jesus is the central pillar of the Christian celebration of Easter. But in a tradition where the material often trumps metaphor, what does the resurrection mean to us?

*\*Start Together*

With music by the UUSO Choir and Music Director Tim Horne  
Worship Associate: Julian Pecenco

Coffee Hour Host: Rosemary Summers & Cathi Willtsey  
Ushers: Rosalind Thomas & Kim Yousey Elsener  
Chancel Table: Suzanne Miller & Mary Ambrose  
Sound System: Julian Pecenco



APRIL 28

**CELEBRATING NEW GROWTH**  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY

Join the Religious Education staff, volunteers, children, and youth as they celebrate Spring, new growth, and those that make spiritual growth possible here.

*\*Stay Together Sunday*

With music by Music Director Tim Horne.  
Worship Associate: Julstine Roefs

Coffee Hour Host: Kim Yousey-Elsener  
Usher: Rosalind Thomas & Kim Yousey-Elsener  
Chancel Table: Religious Education Committee  
Sound System: Paul Carter

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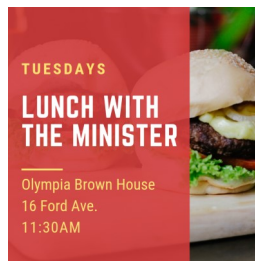
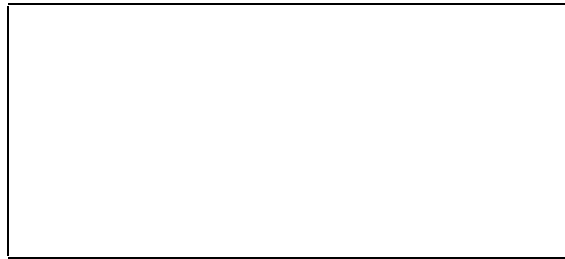
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**BRING YOUR LUNCH  
AND HAVE A FAITHFUL  
CONVERSATION.  
TUESDAYS, AT OBH  
@ 11:30AM.**

**UUSO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Karen Palmer	President
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**UUSO DEADLINES:**

**UU News Articles:** Deadline for the week of May 1 issue is April 29 at 9AM, sent to [newsletter@uuso.org](mailto:newsletter@uuso.org).

**Order of Service Announcements:**  
Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service  
(Please send to [OOS@uuso.org](mailto:OOS@uuso.org))

**Verbal Announcements:**  
Contact Worship Associate by Friday before Service