

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

## Spring 2017 Worship Schedule

Regular Sunday Services start at 10:30 a.m.

April 16

**Father, Forgive Them...**  
**Easter Sunday**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

While he was hanging on the cross in agony,  
Jesus beseeched his father to forgive his tormentors,  
for they knew not what they were doing.  
Can we offer that same forgiveness and absolution?

April 30

**The Power of One**  
Sandy Smith  
*Children to Classrooms/Children's Worship at 10:30*

Don't think you can make a difference?  
History shows that ordinary people can  
create extraordinary change  
simply by following their calling.

May 14

**Pocket Full of Liberation**  
**Mothers' Day**  
Jo VonRue, Ministerial Intern  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Women have been shamed about their roles and  
bodies since the fall of Eve in the story of Genesis.  
Women are discovering a newfound sense of freedom  
and liberation-- and it started with pockets.

May 28

**Save the World; Suck Less**  
Scott Segar  
*No Religious Education Classes*

Amid all the bad headlines and negativity,  
how do we make a positive difference in the world?  
How a joke turned into a personal philosophy,  
and, maybe, even a movement...

April 23

**"HELP!**  
**...a start of my Buddhist path."**  
Jeane Bennet-O'Dea  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

Recognizing our need for help,  
and asking for it, is an act of bravery.  
Jeane is a practicing Buddhist  
and a member of UUSO.

May 7

**Walking Together in Love**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*  
*Congregational Meeting at 12PM*

Individuals of different beliefs  
with different life stories,  
committed to working towards a shared vision.  
How do we keep our faith and walk together in love?

May 21

**Finding Your Tribe**  
UUSO Children and Youth;  
Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education  
*New Member Recognition*  
*R.E. Teacher Appreciation*  
*Graduating Seniors Bridging*  
*Stay Together Sunday*

With this special service, we will explore and  
recognize the importance of finding your way to the  
place and the people that you can call your own.

June 4

**Beauty, Solidarity, and Communion**  
**Flower Communion**  
Susan Ryder, Director of Religious Education  
Pam Strother and the students and youth of UUSO  
*\*Stay Together Sunday*

Every spring, many UU congregations hold a Flower  
Communion to celebrate the Earth's beauty and  
humanity's oneness.

*Please bring a flower to contribute to our ritual.*

June 11

**Swords to Plowshares**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*Religious Education Fun Day*

From the Book of Isaiah,  
"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks:  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more."  
Would that it were so...

June 25

**Summer Solstice:  
Harnessing the Power & Triumph of the Light**  
Patrick Rost  
*No Religious Education Classes*

As we celebrate the glory of the Summer Solstice,  
how shall we harness the triumph of sunshine  
& our own divine lights for ourselves,  
our community, & our world?

June 18

**Politically Correct  
Father's Day**  
Rev. Craig Schwalenberg  
*\*Start Together Sunday*

How do we balance the freedom of expression  
with the right to be safe from harm?  
Are we being politically correct  
or just silencing dissent?

**\*Start Together Sunday:**

Children from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade start out  
at 10:30AM in the sanctuary with their families until  
after Time for All Ages.

**\*Stay Together Sunday:**

Children stay with their families for the entire service.

