



# UUU NEWS

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### The Prophetic Church: Ministry, Politics, and UUSO

The founders of this great country envisioned a grand experiment: a government of the people, by the people, for the people; a democracy designed to protect the rights of its citizens, and a separation of church and state. That grand experiment continues to this day. Our faith tradition, Unitarian Universalism, has roots going back to early Christianity but is a unique branch born in the same place, the same time, the same crucible as the birth of the United States. Several of the founders and architects of our country were also members and/or supporters of our faith. In many ways, Unitarian Universalism is also an ongoing, great experiment. A religion that is without creed, open to all, with the power and authority vested in the people, based on democratic principles, working for social justice, building the Beloved Community. It isn't always easy and the way is rarely crystal clear-- but we muddle forward anyway, aware of our human propensity for mistakes, and prepared to forgive and rededicate ourselves to the covenantal relationship that is at the heart of our tradition.

Both our country and our church struggle with balance between separation of church and state and the prophetic tradition of which we are a part. Legally, as a church, we are not allowed to both be tax-exempt and express support for a particular candidate for office. Beyond that law, there is also the challenge of taking a stance that is representative of the majority of our congregation. There is also a long history of religious leaders and religious groups sharing their prophetic voice, of telling truth to power, and advocating for what is right, good, and just in the world. Some religious groups and people meddle more than they should. Others, I fear, stay silent and disengaged when their voice is desperately needed.

Since the election in November of President Trump, many in our congregation and in the wider community have expressed fear, sorrow, despair, anger, and worry-- both for themselves personally and for the community as a whole. There was and is good reason for these feelings. Some of the campaign promises made by then-candidate Trump were fundamentally opposed to both the principles of our country and the

principles of our faith. Others suggested we should support the new President and give him a chance. In the last month, congress has laid the ground for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, a move that will result in many people being without affordable access to medical services, suffering, and premature deaths. President Trump has appointed a leader of the white supremacist movement as a chief advisor (and now a member of the National Security Council.) This past weekend, the President signed an executive order that banned immigration to this country by refugees from Syria, among other countries. Even those who had already been through a two year vetting process and had been approved to come to the safe shores of America were turned away. Since the election there has been a tragic, alarming rise in hate-inspired speech and violence across our country.

In the face of these actions, we can not remain neutral, silent, or passive. Our faith calls us to promote democratic principles, to work for justice and equality, to promote and protect diversity in all forms. Every member of our congregation must decide how they will respond to this new reality. As your minister, as a minister of our wider faith tradition, I am called to speak and act prophetically. And so, I will be using my voice to denounce those policies of our new administration that are unjust. I will be standing with and for those who are in danger-- politically and physically. As a part of my social justice ministry, I will be making our space available to any groups that are in line with our mission and are working towards these same ends. I will be leading bi-weekly workshops on how to be better social justice advocates. And I will be raising these issues in the pulpit. I know my views are not shared by everyone in the congregation. That is OK. That is one of the strengths of diversity-- a diversity of belief in religion and politics. Different views promote learning and help us check our assumptions. I will continue to strive to make room for all views and encourage everyone in the congregation to do likewise. But-- we are a Unitarian Universalist congregation with principles and beliefs we hold in common. And right now, our prophetic voice is needed more than ever.

*Cooperatively,  
Rev. Craig*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*Luminous Beings are We.*  
-Jedi Master Yoda

The Religious Education Program finished our January sessions by presenting the January 29th service in the sanctuary entitled: Mindfulness-A Journey to the Present Moment. As always, participants really stepped up to offer this to the adults . I point this out because, for some, being up front took tremendous courage. Being still during the "adult" talking parts of the service required tremendous effort for others. They also added their voices loudly to new songs. They did a wonderful job showing the congregation some of what they had experienced during their January Workshops. A good portion of the children were in Kindergarten so this was their first time doing anything like this. They were all good sports and contributed in many ways behind the scenes. We are thankful for the members of the RE Committee: Adrienne Martini, Amy Forster Rothbart, Deb Bruce, Alex Tolin Schultz, and Laura Reyda who helped the children craft this service and Tim Horne for being such a great teacher of songs. Carolyn Cooper jumped in to help too. Kathryn Finin and Jeane Bennett-O'Dea gave their time, attention, and wisdom when teaching about labyrinths and about Buddhism. Shelly Hilts helped us as the worship associate. Rev. Craig helped us find a reading and even helped us pass out stones during the service. Our Office Administrator, Evelyn Warren, helped publicize our service and was ever-patient as we worked on the order of service that she printed for the day.

As for me, I had the honor of being close to the children and seeing their excitement, fears, and courage. At the same time I looked out over all of you as you honored us with your appreciation and attention You really participated in the mindfulness games that we offered. I could see the children realize how important they are in our community. They want to be seen and to be known and to contribute.

I want to encourage parents to bring children to the fellowship time after services, if you aren't already doing so. I encourage everyone to speak with the children and get to know them while they are with their parents. Of course we can all respect how some will not want to talk (this is true of adults sometimes too). I do know that the children appreciate feeling a part of our UUSO Community in whatever way they can. Being present for each other is one of the wonderful things about belonging to our caring community of all ages.

In Peace and Community,

Susan Ryder  
UUSO Director of Religious Education  
dre@uuso.org

## UUSO MONTHLY MEETINGS - FEBRUARY

Feb 5	12:00 PM	Green Sanctuary Committee	OBH
Feb 7	6:00 PM	Social Action Committee	103 Elm St.
Feb 8	6:00 PM	Scrabble and Potluck	CM
Feb 12	2:00 PM	Dining For Women	CM
Feb 13	6:30 PM	RE Committee	OBH
Feb 15	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees	CM
Feb 19	12:00 PM	Mali Task Force	OBH
Feb 19	12:00 PM	Finance Committee	OBH
Feb 20	7:00 PM	Endowment Committee	OBH

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

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### PROPHETIC MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

Rev. Craig Schwalenberg will be leading/hosting an ongoing series of discussion workshops on our Prophetic Ministry. Through open sharing and engagement, participants will explore how to be better advocates for social justice in the public arena. Topics will include, but will not be limited to, speaking to our representatives, writing effective letters to the editor, and community organizing. Workshops will take place every two weeks with the first one being Friday, February 3rd at 6:30. The location of the workshop will vary based on size of the group and availability of space. (Please check the UUSO on-line calendar for up-to-date locations.) This Friday, the meeting will take place during the Women's March follow up meeting and will likely happen in the loft. Reservations are not required, the meetings are open to all. Childcare will not be provided as children are welcome to attend all of these meetings/workshops. (They have a role to play in this work, too.)

Recent distributions of Change for Change were \$106.50 to Habitat for Humanity of Otsego County and \$35.00 to Caring Connections fifth Sunday in October; \$117.00 to Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in November; and \$89.00 to Family Service Association in December.

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Changing the world one dinner at a time.

## Dining For Women—Feb. 12th

The Oneonta Chapter of Dining for Women will have its next potluck dinner on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00pm in the UUSO Sanctuary. Each month the group learns about and supports organizations that help women and girls in developing countries improve their lives. The featured organization this month is Etta Projects which trains local women in rural Bolivia to be Health Promoters. These women will strengthen the connection between local doctors and traditional healers and educate serve and treat the people in their communities.

All are welcome to come to the monthly meetings. For more information, call Linda Wilcox at 607-433-2985

## Thanks for the Guest at Your Table Donations to UUSC

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Guest at Your Table project in support of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee projects all over the world. These include support for refugees, victims of natural disasters, LGBTQ projects in Africa, as well as many advocacy efforts such as access to safe and affordable water and environmental sustainability We received envelopes from 17 households as well as \$105 in cash donations. Thanks from UUSC--every donation counts!



-Suzanne Miller for the Social Action Committee

## First Sunday—Backpack Buddies Donations

Next Sunday, February 5, is First Sunday and we are back on schedule for Backpack Buddies and Personal Care Products. Please bring your child-friendly, non-perishable, vaguely nutritious food for Backpack Buddies and personal care items for donation. It is mid-winter and winter break will be coming with an increased need for food and more homeless are accessing shelters and need supplies. This time of year is always a hard one for families to make ends meet and the need is great.

We have made a big difference in our community and are making a direct impact on it. Between our donations and the Endowment Committee grant we have done a lot. Let's make 2017 a banner year for our project.

-Dawn Kilts for Social Action Commit-

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## Stewardship 2017:

### Turning Over a New Leaf in Tumultuous Times

The Stewardship Committee is taking a new approach this year. We want to draw the motivation for the campaign out of what UUSO means to you, and what your vision is for how we will act in the larger society.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> Rev. Craig will give a sermon on Our Gifts, Our Hopes, Our Dreams.

On February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> we will have Appreciative Inquiry sessions, like the ones the Board led in the fall, but with only three questions:

1. How do you give to the church, whether that is with money or some portion of your time?
2. What are your dreams for the UUSO?
3. If money were no object, what would you have UUSO do?



In early March, the material from the Appreciative Inquiry sessions will be compiled in a survey and sent out to the congregation, so we can get a broader sense of people's vision for our church.

In mid-March, the survey results will be sent out, along with pledge forms.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll bring the campaign to a close with people bringing their pledge forms to church that Sunday. (If you can't make it that day, we will of course be happy to receive it the Sunday before, or by mail; you can also pledge on-line.)

We hope you'll find this process engaging, and that it inspires your deeper involvement in our UUSO as the broader society heads into troubling and uncharted waters.

## Committee Chairs: Start Your (fiscal) Engines!

As you probably have heard from your Board Liaisons, it is time to compile your budget requests for the 2017-2018 year. You are welcome to reach out to our Treasurer, Lynn Beken, at [finance@uuso.org](mailto:finance@uuso.org) if you need assistance. These should be submitted to your committee's Board Liaison by the next Board Meeting, February 15th.

## Anti-Racism Task Force—Talk Back

Sunday, February 5 at noon: Join Rev Craig in a discussion of how we might use the Appreciative Inquiry model (the topic of this day's sermon) to talk about race. Hosted in the Sanctuary in the downstairs Robing Room

# APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY ASSESSMENT

## Assessment of the UUSO Ministry Fall 2016

UUSO Board and Committee on Ministry members wish to thank all of the UUSO members and friends who participated in this Assessment of our Ministry. The Board met on Saturday, January 14, 2017 to review the collection of notes taken from Appreciative Inquiry (AI) group meetings conducted at UUSO in November 2016. We reviewed each of the four questions asked of AI group attendees, synthesized the data and generated major themes from participants' responses. Below is the UUSO Board's summary of the AI data. The members of the Committee on Ministry also reviewed and approved of this report. The results of this report will be used for ongoing planning and visioning toward furthering our Mission at UUSO.

### Question #1: *What brought you to UUSO?*

- Seeking Community
- Family—came because of family; came seeking "family"
- Accepting identities and beliefs
- Welcoming, invited
- Shared values
- Openness and Respect
- Non-creedal
- Support of "seekers"
- UU Identity—individual and congregational
- Outreach
- Website, Building, Sermons...
- Social Justice

### Question #2: *What at UUSO do you value most?*

- Finding Community
- Social connection, warmth, Small Group Ministry
- Inclusiveness
- Safe environment
- Caring and support for each other
- Religious Education (RE)
- Worship
- Music, choir
- Sermons
- Rites of passage
- Social Action—external impact and visibility

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**Question #3: *How do you contribute to UUSO?***

- Financial Support
- Volunteering...(the list is vast and unending.)
- Social action work (i.e., Saturday's Bread, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)
- Committee work
- Teaching
- Hospitality (coffee hour, ushering, sound system, etc.)
- Choir
- R.E.
- Baking (cookies, covered dishes, etc.)
- Participation
- "showing up"
- "being engaged"—asking questions...sharing answers
- Building Beloved Community
- Small and large acts of kindness
- Sharing and caring
- Hugging
- Listening

**Question #4: *What are your dreams for UUSO?*** *(Refer to Appendix for summary of responses)*

- Expanding Facilities
- Increasing Multi-generational Interaction
- Youth and young adult participation
- Engagement with elders and housebound
- Fiscal Health—(Ensure)
- Planned giving
- Operational endowment
- Increased Pastoral Care
- Minister
- Communal
- Direct
- Accessibility
- Continue and Deepen Social Justice Work
- Growth
- Diversity
- Numerically

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- Depth (spiritual)
- Participation

The UUSO Board concluded its work at the retreat by offering its general impressions and observations of the data collected during the Appreciative Inquiry process.

## ***UUSO Board of Trustee's Impressions and Observations beyond Questions 1-4.***

- We, as a congregation highly value social justice. It is a bedrock of UUSO.
- People are attracted to and stay because of our UUSO principles and values.
- This congregation is a loving place; we aspire to be more so.
- Social activities (fun!) are important to our congregation.
- Participation in the Appreciative Inquiry process was rewarding to participants.
- Worship is important to this congregation and we are interested in exploring and expanding it.
- Our support and acceptance of LGBTQ is very valuable.

NOTE. Children's and youths' input was missing from this AI inquiry.

## APPENDIX

Responses from participants in the Appreciative Inquiry process to question #4:

### ***What are your dreams for UUSO?***

#### **Building beloved community:**

- More cross-generational interaction; more involvement of kids with our operation
- Better intergenerational involvement, get kids involved with service and operations
- Expand the music program to include children
- Rotate RE teachers so all could get to services occasionally and we could meet them
- Attract young adults
- More young families who stay after kids grow up.
- Do a listening project. Ask the elders to provide an oral history giving voice to those lives, accomplishments. Put the podcasts on the radio locally - people talking in church and in community.
- Connect more with colleges – get a presence on both campuses
- Robust (i.e. caring and sharing) pastoral care for members who are incapacitated, homeless, ill, marginalized, and even disliked.
- Follow up with people who have not been attending church for a while—just to let them know we care.
- Pastoral visits to each member during the year

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- More pastoral care
- Find ways to bring housebound members back into the congregation
- Provide transportation for our congregants
- Acquire a van for variety of uses (Handicapped Accessible)
- Commit to finding creative and compassionate ways to support members struggling with mental illness.
- Greater sensitivity and accommodation for children in RE program who are more introverted or have challenges.
- Better accommodations for mothers of very young children
- Improve our handicapped access
- More active membership committee
- Realization of a functional Membership committee.
- Greater membership outreach – that we become more welcoming, we should designate a social greeter to circulate at coffee hour to be sure to welcome newcomers in particular
- Get the message out
- Attract enough people that we can take care of all the issues.
- Exit interviews
- Endowment that involves planned giving toward sustaining the congregation in perpetuity
- Create a new endowment specifically for UUSO Projects which is energetically funded by its members.
- Operational Endowment
- Continue to be financially responsible and stay out of the red.
- Pay people an appropriate salary
- Be more proactive in recruiting volunteers
- Revitalization of willingness to volunteer
- Active Volunteer study for UUSO with Affirmative Inquiry sessions
- Instill sense that volunteering for work of our ministry is important
- Strengthen our ability to sustain projects over time.
- Focused attention/listening by leaders when issues are brought up with clear follow up
- Increased opportunities for people sharing about our UU experience together like we did with Stewardship after getting UUA consultation.
- New Chair of Fundraising and Endowment
- Functional Personnel committee.
- Honor the past of our church and use this foundation to build new future.
- More ethnically diverse congregation
- Greater recognition of classism and steps to reduce this in our congregation and the community
- More integrated congregation – not just white people

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- Kindness, sensitivity, understanding toward each other—living our UU Principles toward creating truly beloved community.
- More kindness and forgiveness within our community (UUSO Community) - Rise above personality issues and personal flaws.
- Listen, talk, greet---hospitality
- More events and celebrations, candlelight dinners. UN Sunday, International food dinners...
- More events at UUSO to welcome others
- Reinstate secret valentines
- Reexamine and expand Small Group Ministry - more fluid membership, Continual sessions, non-church members
- Establishing a singing group.
- Sort of a 'hymn sing' without hymns
- Bring back more FUN
- Building expansion, better kitchen, more room,
- Build a Parish Hall
- Acquire the house between our two buildings - make a garden
- Build a bigger church because we attract more people.
- Convert kitchen to commercial kitchen so we have more options around community food projects.
- Facilities for our expanding needs
- Continue to improve building accessibility (elevators?)
- Satellite location

## **Freely Seeking the Light:**

- Increased spiritual focus through adult programming
- Talk Backs after the Sermon
- Second service
- More focus of spiritual energy so that we feel less splintered - more whole.
- More Adult education
- Additional service that is more free-form and music, more talk-ins.

## **Reaching for a Better World:**

- Work to re-focus our attention/effort on LGBT issues
- Launch a stand alone Pride Center for the community - not attached to the church.
- Really become an anti-racist community
- Better effect an Anti-Racism culture in our Community

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- Anti-racism continued
- Continue to attend to issues around racism.
- Outreach to the Muslim Community
- Green Sanctuary, Advocacy and Cemetery
- Be more green
- Anti-militarism more emphasized
- Money for buses for activism—Albany ,Washington
- Multi use 16 story high rise building taking up all of the properties from the Church to Main Street. Levels: Nursing Home, School, Health Center, Housing.
- Co-op/Intentional housing for community

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### Dessert Theater's "Sweet" Revival

This is a friendly reminder to all that an organizational meeting for the annual "Short and Sweet" Dessert Theater fundraiser will be held this coming Sunday at 12:00 pm., downstairs in the Sanctuary. Please stop by, even if only offer your suggestions about how we might make it even better than last year! Assistance in all phases of production and publicity is needed, and all are welcome to participate. Speak to Rosemary Summers or contact her at [rosemarysummers@verizon.net](mailto:rosemarysummers@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

### Getting to Know UU

This is for you if you are new to UU and/or new to the UUSO congregation! Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and UUSO? Interested in meeting other people new to the community? Considering membership? Then consider joining us for this year's Getting to Know UU! The Membership Committee and Rev. Craig Schwalenberg will present this three-part series. Whether you're planning to sign the membership book or simply curious to learn more about our congregation and its history, you are welcome to join us for conversation and fellowship.

Childcare will be provided upon request.

Meetings will be held 6:45 pm- 8:45 pm  
 5/2/17@ Olympia Brown House  
 5/9/17@ Loft in Chapin Memorial  
 5/16/17@ Olympia Brown House  
 5/21/16 New member welcome during the worship service.

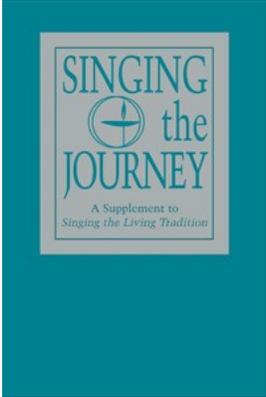
Please RSVP by contacting Rev. Craig or Evelyn, our Office Administrator, at 607-432-3491.



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## Singing the Journey Dedicating Our New Hymnals

We have purchased and received 100 copies of the Unitarian Universalist hymnal, "Singing the Living Journey." We will be distributing the hymnals next month and will begin using them regularly as a part of our worship services. The UUSO choir has been singing selections from the teal hymnal for the past year or so. "Singing the Living Journey" is an exciting collection of many genres, including jazz, folk, pop, gospel, and world music.



*(Two of my favorite songs are in the hymnal. Feel free to guess which ones.~ Rev. Craig)*

To celebrate this new addition to our musical repertoire for worship, and to help offset the cost of the hymnals, we are inviting members of the congregation to sponsor dedications in the new hymnals. Members can honor a person or celebrate an event. Each dedication bookplate will cost \$15.00. If you would like to purchase a dedication, please send the following information to [UUSO@UUSO.ORG](mailto:UUSO@UUSO.ORG) and mail or drop off a check/cash for the desired amount. (Checks should be made out to UUSO with "hymnal dedication" in the memo line.)

Dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(pick one)

by

\_\_\_\_\_

**You can also dedicate your hymnal online via on our website at  
<http://uuso.org/hymnal-dedication/>**

We'd like to have as many hymnals dedicated as possible  
before Music Sunday, February 26th.  
We currently have 18 submissions!

UUSO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES  
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM

February 5th • Rev. Craig Schwalenberg

OUR GIFTS,  
OUR HOPES,  
OUR DREAMS

Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

After gathering together in appreciative inquiry, what have we learned about our best gifts, and our hopes and dreams? What's on our wish list for the coming years?

*\*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*  
With Music provided by Music Director Tim Horne and the UU Choir  
Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz

Coffee Hour Hosts: Need Volunteers  
Ushers: Kimberly Elsener  
Chancel Table: Grace Smith  
Sound System: Beth Small



Pat Victor, of Brother Sun, sings, "Love is the water that wears down the rock. Love is the power that won't be stopped."

Does Love conquer all? Let's hope so, together.

*\*Start Together Sunday*  
With Music provided by Music Director Tim Horne  
Worship Associate: Keith Willcox

Coffee Hour Hosts: Need Volunteers  
Ushers: John & Jenny Bagby  
Chancel Table: Grace Smith  
Sound System: Scott Segar

# UUSO UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30AM



Unitarian Universalism is our "Faith Tradition", though that word challenges some of us. What does it mean to live a life full of faith? What does a Faith-full community look like?

*\*Start Together Sunday*

With Music provided by Music Director Tim Horne  
Worship Associate: Kevin Schultz

Coffee Hour Hosts: Prue & Rich Stelling  
Ushers: Kate & Karl Seeley  
Chancel Table: Kathy Paranya  
Sound System: Julian Pecenco

# Hope

Music Sunday

Tim Horne, UUSO Choir, & Guest Musicians

February 26th - Sunday Service at 10:30  
Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta



Emily Dickinson wrote,  
"Hope is a thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without words and never stops at all."

Let's explore this theme with music and readings.

*\*Children to Classrooms at 10:30*

With Music provided by Music Director Tim Horne, the UUSO Choir and Guest Musicians

Worship Associate: Cathi Wiltsey

Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Cynthia Miller & Bernadette Ryan  
Ushers: Laura & Florian Reyda  
Chancel Table: Mary Krupp  
Sound System: Paul Carter

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

# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30am Small Group/OBH 4PM ARTF/OBH	2 4:30p Transgender Support Group/CM Loft	3 8am Exercise Group/CM  5p Women's March Potluck/CM	4
5 12p Dessert Cmte/CM Robbing Room 12:30p Green Sanctuary/OBH 1p UUSO Film	6 8am Exercise Group/CM  6:30p Zen Meditation/CM	7 6p Social Action Cmte/67 Church St	8 8am Exercise Group/CM 1:30p SGM/Off-site 5:30p Affinity Group/OBH 6p Scrabble & Potluck/CM	9 4:30p Transgender Support Group/CM Loft	10 8am Exercise Group/CM  3p Building Use/CM	11
12 12p Dessert Cmte/CM Robbing Rm	13 8am Exercise Group/CM 6:30p RE Cmte/OBH	14  11AM Database Cmte/OBH 6:30p Small Group Ministry/OBH	15 8am Exercise Group/CM 10:30am Small Group/OBH 6:30p Board of Trustees/CM	16 4:30p Transgender Support Group/CM Loft  7p Catskill Choral Society/CM	17 8am Exercise Group/CM	18
19 12p Mali/OBH 12p Finance/OBH 12p Dessert Cmte/CM 12p Appreciative Inquiry	20 8am Exercise Group/CM 6:30p Zen Meditation/CM 7p Endowment Cmte/OBH	21	22 8am Exercise Group/CM 1:30p SGM/Off-site 5:30 Affinity Grp/OBH 6p Last Wed.'s Documentary	23 4:30p Transgender Support Group/CM Loft  7p Catskill Choral Society/CM	24 8am Exercise Group/CM	25 8am Zen Meditation/CM
26 12p Appreciative Inquiry/CM 12p Dessert Cmte/CM	37 Newsletter Deadline 8am Exercise Group/CM 6:30p Zen Meditation/CM	28 6:30p Small Group Ministry/OBH		OBH: Olympia Brown House—16 Ford Ave	CM: Chapin Memorial Sanctuary—12 Ford Ave	Green: Off-Site

For the most up-to-date information on events and building reservations,

please see our calendar on our website at:

[www.uuso.org/church-calendar](http://www.uuso.org/church-calendar)

Or click on the Calendar tab on our website: [UUSO.org](http://UUSO.org)

The Change for Change for February is the Oneonta Chapter of the National Association for Colored People, an advocate for human and civil rights for all minority groups with the goal of eliminating race prejudice. The Oneonta Chapter of NAACP meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the OBH living room. They sponsor the annual MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration, Community Picnic, Student Assistance Award, forums, vigils, advocacy and legal redress for victims of harassment and discrimination. To become a member please contact Cindy Squires: [squires7@verizon.net](mailto:squires7@verizon.net) or call 607-432-8673.

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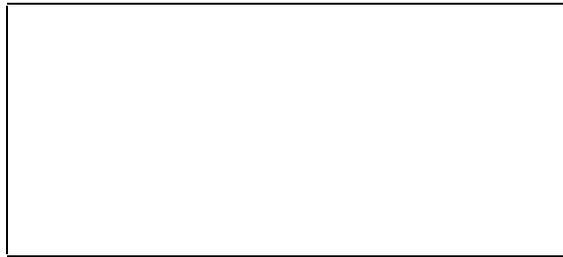


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**UUSO DEADLINES:**

**UU News Articles:** Deadline for Feb 15th issue is Feb 13th.

**Order of Service Announcements:**

Wednesday a.m. before the Sunday Service

**Verbal Announcements:**

Contact Worship Associate by Friday before Service

**Green Sanctuary Corner**



**The next planned Green Sanctuary meeting is  
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from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.**

