UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ONEONTA

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This Week at UUSO

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta
12 Ford Avenue, Oneonta, NY 13820
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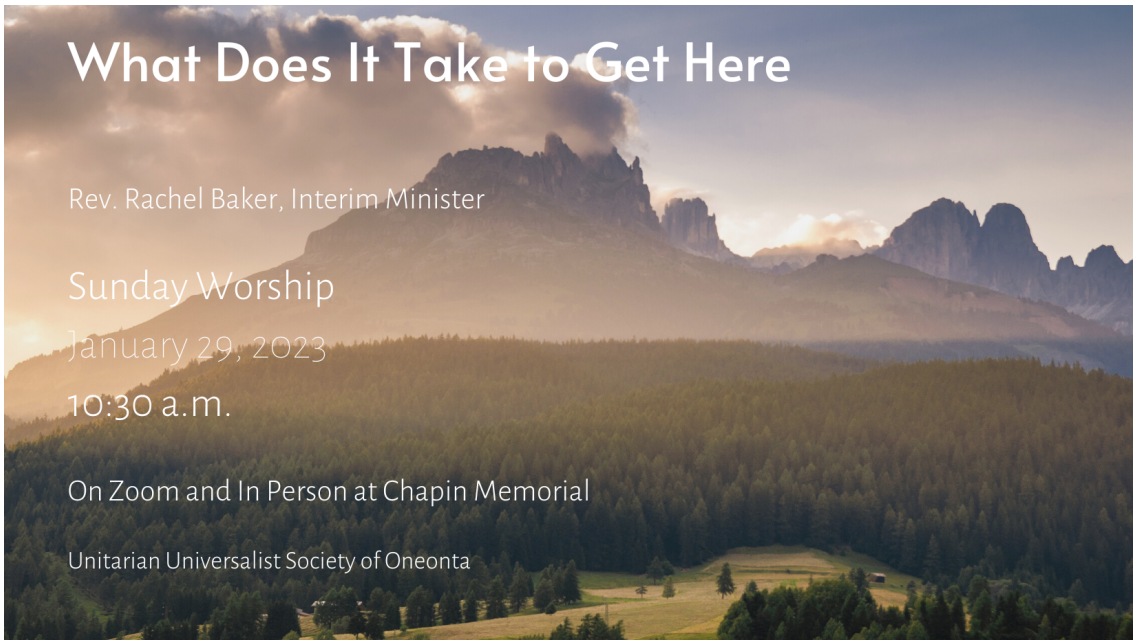
Friday, January 27, 2023

Worship this Sunday

Sunday, January 29, 2023; 10:30 a.m.
On Zoom and in Person at Chapin Memorial



"Trust the Process" is the primary message of the Ministerial Fellowship process and the process to search for a minister. Both of these complicated methods usually result in well-trained ministers who in turn are often well-matched with congregations. Though the process is arduous, the results are fruitful.

This week's worship service will be led by the Rev. Rachel Baker, Interim Minister (She/Her); she will be joined by Tim Horne (He/Him), Music Director, and the UUSO Choir. Special thanks to Worship Associate Rosemary Summers (She/Her): Zoom Assistant, Kathy Paranya (She/Her); Chancel Table, Rosalind Thomas (She/Her); Usher, Linda Wilcox (She/Her); Welcome Table, Karen Palmer (She/Her); AV Operator, Jacob Forster Rothbart (He/Him).

Worship through Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87611462928
Worship by Phone: +1 (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 876 1146 2928

Order of Service

Next Week's Service: "The Only Way is Through"

Whenever there is transformation or change there is loss. We must grieve what is no more in order to welcome what will come. We must move through it, we cannot avoid it.

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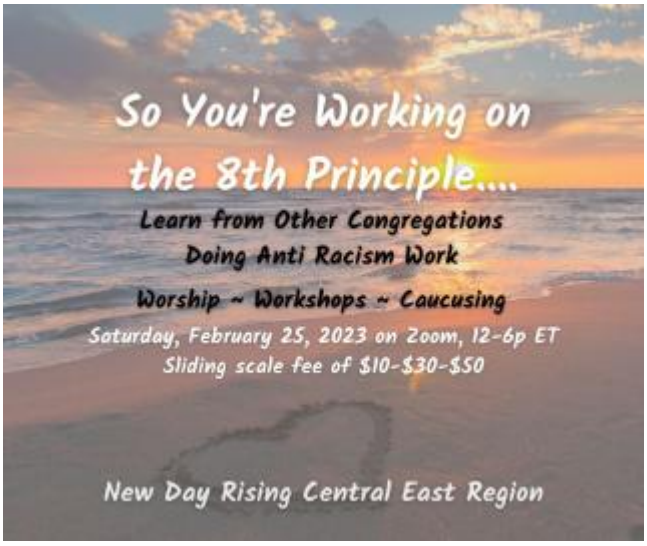
From the Social Action & Connections Teams



We want to share a notice from our beloved Regional Contact, Rev. Evin Carvill-Ziemer. They are informing us of an important event coming up that will inform our process of reflection toward voting at our

Annual Meeting on UUSO adopting the 8th Principle. This will be an excellent resource for UUSO to participate in.

Learn more by clicking this link.

Highlights of the agenda follow:

- Worship with Rev. Ranwa Hammamy, Congregational Justice Organizer, UUA
- Panel Conversation: Kickstarting Your Congregation's Anti-Racism Work: Stories of Progress
- Identity Based Caucusing
- Choose Your Own Breakout Rooms, led by congregations who have been there:
- We Don't Know How To Start
- We've Passed It and Are Thinking About Next Steps
- This Conversation Has Gotten Very Messy at Our Congregation
- We're Doing a Number of Things to Enact the 8th Principle
- We're Doing Other Effective Antiracism Work
- Welcome for Gender Diversity in Your Congregation - Alex Kapitan, Transforming Hearts Collective
- Adaptation to and Appreciation for Neurodivergence - Heather Petit

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Chapin Accessibility Study

The Board of Trustees was asked a year ago to initiate research into accessibility issues in Chapin. This would be a relatively short-term project, entailing commissioning the Catskill Center for Independence to do a free accessibility study of the building. A report to the Board of Trustees would be submitted, after which the Board would discuss how to proceed. Any individuals who would be interested in working on this may contact Rosemary Summers for more information. Please consider contributing to this vital effort to make our worship spaces truly open to all.

UUSO Safety Concerns

Interested individuals are invited to join in a discussion of safety concerns for UUSO. Some things we might consider could include CPR-AED training and fire drill practice. Those are the easy ones. The

more difficult concerns might include rehearsing for a hostile intruder presence. If protesters showed up at an LGBTQ+ event at UUSO, would we know how to handle it? And, as disturbing as it is to contemplate, we should consider training for the possibility of an active shooter scenario.

There is a budget line for the Safety Committee, so it would be good to have a sense of congregational priorities in this area. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Rosemary Summers in the next few weeks. An in-person and online gathering to discuss this further will be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

Stewardship Thought of the Week

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness."

The Dalai Lama

Share Our Plate

Each month the congregation shares the Sunday morning offering with a local nonprofit organization that manifests Unitarian Universalist principles in the greater community. For more information and a comprehensive list of current Share Our Plate program recipients, click here https://uuso.org/ministry/share-our-plate/

For the month of January, we support Literacy Volunteers of Otsego and Delaware Counties. Literacy Volunteers of Otsego and Delaware Counties identifies, trains, and matches volunteer tutors with adults seeking individual instruction in basic literacy, English for speakers of other languages, and basic math. Services are free, voluntary, and confidential.

Give by Mail: UUSO, 12 Ford Ave, Oneonta, NY 13820
Give Online: UUSO website, donations page
Give by App: Download Vanco Mobile app and direct donations to UU Society of Oneonta. Click here for detailed instructions.

Good to Know about UUSO

Sounding Board
The Sounding Board is one way to share ideas, ask questions, or raise concerns to the Board of Trustees. The Board reviews and responds to the Sounding Board issues each month. When you email the Sounding Board, your email will be forwarded to the Board member who is monitoring the Sounding Board for the month.
Email soundingboard@uuso.org, or fill out the Google Form.

Calendar & Building/Zoom Use
To request events to be added to the UUSO Calendar, reserve the building, schedule a Zoom room, or rent Chapin Memorial, email calendar@uuso.org or click here to complete the rental interest form.

Worship Service Recordings
Past services are available on podcast. Visit https://uusopod.libsyn.com/

Meet with Rev. Rachel Baker
Rev. Rachel is available to meet with members and friends of the congregation. The best way to arrange a meeting with her is to email her directly at revrachel@uuso.org.

Committee & Team Meetings

Endowment Committee: Every Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Social Action Team: 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee: 2nd Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees: 3rd Sunday after Church
Green Sanctuary: Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Mali Education Team: 2nd Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

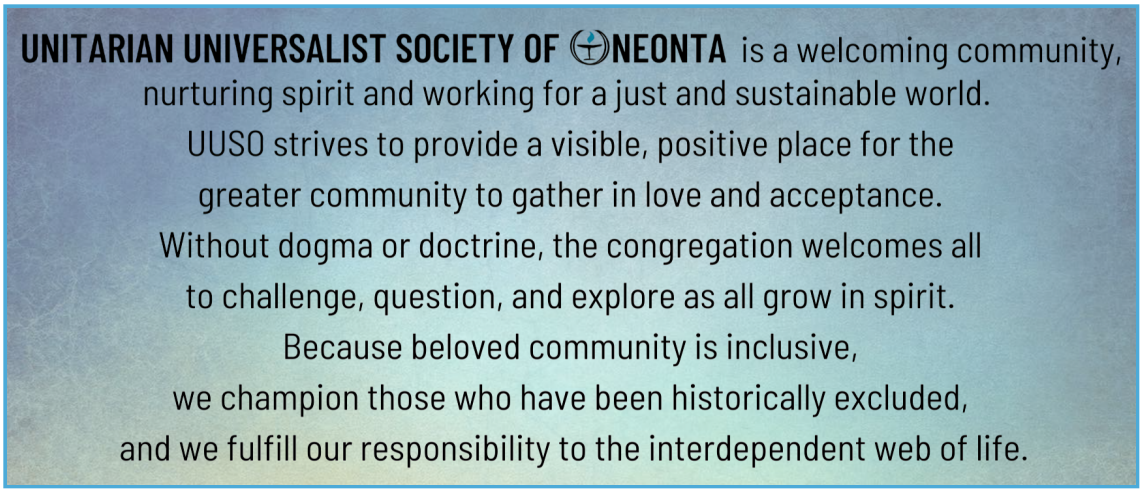
Contact the office for information about other committees and teams, including Aesthetics, Connections, Endowment (quarterly meetings), Memorial, Nominating, Personnel, Properties, and Religious Exploration.

To Schedule Committee and Team Meetings:

1. Check the UUSO calendar for possible conflicts with other scheduled events.
2. Email calendar@uuso.org with the name of the event, date, time, a brief description, whether or not the meeting is repeating, and whether or not you would like a Zoom link published publicly. A Zoom link will be scheduled at the same time if needed. The calendar email address is checked weekly, usually on Wednesday.

Submissions to the Newsletter

Send UUSO-related event invitations and brief relevant articles to newsletter@uuso.org.
Please send submissions by Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.; the newsletter will be sent out on Fridays. Please proofread your submissions and edit for clarity. Do not use acronyms or other abbreviations. Include full names and UUSO association, leadership role, or title. Assume that many who are reading your submission will not know what you are talking about; write accordingly.



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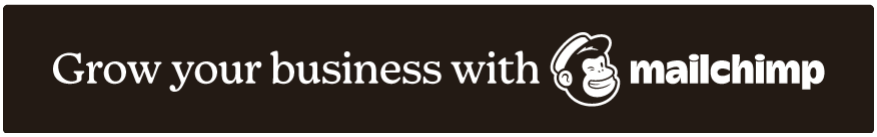
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