

**CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP**  
**September 2024**  
Monthly Message for All Ages

Unitarian Universalism draws from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love. We covenant within our congregation, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries.

**OUR MISSION**

**To be a welcoming diverse congregation that values spiritual growth and service to the local and world community.**

The First Universalist Society of Central Square, New York.

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We are a “church” as derived from the Greek word ekklesia, which means an assembly of people – a community. We believe in the **Seven Principles** which are grounded in the humanistic teachings of the world’s religions.

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.
4. A free and responsible search for meaning and truth.
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large.
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

TRUSTEE RETREAT August 2, 2024  
Planning for the upcoming year



**September Calendar of Events**  
Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)

- 9/8, Sunday. 9:00 AM Board meeting in the dining room. All Are Welcome  
9/13, Friday Red Cross Blood Drive.  
1:30-6:30pm sponsored by the Social Justice Committee (at Baptist Church in Central Square)  
9/28 Wednesday 2:00 PM Book Club on Zoom.  
“James” by Percival Everett

**SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS**  
10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)

- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> Rev Tanya Adams**  
**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Rev Kurt Hohmann**  
“The Harvest Season and an Extended Invitation”  
**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Rev Bud Adams**  
**Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Speaker Sunday.**  
Joe Heath – General Council for the Onondaga Nation, 2024 NAACP Freedom Fund Honoree, Member of Veterans For Peace. “Racism at Home and Abroad”  
**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Music Sunday.**  
“The Fire Within” - Julia Forshaw, Michael Judge, David Alexander

**Pastoral Care**

Rev. Bud Adams is the minister to call if someone needs pastoral care. If you or someone else you know needs to speak with a minister please contact Bud at (315) 395-1926 or (315) 637-0468. His email is [bud.adams.1@juno.com](mailto:bud.adams.1@juno.com)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** – Nancy Hallock.

We continue to collect hats, mitts and scarves for distribution by the Lioness. We will continue to collect cans and coins on Sundays. We will contribute whatever we can to the new after school program that will housed at 1<sup>st</sup> U.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE** – Susan, Paul, Katie, Amanda, Arny

\* Reminder - [wear your 1<sup>st</sup> U hoodies and T's](#), not just to Service but everywhere! The community doesn't know we exist or what we stand for. Hoodies and T's are one way to spread the word and get noticed. If there is enough interest (need an order of at least 12 pieces) we may have more printed with a different saying on the back. Perhaps "WE ARE ALL RELATED". Let one of the Committee members know if you are interested.

We have contacted the UUA for help with marketing our congregation.

If you have ideas on how we can let others know about our openness and acceptance to all beliefs, please let a committee member know. *Our message is greatly needed in this time of division, distrust and fear.*

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** – Win, Ellen, Paul W., Paul S., Arny

\* We will be getting quotes to replace the main water valve.

\* We will be getting quotes to add a vent hood over the stove.

\* We're also looking at leveling the floor in the kitchen.

### **BOOK CLUB**

The UU Club typically meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2PM. Zoom only.

On Wednesday, September 25th 2024 we will discuss the book "James" by Percival Everett

These are Zoom only discussions.

It is not necessary to be member of the congregation to participate. Most books are readily available through the library or on-line, or discount books.

Please contact Nancy Hallock (315) 533-7067 if you are interested in participating.

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### **PALESTINE**

**An Opportunity for Us to  
Live Our Seven Principals.**

*Compiled by Arny Stieber*

Our Seven Principals guide us in our relations. The first Principal is: The inherent worth and dignity of

every person. Our fourth Principal is: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

I'm always open for discussion. Please contact me (voice or text) 734-216-1814

Suggested background information:

\* [Life in Occupied Palestine](#) video by Anna Baltzer.

Anna is Jewish. This documentary is about Anna's experience visiting Palestine about 15 years ago

\* [Israel Lobby](#) video by history professor Walter Hixson (10/10/23)

\* [100 Year War on Palestine](#) video w/Rashid Khalidi. (12/1/23)

\* June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1967, Israel attacks the [USS Liberty](#) (video) killing 34 and wounding 171 U.S. military. The U.S. says nothing.

\* Chris Hedges [The Genocide in Gaza](#) video (12/6/23)

\* [Israeli Myths](#) text by Anna Baltzer.

\* Book: "The Hidden History of Zionism" by Ralph Schoenman.

\* Web site: <https://ifamericansknew.org/>

\* 8/30/24 video [The Gaza Cease Fire Negotiations](#) w/Ambassador Chas Freeman

If you're interested in doing something, here are some suggestions.

1. Familiarize yourself with Palestine. What is typically presented by U.S. corporate media is Israel's version of history and current events. Go beyond that.

2. Become familiar with the [BDS Movement](#)

3. Contact your federal politicians (President, Senators, Representative) by email and/or phone. Their contact information is on their web sites. Once you fill out their email form, it's saved, so repeated contacts are easy. The people of Palestine are being killed, starved and brutalized every day and our politicians need to be reminded that **our tax dollars (\$4 billion/year and billions more in weapons) are the major funding source for the death and destruction.** Tell them our tax dollars need to spent on WE THE PEOPLE vs. death and destruction.

4. Attend seminars and actions in support of Palestine. U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights:

<https://uscpr.org>

5. Support individuals and groups that speak up for Palestine.

[If Not Now](#) is a group of young Jewish people who aren't afraid to condemn Israel.

6. Go to my [web site](#). I post something every day on Palestine.

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## **LIBBIE STODDARD**

Libbie is in a care facility in VA. She would appreciate receiving cards/notes for her friends.

**Her address is :** Libbie Stoddard

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## **ALBERT ZARANKA**

Albert Zaranka's brother-in-law, Philip Fadden, sent us the sad news of Albert's passing in July.

Obituary:

Albert J. Zaranka – Age 74 – Musical Director, Pianist, Educator  
Albert J. Zaranka passed away July 26, 2024, in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Albert was born July 28, 1949, in Manchester, Connecticut. Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony J. and Lottie E. (Mazurek) Zaranka; his brother, Victor Zaranka; his wife Ellen A. (Fadden) Zaranka; and sister-in-law Clara E. (Fadden) Coniff. Surviving Albert are two cousins, Philip Ledwith of Connecticut and Linda Ledwith of North Carolina; four brothers-in-law - Robert of Washington State; and Peter (Irene), Charles (Karen) and Philip (Cathy) of New York; sisters-in-law – Mary (Gregory) Mayotte and Alice (Marta Sloper) Fadden, also of New York; and six nephews, five nieces, ten grandnieces and eight grandnephews. Albert was a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Ma, in 1971 where he studied piano. While living in the New York City area, Albert played in off Broadway and local theater musical productions. Albert began his own studio, Studio One A in New York City (1978-1986); then opened Rivenoak Studio (1986-1998) while living in Fayetteville, NC; and continued teaching excellent adults and children at Woodcroft Piano Studio (1998-2015) in Durham, NC. There, Albert volunteered as an accompanist for students performing vocal auditions for college and performed in a trio of local professional musicians in Durham. Upon his retirement, Albert and his wife Ellen relocated to Fulton, NY to be near her family. Albert volunteered as an accompanist at churches in Central Square, NY as well as in North Myrtle Beach. They continued to winter in North Myrtle Beach. After Ellen's death, Albert moved full time to North Myrtle Beach. Albert was always entering on-line giveaways. After years of winning tee shirts, computers and televisions, he hit it big in 2015, winning the DIY® Network Blog Cabin Giveaway™ Grand Prize. Albert was an enthusiastic bicyclist and antique Citroen owner. Albert will be interred adjacent to his wife Ellen in the Fairdale Cemetery, Hannibal, NY at the convenience of the family. Donations in lieu of flowers can be given to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

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## **UUA Reading Suggestion**

“Class Action” By Commission On Appraisal

From InSpirit - the UU Book and Gift Shop.

The 2017 Commission on Appraisal report looks at the cultural and structural forces that make up class and classism in our society and their impact on Unitarian Universalism.

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## **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

The Newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month. It is assembled by Lucy Stieber based on your input. If you have items, please email to Lucy at [LASTIEBER@aol.com](mailto:LASTIEBER@aol.com)