

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
October 2024
Monthly Message for All Ages

Not all UUs share the same beliefs or opinions—our religious tradition doesn't expect or require consensus—but our shared worship forms a vessel for us to find meaning together.

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.
3243 Fulton Street
Post Office Box 429
Central Square, NY 13036-0429
Building Phone: 315-307-3400
Website: CentralSquareUU.org
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/pages/UU-Central Square

Trustees

Marcia Burrell	
Janie Garlow	Nancy Hallock
Winfield Ihlow	Ellen LaPine
Ann Peterson	Ronna Schindler
Arny Stieber	Lucy Stieber
Paul Wenham	Susan Woods

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.



October Calendar of Events
Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)
10/6, Sunday. 9:00 AM Board meeting in the dining room. All Are Welcome
10/30 Wednesday 2:00 PM Book Club on Zoom.
“The Hunter” by Tara French

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Excellent **Concert** with
“The Fire Within”



Apple Festival

We shared a table with the Girl Scouts

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)

Oct 6th Rev Bud Adams
Oct 13th Rev Kurt Hohmann
“The Deepest Communication”
Oct 20th Rev Tanya Adam
Oct 27th Rev Andrea Abbott

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
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 be housed at 1st U.

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

* We have a new Pride/Peace flag on the side of the building! We also added pink trim to the side entrance.



* We are in touch with our regional UUA coordinator to see if they have a program or ideas for building awareness of our congregation.

* Jane and Arny wore their 1st U shirts to the Apple Festival and Katie, in addition to her other duties with the Scouts and the Festival, did a great job of engaging with attendees.

* Reminder - **wear your 1st 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.

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 add a vent hood for the stove in November.

* Thanks to Jeffery we now have a light switch by the door in furnace room 1, and a light in furnace room 2.

BOOK CLUB

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

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024 we will discuss the book "The Hunter" by Tara French. These are Zoom only discussions.

It is not necessary to be a 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.

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

The corporate media is presenting one side of the story. See previous Newsletters for background information.

Some current information that will assist you in your search for truth and meaning follows:

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

* 9/18/24 documentary. [Holy Redemption: Stealing Palestinian Land](#)

* 9/30/24 video. [Is Gaza Being Forgotten? A UNICEF Report.](#)

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

1. Familiarize yourself with Palestine. Go beyond what is typically presented by U.S. corporate media.

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. 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 be 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.

LIBBIE STODDARD

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

Her address is : Libbie Stoddard
C/O Hilary Ely
11917 Winfore Drive
Midlothian VA 23113-2459

UUA

Reading Suggestion

[Blessing It All](#)

Rituals for Transition and Transformation

As humans, we grow and we change, we grieve and we celebrate. Let *Blessing It All* be your guide to foster meaning and community as you mark the moments in your life.

Editors: [Heather Concannon](#), [Allison Palm](#)

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