

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
November 2024
Monthly Message for All Ages

You are welcome here no matter who you are, no matter where you come from, no matter what your background. You are welcome here to join us as we proclaim worth in our spiritual journeys. You are welcome to join us as we sing songs that uplift our very beings. You are welcome to join us in community as we learn, live, and love together. All are welcome as we worship that which gives each of us meaning and value. No matter what you call this building, this hour, or this gathering of people, we come together as one body, illuminated by the light of the chalice.

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.



November Calendar of Events

- Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)
- 3rd Sunday.** 9:00 AM Board meeting in the dining room. All Are Welcome
- 15th Friday.** **Red Cross Blood Drive** 1:30-6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church 701 N Main St., Central Square NY (See below)
- 21st Thursday.** Mammography Van, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. (Volunteers needed. See Social Justice Committee below.)
- 27th Wednesday** 2:00 PM Book Club on Zoom. Book - “Susan, Linda, Nina, & Cokie” (See below)

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

- 10:30 AM in the building & on [Zoom](#)
- Nov 3rd Rev Tanya Adams**
- Nov 10th – Rev. Kurt Hohmann**
“The Cycle of Renewal”
- Nov 17th Rev Bud Adam**
- Nov 24th Speaker on “Child Health Plus”**
A free NY State insurance plan.

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 encourage everyone to contribute to our Winter hats, mittens and scarves drive for the Lioness program. They are distributed through C.S. schools. If you knit, crochet, or sew, this is a meaningful Xmas project. Of course, you can purchase new ones.

* Volunteers are needed to keep our building open for the Mammography van staff. Contact Nancy to volunteer.

* I will schedule a mtg. in January to plan for 2025.

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

* Reminder - **wear your 1st U hoodies and T's**, not just to Service but everywhere! *Our message is greatly needed in this time of division, distrust and fear.*

* We have contacted the UUA for help with marketing our congregation. A Zoom meeting is set for Wednesday 11/13 at 4:30.

* 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.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE – Win, Ellen, Paul W., Paul S., Army

* We received one quote to replace the main water valve. We will get a few more. Hopefully we'll have it replaced in November.

* We are organizing furnace room 1 and moving all paint to a new location.

* We built a rack for the yard signs.

* A new vent hood over the stove and a wall covering have been installed. See before and after pictures below.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, 11/15/24, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

701 N Main St., Central Square NY

When you come to give blood the Red Cross will say thanks by sending you a **\$10 e-gift card** to a merchant of your choice.* PLUS, you'll also be automatically entered for a chance to **win a \$7,000 gift card!** There will be two lucky winners!

Please tell your friends and neighbors about this drive and consider donating yourself. It is highly encouraged that you schedule an appointment but walk-ins may be welcome if all appointments do not fill. You can schedule an appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

BOOK CLUB

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

On Wednesday, November 27th 2024 we will discuss the book "Susan, Linda, Nina, & Cokie"
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.

PALESTINE

An Opportunity for Us to Live Our Seven Principals.

Compiled by Army 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, or see my [web site](#), or previous Newsletters for resources on this atrocity that is happening every day and is being paid for with our tax dollars.

UUA Reading Suggestion

Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States

A Graphic Interpretation

In stunning full color and accessible text, a graphic adaptation of the American Book Award winning history of the United States as told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples—perfect for readers of all ages

Authors: [Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz](#), [Paul Peart-Smith](#)

Edited by: [Paul Buhle](#) Illustrated by: [Paul Peart-Smith](#)

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