

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

January 2024

Monthly Message for All Ages

What is the most loving, life-affirming choice
I can make in response to life's circumstances?"
Only when my knowledge is combined with
uncountable others does Truth emerge.

OUR MISSION

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

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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.



January Calendar of Events

Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)

- * 1/5 Sunday. 9:00 AM Board meeting in the
dining room. All Are Welcome
- * 1/11 9:30a.m.-3:30p.m. AARP Safe Driving Class
Please contact Elle LaPine if you are interested
- * 1/17 Blood Drive **Red Cross Blood Drive**
1:30-6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church
701 N Main St., Central Square NY (see below)
- * 1/29 2PM January Book Club

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

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

- Jan 5th **CANCELLED due to snow.**
- Jan 12th **Rev Kurt Hohmann**
- Jan 19th **Rev Bud Adam**
- Jan 26th **Ralph Singh**

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 housed at 1st U.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, 1/17/25, 1:30-6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

701 N Main St., Central Square, NY

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.

SPECIAL GATHERING

Sunday, February 2, 2025 will be TANYA ADAMS Final scheduled sermon. We have enjoyed Tanya's words of wisdom and sharing. As a thank you and good wishes for the future, we are having a gathering after the service in the dining room. Please join us, and if you are able bring a treat to share.

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

- * Reminder - wear your 1st U hoodies and T's, not just to Service but everywhere!
- * We now have very attractive, pride color UUA book marks for give aways at events. They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other.
- * We hope to be working with a professional web designer to update our web site.
- * 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.*

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 29th 2PM
"Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver"

PALESTINE- Our Taxes Pay for Slaughter.

**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

See previous Newsletters for background information. Current information is below:

- * <https://ifamericansknew.org/>
- * [Zionism and Propaganda](#)
- * [What Does This Say About Ourselves?](#)
- * [Israel and the UN](#)

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.
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 slaughtered, starved and brutalized every day and our politicians need to be reminded that ***our tax dollars*** (\$4 billion/year and \$24 billion more in 2024 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](#) and [Jewish Voice For Peace](#) are two groups of mostly 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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Reading Suggestion

"In a Single Garment of Destiny"

A Global Vision of Justice
An unprecedented and timely collection that captures the global vision of Dr. King—in his own words

Author: [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

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