

CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
March 2024
Monthly Message for All Ages

We have a legacy of “deeds not creeds.” Our work for a better world calls us to unexpected places as we harness love’s power to stop oppression. From grassroots community organizing to interfaith state, national, and corporate advocacy; in protest marches, prayer vigils, and press conferences; in homeless shelters and in prisons, Unitarian Universalists put our faith into action.

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.



March Calendar of Events

Services and Book Club are also on [Zoom](#)
3/2 Sunday: 9:00 AM Board meeting in the building.
3/4 Tuesday: 6 PM Girl Scout Meeting
3/8 Saturday: 5 PM Pagan Gathering (see below)
3/14 Friday: **Red Cross Blood Drive**
1:30-6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, Central Square. (see below)
3/26 Wednesday: 2 PM Book Club. (see below)
3/29 Saturday: 9:30-3:30 AARP Safe Driving Class. Pre-registration required

SUNDAY SERVICE CONVERSATIONS

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

3/2: **Rev Andrea Abbott**
3/9: **Rev Kurt Hohmann**
“Eostre: Trusting in the Return of Spring”
3/16: **Rev Bud Adams**
3/23: **Dennis Kohen, PhD**
3/30: **UU East Region Service Sharing or Music by Avalon.**

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

PAGAN GATHERING

Úthellingu Kindred invites you to join us in the dining room on the second Saturday every month from 5-8 pm, for a casual get-together where you can meet and socialize with Norse Pagans. Snacks & beverages are always welcomed! We’re open to honorable folks regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation. All who welcome all are welcome. To learn more visit www.uthellingu.org or contact uthellingu@gmail.com
Rev. Kurt Hohmann
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday 3/14/25, 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

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 26th 2PM

“My Name is Mary Sutter” by Robin Oliveira

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The girl scouts are sponsoring the **Youth Empowerment Initiative program**. This is a community driven referral system that provides up to 40 families with needed resources. Currently 27 families are involved.

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.

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

* The most effective way to grow our Congregation is by personal contact. Invite people to our Service. Tell them about our Seven Principals. Many people are looking for an accepting community and that’s us! With our Zoom connection they can be anywhere. SPREAD THE WORD.

* We now have very attractive, pride color UUA book marks for your use and as give aways at events.

They have the Seven Principals on one side and our Sources on the other.

* UUA said they don’t have grant money for social media. We’re pursuing other avenues to update our web site and social media presence.

* Reminder - **wear your 1st U hoodies and T’s**, not just to Service but everywhere!

* 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 – Paul W, Paul S, Win, Ellen, Arny

* BIG THANK YOU to Katie for her concern, diligence, coordination and follow through with the snow/ice removal from the roof!

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Reading Suggestion

On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder

Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century

The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience.

On Tyranny is a call to arms and a guide to resistance, with invaluable ideas for how we can preserve our freedoms in the uncertain years to come.

PALESTINE- Our Taxes Pay for Genocide.

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](#)

* [Documentary](#)

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