

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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The mission of this church is to support and encourage:

- Personal inspiration for spiritual and intellectual growth,
- The active and ongoing search for truth,
- The embracing of diversity and freedom of belief,
- Outreach and engagement in our neighborhood and community,
- A vital and nurturing congregational life for all.

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SUNDAY SALONS, JULY & AUGUST 2010

See Inside for Descriptions of the Programs

July 3, 10 AM; "VISIONS--USA"	---Open
July 10, 10 AM; "Respect (or lack thereof)"	---Diane Hart
July 17, 10 AM; Tolerance?	---TBD*
July 24, 10 AM; Social Concerns?	---TBD*
July 31, 10 AM; "Unitarian/Universalist"	---TBD*
August 7, 10 AM; Democracy?	---TBD*
August 14, 11 AM; "Azerbaijan & Turkey"	---Joan Moog & Carol Milliron
August 21, 10 AM; "The End of the World"	---Keith Owens
August 28, 10 AM; "Agriculture in the USA"	---Joyce Hinshaw
September 4, 10 AM; UUEA this coming year?	---TBD*

*TBD means that a leader has not yet appeared. You may be sure that someone will introduce the topic so be prepared to bring your opinions to the Salon!!

CALENDAR

July 18, Monday, 7 PM @ Church

July 24, Sunday, 10 AM to ?

This will be a service at Faun Lake by Donna Evans-Deyermond (See Inside)

July 24, 5 to 8 PM on board the USS LITTLE ROCK

August 31, Wednesday -----

Board Meeting. All are Welcome to Attend
Finding Common Ground

Friends of the Night People (See Inside)

September Newsletter Deadline

THANKS

to **Mike Hart** for cooking hotdogs at the church picnic and to **Diane Hart** for coordinating the picnic as well as to all who contributed food and conversation.

and to **Nicole Morris-McLaughlin** for filling in for RE recognition Sunday

and to **Doug Bailey** for the donation of a spruce tree (from the Christmas Eve service) which will be planted on the side lawn.

Special Note: a large basket and a cake tin with cover (filled with brownies) were left at the picnic. Please leave a message on the church answering machine if it is yours.

Special Thanks

On June 12th, Paul Becher and family members placed a commemorative sign in the butterfly garden, created by Ellie a few years before her passing. "Ellie's garden", next to the terrace, is a pleasant setting to relax, reflect and enjoy a bit of solitude. We are grateful for the peaceful beauty she left us.

And Thanks to Paul's daughter, Holly and to his grandchildren for tending to "Ellie's Garden", this spring. Holly also took care of the alcove in the back of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Amanda Facklam** who is graduating from Iroquois High School and is class Salutatorian. Amanda is planning to enter Johns Hopkins.

Board Report Excerpts

The shed is a hazard and must be demolished

Basement humidity is under control

Kitchen & Bath Windows have been replaced

Board Liaisons with Committees

Sunday Services **Barb Brooks**

Membership **Jeff Maris**

RE/Youth **Amy Sheehan**

Bldgs/Grounds **Maggie Smith, Steve Kress**

Financial **Mike Hart**

"Finding Common Ground"

Donna Evans-Deyermond will be doing a service with this title at 10 AM on July 24, followed by a picnic. Hot dogs and sausage will be provided but please bring a dish to pass and whatever you like to drink.

There is a lake and a pool, we have a kayak and a canoe so you can swim, fish, paddle or hike.

The site is #223 at Faun Lake. Take Rt. 20A then Rt. 78 and turn left on PeeDee Road, just past North Java. Turn right on Pleasant Valley road and you will come to the Faun Lake office on the right. You must go into the office and get a visitor's pass for site #223, the Deyermonds.

Please email dedyermond@live.com if you'll be coming so we can plan accordingly.

The Night People

Friends of the Night People are having a benefit party with a focus on Veterans in Need. The party will be held July 24 from 5—8 PM on board the **USS LITTLE ROCK**. there will be food, wine/beer, live music and prizes. Tickets are \$25 at 844-5375 and at <Friend of Night People.com. For more information call Joan Herold, 655-0033.

The Sunday Meetings

July 3: Visions—USA: Do you have a vision of the future of the United States?

July 10: Respect, or the lack thereof--Somehow this precious and powerful character trait has gradually eroded over time in our culture. How did this happen? How can we get it back?

July 17: OPEN: Suggested Topic; Tolerance, its origins and limits

July 24: OPEN: Suggested Topic; Social Concerns in this country

July 31: The UU Association: Unitarians (God's Frozen People) and Universalists (Soft Seats and No Hell) joined in 1961 to form the UU Association, largely as a result of a common social agenda. The union has been prickly as attested by recent UUWorld articles.

August 7: OPEN: Suggested Topic; Democracy, Is it dying in the United States?

August 14: Joan & Carol visited Azerbaijan and Turkey

August 21: The End of the World: A Look at Apocalyptic Religious Beliefs

August 28: The end of Agriculture in the United States

September 4: OPEN: Suggested Topic; UU East Aurora in the coming year.

Summer Salons

Each summer we have round table discussions on Sunday mornings at 10 AM. We invite everyone to attend and contribute his or her ideas to the group. Each Salon has a leader who selects and introduces the topic of the day and interested people are invited to contribute their thoughts.

In my Salons, I like to use the "Talking Stick" approach. Following the introduction, the "Talking Stick" is passed around the group---the person holding the stick has the floor and is not to be interrupted during their talk. After completing a circuit of the group, the "Talking Stick" is retired and the floor is opened to anyone who wishes to speak. I feel that this approach encourages everyone to speak, even those who might be hesitant about speaking out in public.

There are several openings that are not yet scheduled (marked 'Open' on the calendar). Should you decide that you would like to lead a salon, please let me know and I will invite participants by electronic mail. There will definitely be something at the church each Sunday!!

Charlie Nighthman

SOCIAL JUSTICE/SOCIAL ACTION:

An informational meeting, for those interested in being Family Promise volunteers, will be held on July 1ST at 2:30 PM at St. Matthias Church (374 Main St., East Aurora). Committee members will attend, others are welcome. St. Matthias will be hosting a family, July22-29. If you would like to help, contact Lynne Juratovic—lynneuker@msn.com.

The Buffalo UU Church is hosting a family, July 15-22. The contact person there is Martha Malkiewicz—bkfamilypromise@aol.com.

FISH continues to have need for food items:

Summer is often a carefree time for many of us, but not for those who struggle to feed their families. Please don't forget about them. . . continue to bring in non-perishable food items and put them in the basket as you enter the sanctuary.

~Thank you

Chautauqua Institution

Each Sunday during the season, there will be UU speakers at the Chautauqua Institute Hall of Philosophy on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. The following speakers are scheduled:

June 26	Rev. Kate Walker	Alexandria, VA
July 3	Rev. Daniel Kantor	Dallas, TX
July 10	Rev. Frank Hall	Westport, CT
July 17	Rev. David Weissbard	Rockford, IL (ret)
July 24	Rev. Lee Barker	Pres. Meadville/Lombard
July 31	Rev. Richard Gilbert	Rochester, NY (ret)
August 7	Rev. Lisa Ward	Churchville, MD
August 14	Rev. Terry Sims	Surprise, AZ
August 21	Rev. Michael McGee	Arlington, VA
August 28	Rev. Daniel Budd	Cleveland, OH

During the Sunday services, the new R.E. Director, Diana Bower, will be offering a religious education program for children ages 4—13, meeting at the Hall of Philosophy at 9:30 and walking to the UU House for activities.

During the fourth week of the season, July 18—22, The “Ethics in Everyday Life Lectures” will also be held at 9:30 AM in the Hall of Philosophy.
