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Newsletter of the First Unitarian
Universalist Society of Albany

March 2012

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM

Mindfulness Meditation

9:45 AM

Nursery/Toddler rooms open

10:00 AM

Service

Children's Chapel

(1st Sunday/mo.)

Religious Education

11:00 AM

Coffee Hour

11:45 AM

Forum (2nd & 4th Sundays/mo.)

Sundays at FUUSA

Please join us on any Sunday for:

Mindfulness Meditation, Religious Education for children and youth, the Service, Coffee Hour, or any combination thereof. Other programs include Forum (social justice and environmental topics), Children's Chapel, social events, and adult education.

All are welcome!

Services

Mar. 4 "A Faith Without Abusive Authority," The Rev. Sam Trumbore

The Protestant Reformation had its start in the abuse of Papal authority selling indulgences to fund Vatican building projects. We've been deconstructing and questioning the authority of leaders ever since the schism. Our bylaws have elaborate safeguards against the abuse of power here. Have we gone too far? Some in our movement are innovating around empowerment of affirming leadership. Music: Choir

Mar. 11 "Reading--and Righting--The Times," The Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley

In our congregations, with each other--and with principles and practices that guide and sustain--we are challenged to do the hard work of making a difference in the world and of creating beloved community.

Mar. 18 "A Faith For a Crowded World," The Rev. Sam Trumbore

Most world religions began at a time when our ability to affect the biosphere was quite limited. Now we on the cusp of seeing dramatic climate change for which humanity is responsible. Technology amplifies the ability of a few people to do tremendous damage as we saw on September 11, 2001. Population continues to exert tremendous pressure on the resources for our collective survival. How can religion respond in a way that helps rather than harms? Music: Choir

Mar. 25 "A Faith For a Pluralistic World," The Rev. Sam Trumbore

In a globalized world bristling with nuclear weapons, religious intolerance is no longer an option. We must learn to live side by side with people whose beliefs are very different from our own. This hasn't always been a problem. There have been times when humanity has done it very well. Those lessons are being incorporated into the evolution of Unitarian Universalism and promoted in the world.



Calendar

Events happening every Sunday at FUUSA

9:00 AM	Mindfulness Meditation	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Service	Emerson
10:00 AM	Children's Chapel (1st Sunday/mo.)	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Religious Education	Classrooms
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour	Channing, Emerson
11:45 AM	Forum (2nd & 4th Sundays/mo)	Emerson
6:00 PM	War Healing Circle (2nd & 4th Sundays/mo.)	Emerson

Exceptions:

Events happening every week in the month of March

Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Philosophy Group	B-8
	1:00 PM	Bridge	B-8
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Projects & Quilts	B-8
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Emerson

Exceptions:

All other events happening in the month of March

1-Mar	5:00 PM	Metta Meditation Group	Rm 26
	6:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting	Rm B-8
	7:00 PM	SGM John Sherman	Rm B-5
2-Mar	5:45 PM	Parent Group	Channing Hall, Rm 23, 24/25
3-Mar	10:00 AM	Two Rivers Next Step	Kitchen, Rm 26, B-8
4-Mar	10:00 AM	Children's Chapel	
	11:00 AM	FOCUS Food Pantry	Emerson, Kit, 24/25, B-3/B-4
	11:30 AM	Social Responsibilities Council	Rm B-7
	12:00 PM	FOCUS Food Pantry	Channing Hall
	12:30 PM	Rite of Passage	Rm B-8
	4:00 PM	UU Military Chaplain Deployment Blessing Service	Emerson Community Hall
5-Mar	4:45 PM	Stewardship Gathering Facilitator Training	Rm B-8
6-Mar	6:30 PM	Congregational Conversation	Rm B-7
	7:00 PM	Lifespan: Lenten Bible Study	Rm B-8
	7:00 PM	UU Christians	Rm B-5
7-Mar	2:00 PM	SGM Patka/Manning	Rm B-5
	5:30 PM	Evensong	Channing Hall
	6:00 PM	Wellspring Meeting	Rm B-8
8-Mar	5:00 PM	Metta Meditation Group	Rm 26
10-Mar	9:30 AM	Happy Movie Followup Meeting	Rm B-8
	10:00 AM	Auction setup	Emerson Community Hall
	6:30 PM	Auction	Emerson Community Hall Kitchen
11-Mar	11:45 AM	Forum: William Reinhardt	Rm B-8
	4:00 PM	Organizing Mindfulness Meeting	Rm B-8
	5:30 PM	Walker Book Club	Channing Hall, Kitchen
12-Mar	10:00 AM	SGM Patrick/Odell	Rm B-5
	3:30 PM	Shelter Meal Prep	Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Monday Men	Rm B-8
	7:00 PM	SGM English	Rm B-5
13-Mar	7:00 PM	Lifespan: Lenten Bible Study	Rm B-8
14-Mar	2:00 PM	SGM Patka	Rm B-5
	5:00 PM	Religious Services Committee Meeting	Rm B-8
	5:30 PM	Evensong	
	6:30 PM	SGM Peggy Sherman	Rm B-5
	6:30 PM	Wash. Sq. Nbd. Association	Channing Hall
15-Mar	5:00 PM	Metta Meditation Group	Rm 26
15-Mar	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees	Rm B-8
15-Mar	7:00 PM	SGM John Sherman	Rm B-5
16-Mar	6:00 PM	Potluck and Sing Along	Channing Hall, Kitchen
	6:30 PM	Healthy Congregations Training	Emerson Community Hall, Rm B-2, B-7, B-8

17-Mar	9:00 AM	Healthy Congregations Training	Channing Hall, Kitchen Rm B-2, B-7, B-8
18-Mar	11:30 AM	Forum Paul Tonko	Emerson Community Hall
	11:45 AM	Green Sanctuary Meeting	Rm B-8
19-Mar	12:00 PM	Channing Circle	Channing Hall, Kitchen
20-Mar	7:00 PM	Lifespan: Lenten Bible Study	Rm B-8
21-Mar	2:00 PM	SGM Patka/Manning	Rm B-5
	5:30 PM	Evensong	Channing Hall
	5:30 PM	Safe Congregation Response Team	Rm 26
	6:00 PM	Wellspring Meeting	Rm B-8
22-Mar	5:00 PM	Metta Meditation Group	Rm 26
23-Mar	5:00 PM	Junior Youth Overnight	whole building
24-Mar	7:00 AM	Getting to Know UU	Kitchen, Rm B-8, B-7
	6:00 PM	Circle Dinners	Offsite
25-Mar	11:45 AM	Forum David Soares	Emerson
	12:00 PM	Stewardship Gathering	Channing Hall, Kitchen, Rm B-3/B-4, B-5, B-7, B-8
26-Mar	10:00 AM	SGM Patrick/Odell	Rm B-5
	3:30 PM	Shelter Meal Prep	Kitchen
	7:00 PM	Monday Men	Rm B-8
26-Mar	7:00 PM	SGM English	Rm B-5
27-Mar	7:00 PM	Lifespan: Lenten Bible Study	Rm B-8
	2:00 PM	SGM Patka	Rm B-5
	5:30 PM	Evensong	Channing Hall
	6:30 PM	SGM Peggy Sherman	Rm B-5
30-Mar	5:00 PM	RE Council Retreat	Kitchen, Rm 26
	6:00 PM	Meditation Retreat	Emerson Community Hall,
31-Mar	8:00 AM	Meditation Retreat	Channing Hall,
	8:00 AM	RE Council retreat	Kitchen, Rm 26
	6:00 PM	FUUSA Wine & Cheese Event	Channing Hall,

Forum

Mar. 11, Peak Oil Part II - Local Solutions for a Global Phenomenon

Mar. 18, National Defense Authorization Act with Congressman Paul Tonko

Mar. 25, Occupy Albany with District Attorney David Soares

Looking Ahead

Apr. 13 Annual Fellowship Dinner

News

Bylaws change proposal Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 1

A Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, April 1 immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on a resolution that will amend the by-laws to establish a five-year term for Endowment trustees, with one member elected each year and also define the procedure to implement the by-law change during the elections at the regular Annual Meeting in May. The resolution to be considered is printed near the end of this newsletter.

Congregational Conversation on proposed by-law change

There will be a congregational conversation to discuss the proposed resolution on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 in Room B-8.

Guest in Our Pulpit, Lynn Ashley

Rev. Ashley attended Andover Newton Theological School where she completed a masters degree in psychology and religion and a doctorate in pastoral care and practical theology. She has served the UU Congregation of Northern Chautauqua and the Unitarian Church of Barneveld where she was named Minister Emerita in the summer of 2011. She and her husband, Lawrence Snyder, reside happily in the Capital District.

Canvass becomes Stewardship!!

As this year's chair of the Stewardship Committee, formerly known as the Canvass Committee, I am announcing that we will be kicking off our annual drive with a new way for you to make your annual financial commitment to FUUSA. Some of you very much enjoy your annual visit from a member of the Stewardship Committee. Others have expressed less enthusiasm for the annual rite of home visits. In response to those looking for a more meaningful way to connect with FUUSA financially, we will be offering a series of Stewardship Gatherings. Everyone will receive a phone call inviting them to sign up to spend a couple of hours with a dozen or so fellow FUUSAn delving into what FUUSA means to us, and our hopes and dreams for its future. At the end of the evening we will ask you to fill out the financial commitment form.

Flyers in this issue

At the end of this newsletter you will find full page items on:

- ◆ Proposed bylaws change, Endowment Trust
- ◆ Annual Fellowship Dinner flyer

Why the new name, Stewardship Committee? As members, we are all stewards of this 170-year-old institution. We keep the flame alive for this small religion with such huge potential (see Chuck's column elsewhere in Windows). As temporary holders of the keys to FUUSA, we are called not just to preserve, but to nurture and grow FUUSA so that it can bring our vision of the future to the world.

So far, we have Stewardship Gatherings scheduled for:

- ◆ **Friday, April 6**, from 5:45-8:15 p.m. – a free pasta dinner where families come together and eat, then childcare is provided while the adults break into small groups and talk.
- ◆ **Sundays, March 25 and April 1** after the service from 11:45-2:00 p.m. – a free pasta lunch where families come together and eat, then childcare is provided while the adults break into small groups and talk.
- ◆ **Evenings at homes around the area.** Each home will host 8-10 people with coffee and snacks. These gatherings will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm on March 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, April 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 15. More will be scheduled as needed.

For those who enjoy the traditional canvass visit and chat, we will offer those starting shortly after the Annual Dinner on April 13. Whichever you choose, our goal this year is to meet with every FUUSAn in person. Over the next two months, let us come together and create that vision of the future which we wish to offer the world.

If you want to help or have any questions or comments, please contact me at RHDana@nycap.rr.com. —Dick Dana

Charlie Estey died

We regret to tell you long-time FUUSAn Charlie Estey died on Feb. 17. When a date is set for the memorial service we will publish it in Windows.

March Forth against hunger!

After the service on Sunday, March 4th, the FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry and Hunger Action Network will be visiting FUUSA. While the adults in the congregation are listening to the presentation, there will be age-appropriate poverty-awareness programs offered for the RE students, and then all will come together for an intergenerational meal. The program is the result of the joint work of our Social Responsibilities Council, Religious Education Council, and Lifespan Learning Committee.

On March 4 the children will have Children's Chapel and then various poverty- and hunger-related exercises in their classes. When RE classes end at 11:20, the children will join the adults in Emerson Community Hall for the end of the presentation. And then all will share a meal, a facilitated large-group discussion on hunger and decorate paper-plates for a NYS exhibition.

Give Away the Plate

March 11

We will give away the plate on Sunday, March 11 for the renovation of the former St. George's Church in Albany's West End--the new home of the soup kitchen that has been serving Albany's poor with hot meals three days a week for 34 years under the auspices of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. As reported recently in the Times-Union, the soup kitchen is moving into its new home on March 1 while renovations are ongoing, and the new space will allow for expansion of services to the poor including medical screening, legal advice, veteran's assistance, dental care, and educational services for new mothers and to help families with nutrition. Shabana Masih from the Sister Maureen Joyce Center will be with us on 11th to tell about the expansion of the services of the soup kitchen and beyond. Checks will be made out to the Sister Maureen Joyce Center and are tax-deductible.

Calling all FUUSA artists

It's time to reveal your talent. The Art and Aesthetics Committee invites FUUSA members to participate in the Spring Congregational Art Show to be held in Channing Hall from April 15th to June 10th.

All media are welcome. Work must be framed and wired or otherwise ready to be hung on the art wall

7th Annual Guided Wine and Cheese Tasting

Celebrate the bounty of New York State!

March 31, 2012, 7-9 PM

Channing Hall

\$25

This year, wine mavens Peter Meixner, John Sherman, Rick Whitebread, Al DeSalvo, Tim Burch, Sue and Al Berzinis, Don Odell, and cheesemonger extraordinaire Eric Paul have put together a delectable selection of wines and cheeses from New York State producers from the Finger Lakes, Hudson Valley, Long Island, and the North Country.

Sign up at Coffee Hour.

On site Childcare is available by reservation.

All proceeds benefit FUUSA's general fund.

using standard picture hooks or nails which we will provide. Relief sculpture is welcome if provided with a means to hang it. Artists may submit multiple items. However, the Committee reserves the right to limit the number shown depending upon the overall response. Sculpture that needs to be on the floor with a pedestal or stand may be unacceptably vulnerable to damage in Channing Hall due to foot traffic and frequent furniture moving. However, we will work with the artist to find a less vulnerable area of the church. Stands or pedestals will be the responsibility of the artist.

If you are interested, contact Peter Meixner by phone or email for details.

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Fellowship Dinner

Friday, April 13

Triskaidekaphobics? Not Us! Friday, April 13th is the date of one of our very special FUUSA events – the Annual Fellowship Dinner! It is an evening of marvelous festivity – replete with good food, terrific company, lots of laughter, a bit of tradition, and a chance to kick up those heels and celebrate being together. The dinner is being held this year at Franklin Terrace in Troy (see attached flyer). Invitations will be mailed the week of March

5th – and will be available in the FUUSA office after that. Be sure you mark your calendar, ready your party shoes, and watch for your invitation. This is truly a not-to-be-missed event!

Save the Date:

The Senior High group will present the Sunday Service on April 22.

Calling all Families to the CROP Walk!

FUUSA families do a wonderful job in encouraging our children to develop empathy and compassion for others. Participating in family activities that provide real and symbolic support for those in need is a great way to reinforce a message of caring. The CROP Hunger Walk raises dollars to support hunger relief programs, locally and around the world. The act of walking also puts us in solidarity with those who struggle every day to feed their families, who often must walk to get food, water and fuel.

The Albany CROP Hunger Walk is coming up on Sunday, May 6th. It starts and ends near FUUSA, takes place in early afternoon, and there’s a lunch at FUUSA after the service, but before the Walk.

The regular Walk route is about 4 miles, but there’s a one-mile option, and the route can easily be shortened to accommodate the capabilities of your family. We encourage all families to sign up for FUUSA’s CROP Walk team (Team UU). There will be a Walk table at coffee hour starting in early April, and information can be obtained at any time by contacting Dawn Dana (xxxxxxx). Go Team UU!

Save the date

Interfaith Impact of NYS Advocacy Day, Monday, April 30. We will need as many people as possible to advocate for liberal causes with IINYS. Speaking not required. But, warm bodies are required. Details forthcoming soon.

Annual dinner skit rehearsals will begin Sunday, March 4.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Unitarian Universalism and FUUSA

We invite you to meet with others who are new to the congregation at our next “**Getting to Know UU**” session, scheduled for **Saturday, Mar. 24** from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

We’ll start with coffee and snacks and getting to know each other: new folks, Membership Committee, and Rev. Sam Trumbore. You’ll learn about Unitarian Universalism and about our congregation, and you’ll get a chance to ask all the questions you’ve been collecting. We’ll talk about how to get involved in the FUUSA community and about becoming a member. All in all, it’s a fun morning of conversation and fellowship, and a pleasant first step on the path to membership!

There is a sign up sheet in Channing Hall (at the Sign Up Site), or you can call Amy Lent Director of Member Services at the church office, 463-7135.

New Member Sunday

On **Sunday, Apr. 1**, we will welcome new members into our congregation.

Membership is open to all. To become a member of FUUSA you will start by signing an Intent to Join. There is no test of faith or belief requirement to join our community, only general agreement with the purpose of our organization. The expectations of membership are: participation on Sunday morning; involvement in and helping with our activities; and financial support of the congregation. Each expectation is flexible depending on each person’s ability to participate.

One officially becomes a member by signing the membership book in the minister’s office, which can be done privately or with a group on New Member Sunday. New members are encouraged to come and be recognized during the Sunday service on New Member Sunday, as it serves as an excellent introduction to your new community, but it is not a requirement! Please call either Kathy Hodges, Chair of the Newcomer Welcoming Team (355-5018) or Amy Lent, Director of Member Services (at the church office, 463-7135) if you are interested in becoming a member.

Lifespan Learning

Evensong for Families

An 8 week series of spiritual gatherings

Wednesdays, Mar. 8 — May 1, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Evensong, led by Leah Purcell, is a spiritual program like Small Group Ministry which fosters communication within families and within the FUUSA community. We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 from March 8 to May 1st (skipping April 11). The themed services are: *Who Is Your Family?; Mealtimes, Bedtimes, Hellos and Goodbyes; Birthdays and Holidays; Things You Love to Do Together; Good Times and Bad; Your Family's Ten Commandments; Sharing and Privacy and Celebrate Your Family*. Like Small Group Ministry groups, participants attend each week. There will be a limit of 5 families. Sign up in Channing or contact Leah Purcell to sign up or ask questions: dre@albanyuu.org

Mindfulness Meditation Training

March 30-31

This training, will be led by Rev. Trumbore, on Friday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. It gives the participants an opportunity to learn Buddhist mindfulness meditation techniques or refresh and deepen their meditation practice. All are welcome whatever your level of experience. There will be a potluck vegetarian lunch on Saturday and all are encouraged to bring something to share. Please register at the Signup Site in Channing Hall or with the office (call 463-7135) if you'd like to participate. (A voluntary donation can be offered at the end.)

Rev. Trumbore has practiced Buddhist insight meditation for over 25 years and is Past President of the Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship. He has found this meditation technique to be one of the best for Unitarian Universalists. It helps people train their minds to strengthen concentration and intensify moment-to-moment awareness. Regular practice of this technique quiets and sharpens the mind and opens the heart.

The New UU: religious education for adults

The New UU, a new curriculum for adults will complete the remaining two of its six sessions on Mon-

day evenings in April from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The curriculum is intended for new and long time Unitarian Universalists. Each session is an independent session in the program which covers a range of topics. Sign up sheets will be posted on the sign up board in Channing Hall in the upcoming weeks for each of the sessions.

The following schedule will cover the last two sessions:

♦ Apr. 9: Social Justice Philosophy and Practice
(Postponed from March)

♦ Apr. 23: Membership

For more info contact Don Odell, The New UU Coordinator at 482-4574 or drodell31@yahoo.com. If you wish to explore this online curriculum offered by the Lifespan Development of the Unitarian Universalist Association, please feel free to go to the website at <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/newuu/index.shtml>.

The New UU, a new curriculum for adults, will Lenten Bible Study:

Saving Paradise, and Christianity, from Crucifix Theology

Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm
February 28 – April 3

For many people Lent can be a time of spiritual renewal. This Lent, we'll be renewing an early understanding of Christianity explored by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker in their book *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire*. We will also look at how that vision was lost. The life affirming, world affirming early Christianity we recover is one that has greater compatibility with Unitarian Universalism than many contemporary understandings of Christianity. (Note, the book is available on electronic readers)

Save the date:

Summer Spirituality Conference

Sponsored by the St. Lawrence District Spiritual Deepening Advisory Council

Sunday, July 29 -- Wednesday, August 1

Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Canandaigua Lake

Registration information and fees to be announced soon: see Denominational Affairs bulletin board in Channing Hall.

A friendly field: Metta practice group

Victor Anderson will lead an ongoing exploration of the Loving Kindness practices in the Theravada Buddhist tradition. Open to all, this group will study the 2500 year old practices of Metta and the other Brahma Viharas. We will use creative exercises, guided and silent practice and some dialogue to bring ease, flexibility of mind, and caring to ourselves our family and our entire sphere of influence. This work is practical and systematic and naturally supports Insight Meditation.

This new meditation community will meet at FUUSA every Thursday evening from 5 to 7 pm., starting on March 1. Begins with short talk at 5pm. Feel free always to join and depart at any time between 5 and 7 pm. Questions: Victor Anderson (207-590-5148 or wildharman@me.com)

Joy Library Notes

Newly added titles. Look for them in the New Books section.

Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire by Rebecca Ann Parker and Rita Nakashima Brock. Beacon, 2009 [230.09 PAR]

“When Rita Brock and Rebecca Parker began traveling the Mediterranean world in search of art depicting the dead, crucified Jesus, they discovered something that traditional histories of Christianity and Christian art had underplayed or sought to explain away: it took Jesus Christ a thousand years to die.

During their first millennium, Christians filled their sanctuaries with images of Christ as a living presence in a vibrant world. He appears as a shepherd, a teacher, a healer, an enthroned god; he is an infant, a youth, and a bearded elder. But he is never dead. When he appears with the cross, he stands in front of it, serene, resurrected. The world around him is ablaze with beauty. These are images of paradise—paradise in this world, permeated and blessed by the presence of God. But once Jesus perished, dying was virtually all he

seemed able to do.

Saving Paradise offers a fascinating new lens on the history of Christianity, from its first centuries to the present day, and asks how its early vision of beauty evolved into one of torture. In tracing the changes in society and theology that marked the medieval emergence of images of Christ crucified, Saving Paradise exposes the imperial strategies embedded in theologies of redemptive violence and sheds new light on Christianity's turn to holy war. It reveals how the New World, established through Christian conquest and colonization, is haunted by the loss of a spiritual understanding of paradise here and now.

Brock and Parker reconstruct the idea that salvation is paradise in this world and in this life, and they offer a bold new theology for saving paradise. They ground justice and peace for humanity in love for the earth and open a new future for Christianity through a theology of redemptive beauty.” (Amazon 2/16/12)

Nature's Second Chance: Restoring the Ecology of Stone Prairie Farm. By Steven Apfelbaum. Beacon, 2009 [639.9097 APF]

“Renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold once wrote, “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it does otherwise.”

Few have taken Leopold's vision more to heart than Steven I. Apfelbaum, who has, over the last thirty years, transformed his eighty-acre Stone Prairie Farm in Wisconsin into a biologically diverse ecosystem of prairie, wetland, spring-fed brook, and savanna. In healing his land, Apfelbaum demonstrates how humans might play a starring role in healing the planet.” [Amazon 28/04/11]

Our Community

Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Quail is happy to enter the lively FUUSA family. After visiting on and off over the last seven years, her goal was to make a stronger commitment when her oldest child, xxxxxx, entered kindergarten. Now that he is 6, and daughter, xxxxxx, 3, the family is ripe for a spiritual community. The children have been participating in the RE program this winter and Jennifer looks forward to taking this year to observe, learn and grow so that she may be a presence in the RE program as a teacher in the future. Speaking of teaching, Jen has been teaching English at Columbia High School in East Greenbush for ten years and holds two Masters Degrees in English Education and Literacy. She has also taught grades 5-8 in various districts before her current stint with teenagers. She feels that it is a natural progression to join the UU faith as evident in her love of poetry, nature, children, music and curiosity for spiritual understanding. Jen enjoys hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, reading and writing poetry, listening to music, cooking from around the world, and sleep. She lives in East Greenbush with her family.



Sarah Martin

No bio available at this time.

Annika Pfluger is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, having grown up attending the First Universalist Church in Syracuse, NY. From there, Annika went on to Ithaca College School of Music, and then to Boston where she received a Master of Music degree. Boston became home base and Annika spent many years there. Life just wasn't complete though, so in 2003, Annika travelled to Guatemala



to adopt her son xxxxxx. After he came home, the pull of family connections became much stronger. Annika then decided when xxxxxx was about three years old to move back to NY State in order to be closer to family. They currently live in Delmar where Annika teaches private cello and piano lessons out of her home studio. Time flies and xxxxxx is now nine years old! Being a single mom keeps life hopping as she keeps busy attending xxxxxx's soccer games and various other many activities. But she's always on the lookout for a good chance to settle down with a favorite book. Annika is really looking forward to becoming part of FUUSA and passing along the family UU tradition to the next generation.

Dave Quist and Britany Orlebeke Dave is originally from Minnesota, and came to Albany by way of Fargo (Minnesota wasn't cold enough!), Watertown, and Lake Placid. While always up for a trip to NY or Boston, he is always scheming for more "woods" time, whether hiking, kayaking, or canoeing. He dreams of a family kayak fleet. Be sure to wave if you see him biking to work at the state Department of Health!

Britany has been in living in Albany for 18 years and originally comes from the northern suburbs of Chicago. She works from home for a child welfare policy research organization, designing databases and writing SAS programs, among other activities.



Favorite things for Dave and Britany are: travel with their kids xxxxxx(8) and xxxxxx(6), spending time with family, good books, all kinds of music and time outside. They are happy to be here, both in Albany and at FUUSA, and are enjoying their time volunteering in the toddler room for RE.

Jody Hall Zimmerman is a Navy brat and the eldest of 6 children. She is a wife, mother of 4,

grandmother of 5, an artist, cook, gardener, sailor, volunteer and lover of music, nature and art. She is happy to have found FUUSA on her path and looks forward to the adventure of this community. (Earl's bio was in January Windows.)



6 to 9 at 6:09: Circle Dinners
Saturday, March 24

Circle Dinners, organized by Martha Musser, are potlucks held in the homes of FUUSA members and friends. These dinners provide an excellent opportunity to socialize in small groups of six to nine people. Everyone is welcome, singles and couples, regardless of dietary restrictions. We encourage families with young children to attend or host a family-oriented dinner.

If you would like to attend, you can complete the sign-up form in Channing Hall or email Martha at xxxxxxcom. In your email, specify the number of adults and children who will attend. Also indicate if you are willing to host or need a ride. If you are *not* bringing children, please indicate if you would like to attend a family-oriented dinner.

Last day to sign up: Thursday, March 8, 2012

Save these dates for future dinners: Friday, May 18 or Saturday, May 19

If you would like to know more about Circle Dinners, please contact Martha Musser at xxxxxx.

FUUSA Parent Group
Friday, March 2, 6:00 pm

The FUUSA Parent Group will meet Friday, March 2 for a potluck dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 PM with a discussion to follow from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For the dinner please bring a dish to pass and a beverage to share. Our topic this month will be getting kids to try new things. Child care will be provided. For more information contact Paula Brewer at xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx ComUUnity Potluck to meet in Rensselaer

Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m

The next meeting of the "Guilderland Plus" potluck group will take place on Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. Our hosts will be Linda Hunt and Larry Gambino. Please, contact them at xxxxxx for reservation and to talk about a dish to share.

Save the Date!

May 11 and 12 are the days scheduled for the Spring Rummage sale! Look for details in the April Windows. Contact Patty xxxxxx if you have questions, concerns or want to help!!

Cancer Support Group

The FUUSA Cancer Support Group has been existence for many years, although right now it is in a hiatus. It could be revived. It has supported a number of FUUSAns over the years. If you are interested or want more information contact Mary Applegate (xxxxxx) or Sandy Stone (xxxxxx). Meeting times and frequency would be decided by all those involved.

Walker Book Club

Sunday, March 11, 5:30 PM

The Walker Book Club offers participants the opportunity to search for truth and meaning by reading and discussing a book each month from September to June. The book group is open to all, and newcomers are always welcome.

The evening begins with a potluck supper in Channing Hall, followed by a lively discussion of the book of the month chosen by participants. Bring your favorite dish to share, and a small contribution to cover beverages. Participants may either: bring and store their own dishes, drinking vessels and eating utensils; or use dishes etc. at FUUSA and help with the dishwasher.

Dates and books currently scheduled: March 11, 2012: Deaf Sentence by David Lodge

Contact Linda Hunt at xxxxxx with any questions. Join the Walker E-List to find out more about selected books and to participate in suggesting and choosing books to read and discuss.

About Us

FUUSAn **Don Cavanaugh** who lives in Seattle, WA now, writes to say he won't be going to Gen-

eral Assembly this year and will miss catching up with FUUSAs while there. He said "Please say hello to folks at FUUSA and give them my best wishes!"

Now is the time to register for Camp Unirondack Unirondack is indeed a unique and special place – Grounded in Unitarian Universalist ideals, its mission is to “provide an environment that inspires people to explore responsible roles in the web of life through physical, mental and spiritual challenges.” I recommend Unirondack as a way for UU’s of all ages to experience a broader Unitarian Universalist community and make friends that can last a lifetime.

Register now! http://www.formstack.com/forms/Unirondack-Camper_Registration You can also pick up a 2012 Catalog of Programs at the RE office.. Go to the Unirondack website <http://www.unirondack.org/> See how many children, youth and families from FUUSA you can identify in the photos! If you or your grown children have attended in the past and you’d like a modest way of continuing your support, please consider becoming a member of Unirondack.—Leah Purcell

Joys and Caring Corner _____

Illness

Jan McCracken had surgery January 30. Her mother Martha Schroeder hopes you can keep Jan in your prayers.

Gisele Atwater suffered a fall in her yard Feb. 10 which resulted in bleeding on her brain. Surgery to correct this was successful and Giselle is making progress daily with physical therapy. Please keep Giselle and her husband Jack in your thoughts.

If you need the services of the Caring Network, please call the office during regular hours at 463-7135.
Items of personal joy or caring may be submitted during the service on the yellow cards provided, or directly to May Ann Randall (mabrandall@gmail.com.)

Social Justice

As I write this on Presidents' Day, I think of all the exciting events that are coming up at FUUSA. And many of them are related to Social Justice. I am grateful for the interest and support of this congregation and for all that you do to support social justice. As you probably know, we donate our collection plate, all that is not a part of a pledge, five times a year. We contributed over \$1300 for Flood Relief for the St. Lawrence District; \$1800 to support SNUG, the anti-violence program in the City of Albany; and over \$1300 to the New Sanctuary for Immigrants. Our next Give Away will be in March to Catholic Charities for the renovation of a soup kitchen. The final one will be to Community Gardens. Besides these you support other projects such as the Focus Food Pantry with a contribution each 4th Sunday. On March 5th we will hear more about the work and the needs of the food pantries at our Hunger Lunch. I hope all of you will participate in this event.

And as you read this news letter, you will see many opportunities to learn more about the social justice programs, the interesting forums of the Green Sanctuary and the Peace Team, and opportunities to help with the homeless and hungry. If you want

**Need to talk?
FUUSA Pastoral Care
Associates are here
to listen!**

Our Pastoral Care Associates have been trained in compassionate listening skills and are available to all members and friends of our congregation. To contact a Pastoral Care Associate, email listeners@albanyuu.org, contact Reverend Sam Trumbore, the FUUSA office at 518-463-7135, or one of them personally. They are: Jon Newell, Phil Rich, Sharon Babala, Jan Satin, Jean Bolgatz, Randy Rosette, Mark Yolles and Robin Miller.



to become more active and involved, we welcome you to join us in our social justice programs including Standing on the Side of Love. Check the calendar for meeting times.

Lois Griffin
Chair, Social Responsibilities Council

Forum

Three forums in March—all are on Sundays at 11:45 AM

◆ **March 11, Peak Oil Part II - Local Solutions for a Global Phenomenon**

Join us for the Green Sanctuary Committee Forum that will examine this critical global issue from a local perspective. Our presenters will be Bill Reinhardt, President of the Capital Region Energy Forum, and Dave Hochfelder, Founder of the Capital District Transition Network.

Mr. Reinhardt and Dr. Hochfelder will share their personal experiences and activist histories to assist the participants in preparation for energy descent.

◆ **March 18, National Defense Authorization Act with Congressman Paul Tonko**

In this Peace Team Forum, Congressman Paul Tonko will discuss the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that was recently voted in by Congress and signed into law by President Obama, and why he voted against it. This act includes provisions allowing for anyone picked up in antiterrorism efforts, including those arrested on U.S. soil and U.S. citizens, to be held in indefinite detention without charge or trial, based on suspicion alone. Mr. Tonko stated: "Final changes to the NDAA bill did not resolve national security concerns nor did they fundamentally change the provision that further enables indefinite military detention of terrorism suspects and threats to the inalienable due process rights afforded to every American citizen under the Constitution. The bill still gives the President the authority to indefinitely imprison American citizens without charge or trial, and as such, I strongly opposed the NDAA and voted against it." He also stated that: "The United States was founded on the promise that justice is an inalienable human right and that all American citizens, regardless of their suspected transgressions, are entitled to the due process of law. The America I believe in does not throw people in prison indefinitely without an opportunity to face the charges against them."

A question and answer period will follow Congressman Tonko's talk.

◆ **March 25, Occupy Albany with District Attorney David Soares**

At this Peace Team Forum, District Attorney for Albany County David Soares will speak on his stand on not prosecuting peaceful Occupy Albany protesters and other issues of concern. Mr. Soares made national news when he announced that he would not prosecute participants in the Occupy Albany protest who simply exercised their first amendment rights of freedom of speech and assembly. At this forum he will discuss this issue and other issues of concern in Albany. Many legal issues confront Americans today including arrest and detention of non-citizens whose visas have expired, seizure and indefinite detention of citizens who are named by federal officials under the newly passed NDAA, fraud in the banking and mortgage industry and fraud based foreclosures, or hours of indefinite confinement on a parked airliner at the Albany Co. airport.

NYS is at a crossroads

Please join Hunger Action Network and FOCUS for Lobby Day!!

Wednesday, March 7

Lobby day provides a chance to move legislators to action by better-educating them about hunger and poverty issues facing so many people in our state. We will be asking for more funding of welfare benefits, job creation and human service programs. Additionally, we will support an increase of the minimum wage in NYS and universal health care.

Registration and briefing at 9:30 am, Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 85 Chestnut. Free lunch will be provided. This will be followed by a noon march and rally at the NYS Capitol. Meetings with the legislators will occur from 1pm-4pm.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Catozzi or Mark Dunlea at Hunger Action Network: 518-434-7371.

Columns

Sam's Outlook

A religion for a crowded world

My sister Sue and I “Skyped” a couple of weeks ago. In our conversation, we got onto the subject of religion. A geochemist, she studies how carbon dioxide is absorbed from the air, primarily in soils. Being a humanistic oriented scientist, she doesn't have much patience with old time religion, especially as she watches greenhouse gases rapidly increasing. She said with some exasperation, “The old Abrahamic faiths don't have the right world view for the twenty-first century. What we need is a new religion for a crowded world.”

I told her I see Unitarian Universalism striving to become just such a religion. As our President Chuck Manning mentions in his excellent column for this month, young people are abandoning traditional religion in droves, as many as 25% describe themselves as 'none.' Unitarian Universalist Association President Peter Morales likes to refer to us as “the religion for our time.” Unitarian Universalism is evolving very quickly right now as we try to adapt to a global culture that is evolving even faster.

Not being bound to a creed or a sacred text allows us room to explore new ways to be religious that adapt to contemporary realities. We have no theological struggles embracing reproductive rights for women, same sex marriage equality, the Big Bang Theory, evolution, stem cell research and environmentalism. We don't go to sacred texts when we are looking for the facts of existence. On moral issues, we give priority to individual rights and self-determination. Our approach starts with the inherent worth and dignity of each person, respecting each person's inner light to guide them. Our approach is bottom up rather than top down.

But right here is the rub. Historically, religions become mass movements when they have a charismatic leader who manifests superhuman characteristics. I severely doubt Unitarian Universalists would let that happen due to our strong distrust of authority figures. Innovation in our movement filters up from the bottom. The lighting of the chalice

on Sunday morning, almost universally practiced now, started with individual congregations adopting the practice in the 1980's. If the UUA President, or worse the UU Ministers Association, had recommended it, the practice would have died out very quickly.

Communication accelerates innovation. Today's electronic communication generates innovation on steroids. As someone who championed electronic communication in the early 1990's for our congregations and our Association, I'm amazed by what I see happening today. Right now, Unitarian Universalism is evolving in real time, practically every month, toward a robust religion like none that have ever existed before.

So in March, I'll be doing a series of sermons to take snapshots of this fast evolving faith of ours. So much of what we are doing speaks to the struggles of our era, the struggles those “nones” have on their minds to which traditional religion doesn't have satisfying answers for them. All of these struggles have ancient, even timeless sources that must be rediscovered anew by each generation. The answers too must be reshaped to contemporary contexts.

My concern as we do all this evolving and innovating is remaining appreciative and connected to traditional sources of truth including Unitarian and Universalist sources. Reading sacred texts metaphorically is one of our greatest assets. By honoring many different sources of metaphor, from sacred text, to literature, to poetry, to nature, to science, to philosophy, to the greater world of ideas, to even the profane, we exclude no source of wisdom and insight. The evolution of our technology and knowledge hasn't altered (at least not yet) the basic structures of how our minds and bodies work. The existential reality of being born, having to die and having self-reflective awareness of those realities haven't changed. The answers the ancient sages and adepts found are as relevant today as they were then. And they are limited too by their times and their world views.

More than any other religious tradition, Unitarian Universalism brings together perennial religious truths across traditions and cultures, and finds con-

temporary language to communicate them. The great innovation happening in our congregations is finding ways to bring those truths to life and synthesize them in a way that can be practiced, refined and integrated into our being. Together we are creating an evolving, changing, breathing religion for our time.

We are in the middle of evolving a transforming, life saving faith. The world needs our approach to religion. It is very worthy of your generous support.—Rev. Sam

Chuck's Chat

We have work to do, together

I have been reading American Grace – How Religion Unites and Divides Us, a book loaned to me by Abby Sugarman. In this 673 page book describing religion in the United States, Unitarian is mentioned once in passing and Universalism is not mentioned at all. Yet, we are calling ourselves “the religion for our time”. Newcomers on a Sunday morning comment on the energy in our congregation. Peter Morales, the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, has noted that although there are only about 160,000 members of UU congregations, there are over 650,000 people in the United States that identify as UUs.

There are also the “Nones”. Folks without a religious home. Eric Weiner the author of “Man Seeks God: My Flirtations with the Divine” wrote an article in the New York Times describing the Nones. (I just took out the book from our excellent FUUSA library). Weiner says, “Nones constitute the nation’s fastest-growing religious demographic, roughly 12 percent of people who say they have no religious affiliation at all. The percentage is even higher among young people; at least a quarter are Nones.” Doing the math that means there are 37,200,000 Nones out there.

He goes on to say, “Nones don’t get hung up on whether a religion is “true” or not, and instead subscribe to William James’s maxim that “truth is what works.” If a certain spiritual practice makes us better people — more loving, less angry — then it is necessarily good, and by extension “true.” (We believe that G. K. Chesterton got it right when he said: “It is the test of a good religion whether you

can joke about it.”)” That sure applies to us.

Does this sound like a UU opportunity ? It really hit home with me when Weiner said at the end of the article:

“What is the solution? The answer, I think, lies in the sort of entrepreneurial spirit that has long defined America, including religious America. We need a Steve Jobs of religion. Someone (or ones) who can invent not a new religion but, rather, a new way of being religious. Like Mr. Jobs’s creations, this new way would be straightforward and unencumbered and absolutely intuitive. Most important, it would be highly interactive. I imagine a religious space that celebrates doubt, encourages experimentation and allows one to utter the word God without embarrassment. A religious operating system for the Nones among us. And for all of us.”

That is exactly what I think we strive to be – “a religious space that celebrates doubt, encourages experimentation and allows us to utter the word God [or humanism or any other word that works for you to describe the unknown and the profound] without embarrassment.”

This brings me to what the Board has been focusing on recently--STEWARDSHIP-- “formerly known as Canvass”. The change in name is more than semantic. We recognize that all of us have a responsibility as Stewards. We must be Stewards to preserve our own beloved congregation, a responsibility given to us by the generosity of our predecessors. Preserving what we have is accomplished not only with our financial commitments but also with our time and energy. As Stewards, we are also called to meet the challenge from our Strategic Plan “Loving what we have, we seek more. Together, we believe we can make a difference in the lives of our members, our congregation, and our larger community.”

In this newsletter there is a description of how we will be doing Stewardship this year. It is different and we hope you will all participate. Help us answer the question: “How can we work together to bring our vision to the world?” We all need to work together on this, so that the dream of being a religion for our time becomes a reality. —Chuck

Religious Exploration

Evensong for Families

Increasingly, I hear from families that they would like to spend more time together. In the past years we at FUUSA have worked to create different types of events for people of different ages to be together. I'm thinking not only of multigenerational Sunday services, but also Children's Chapel, summer programming and the multigenerational pot lucks. Still, we at FUUSA are always looking for ways to do more.

I am offering the program *Evensong for Families* as an opportunity for spiritual deepening as we enter the last weeks of winter and begin the first weeks of spring. *Evensong* is a spiritual program, much like Small Group Ministry, which fosters communication within families and within the FUUSA community. It's also a bit like Children's Chapel because each session has an order of service with songs, a chalice lighting, joys and sorrows, a time for quiet, some movement, and an opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts about the topic of the evening. Each week families will get a preview of the next week and preparation activity for it.

I'm hoping that *Evensong* will answer a tremendous need. It's an opportunity for families to live their faith beyond Sunday – during the week, at home and as families. It creates a setting for spiritual deepening for both long-term members and for families who are new to FUUSA. As the author of *Evensong* says, "Listening is at the heart of all relationships. When we are listened to, we feel safe and supported in sharing our experiences, emotions, beliefs and concerns with others. When we offer others our attentive presence, we nurture love and respect."

What does a family look like? A family can have parents of any age or number and children of any age or number. A family can be a couple without children. A family can be chosen family. All families share common experiences and unique experiences that can enrich the gathering.

How is *Evensong* part of our religious program? Pat Hoertdoerfer, esteemed religious educator reminds us that "Religion is relational." As Unitarian

Universalists, we do not follow a set of beliefs that are set by a separate authority. We are compelled to be in relation with ourselves, with those around us, with the larger world and with the natural world. We can choose seek out opportunities to make our relationships transformational. Being open to transformation can bring meaning to our lives. We can develop beliefs or philosophies that help us weather the tough times we face in life and appreciate the tender moments without clinging to them. It can inspire us to work for the greater good.

The sessions run from March 7 through May 2, excluding April 11. Each session lasts about an hour and a half. Babies and young children are welcome. Parents know best whether an experience like this is right for their children. I've set our time at 6:00 to 7:30 so that young ones can get to bed. So it's fine to bring some finger food for young children. We'll meet in Channing Hall. Let me know if you're interested. I'm excited about *Evensong for Families* and I look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

In faith,
Leah

Bringing It Home

As we enter the last weeks of winter Rev. Sam and I are suggesting that we all use Lent, as a time of introspection and making ourselves more whole.

You can help your family develop a spiritual practice together with the help of Michelle Richards a UU religious educator and author of *Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting*. Go to her blog to find discussions about parenting and liberal religion. This will take you to *Introducing Meditation to Children and Youth*.

<http://blogs.uuworld.org/parenting/tag/spirituality/>

"Even if you regularly engage in meditation as a spiritual practice yourself, it may be challenging to help your child learn to do it and even appreciate it, at least initially."—Leah Purcell

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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, April 1** immediately following the service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the following resolution that will amend the by-laws to establish a five-year term for Endowment trustees, with one member elected each year and also define the procedure to implement the by-law change during the elections at the regular Annual Meeting in May. The resolution to be considered is:

Resolution To Amend the By-Laws to establish a five-year term for Endowment Trustees, with one member elected each year.

Whereas: Over the last two years, the Endowment trustees have systematically examined Endowment Trust policies and practices for possible improvements and have implemented several key changes. One key change requires modifications to both the FUUSA Bylaws and the Endowment Declaration of Trust, and approval from the congregation. To ensure continuity in managing the portfolio and to avoid the risk of a wholesale shift in approach, the “Vanguard’s View of Best Practices” document recommends that trustees serve at least five years and that no more than one-third of members be rotated on or off the committee in any one term.

Whereas: Currently we elect five Endowment trustees in a three-year cycle that elects two, two, and one trustee each year. Thus, we can have turnover of two out of five (40%) of elected members in most years. Furthermore, in a year in which the ex-officio member, FUUSA’s Treasurer, changes we could have three out of six (50%) of our members change.

Therefore: Be it resolved that the FUUSA by-laws be changed as follows:

ARTICLE VIII ELECTED POSITIONS, TERMS, VACANCIES, INCAPACITY AND REMOVAL

Section 3. **Three-Year Terms** Each year two trustees, four Religious Education Council members, two Social Responsibilities Council members, and two Nominating Committee members, ~~and the number of endowment trustees required by the Declaration of Trust~~ shall be elected to three-year terms commencing the first day of July following the annual meeting at which they are elected. No individual may serve more than four consecutive years in the same position ~~except for endowment trustees, who may serve seven consecutive years.~~

Section 4. **Five-Year Terms** Each year one endowment trustee shall be elected to a five-year term commencing the first day of July following the annual meeting at which he or she is elected. No individual may serve more than seven consecutive years as an endowment trustee.

Furthermore: Be it resolved that the Endowment Declaration of Trust be changed as follows:
Paragraph 3)

a) The five Endowment Trustees shall serve overlapping three~~five~~-year terms, with one ~~or two~~ Endowment Trustees being replaced each year. No individual may serve for more than seven consecutive years as an Endowment Trustee.

b) Candidates for Endowment Trustee shall be nominated by the FUUSA Nominating Committee. Endowment Trustees shall be elected by majority vote of a quorum of the Society’s membership at the Society’s annual meeting, and shall take office on June~~July~~ first, following the annual meeting.

Furthermore: Be it resolved that the terms of the trustees be adjusted so that one term shall end in each of the next five years as follows:

- Reese Satin: 2007-2013 (6 years total)
- Lee Newberg: 2009-2014 (5 years total)
- Chris Jensen or Betsy Miller*: 2011-2015 (4 years total)
- Betsy Miller or Chris Jensen*: 2011-2016 (5 years total)
- Candidate elected in May 2012: 2012-2017 (5 years total)

*decided by coin toss.

You're invited

to FUUSA's Annual

Fellowship Dinner

Friday, April 13, 2012

at Franklin Terrace
126 Campbell Avenue, Troy NY

6:00 p.m. **Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres** (cash bar)

7:00 p.m. **Dinner**

And then... **Entertainment** as can be provided only by the FUUSA Players

Followed by ... **Dancing** to the smooth rhythms of Matt Edwards and Buck2Fifty

Choice of Entree:

- ☞ Sliced Roast Beef
- ☞ Stuffed Breast of Capon
- ☞ Fillet of Sole
- ☞ Eggplant Rollatini

\$29.50 per person

RSVP with payment by April 8, 2012

Persons needing transportation may call the church office at 463-7135.

Send your RSVP to the FUUSA office!

(Call the office at 463-7135 if you don't get the invitation in the mail the week of March 5.)

FREE childcare at Franklin Terrace, coordinated by FUUSA parent Cari-Angela Abatemarco. This will enable parents of young children to enjoy the fellowship and the dinner, while knowing that their children are nearby. **RSVP for childcare on the reverse of your dinner RSVP.**

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