

Summer Sundays

at FUUSA

June-July-August 2014

9:00 a.m. MEDITATION

Mindfulness Meditation, in the Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. SERVICE

In Emerson Community Hall, refreshments afterward



June 15 "Droning On," Rev. Chris Antal

New York is emerging as a major drone operations center. What are the ethical issues around unmanned aerial vehicles and what is our social responsibility in light of their presence in our state?

The Rev. Chris J. Antal is a Community Minister for the Church of the Larger Fellowship.

June 22 "Looking for Shark Teeth," Vee Abbitt

We don't have to look hard to find joyous, enlightening and affirming things in our every day lives. This is one story about how a day at the beach looking for shark teeth ended up being so much more. *Vee Abbitt is a UU seminarian.*

June 29 "GA Simulcast"

We will watch a live simulcast of the General Assembly Worship Service in Providence, RI, and join in singing hymns.

Continued on reverse

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

for children and youth 10:00 a.m.

Summer Session: June 15– Aug. 31

In Summer Session we offer a place for children of many ages to be together to play, hear stories, sing songs and engage in art and other activities while the adults attend the service. Youth are invited to help or to attend services. Childcare for infants and toddlers will be provided by our paid staff. We use the large, air-conditioned rooms upstairs.

Unlike the sequential lessons during the fall and spring terms, each week of Summer Session is "stand alone" so you can bring your child whenever you like. Visitors are always welcome.



The summer services are coordinated by Sue Stierer and Vee Abbitt. If you can volunteer to help on a Sunday when you will be here, they'd love to hear from you. They have openings for Greeters and Ushers. You can reach Sue at 518-590-4448 and [ss-tierermendrin@yahoo.com](mailto:sstierermendrin@yahoo.com) or Vee at vabbitt@meadville.edu.

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Aug. 3 "Reflections on Small," Karen Johnston
Paradox is one of the mysteries of the spiritual world and quantum science. Paradox helps us out of our heads and opens up the possibility of something more. May this service's focus on Small -- and all it contains -- invite you to wide possibilities. *Karen G. Johnston is a Candidate for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry who lives in Northampton, MA.*

Aug. 10 "The Reunion of the Separated," Rev. Dr. Tom Chulak

At birth we are separated and throughout our lives we often find ourselves separated from self and others. Most of us want to feel connected but find it hard to connect. This service will explore our yearning as human beings for reunion that is loving and life-giving and our struggle to find it. *Rev Dr. Tom Chulak is a retired UU Minister and Member of FUUSA.*

Aug. 17 "Embracing the Raw Bones of the World," Lou Rehder

Seeking new ground for atheism, spirituality, and religion, this talk will focus on recent scientific findings on body-based awareness and cognition. The national marriage debate will be touched on, and techniques from tai chi will be reviewed regarding exploring this new ground. *Lou Rehder is a dad and a structural engineer who has also trained in martial arts and exploration of meditative states, dance and conflict resolution.*

Aug. 24 "Love Reaches Out," Peggy Sherman and others

Reflections from FUUSAns on their experiences at 2014 General Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island

Aug. 31 "The Meaning and Dignity of Work," Robb Smith

The NY Constitution says "labor is not a commodity." What does that mean? The founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, said the two things you need to be happy are love and work. Why? As we prepare for Labor Day, let's take a closer look at the work we do and what makes it so important in our lives. *Robb Smith is a UU Lay Community Minister and Executive Director of Interfaith Impact of NYS, the UU legislative ministry for New York.*



July 6 "The Baby, the Bathwater and Me: A Cleansing Faith Journey," Sue Stierer

The story of a UU turned Christian turned UU Christian searching for truth and meaning in one tradition of our UU heritage. *Sue Stierer is an active member of FUUSA, participating in many lay-led worship services, our wonderful choir, and the Religious Services Committee.*

July 13 "Wanderers, Worshippers, Lovers of Leaving," Rev. Beth Dana

Religion scholar Robert Wuthnow writes about dwelling theology and seeking theology in the American religious landscape. We will explore expressions of these theologies in Unitarian Universalist communities, and how they shape our spirituality and church life. *Rev. Beth Dana grew up at FUUSA and is now a Unitarian Universalist minister in Fort Worth, Texas.*

July 20 "Wellspring Reflections," Wellspring Participants

Reflections offered by members of this year's Wellspring 1 group on their spiritual growth and development. Participants included Sharon Babala, Pam Crane, Thayer Heath, Chuck Manning, Philomena Moriarty and Leah Purcell. Dave Munro and Cathy Perkins were the group facilitators.

July 27 "The Symbolism of Flowers," Sigrin Newell

From time immemorial, people have buried their dead with flowers. The iris, the lily, the rose and others are more than just flowers; they carry spiritual and symbolic meaning. Mid-summer is a good time to explore stories of flowers and spirit. *Sigrin Newell is a gardener and naturalist who sings in the choir.*