News & Information from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

August 2012

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Worship services and religious education for children and youth begin at 10:30 a.m.

Please note that this is an abbreviated version of the Newsletter. Please look at e-News and Order of Service for up to date information. The regular version of the newsletter will be back in September.

August 5

Social Justice and Judaism: Where we Started, Where it Has Taken Us

Michael Greenwald, Pulpit Guest

The Israelite prophets of the 8th century BCE were, best anyone can tell, the first to argue that God wants social justice. Living at a time of great prosperity, they argued not against wealth, but that having wealth obligates those who have it to help those who do not and are most in need. This message of social justice persisted as the religion of ancient Israel evolved into what we today call Judaism. Its imperative remains unchanged: those who have most still have an obligation to the larger communities that house us all.

Dr. Michael Greenwald is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at St. Lawrence University. A Reform rabbi with a Ph.D. in New Testament and Christian Origins from Boston University, his teaching specialties include Hebrew Bible and New Testament.

August 12

Lessons Learned From Heart Disease

Jeff Chiarenzelli, Pulpit Guest

What matters most in life? This is the theme that guest speaker Jeff Chiarenzelli will explore, speaking from his personal experience.

Jeff Chiarenzelli is a geologist and environmental scientists whose primary area of interest is the origin of the crystalline rocks of the Adirondack Region. He is Chair of the Department of Geology at St. Lawrence University; he is a 1981 SLUgraduate.

August 19

Not Turn Away: Lessons From Working for People Near the End of Life

Brian Gardam, Pulpit Guest

Brian will share lessons he has learned from working with people near the end of life.

August 26

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Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock, Pulpit Guests

Since our move to New Mexico, we've been wondering: in the midst of change, where is home? Is "home" a place we leave behind or something we carry with us? What does it mean to feel at home, and why does it matter? What about a religious home, the home of the soul?

Anne and Wade served as the Co-Ministers of our church from 1993 until their retirement in 2009, when they were named Ministers Emeritus. Lured west by mountains, family, and new adventures, they moved to Los Alamos, NM, in 2011.

ON THE CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 1
8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee mtg

Sunday, August 5
10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

Wednesday, August 8
6:30 p.m., Church Council meeting

Sunday, August 12
10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

Thursday, August 16
7 p.m., Budget & Finance Committee meeting
7 p.m., Worship Committee meeting

Sunday, August 19
10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE
12:30 p.m., Social Action Committee meeting

Monday, August 20
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Thursday, August 23
7 p.m., Stewardship Committee meeting

Sunday, August 26
10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

Wednesday, August 29
10:00 a.m., Library Work Day
1:15 p.m., Library Committee meeting

Attention RE Volunteers - Mark your Calendar Now for Teacher Orientation: We will be meeting on Sunday, September 9th from 12 - 3 p.m. Lunch and Childcare Provided!

Photo Directory Update: Thanks again to all who participated in our church photo directory project. If you have not yet received any portraits you ordered, please contact Carol Pynchon (323-2324 or tpynchon@twcny.rr.com). Page proofs of the directory have just arrive; once we have reviewed and returned them, we expect delivery of printed directories within three weeks. If all goes well, you can look for your new church directory in late August. They will all be mailed to church for general distribution.

*Visit **www.uucantonny.org** for updated information about August church events.*
If you would like to receive weekly electronic "UU News to Know" messages, please email the church office **office@uucantonny.org**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

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Deadline for next newsletter: Monday, August 20