



August 31, 2016

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We're thrilled that James is finally here! His first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 11. James' office hours are Monday to Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. His email address is [minister@uucantonny.org](mailto:minister@uucantonny.org).

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There are currently no church office hours (until further notice). Gwen will be checking email and voicemail and will be available by appointment.

### [September Newsletter](#)

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## CHURCH NEWS

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**SASO:** A Social Action Shared Offering will be collected this Sunday, September 4 on behalf of the Workers Center of Central New York. This worker-based organization has been helping farmworkers for decades to recapture stolen wages, know their health and safety rights, demand safer working conditions, gain access to needed medical care and other services, and obtain protections under the NYS Labor Laws currently denied them. For more info [click here](#).

**RE Family Focus Group:** Parents of children in the RE program, as well as RE volunteers and others who are interested, are invited to participate in our RE FAMILY FOCUS GROUP on Sunday September 11 at 8:45 a.m. [Click here](#) for all the details!

**Fair Share:** Each year our church makes a "Fair Share" pledge to the UUA and the St. Lawrence District in support of the many resources and services they provide. We need your help to meet that commitment. You should have received a [Fair Share appeal](#) from Stewardship Chair Bart Harloe and Budget and Finance Chair Milner Grimsled in the mail this week. Please respond as generously as you are able. Thanks!

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**This Sunday:** Join us for a Fun Day! [Details here](#).

**Family Focus Group** - Join us on Sunday, September 11 at 8:45am to help the religious education program better serve your family. See more [here](#).



**Volunteer Orientation:** Sunday, September 18th from noon - 3pm, join us for our religious education volunteer teacher orientation.

**Please Register Your Child(ren):** Please take a moment to register your child(ren) for the 2016-2017 religious education year by clicking on [here](#).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Death Café:** You are invited to eat cake, drink tea and talk about death. Death Cafe is not a bereavement group or a counseling session. It is group discussion with the aim of increasing our awareness of death so we can make the most of our finite lives. Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Canton. [Click here](#) for more info.

**GardenShare Fight Hunger 5k:** GardenShare Executive Director Gloria McAdam was recently our pulpit guest to share her thoughts and experiences about solving the problem of hunger in our community. You can hear her sermon [here](#). You can help GardenShare's efforts to fight hunger by participating in this year's [Fight Hunger 5k Walk/Run](#) on Sunday, September 11.

**THIS SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, September 4**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's RE**

**[Si, Se Puede! \(Yes, you can!\)](#)** - Bart Harloe, Pulpit Guest

Greeters: David Doran, Esther Katz, Dwight Stevenson, Becky Van de Water

Lay Leader: Robin Collen

Kitchen Cabinet Advisor: Lorraine Olendzenski

Social Hour Hosts:  
Pat Gengo, Jean & Eric Williams-Bergen,  
Steve & Cara Coffin

Collection Counters: Will Siegfried, David Doran

Library Table: Lorraine Olendzenski

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of Greeters & Social Hour Hosts

## THIS WEEK IN RE

Acting DRE and RE Ambassador: David Bradford

Nursery: Anna Dickinson and Sharon Tavernier

Fun Day Advisors: David Bradford and Laura Foster

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### ***Sunday, September 4***

10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

### ***Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)***

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation with Charlie Bradt

[\(click here\)](#) for more info)

### ***Tuesday, September 6***

1:30 p.m., Personnel Committee meeting

### ***Wednesday, September 7***

8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee meeting

6:30 p.m., Church Council meeting

### ***Thursday, September 8***

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee meeting

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