

September 7, 2016

This Sunday ~ INGATHERING <u>Practical Ways to Unity</u>

The Rev. James Galasinski, Minister

We will also celebrate Water Communion. Please bring a small amount of water that is significant or symbolically meaningful to you.

There are no church office hours until further notice. Staff will continue checking email and voicemail.

September Newsletter

CHURCH NEWS

SASO: The Social Action Shared Offering taken last Sunday, following Bart Harloe's pulpit talk about labor movements, will continue to receive contributions through this Sunday. If you wish to contribute to the **Workers Center of Central New York (WCCNY) SASO**, please memo your check SASO or place cash in the collection plate with a note this is for the September SASO.

Green Light NY: Driving Together! An important effort of WCCNY is helping to coordinate a campaign to help immigrants get drivers licenses. Learn more **here** and consider signing the petition online or a the Social Action table this Sunday.

START-UP Potluck - Friday, September 16: In her newsletter column, Council President Barbara Beekman invited everyone to participate in this important event that will help launch our new church year and James' ministry among us. Learn more **here** and please plan to join in.

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. You should have received a **Fair Share appeal** from Stewardship Chair Bart Harloe and Budget and Finance Chair Milner Grimsled in the mail last week. Please respond as generously as you are able. Thanks!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday: All children and youth will be attending our Ingathering worship service. **Details here**.

Family Focus Group - Join us on Sunday, September 11 at 8:45 a.m. to help the religious education program better serve your family. See more **here**.

Volunteer Orientation: Sunday, September 18, from noon to 3 p.m., join us for our religious education volunteer teacher orientation.

Senior High OWL Program: Senior High parent orientation for Our Whole Lives will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 25. Parents of 10th to 12th graders are strongly encouraged to attend this one-hour session to learn more about the Our Whole Lives program and meet the facilitators. The first OWL session will be an overnight at Catamount Lodge Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15. We are very excited to begin!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Death Café: The First Presbyterian Church of Canton is hosting a group discussion with the aim of "increasing our awareness of death so we can make the most of our finite lives." Those who participated in our common read of Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal* may find this discussion on Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m., to be an interesting continuation of our conversation. Click **here** for more info.

GardenShare Fight Hunger 5k: September is Hunger Action Month - let's take action! GardenShare Executive Director Gloria McAdam was recently our pulpit guest to share her experience and thoughts about solving the problem of hunger in our community. You can help GardenShare's efforts to fight hunger by participating the Fight Hunger 5k Walk/Run this Sunday, September 11. WE NEED A UU GROUP! Will you start one?!

THIS SUNDAY
Sunday, September 11
10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's RE

INGATHERING

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Greeters: Jim Williams & Donna Dilworth, Carol Gable

Council Welcomer: Todd Moe

Social Hour: Karen Bage, Robert Best & Anita Figueras, Matilda Larson & John Rosales

Worship Associate: Mark Berninghausen

RE Ambassador: Jenn Whittaker

Collection Counters: Pat Gengo, Tim Opdyke

Library Table: Kate Whitehorne

Click here for the full schedule of Greeters & Social Hour Hosts

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Ambassador: Jenn Whittaker

Nursery: Anna Dickinson

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, September 8

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee meeting

Sunday, September 11

8:45 a.m., RE Family Focus Group 10:30 a.m., Ingathering Intergenerational Worship

Monday, September 12

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation with Charlie Bradt (click here for more info)

1:00 p.m., Library Committee meeting

7:00 p.m., Social Action Committee meeting

Tuesday, September 13

1:30 p.m., Communications Committee meeting 4:00 p.m., Welcoming Committee meeting

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