



September 14, 2016

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

September Newsletter

CHURCH NEWS

START-UP Potluck - Everyone is invited this Friday, September 16, at 5:30 p.m., for an opportunity for all congregants to share a meal, engage in exploration of our past, and express their hopes for our future. Please bring a dish to pass, based on the first letter of your last name: A - G: salad; H - R: main dish; S - Z: dessert. Don't forget your potluck packs!

CC&M is Back! During this political season, do you have a friend or relative who challenges your patience and political empathy? Join us at our first Coffee, Conversation & More of the year this Sunday, September 18, at 9:15 a.m., where we will use Doug Muder's article **Political Empathy** as a starting point and guide for a conversation about how to engage in civil discourse and empathy in conversations about politics. Childcare is available. Details **here**.

Hunger 101: As part of Hunger Action Month, on Sunday, September 25, after the social hour GardenShare's Gloria McAdam will lead a compelling and eye-opening interactive exercise to help people understand the struggle of feeding a family on a low income. Learn more **here**. Teens welcome! Please join us.

Feed the Need: Our social action initiative to collect non-perishable food for our local food pantry and for the Canton schools "backpack program" is ongoing. You can help by bringing a donation to the wooden Feed the Need box in the Social Room. And remember to pick up a yellow "reminder card" on the table outside the church office. Want to learn more and see how much your fellow UUs donated in the past two weeks? Check it out

Green Light NY: Driving Together! Thanks to all who contributed to the September SASO to benefit the Workers Center of Central New York. We are circulating a petition, supported by WCCNY and other groups, called "Green Light NY: Driving Together," to allow undocumented immigrants to get a driver's license in New York State. Learn more **here** and consider signing the petition online or at the Social Action table this Sunday.

Newcomer Information: If you are new to this congregation and have

questions, please visit our information table just inside the Social Room after church each Sunday. It will be staffed by a seasoned "welcomer" with informative handouts about Unitarian Universalism. Inquiries about us are encouraged and we like to get to know visitors and newcomers!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday: All children and youth will be participating in a LOVED Program. [Details here](#)



Volunteer Orientation: This 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](#).

THIS SUNDAY
Sunday, September 18
10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's RE

[The Seeds of Contemplative Prayer](#)
The Rev. James Galasinski, Minister

Greeters: Rich Fennessey & Carmen Stuart-Fennessey,
Brian & Claire Gardam

Council Welcomer: Heather Rousell

Social Hour: Pat Alden & Louis Tremaine

Worship Associate: Doug Rubio

RE Ambassador: Wil Rivers

Collection Counters: Jon Montan, Lorraine Olendzenski

Library Table: Lois Cutter

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

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Ambassador: Wil Rivers

Nursery: Katie Boczarski, Brook Stevenson

LOVED Teachers: David Bradford, Arthur Freeheart, Wil Rivers, Jenn Whittaker and Carol Zimmerman

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, September 15

7:00 p.m., Budget & Finance Committee meeting

Friday, September 16

8:45 a.m., Start-Up Potluck

Saturday, September 17

8:45 a.m., Council & Leadership Start-Up Workshop

Sunday, September 18

9:15 a.m., Coffee, Conversation & More

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

12 noon, Religious Education Volunteer Orientation

Monday, September 19

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation with Charlie Bradt

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

Wednesday, September 20

6:30 p.m., Religious Education Committee meeting

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