



*News & Information from the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton*



November 2015

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

November 1

Touchstones – Rev. Joel Miller, Interim Minister
Greeters: Louise Bixby, Carol Gable,
Relani Prudhomme
Kitchen Cabinet Advisor: Joanne McAllister
Social Hour: Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel & Ryan Hicks,
Sally Vrooman
Worship Associate: Mark Berninghausen
RE Ambassador: Esther Katz
Collection Counters: Ruth Baltus, Valerie Ingram
Library Table: Peggy Mooers

November 8

Musings of a Dinosaur – Rev. David Weissbard
Rev. Dave Weissbard was selected by his peers as the person to deliver the "50 Year" sermon to the ministers at the UUA General Assembly in June. He has adapted that sermon for sharing with us. "I increasingly feel as if I am a representative of a species moving toward extinction. The UUA of 2015 is not the UUA of 1965. From my perspective, something important has changed – and not for the best. So, I will be sharing my perspective as a dinosaur for your consideration."
Rev. Dave Weissbard earned his BA at St. Lawrence University and was the very last graduate of St. Lawrence's theological school. After 27 years at the UU church in Rockford, IL, eight years ago he retired from active ministry and returned to Canton. Dave preaches monthly in Central Square, and occasionally in other UU pulpits in the district.
Greeters: Duncan & Lois Cutter, Pat Alden
Social Hour: Anne Csete & David Katz, Bonnie & John Danis, Kevin Ball & Ruth Baltus
Collection Counters: Pat Gengo, Tim Opdyke
Worship Associate: Valerie Ingram
RE Ambassador: Maria Dickinson
Library Table: Miles Manchester

November 15

Being Mortal – Rev. Joel Miller, Interim Minister
This is our Common Read Sunday with a conversation about Dr. Atul Gawande's book, "Being Mortal" and the quality of our lives as we age.
Greeters: Ron & Sharon Tavernier, Lorraine Olendzenski & Tim Nolan

Social Hour: Susan Powers & Will Siegfried,
Anna Sorenson Sheila Cerwonka
Worship Associate: Robin Collen
RE Ambassador: David Bradford
Collection Counters: Janet Green, Jon Montan

November 22

Pilgrimage – Rev. Joel Miller, Interim Minister
The church of the Pilgrims that landed at Plymouth Rock was one of the first to become Unitarian (and is now Unitarian Universalist). But pilgrimages are an experience for all of us -- spiritual experiences that can transform our lives.
Greeters: Robert Carr & Patreesha Enders,
Ben & Emily Dixon, Pam & Bill Short
Social Hour: Wil & Rebecca Rivers, Bill Kirchgasser
Worship Associate: Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel
RE Ambassador: Wil Rivers
Collection Counters: Lonie Bogett, Will Siegfried
Library Table: Helen & Roger Hutchinson

November 29

Let's Get "Organized" – Nelly Case, Music Director
The role of instrumental music in religious gatherings throughout the western world has varied widely over the centuries. It was systematically excluded from services in the Roman Catholic Church until well after the year 1000 C.E., and is still ruled out in some Protestant denominations. By contrast, the use of instruments is common in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings. But what part does instrumental music play within the larger realm of music as a whole in our worship?
Nelly Case, our music director, organist, and handbell choir director for several decades, is a professor at the Crane School of Music, where she teaches courses in music history, literature, theory, and women in music.
Greeters: Barney Gage, Carol & Tim Opdyke
Social Hour: Sara Ricalton, Todd Moe & Paul Siskind
Worship Associate:
RE Ambassador: Wil Rivers
Collection Counters: Janet Green, Valerie Ingram

IN THE INTERIM - REV. JOEL REPORTS

Don't think of an elephant. Naturally, to not think of an elephant, we all have some image or symbol that promptly appears in order that we not think of it.

And, whether or not you think of a minister, if you've read this far, some image or symbol of a minister has appeared in your thoughts. Is he white? Is she tall? Might they be lesbian or transgendered?

Your Search Committee has been working very hard on getting to know you as a congregation, and will use that knowledge to present to you the best possible minister (or ministers) who is/are a good match for you and your ministries. But how might image that just appeared in your thoughts limit your imagination? And what if you have doubts about that image? The limitations of what is imagined, or our fears of it, can reflect onto an actual minister – yet, in reality, have nothing to do with that actual person. This isn't an unusual thing for us humans to do – it isn't unusual for any of us to prejudge people. But, being Unitarian Universalists, as part of our spiritual practice, we work to overcome our prejudices.

So I want to urge you to attend the "Beyond Categorical Thinking" (BCT) workshop here at the church on Sunday, December 6 (see page 4 for more information). Both the Workshop and the Sunday Worship service right before it will be led by Rev. Keith Kron, the Director of Settlement at the UUA in Boston. He's led BCT workshops for about 20 years.

These workshops have an outstanding record of helping people of a congregation participate effectively in their ministerial searches. The workshop will be fun, enlightening, and challenging in a helpful way. Please put the BCT workshop on your calendars. It's a very effective way to support your congregation's search process to find the minister(s) who are the best match for your future.

Rev. Joel, Interim Minister



PLEASE NOTE!

The church office will be closed from
November 23 to December 4 while
Gwen is on vacation!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PONDERINGS

As I write this column, October is coming to a close. I am looking forward to gaining new knowledge and fellowship as I attend my first Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) fall conference in Morristown, NJ. Also, early November will find me engaging in spiritual renewal and professional development with my colleagues from the LREDA Seaway Chapter. I am also thinking about the ending of fall, the coming of winter, and the celebration of Thanksgiving.

Although these opportunities and ponderings might seem hectic and stress creating, this time of year reminds me to slow down, count my blessings, and prepare for winter. In doing so, I am growing spiritually. The acts of putting my gardens to bed, preparing and sharing an abundant meal for family and friends, dreaming of winter whiteness and fresh ski tracks, reading an inspiring book or article and relishing in the warmth of a fire are, for me, ways I connect to a higher realm. It makes me curious as to how others connect to this sense. Our religious education program provides many opportunities to grow spiritually, for our children during Sunday classes and for adults during Chalice Circles or UU101 programs. The UUA provides many opportunities for us to expand our ideas and connect to something bigger than ourselves. I encourage you to check these blogs and programs like Blue Boat (<http://blueboat.blogs.uua.org/>), Standing on the Side of Love (<http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/>) or Commit to Respond (<http://www.commit2respond.org/>). I would be interested to hear how you choose to grow spiritually and how the RE program can better meet your spiritual needs.

What's Coming Up in November in Religious Education?

- November 1 - Church Fire Drill (all RE classes will go to their designated places during the drill)
- November 6 - Jr High OWL Session
- November 10 - Second Tuesday Chalice Circle Gathering
- November 13 - Jr High OWL Session
- November 18 - RE Committee Meeting
- November 20 - Jr High OWL Session
- November 29 - RE Fun Day (no regular classes)

Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education

THANK YOU THANK YOU...

- † Sally Hoose and Esther Katz for being Acting DREs in Carol's absence.
- † Wil Rivers for updating the RE Bulletin Board with artwork and details about our Spirit Play program.
- † Eddie Goldstein for collaborating about and co-leading our LOVED programs in October.
- † Pat Dunkelberg, Joan Kepes, Becky Van de Water, and Louis Tremaine for assisting with the October blood drive, and an especially big shout-out to Linda Kenny for organizing the August drive as well as giving blood and volunteering.

JOYS & SORROWS

- † We were sad to learn of the passing of long-time church friend John Ross and send our deepest sympathies to his wife Marilyn. If you would like to extend your condolences to Marilyn, her address is 28 Grayson View Ct., Selinsgrove, PA 17870
- † Pete and Barb Beekman have created a Caring Bridge page to update family and friends on Pete progress in Boston. Go to <http://www.caringbridge.org/> and enter Pete Beekman in the search field to get to his page.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our annual canvass is in full swing! Over the last couple of weeks, we've heard stories of passion and commitment about our UU community. We've also heard the case for a budget increase outlined effectively by Budget and Finance Chair Milner Grimsled. The proposed budget approved by Church Council includes an increase of approximately 4 percent to meet the 2016 COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) goal for our tremendously effective staff who supports the various ministries of this community. For Stewardship a 4 percent increase translates \$15,000 over last year's canvass target.

A few weeks ago Margaret and I attended a UU Leadership Day in Syracuse. One of the workshops was on stewardship and an idea was mentioned that really crystallized for me personally how I approach and think about stewardship for our community. The workshop leader proposed that we all think of our church as a kind of spiritual co-op, a house of the spirit that on one level is run and financed just as we would approach any non-profit, self-sustaining organization. Building a sustainable spiritual co-op means we need to think of how we can continue to foster community even as we hone in on the more prosaic matter of dollars and cents.

If we think of our church as a house of the spirit, a place where we bring together and share our most deeply held feelings and thoughts, then the idea of Appreciative Pledging fits right in. And whether you chose to participate in one of the Appreciative Speed Pledging sessions in October or are planning to meet individually with a canvasser this month, sharing your time and resources will not only build our community today, but will help to prepare for new minister and strengthen our future beyond. So how do we do this?

First, by building a shared ministry of stewardship. Through the Appreciative Speed Pledging sessions we are encouraging more people to get involved by sharing conversations about the importance and value of

the church in their lives and understanding more about the resources needed to maintain our beloved community.

Second, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of some in our community, the 2016 matching fund will allow us to fund our values with a dollar-for-dollar match in all pledge increases this year. This is a powerful incentive for us to think about what we all can do to make a budget that is strategic for the short term and also begins to broaden the base for a budget that sustains us going forward. Every new pledge and every pledge increase over 2015 amounts will be matched dollar for dollar. With this in mind, the Stewardship Committee is hoping individuals who are not now pledging will be inspired to start, and those who pledged last year will increase their pledge for 2016. We have set a goal of 100 percent participation in individual pledge increases over last year's level. We know we can do it!

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank church leadership for stepping up to help create this year's matching fund. It is an act of extreme generosity and it needs to be recognized as such. At the same time, I'd like to thank all of those – past, present, and future – who have contributed in all kinds of ways, both material and spiritual, to this particular co-op of the spirit. And finally, none of this would be possible without the commitment and hard work of the Stewardship Committee: Jim Michaelson, Tim Opdyke, Tim Nolan, Bill Short, Margaret Harloe, Katherine Brown (Council Liaison), with help from Louise Bixby and Ron Tavernier.

Bart & Margaret Harloe, Stewardship Committee

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cottage Meetings

We've now finished 17 Cottage Meetings, which gave us invaluable input from 117 people in our congregation! Thank you to hosts and to all of you who gave your time and energy helping us to gather such important information. From the first meeting at Partridge Knoll to the meeting with the Youth Group, we've heard from a great variety of our UUs. All of the data from those meetings is "in," and we're currently working to format it so that we can share it with you (in January, according to that huge Timeline on the wall of the Social Room!). Perhaps we'll be able to have a sneak preview of our findings before that date, but the detailed data from both the Cottage Meetings and the Survey (see below) will come to you in January.

Congregational Survey

Using some of the feedback from the Cottage Meetings, we've developed a survey that we'll be asking you all to complete. There will be paper copies available on Sunday, October 25, but the easiest way for us to receive and tabulate your responses is for you to take the survey online. To fill it out, click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UUCantonSurvey>.

Beyond Categorical Thinking - Save the Date

On Sunday, December 6, we invite you to join us for the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop, which is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. BCT includes a Sunday morning service with BCT workshop facilitator followed by a three-hour workshop, during which we will all have the opportunity to:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns we have for a new minister.
- Learn more about the ministerial search process.
- Explore how categorical thinking about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

Please join us! In this crucially important job of selecting a new minister, the BCT workshop presents another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of that process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work.

On the Web

We are in the process of getting the Search Committee materials ready for our new church website, and there are two exciting parts to it. The first is for our congregation, where there will be lots of helpful infor-

mation and links from our Search Committee. The second part is for ministerial candidates, and it will contain the all-important search packet, the congregational record, and information about our church. The recent photo session by Tara Freeman will come in very handy in helping candidates visualize how great our church and its people are.

Still don't feel as if you really know the Search Committee members? Follow these easy steps:

1. Check out our photos and brief bios in the Social Room, next to the big Timeline.
2. Take a copy of our contact information from the Document Box (next to the Bulletin Board).
3. Pick one (or more) of us and send an email or make a phone call to get information on the search.
4. Tell the committee member about your hopes and concerns and ask questions if you have them.
The next step is optional but very friendly!
5. Invite us over to your house or to a local establishment for coffee or tea (pie is optional, but always appreciated) and we'll talk some more!

In addition, you can contact the Search Committee at our church email address: search@uucantonny.org.

*Jon Montan (chair), Erika Barthelmess, Kim Bouchard,
Rajiv Narula, Jenn Whittaker, Theresa Witmer, Pete Wyckoff*

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Last year we identified "Inequalities in the North Country" as a major focus for our justice work. This coincided with two national conversations:

- At General Assembly, the UUA adopted a Study-Action item, "Escalating Inequalities" (<http://www.uua.org/economic/escalatinginequality>) that encourages all congregations to consider how inequalities are increasingly becoming a serious justice issue.
- Growing national concern about the political impact of money raised from the wealthiest Americans. To what extent is our democratic society being threatened by control by a very few?

To help us continue our conversations about possible actions and solutions, the Social Action Committee plans to hold regular discussion meeting this year, including periodic lunch discussions after church and monthly Friday potlucks. If you have an idea about a topic you would be interested in exploring more deeply, please send an email to socialaction@uucantonny.org. or speak to Pat Alden, Margaret Harloe, or Eileen Raymond.

In addition to talking and contributing to worthy efforts this year, we also want to encourage citizen advocacy. This is no time to be silent! Please check the Social Action Committee bulletin board and display table regularly for announcements of current letter writing campaigns and other citizen actions. Make this the year your legislators here from YOU!

Election Finance Discussion- November 1

In this political season, the issue of how our elections are funded has become a critical one. Continuing our focus on the impact of inequalities, we are holding a lunch-time discussion after church on Sunday, November 1. Our focus will be on a national effort to amend our constitution to limit the impact of big donors on our electoral process, in light of the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court. Margaret and Bart Harloe will be sharing information about the "Move to Amend" movement (www.movetoamend.org), which they learned about at General Assembly last June. We will also consider the 2011 UUA Action of Immediate Witness (www.uua.org/statements/oppose-citizens-united%E2%80%94support-free-speech-people) regarding campaign funding and actions our church might take to support this effort. Come join us for a light lunch and share your ideas about citizen actions that are consistent with our UU values.

November SASO Supports Refugee

Every day on the news we hear more stories of the struggles faced by refugees from conflict and persecution, people fleeing from Syria, Afghanistan, Africa, and many other countries. To compound the

problems, receiving countries, especially in Europe, Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey, are being overwhelmed by the sheer numbers crossing their borders seeking sanctuary. In looking for ways we might be of help, we kept hearing about the work of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) (www.rescue.org), which provides care and support to these refugees fleeing war and persecution. Their staff members frequently report on the PBS NewsHour about the challenges faced by millions. IRC has been in the thick of every refugee crisis since World War II, stretching every dollar of support to its fullest.

According to their website. "The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. At work in over 40 countries and 25 U.S. cities to restore safety, dignity and hope, the IRC leads the way from harm to home."

On Sunday, November 1, we will receive our Social Action Shared Offering (SASO) in support of the work of the International Rescue Committee, including their work during the current crises in Europe and elsewhere. If you will not be in church on November 1 and would like to donate, please consider sending a check to the church office (memo "SASO-Refugees"). Please also check the Social Action bulletin board for more information on ways you can help.

Giving Tree

The Church and Community Program will be organizing the Giving Tree for the coming holidays. This initiative encourages people to "take a tag" to purchase a gift for a child in a low-income family. Tags will appear around Thanksgiving, but meanwhile we ask our church congregations to contribute to a large cache of stocking stuffers from which parents can select items. These would be small and inexpensive items including cosmetics, hygiene items, fun stuff like bubble bath, necessary stuff like deodorant, hair bands, nail clippers, travel-size items, little "hotel bottles" of things (unopened, please), etc. Try to include at least one such item in your shopping during November and leave them in the "Feed the Need" box.

Feed the Need

Thanks to those who contributed back-to-school supplies, organized by the Church and Community Program, 190 children were assisted. Now the focus returns to our Feed the Need initiative. This is an easy, but nevertheless valuable, way for everyone to participate in the church's social justice work.

Please try to pick up one of the following items every time you shop. Place your items in the wooden box in the corner of the Social Room, by the door to the sanctuary, and they will be delivered to the C&CP pantry or to the Canton schools Bearpacks program.

For Bearpacks - individual serving sizes of fruit, cereal, pasta, etc.; granola-type bars; small boxes of mac and cheese.

For the food pantry - tuna, beef stew, chili, canned vegetables and fruit, nutritious cereals.

Eileen Raymond and Pat Alden, Co-Chairs, Social Action Committee

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Working Toward a Low-Carbon Future

Did you know that these year's United Nations Climate Change Conference (Paris, 11/30 - 12/11/15) is expected to create the first ever legally binding and universal agreement on climate - from ALL nations in the world? Recent efforts of President Obama and Pope Francis to push climate to the front burner should enable negotiators to finally enforce action to protect the planet. The treaty will include expectations for reducing carbon emissions and increasing forestation, and provide \$100B in financing to support developing countries' efforts to reduce carbon output and adapt to inevitable climate changes without foregoing their own economic development. In the words of the executive director of the talks, "Paris will be THE turning point." We look forward to the positive direction our world can take with this treaty.

We too can contribute. The Pope is asking individuals and congregations of all denominations to take the "Paris Pledge" to commit to 50 percent reductions in global warming pollution by 2030, towards goal of being carbon neutral by 2050. (www.parispledge.org)

The EAC is working on plans to help keep you informed about the importance, potential outcomes, and progress on the talks. Please look for news, updates and events in upcoming e-News.

Solarize Canton is a great example of very successful work toward a low-carbon future. The EAC's community outreach work with Solarize Canton has been a great success and 30 contracts for residential solar installations in our community have been signed to date. Approximately 11 of these installations have been completed and people are beginning to see significant reductions in their monthly utility bills. Separate from the Solarize program, but with encouragement from several members of our congregation, the village of Canton has signed a contract to become solar powered and arrays will be placed off of Route 11 near the old drive-in movie theater sometime next year. This time next year, village streetlights will be shining with electricity generated by the sun!

Communities such as Canton who have successfully completed Solarize campaigns have been invited by the state to run a campaign to develop a community net meter solar project. This will allow businesses, nonprofits, and residents who were unable to complete individual solar installations to participate in solar and receive the financial benefits of reduced electric costs. Members of our congregation and EAC are assisting with this initiative as well.

The Environmental Action Committee and Deep Root Center for Self-Directed Learning conducted a successful Toy Swap during the Local Living Fest in September. Families throughout the Canton/ Potsdam region were encouraged to donate items that were unloved or outgrown to the swap and then attend to find new items for their children. This initiative kept a large number of toys, games, and books out of the waste stream and put them in the hands of kids who will use them. Items that were leftover were donated to local libraries, and other charitable organizations. The success of this inaugural Swap has initiated talk of future endeavors. Stay tuned to learn how you can participate.

Susan Powers and Carol Gable, Co-chairs, Environmental Action Committee

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

With the return of fall, members of the B&G Committee have been preparing for winter. During the next few weeks we will be winterizing the building, having the heating systems checked, replacing batteries in all the programmable thermostats, swapping out screens for storm windows, and doing other weather-related tasks. The church's water heater was replaced, as it was about to fail.

Before the snow starts flying, a heads up: Witherhead, who plow the parking lot we share with the historical association, has notified us that they will plow in cars left in the lot overnight unless they are notified in advance. We've been warned!

Thank to Stefan Grimberg, who has agreed to chair the B&G committee while I recover from my stem cell transplant. If all goes well, I hope to be back in action in early January.

Pete Beekman, Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

COOTS LIBRARY BOOK reMARKS

Join us for our upcoming Common Read on Sunday, November 15, in the Social Room following the church service. Jon Montan and Kathy Curro lead us in sharing our thoughts on *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Lots of people have checked out our copies of the book and many have read the book previously, so we're expecting a good group for a dynamic and heartfelt discussion. We look forward to seeing you there.

With the excellent upgrade of our Max Coats Library webpage, it is now easy to find the links to the online catalogs for both our Children's and Adult collections. While the card catalogs are still available in the library, we'll be relying more heavily on our online digital catalog in the future. As a result, the library is looking for a donation of a used laptop or large-format tablet that could be kept in the library to use for looking up books on our collection on line. So, if you've recently upgraded your computer, or think you might be doing that soon, please keep us in mind and contact someone on the Library Committee.

New books in the library include: *Seeking Peace: Chronicles of the Worst Buddhist in the World* and *The Green Boat: Reviving Ourselves in Our Capsized Culture*, both by Mary Pipher, *Going Out Dancing* by Ric Masten, *Becoming: A Spiritual Guide For Navigating Adulthood* edited by Kayla Parker, and *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. We also have a new children's book entitled *White Flour*, illustrated by Jenn Hales and written by David LaMotte, which looks to be an important read for young and old alike. Thanks to all who continue to give generous donations that enhance our collection. Come on by and check something out!

Lorraine Olendzenski, Chair, Library Committee

Adult Choir News

The adult choir is in full swing and new members are always welcome! Contact me (choir@uucantonny.org) for more information or just show up at a rehearsal. We'll be glad to see you! Music reading ability is helpful but not necessary.

November 1 Rehearse at 9:00 am
November 8 Rehearse at 9:00 am, sing in church, with bells
November 15 Rehearse at 9:00, sing in church
November 22 Rehearse at 9:00, sing in church
November 29 possible rehearsal TBA

Carol Strome, Choir Director

REPORT FROM THE USHARE GARDENS

We've gained some weight! Though we lost weight in 15 crops from last year to this, we gained weight in 16 crops. We dropped five crops since 2014, but added nine in 2015. Overall, we've gained 215.9 lbs! (This supports our long-term goals. Last year was about survival, this year was about maintenance and growth, and next year we expect significant growth in terms of crops and community involvement. This means we're really going to need your help next year. It's hard for people to see success and community needs being met when they're literally up to their eyes in weeds.

You can see our "weight gain table" on the church website at http://www.uucanton.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/USHARE_2015_CROP_REPORT_39.pdf.

This is a month of thanks and I am so thankful for our volunteers. It's nice to see a team work together and show immediate results, then reflect on the eventual contributions to our corner of the world. Please take a moment to sign the thank you cards that will be available during social hour for the next few weeks. These are for people in the greater community who have gone out of their way to help. A lot of positive feedback was generated from last year's giving of thanks. People appreciate what we do and they value our appreciation for their contributions. Keep growing.

John Tyo, Chair, UShare

WEBSITE TOUR AND TUTORIAL

The church's new website - still at www.uucantonny.org - is up and running. We hope you've had a chance to explore the site and agree with us that it's both attractive and functional.

The Outreach Committee invites everyone to participate in making sure the website provides necessary information and is easy to navigate. Here are some opportunities for input:

- After church on Sunday, November 22, in the sanctuary – on the big screen! – we will offer a tour and tutorial. This will be a basic run through the website to understand what’s where, how to use it, and let us know your questions and comments.
- We will meet with committees who wish to have posting/editing access, to provide login information and instructions. Please contact Carol Pynchon (outreach@uuncantonny.org) or another member of the Outreach Committee if you haven’t already scheduled that meeting.
- Send your comments, questions, glitches...oh, and compliments!...to outreach@uuncantonny.org or any member of the Outreach Committee.

Carol Pynchon, Chair, Outreach Committee

LINE DANCING FUN!

Learning line dancing is fun! Join us in the Social Room Saturday, November 14, 6:45 for instruction and dancing. No partner needed. Dancing is a little bit of insanity that does us all a lot of good!

Fellowship Committee

DIWALI CELEBRATION

Let’s celebrate! We would like to invite church members and friends for celebrating Diwali - The Festival of Lights and Harvest - on Sunday November 15 from 5:30 pm onward. We will have a get together at our home (The Abode of Bliss, 23 Judson Street, Canton) for a brief, auspicious ceremony called Aarti, at 5:30, then assemble at church at 6:30 for a celebratory potluck. We will plan the main course but side dishes are welcome (please no meat, eggs, onion or garlic – dairy is fine). In the spirit of being green and sustainable we have planned to not use disposable styrofoam and plastic plates and cutlery - please bring your potluck packs. We were blessed with the presence of many in the last two years. We hope to see you all. Much Love, Light, and Peace!

Rajiv and Geetika Narula

If you would like to receive weekly electronic news updates,
please email: office@uucantonny.org
Deadline for next newsletter:
Friday November 20

ON THE CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1

9:30 a.m., UShare meeting
10:30 a.m., Worship and RE
12 noon, Social Action Lunch Discussion

Monday, November 2

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesday, November 3

1:30 p.m., Outreach Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee meeting
10:00 a.m., Library work day
12:15 p.m., Personnel Committee meeting
1:30 p.m., Library Committee meeting
6:30 p.m., Church Council meeting

Thursday, November 5

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Chalice Circle

Friday, November 6

6:30 p.m., Jr. High OWL session

Sunday, November 8

9:00 a.m., Adult Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE

Monday, November 9

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesday, November 10

7:00 p.m., Chalice Circle

Wednesday, November 11

10:00 a.m., Library work day

Thursday, November 12

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Worship Committee meeting

Friday, November 13

6:30 p.m., Jr. High OWL session

Saturday, November 14

6:45 p.m., Line Dance Event

Sunday, November 15

9:00 p.m., Adult Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Worship and Children's RE
11:30 a.m., Common Read discussion

Monday, November 16

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesday, November 17

7:00 p.m., Stewardship Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 a.m., Library work day
6:30 p.m., Religious Education Committee meeting

Thursday, November 19

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Budget & Finance Committee meeting

Friday, November 20

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
6:30 p.m., Jr. High OWL session

Sunday, November 22

9:00 a.m., Adult Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Worship and RE
11:45 a.m., Website Tour & Tutorial

Monday, November 23

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m., Adult Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Worship and RE
10:45 a.m., RE Fun Day

Monday, November 30

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

Interim Minister, Rev. Joel Miller

Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education

Nelly Case, Music Director Carol Strome, Choir Director

Gwen Cunningham, Congregational Administrator

The Reverends Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock, Ministers Emeritus

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