

# News & Information from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton



# March 2017

# A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

### March 5

Forgiveness as an Attitude – The Rev. James Galasinski Forgiving is not something we do just once. Meaningful relationships are about continuous forgiveness. It frees us and our loved ones. Forgiveness is a way of life, a discipline, and an attitude.

Greeters: Karen Bage, Robert Best & Anita Figueras,

Jon Rosales & Matilda Larsen Worship Associate: Robin Collen RE Ambassador: Esther Katz

March Kitchen Cabinet Advisor: Margaret Mauch Social Hour: Everybody's Birthday Party -

**RE Committee** 

Collection Counters: David Doran, Ruth Baltus

#### March 12

Reflections on Being Arrested for Civil Disobedience -

The Rev. James Galasinski

Fifteen years ago I was arrested for trespassing on a military base. The lessons learned are applicable at a time when many are organizing for resistance.

Greeters: Sara Ricalton, Evelyn Barton,

Carol & Tom Pynchon

Worship Associate: Theresa Witmer RE Ambassador: Dave Bradford

Social Hour: Robin Collen, Duncan & Lois Cutter,

Paul Cutter

Collection Counters: Pat Gengo, Tim Opdyke

### March 19

Death Falls Like Snow - The Rev. James Galasinski In a winter storm, snow covers everything. In the same way, death falls on us all. Facing the deaths of our loved ones forces us to reflect and reevaluate our own lives. Death is not something we figure out once and for all. Death falls like snow over and over again. Greeters: Todd Moe & Paul Siskind, Valerie Ingram,

Cynthia Bansak

Worship Associate: Doug Rubio RE Ambassador: Anna Sorensen Social Hour: Katherine & Bill Brown,

Pete & Kathy Wyckoff

Collection Counters: Jon Montan, Lorraine Olendzenski

### March 26

Youth Group Worship Service

Our youth have been looking into many different topics this year as part of the youth group program – activism, connection to the larger UU community, small group ministry and more. Join us to hear how these topics have provided inspiration and compassion.

Greeters: Heather & Jeff Roussell, Eileen Wheeler,

Theresa Witmer

Lay Leader: Valerie Ingram

RE Ambassador: Arthur Freeheart

Social Hour: Janet Green, Jon & Kathy Montan Collection Counters: Lonie Bogett, Will Siegfried

# Central East Region of the UUA

If you would like to stay more informed about the happenings and events that occur across our local UUA Region, please visit <a href="http://www.uua.org/central-east/blog">http://www.uua.org/central-east/blog</a>. There is a link to sign up for the monthly "connections" email.

Many great things happen in our region, which may be of interest to you.

### Wednesday, March 1

8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m., Library Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

### Thursday, March 2

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m., Let's Talk About Race

### Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m., UShare Meeting 10:30 a.m., Multigenerational Worship Service 11:30 a.m., Everybody's Birthday Party

### Monday, March 6

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

# Tuesday, March 7

12:15 p.m., Personnel Committee Meeting

### Thursday, March 9

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

### Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m., UU 101

### Sunday, March 12

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m., Coffee, Conversation & More 10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

### Monday, March 13

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation 7:00 p.m., Social Action Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, March 14

1:00 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m., Welcoming Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m., SURJ Meeting 7:00 p.m., Chalice Circle

# Wednesday, March 15

6:30 p.m., Religious Education Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m., Jazz Circle

# Thursday, March 16

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m., Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m., Let's Talk About Race

### Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

# Monday, March 20

no office hours today Noon, Mindfulness Meditation April Newsletter Deadline

# Thursday, March 23

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice 7:00 p.m., Let's Talk About Race

# Saturday, March 25

Coming of Age overnight

### Sunday, March 26

9:15 a.m., Coffee, Conversation, & More 10:30 a.m., Youth Group Worship Service Children's RE

# Monday, March 27

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation 6:30 p.m., GardenShare Meeting

# Tuesday, March 28

7:00 p.m., Stewardship Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, March 29

7:00 p.m., New Jim Crow Book Group

# Thursday, March 30

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice

# The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

Minister, The Rev. James Galasinski
Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education
Sara Trimm, Congregational Administrator
Carol Strome, Choir Director
Betsy Kepes, Music Coordinator
The Reverends Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock, Ministers Emeritus

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# FROM OUR MINISTER The Mission-Driven Church

When I hear the word "mission," old Spanish churches and forced conversions of native peoples come to mind. Here, we don't aim to convert people, but nonetheless, we have a mission. In other words, we have a calling, a vocation to be something ongoing to our world.

Church Council has been focusing their attention on our mission and trying to govern our community accordingly. It really begs the question though, what is our mission? There are essentially two types: the formal mission and the real, lived mission. Our explicit formal mission statement was written sometime in the 1990s:

The purpose of our religious community is to be a liberal presence seeking truth through intellectual and spiritual exploration in a caring and supportive environment. We accept a diversity of religious beliefs and support the values of compassion, justice, and integrity in our daily lives, in the education of our children and in our larger world.

Formal mission statements are static, once-upon-a-time things. They are not eternal doctrines, but need to be clarified and improved upon over time. They state what we are and what we aim to be. It might be time to craft a new one that is more relevant and perhaps more memorable. If we do create a new mission statement, it will include input from the whole congregation. The process of reflecting on what we are, who we want to be, and where we want to spend our time and resources, is utterly important as we move forward together.

However, differing from our mission statement, our lived mission is implied and implicit. As the Rev. Dan Hotchkiss says in his book *Governance and Ministry*, "The mission is what the mission statement tries to state." We know in our hearts what our church is about. At times, it can be hard to articulate. Our mission is not only what we are, but what we ought to be. It is the great need of the world that only our congregation can uniquely fulfill. Somewhere in our mission is the goal of changing lives to bring more hope and life meaning. We do that first and foremost by creating beloved community.

Being mission-driven gives us focus. Being mission-driven gives us purpose. Being mission-driven keeps us close to our ideals. Being mission-driven unites us. Let us all be one in that mission.

Blessed Be, The Rev. James Galasinski

### SPRING WORKSHOPS

### Let's Talk About Race

Thursdays, March 2, 16, & 23, 7 to 9 p.m.

This is limited to 10 people and the class is filling up fast with only a few spots left. Please sign up right away. You will explore your own cultural background and how that influences your perception of others. We will learn about white privilege, implicit bias, systems of oppression, and intersectionality. However, the main component of this class is having an open and honest dialogue about race. Being willing and open to sharing your personal stories and unpacking our cluttered past is a must. Please bring your discomfort. Please ensure you can attend all three sessions.

IIII 101

Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This introductory course is intended for those who are thinking about becoming members. We will cover the theology and history of the UU movement and will also explore how our church functions. It will conclude with a potluck lunch. Childcare is available upon request.

# Sermon Writing Workshop

Thursdays, April 6 and May 4, 7 p.m.

Everyone has at least one sermon in them, right? In April I will show you all the tricks of the trade as we discuss do's and don'ts of preaching. Your assignment will be to write a 10-minute sermon. When we meet again in May, you will preach your sermon. The class will be your congregation and we will give you critical feedback.

Please sign up for these workshops by emailing office@uucantonny.org or calling 386-2498.

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I sat down to write this column, I read over the January and February columns. It seems as if the pace of action has picked up considerably just since the end of January.

Council gathered at our retreat on February 4. This was a chance to have some in-depth discussions on topics that have surfaced over the last several months. We explored our ideas about what it means to be on Church Council and ways we can demonstrate the leadership that being a trustee implies. We came up with some concrete ideas to improve how we function and how we communicate with the congregation.

Another retreat topic was "Simple Church," a concept that James introduced to us last fall. We discussed how to keep the road to full participation in church life clear and free from obstacles, how to further empower committees, and how we can make the path to action more transparent.

Other conversations revolved around what "membership" actually means in our congregation and how might it be better defined. Another topic focused on what it means to be a "mission-driven" church. James has tackled this idea in his column in this newsletter.

It is hard to miss the uptick in social action activities happening at our church, initiated from both within and outside our congregation. We have made our facilities available to a number of local groups that are organizing around the many different issues that have become relevant in recent months. While many participants are familiar faces from our congregation, lots of new people are involved in this work and they are seeing our church and the values we represent for the first time.

One issue that has come to the fore in the last month has to do with the concept of sanctuary. This is a powerful word, and it can mean many different things. Recent changes to immigration policy have created a lot of turmoil, both for our local population of migrant farm workers as well as for people from other countries affiliated with local universities. Our proximity to an international border adds another layer of complexity to a confusing situation. We have begun an in-depth examination of the issues around sanctuary, and how our church can make a constructive contribution to these efforts. We have a lot to learn but are committed to becoming a reliable resource in the future.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to me after church or contact me at <a href="mailto:president@uucantonny.org">president@uucantonny.org</a>.

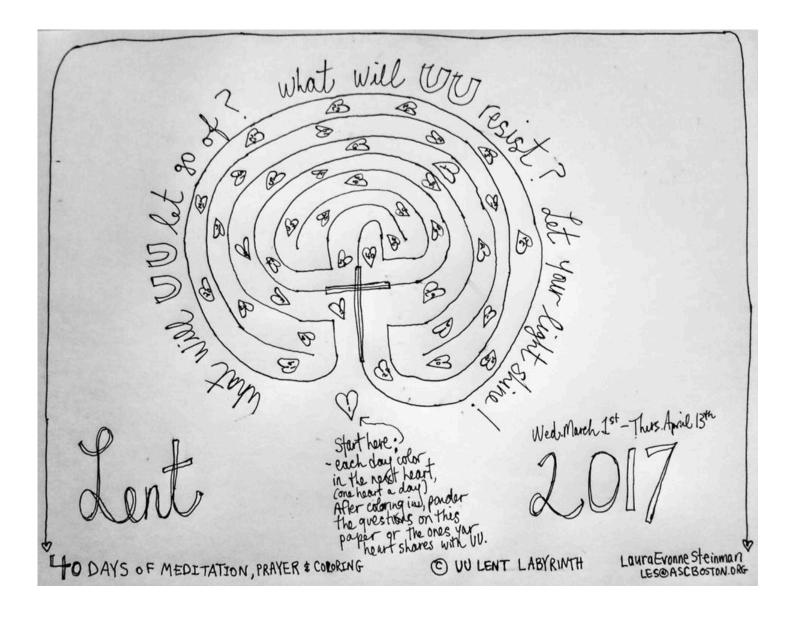
Barbara Beekman, Church Council President

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PONDERINGS**

Signs of spring are in the air. Have you seen a robin or snowdrops blooming? Spring is a time when many of us clean our homes and get rid of accumulated debris from the winter. As we enter this season of rebirth, you are invited to also consider your faith development. Are you looking for daily practices to deepen your faith?

Here are a few options to consider. During this time of year, our Christian siblings are preparing for Easter with the self-sacrifice practice of Lent. You are invited to try #UULent, a practice to deepen our intention and appreciation of the world around us. Or you might want to try the UU Lent Labyrinth below. You are also invited to check out the Weekly Faith Development Ideas inspired by our own religious education program. Each week on Monday you can find inspiration on our website and Facebook page. Our religious education classes offer a rich diversity of topics to deepen your faith even if you don't have children in the program. May the coming of spring bring an opportunity to find beauty, clear out clutter, and deepen your faith. May it be so.

Blessed Be, Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education



# Coming Up in March in Religious Education

Sunday, March 5 Multigenerational Worship Service

Everybody's Birthday Party

Tuesday, March 14 Second Tuesday Chalice Circle Gathering Wednesday, March 15 Religious Education Committee Meeting

Saturday - Sunday, March 25-26 Coming of Age Retreat

Sunday, March 26 Youth Group Worship Service

# THANK YOU THANK YOU...

- † Debs Kalicin, Kate Whitehorne, Bonnie Danis, Joan Kepes, Linda Kenny, Natalie Panshin, and Pete Beekman for assisting with the February Red Cross blood drive.
- † Stefan Grimberg, Bobbi Haldane, Pete Wyckoff, Gary Hoose, Phil Collins, Ryan Hicks, and Pete Beekman for cleaning up the basement
- † Carol Pynchon for website support in making the Weekly Faith Development Ideas more accessible.
- + Jenn Whittaker for stepping in as Acting DRE
- + Arthur Freeheart for helping out with the February Fun Day

# **JOYS & SORROWS**

- † Our deepest sympathies are with Geetika Narula and her husband Rajiv following the death of Geetika's sister Priya on February 3.
- † Our heartfelt condolences go out to Jenn Whittaker and her family following the death of her brother, Adam Desrochers, in a car accident on February 4.

Each year we recognize a member of the wider community who makes a difference in strengthening social justice with the **Rachel Somers Grant Social Action Award**. Please consider nominating someone who:

- Promotes grassroots efforts to achieve social change
- Advocates on behalf of social justice, especially for those who are marginalized
- Provides leadership and organizes on behalf of social justice and change

Nominations may be directed to <a href="mailto:socialaction@gmail.com">socialaction@gmail.com</a> and should provide details to support the nomination. More information may be found at: <a href="http://www.uucantonny.org/social-justice/rachel-somers-grant-social-action-award/">http://www.uucantonny.org/social-justice/rachel-somers-grant-social-action-award/</a>

### **MUSIC NOTES**

### Choir Schedule for March

- 3/5: Rehearse at 9 a.m.
- 3/12: Rehearse at 9 a.m., sing in church
- 3/19: Rehearse at 9 a.m., sing in church
- 3/26: No Rehearsal

New members are always welcome in our adult choir. Music reading ability is helpful but not required. Contact me for more information or just show up at a rehearsal. We'll be glad to see you!

### **Jazz Circle**

The next gathering of the Jazz Circle will be on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. We will meet monthly to play jazz standards, with the goal of regularly playing in Sunday services. Please bring your instrument, lead sheets, and ideas for the future. Anyone with an interest in jazz is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Pat Glover or James Galasinski.

# **B&G TIP!**

Bathroom occupied? Please check the door handle to determine if the bathroom is vacant or in use. When the door is locked, the red **In Use** message is visible on the door handle. If not occupied, **Vacant** is visible in green.

Pete Beekman, Building and Grounds Committee Chair

### **COFFEE, CONVERSATION & MORE**

These twice-a-month, before church meetings offer a chance for small groups to discuss a variety of topics in a relaxed atmosphere. Meet in the Romer Room at 9:15. Coffee is provided and childcare is available. All are welcome.

Coffee, Conversation & More is scheduled for March 12 and 26. We are still finalizing conversation topics and will announce details in the weekly e-blast and Orders of Service as they become settled.

# **SOCIAL ACTION NEWS & NOTES**

### Social Action in March

Wednesday, March 1 Registration deadline for Rev. Gilbert's workshop in Saranac Lake

Sunday, March 5 SASO for the ACLU

Monday, March 1 Social Action Committee meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuesday, March 14: Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) meeting at 6 p.m.

# Social Action Shared Offering (SASO)

Every day on the news we hear reports of discrimination in our country, targeting Muslims, gays, people of color, the poor, the elderly, women...the list grows weekly. Assaults on our rights occur on a daily basis, attacks on our individual privacy, freedom



of speech, freedom to assemble, freedom of the press, and the right to bring grievances to our elected representatives.

For almost a century, the American Civil Liberties Union (<a href="https://www.aclu.org/">https://www.aclu.org/</a>) has been at work protecting the rights of all of us from governmental overreach. When the recent travel ban was launched on a Friday afternoon, it was the ACLU lawyers who appeared, setting up shop on terminal floors, and getting stays issued in federal courts from Boston to Seattle. The ACLU must remain strong to confront the next assault on our precious liberties. Their lawyers have to be able to go where they are needed, to help people facing the most challenging barriers.

On Sunday, March 5, we will receive a Shared Offering in support of the work of the ACLU. Checks memo-ed "ACLU" and the cash collection will be donated to the ACLU. If you will not be in church on March 5 and would like to donate, please consider sending your check memo-ed "SASO-ACLU" to the church office. Check the Social Action bulletin board for more information on ways you can help, including becoming a card-carrying, sustaining ACLU member.

Social Action Shared Offerings are part of our social justice work. Anyone in the church community is welcome to nominate a local, national, or international organization for a SASO. A nomination form can be found on the church website at <a href="http://www.uucantonny.org/social-justice/shared-offering/">http://www.uucantonny.org/social-justice/shared-offering/</a>.

# Social Justice Advocate to Speak and Offer Workshops

The Rev. Richard Gilbert has been an articulate and passionate advocate for social action throughout his career, including 32 years of ministry at First UU in Rochester. More recently, he has helped launch Interfaith Impact of New York State, whose mission is to work for the common good through progressive religions advocacy. According to Gilbert, the election of 2016 has done more than upset the political world. For Unitarians and Universalists – and many others – it has challenged the soul. Its meaning is far more than political. There are also moral, spiritual, and religious meanings in what has happened and is happening. What are those meanings and what are we to do with them? There are two upcoming opportunities to explore these questions with Rev. Gilbert:

On Saturday, April 1, Rev. Gilbert will deliver **The Gould Lecture**, entitled "The Prophetic Imperative in a Messy World," during the St. Lawrence Spring Gathering at May Memorial, Syracuse.

A choice of several workshops will follow the Gould Lecture including: *UUA Environmental Justice and Climate Action, Tools for the Trade: Theological Reflection for Liberal Shared Ministry,* and *Helping Children and Youth Learn through Service & Social Justice.* The Spring Gathering will also include a live-streamed forum of UUA presidential candidates. Register at <a href="https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/st-lawrence-spring-gathering-and-uua-presidentialcnadidates-forum">https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/st-lawrence-spring-gathering-and-uua-presidentialcnadidates-forum</a>

**The Adirondack UU Community** in Saranac Lake is hosting a workshop led by Rev. Richard Gilbert on Saturday, April 22, that will explore the intersection between social justice/action and spirituality in worship. RSVP **by March 1** to <a href="mailto:phylmag000@gmail.com">phylmag000@gmail.com</a> . A \$10 donation will help AUUC cover expenses associated with the workshop.

# **Update on Anti-Immigrant Threats**

The Social Action Committee is engaging in ongoing discernment of what our response might be to the increasing anti-immigrant threats. The SAC has been looking closely at the issues facing immigrant farm workers in the North Country since 2015. Given the new administration, we share the concerns of many across the nation that all our immigrant community members face increasing risk for profiling, harassment, and deportation. Now, more than ever, there is an urgent need to take decisive action, whether by promoting sanctuary and inclusiveness policies at the campus, municipal, or state levels, or by helping to bring direct services, such as training on immigrant rights and legal resources to our area to help protect our immigrant community members from being targeting or from having to face deportation proceedings alone. If this issue concerns you, please join us.

# **Church & Community Program**

What do we actually do? Why should YOU care? With the support of our local churches and the community, the Church & Community Program food pantry is providing, on average, 200 families a month with a two-week supply of meat, vegetables, fruit, bread, pasta, juices, and dairy products. In 2016, that translated to providing food to 6,582 individuals. CC&P continues to sign up new families every day.

A break-down of the pantry figures for the last quarter of 2016 is: October - 193 families made up of 560 individuals, 8,400 meals; November - 237 families, 678 individuals, 10,170 meals; December - 203 families, 595 individuals, 8,880 meals. In addition during that same time period, we provided \$743 in financial assistance through the Richard Morrow Emergency Fund to families for heating expenses, transportation, and to repair a well pump.

CCP runs on volunteer help, with one paid position. New volunteers are needed in the winter months to fill in for snowbirds. Give a few hours of your time to help and get to know your neighbors. Learn more at: http://www.ccpcanton.org/. Or call the director at 315-386-3534.

Pat Alden, Co-Chair, Social Action Committee Chair

### **COOTS LIBRARY**

This year's Common Read will focus on "Understanding the Politics of Race." We're taking a slightly different approach from past Common Reads and will be discussing topics from a group of books, rather than a single book. The readings we will focus on are:

- The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II with Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove.
- White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise
- Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

Come by the Coots Library before or after chuch and check out one of these titles to read for yourself. We have many copies of *The Third Reconstruction* and a few copies of the other titles. You can also look for them in local libraries and we'll have some copies of excerpts or articles related to the topic on the library table. Two documentary movies cover topics presented in these books: Ava DuVernay's "13th," now streaming on Netflix and "White Like Me" which can be seen on YouTube. Don't feel that you have to explore everything on this list. There is something here for everyone and you can read as much or as little as you like. But please do start reading, or watching, and get ready to join us in discussion next month.

Lorraine Olendzenski, Library Committee Chair

# Also Coming Up

<u>The New Jim Crow</u> book discussion group will begin on Wednesday, March 29 at 7p.m. Contact Barbara Beekman (president@uucantonny.org) for more information.

# I Just Read...

Strangers in Their Own Land by Berkeley sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild, subtitled "Anger and Mourning on the American Right, A Journal to the Heart of Our Political Divide," is a must-read for liberals. If you have difficulty understanding conservatives who support less government and deregulation, Hochschild will take you to where they are coming from. Her numerous in-depth interviews with residents of the bayou country of Louisiana who live in the some of the most economically depressed and polluted parts of our country allowed her to get to know and understand their emotions and beliefs. Most of them were Trump supporters. This book, which is on many reviewers' "best non-fiction" lists of 2016, is a way to get to know people who live outside the political bubble most UUs inhabit.

I was reminded of James' November 6 sermon "How Can We Love "Deplorables'?" The persons interviewed by Hochschild were very much like the lead inspector who came to James' home—a moral person who wanted a clean environment for future generations and, like us, wanted a good country, and probably voted for Trump.

Hochschild says there is an "empathy wall" that makes us "feel indifferent or even hostile to those who hold different beliefs or whose childhood is rooted in different circumstances." She also refers to the "great paradox," which is reflected in those small business persons who advocate for a free market that will enable small businesses to thrive yet vote for politicians who allow big business to consolidate into monopolies that kill off small businesses; the paradox of non-billionaires opposing taxing billionaires; the paradox of persons living in the most polluted environments—resulting from unregulated big business—supporting politicians who support fewer or no regulations.

Hochschild focuses on everyone's "deep story" and describes the emotional terrain of our politics, of how emotional self-interest trumps economic self-interest, and how emotions determine how people approach issues. She closes the book with a letter to her liberal friends asking that they recognize the right wing's *good angels*: their patience in waiting in line in scary economic times, their capacity for loyalty, sacrifice, and endurance—qualities of the "deep story" self. She follows with a letter to her friends on the right, asking that they understand that liberals also have deep stories and take pride in their hard-won position in the public sphere as a powerful integrative force in American life.

I join Robert Reich who believes "anyone who wants to understand modern America should read this captivating book."

By David Nelson

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

In light of the current political changes and new EPA head, the People's Climate Movement is working with many groups to organize a Climate Change Rally on April 29, 2017 (<a href="https://peoplesclimate.org/">https://peoplesclimate.org/</a>). While the march in DC is expected to be another massive event, we have decided that a low-carbon, close-to-home event would be best for our area. **To send a strong message, it is important to have a large number of participants, so please put this on your calendar and share this event with others.** The UU EAC and SAC are working with area colleges, the NC350 group, and others to plan this event. Final details will be announced later on North Country 350 Alliance's website: northcountry350.org

Our congregation is a member of the Interfaith Power & Light religious non-profit (<a href="www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/">www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/</a>), which advocates for clean energy and climate commitments. Their website, especially the Take Action page, provides strategies for exercising your democratic freedoms in support of their mission. Links include a current petition "Tell President Trump - Protect Creation Not Pipelines" and

past efforts such as the "Dear President-elect Trump – Climate Change is not a Hoax," which included over 4000 signatures from across faiths when it was delivered on December 16. Check it out - it is one more way to add your voice to our political processes.

Susan Powers, Environmental Action Committee

### COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH

The Communications Committee continues to work on the best ways to share church information. The order of service offers an every-Sunday chance to catch your attention; we hope you are checking out the weekly enews for updated information every Wednesday evening; and this monthly newsletter offers more substantive (if slightly less timely) information we hope everyone finds useful.

The <u>website</u> is always there – and *always* includes *all* that information! If you're looking for information about Sunday's service, sermon, volunteers, or religious education, it's right on the homepage. If you need to check out a date, our new and improved <u>calendar</u> includes all church and building user activities. Looking for contact information? The <u>church directory</u> is available on the website, too (the password is "the usual," if you don't know it, check with Sara in the church office or a member of the <u>Communications Committee</u>).

If you can't find what you're looking for, go to the "looking glass" in the top right corner and type in what you're looking for – that should take you there! If you would like help navigating the website, please contact me or any member of the committee. It is our goal to have every morsel of church news at your fingertips!

Carol Pynchon, Communications Committee Chair

# **Photo Directory Coming Soon!**

The Communications Committee is working on plans for a new church photo directory. Watch for further information and signups. Mark your calendars – May 31, June 1, 2 & 3 – for photo shoots.



If you would like to receive weekly electronic news updates, please email **office@uucantonny.org.** 

Deadline for the next newsletter: Monday, March 20