



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



AUGUST 2017

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

August 6

Creative Work as Spiritual Practice – The Rev. James Galasinski, Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel, Robin Collen
What does it mean to each of us to be creative, and how do we go about being creative? James, Sarah, and Robin explore how creativity practices inform, influence, and reflect spiritual practice.

Worship Associate: Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel
Collection Counters: David Doran, Ruth Baltus
Religious Education: Jedi Academy continues

August 20

Finding God in the Ditch – The Rev. James Galasinski
Some UUs are a bit allergic to the word “God,” but what if God was more of an adverb than a noun, a modification of action? What if divinity was the connection we have with each other as we move toward justice?

Worship Associate: Robin Collen
Collection Counters: Jon Montan, Lorraine Olendzenski
Religious Education: RE Fun Day

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**Annual North Country  
UU Gathering  
8.6.17**

UUs from Saranac Lake and Plattsburgh at  
Meacham Lake  
[Details here](#)

**August 13**

*Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here* – Charlie Bradt, Pulpit Guest  
Perhaps one of the qualities of famous statements is that from a slightly different perspective, they can take on an entirely different meaning. Could it be that Dante’s famous quote fits this paradigm? Could it be heard from a point of view not of nihilism, but of a pathway to clarity?

*Lay Leader:* Mark Berninghausen  
*Collection Counters:* Pat Gengo, Tim Opdyke  
*Religious Education:* Final Jedi Academy

**August 27**

*I’ll Meet You There: Learning from Islam* – Bob LaVallee, Pulpit Guest  
There is a lovely poem by Rumi that includes the line “Out beyond the ideas of wrong and right doing, there is a field. I will meet you there.” Islam, which Rumi practiced, has much to teach us. Drawing from my study of Islam and my experiences with Muslims – and non-Muslims! – in Afghanistan and in America, this sermon will talk about the everyday practices of Muslims and our relationship to the idea of Islam. Bob LaVallee is a candidate for UU ministry living in Buffalo. A veteran who’s worked as a chaplain at the VA, Bob is delighted to be returning to preach at the UU Church of Canton for the third time.

*Lay Leader:* Doug Rubio  
*Collection Counters:* Lonie Bogett, Will Siegfried  
*Religious Education:* RE Fun Day

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Deadline for the next newsletter: **Wednesday, September 20**

## ON THE CALENDAR

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### **Monday, August 1**

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### **Wednesday, August 2**

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

6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

### **Thursday, August 3**

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, August 6**

9:30 a.m., UShare Meeting

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

### **Monday, August 7**

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### **Tuesday, August 8**

11:30 a.m., Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m., Welcoming Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Chalice Circle

### **Thursday, August 10**

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, August 13**

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

### **Monday, August 14**

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### **Wednesday, August 16**

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

### **Thursday, August 17**

6:00 p.m., SURJ Meeting

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

### **Saturday, August 19**

8:00 a.m., RE Committee Retreat

### **Sunday, August 20**

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

Noon, Environmental Action Committee Meeting

### **Monday, August 21**

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### **Tuesday, August 22**

7:00 p.m., Stewardship Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, August 27**

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

Noon, Church Picnic

## The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton



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