



**September 26, 2018**

**THIS SUNDAY  
September 30, 2018**

10:30 a.m. **Welcoming the Stranger**  
The Rev. James Galasinski

**Worship Associate:** Valerie Ingram  
**RE Ambassador:** Arthur Freeheart  
**Acting DRE:** Cara Coffin  
**Greeter:** Kelly Johnson-Eilola, Bill Kirchgasser  
**Social Hour Host:** Heather & Jeff Rousell, Volunteers Needed  
**Collection Counters:** Valerie Ingram, Tim Opdyke

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, September 30**  
9:15 a.m., Get Acquainted Coffee  
10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE  
11:30 a.m., New Member Signing Ceremony

**Monday, October 1**  
5:00 p.m., Committee Chairs Meeting

**Wednesday, October 3**  
8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

**CHURCH NEWS**

**You're on the schedule:** Find your name on the **2018-2019 schedule** for greeters and social hour hosts this church year.

**Get Acquainted Coffee:** All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 30 at 9:15 a.m. to meet new folks and enjoy some treats.

**New Member Signing Ceremony:** If you are a friend of the church who has been thinking of joining the church, please join us on Sunday, September 30 to officially sign the membership book.

**Social Action Shared Offering:** The collection this Sunday, September 30 will benefit a non-profit organization making a huge difference by lifting over

100,000 women and children in northern Kenya out of extreme poverty. They reached this goal in March 2018, and the goal for 2022 is to lift a million women and children in semi-arid lands in Africa. The approach is through fostering small micro-enterprise small businesses, and the "graduation rate" from poverty is 94%. Learn more [here](#).

**New Hope Transformation House:** (now Grace House) An effort by multiple churches in the area to bring a home to Canton for women recovering from addiction is underway. If you would like to learn more about the project and how to support the effort, join the conversation on Sunday, October 7 after worship.

**Paternity Leave:** Just a friendly reminder that James is on part-time paternity leave until November. If you have any questions, contact the [office](#).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**This Sunday:** Our children and youth will consider promises, consider lessons in life, continue exploring the election process and participate in church ministry. [Learn more here](#).



**Coming of Age Retreat:** The first retreat for our 8th and 9th graders will be on Saturday, October 6 at 2 p.m. More details to follow.

**Please Register Your Child(ren):** Our records need updating. Please take a moment to [register your child\(ren\)](#) for the 2018-19 religious education classes.

Check out the [Weekly Faith Inspirations](#).

### IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK

**Acting DRE:** Cara Coffin  
**RE Ambassador:** Arthur Freeheart  
**Nursery:** Kathy Wyckoff, Janet McFarland  
**Spirit Play:** Todd Moe, Lois Cutter  
**Spirit of Adventure:** Jenn Whittaker, Emily Dixon  
**Maker Space:** Ron Tavernier, Miles Manchester  
**Coming of Age:** Not Meeting  
**Youth Group:** Not Meeting

Read about all the upcoming events in our

**September Newsletter**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Volunteer Days at Cecile Garden:** UShare and [WISER](#) invite you to help

clean up Cecile Garden in Lehman Park, Potsdam on Sunday, September 30 from 2-6 p.m. or Thursday, October 4 from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more information, please email [wiser@potsdam.edu](mailto:wiser@potsdam.edu).

**Make A Difference Day:** If you need help raking your yard or getting ready for winter, contact [Amanda Conklin](#) to sign up. Students will be out in the community on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**New York State Convention of Universalists** will hold their annual meeting on October 19-20 in Syracuse NY. All are welcome to attend.

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