

News & Information from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

SEPTEMBER 2018
A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

September 2

The Beauty of Work *The Rev. James Galasinski*

With the globalization of industrial labor, classicism, and income inequality all on the rise, it is time to rethink and find a new grounding for how we think of work. We'll reflect on the meaning of our work and the difficulties of living in a world with divisions of labor.

Worship Associate: Robin Collen

RE Ambassador: Wil Rivers

Greeters: Jim Williams & Donna Dilworth,
Mark & Rachel Sturges

Social Hour Hosts: Donna Kimball, Arthur Freeheart,
Esther Oey, Jean Williams-Bergen

Collection Counters: David Doran, Ruth Baltus

September 9

Ingathering & Water Communion:

Reveling in Rain *The Rev. James Galasinski*

This multi-generational celebration propels us into our new church year. People have looked to the heavens and seen rain as a life-giving sacred gift. Can we do the same? Please bring a small quantity of water to celebrate water communion.

Music: UU Choir with Maggie Hockett

Worship Associate: Kim Bouchard

RE Ambassador: Jenn Whittaker

Greeters: Judy DeGraaff, Miles Manchester,
Cliff & Janice Westerling

Social Hour Hosts: Lorraine Olendzenski & Tim Nolan,
Rick Tomlinson & Julie Welch

Collection Counters: Pat Gengo, Tim Opdyke

September 16

Creating *The Rev. James Galasinski*

Our proposed mission starts out with the word *creating*, implying an ongoing process. It also connects to the great force of novelty in the universe. We will also look at practical ways to keep being creative.

Music: UU Choir

Worship Associate: Jon Montan

RE Ambassador: Esther Katz

Greeters: Leo Burger, Charlie & Lila Hunnewell,
Relani Prudhomme

Social Hour Hosts: Brian & Claire Gardam,
Sue Powers & Will Siegfried

Collection Counters: Jon Montan, Lorraine Olendzenski

September 23

Harvest Sunday

Simple Living Beyond the Thrift Store

Phil Harnden, Pulpit Guest

A popular bumper sticker proclaims "Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live." But does focusing on personal consumption actually enable other people to live? Refocusing on social policies could help move us "beyond the thrift store," beyond an individualized pre-occupation with de-cluttering and personal frugality. Phil Harnden, a North Country resident since 1988, is a Quaker and the founder of GardenShare.

Music: UU Handbell Choir

Lay Leader: Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel

RE Ambassador: Shelby Hunkins

Greeters: Sara Ricalton, Todd Moe & Paul Siskind,
Becky Van de Water

Social Hour Host: Steve & Cara Coffin,
Richard & Peggy Mooers

Collection Counters: Lonie Bogett, Will Siegfried

September 30

Welcoming the Stranger *The Rev. James Galasinski*

The Hebrew scriptures are pretty clear, we are to welcome the stranger, the alien, the foreigner - and provide hospitality to all. Can our nation have that same ethic? Perhaps it will take a national day of repentance similar to Yom Kippur.

Worship Associate: Valerie Ingram

RE Ambassador: Arthur Freeheart

Greeters: Kelly Johnson-Eilola, Bill Kirchgasser
Social Hour Hosts: Heather & Jeff Rousell,
Gabrielle & Ashley Clover

Collection Counters: Valerie Ingram, Lorraine
Olendzenski

ON THE CALENDAR

Please print and post!



Sunday, September 2

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

Monday, September 3

Office Closed for Labor Day

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Meeting

6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 6

9:00 a.m., Stewardship Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 9

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

12:00 p.m., RE Teacher Training

Monday, September 10

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

7:00 p.m., Social Action Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

1:00 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m., Welcoming Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Second Tuesday Chalice Circle

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 p.m., UU Men's Group

Thursday, September 13

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 15

10:00 a.m., Hike to Lampson Falls

Sunday, September 16

9:15 a.m., EAC Brainstorming Session

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

12:00 p.m., Social Justice Initiative Info Session

Monday, September 17

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesday, September 19

6:30 p.m., RE Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., UU 101

Thursday, September 20

7:00 p.m., Canvass Committee Meeting

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 23

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

Monday, September 24

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 p.m., UU Men's Group

7:00 p.m., UU 101

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

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

The Rev. James Galasinski, Minister

Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education

Sara Trimm, Congregational Administrator

Carol Strome, Choir Director

Betsy Kepes, Music Coordinator

Theresa Witmer, Handbell Choir Director

The Reverends Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock, Ministers Emeriti

Summer Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

After Labor Day: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Minister's Open Office Hours: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m.

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FROM OUR MINISTER Our Third Season Together

This is not baseball - our seasons are connected. There isn't necessarily one day where it changes from old church year to new or from summer to fall, like the Autumnal Equinox - at least not here in the North Country. With school starting, cooler weather, an abundance of vegetables in our gardens and at the farmer's market, and the sunlight of summer waning, it is obvious the church year is slowly graduating to the next. Can you believe it? We are entering into our third season of ministry together!

I want to give sneak preview of the coming church year:

The Mission

First off, we are just about finished with crafting a new mission statement: *Creating a welcoming, compassionate faith community, committed to social justice and open to wonder.* We plan to have a congregational vote and make it official next year but for now we can just live with it and see if it feels right. I am going weave the mission statement into my sermons - a series that interrogates and contemplates the meaning of those words in our particular context. We also hope to keep asking some "big questions," like what a mission driven congregation is and how to continue to develop leaders.

Lay Pastoral Care Team

If this congregation does nothing else, we care for each other. We do this informally, like visiting fellow congregants in the hospital and welcoming guests and visitors. We do this more formally when the Caring Circle incarnates care with cards, meals, and rides, and when I meet with individuals, make calls, or mention concerns in the pastoral prayer. I have started another formal way to care for each other - a Lay Pastoral Care Team. This summer I chose five people and trained them in the art of pastoral care: Pete Wyckoff, Claire Gardam, Carol Pynchon, Leo Burger, and Helen Hutchinson. At its core, pastoral care is a ministry of listening and being fully present to another. Is there any greater gift than the gift of one's full presence? Those five will be representatives of this shared congregational ministry. Please contact me if you would like a lay pastoral visit. They have been trained to be confidential, only sharing with me, if need be. I see the Team doing three things: when I am out of town they would handle any pastoral care emergencies that may arise, regularly visit congregants who cannot make it to church, and visit members and friends who we have not seen in a while.

Open Office Hours

The past two years I have kept office hours and have had meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, used Monday as an administration day, and Friday as a writing day. While that will still be my basic outline, I plan to do something a bit different this year and will have specific open office hours on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. If you just want to stop by, bounce something off me, or have something on your mind, stop in then, no appointment necessary. You can always make an appointment with me at other times.

Sacred Texts and Coffee

This will be a time to read and reflect together the world's great sacred texts. We will start out reading the *Tao Te Ching* using the Stephen Mitchell version. No preparation is necessary. As we read together, we will ponder what those particular passages are saying to us in that moment. Please bring a copy of the Tao and I will also have an extra copy on hand and some coffee. We will start on Tuesday, September 11, at 9 a.m. and continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

It is good to be together.


The Rev. James Galasinski

Thinking of becoming an official member of our church?

UU 101: *Wednesdays, September 19 and 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.*

This introductory course is intended for those who are thinking about becoming members or who would like a refresher course. We will cover the theology and history of the UU movement and will also explore how our local church functions.

Childcare is available upon request. Please sign up by emailing office@uucantonny.org

Signing Ceremony: *September 30 at approximately 11:45 a.m.*

Attend a brief ceremony and sign the official membership book.

PRESIDENT'S POST



If summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy, then September feels like the busiest time of the year: back to school, finishing left over chores from the dog days of summer, and shorter (and cooler) days.

This season-shifting coincides with the beginning of a new church year for our community here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton. Church Council will be focusing this fall on working toward fulfillment of our previously established 2018 goals, analyzing where we are, and plotting our course forward. This is also the time of year when we ask ourselves a few questions: What do we want to accomplish this coming year? How will we be different from who we are now?

How will we know if we have become our intentions? These important questions shift the possibility of who we will be by encouraging us to consider who we are.

It's the start of a new season - a time to look inward and outward. Let us revel in it.

"...always try to be a little kinder than is necessary."

JM Barrie, *"The Little White Bird"*

Todd Moe, Church Council President

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PONDERINGS

Wait a minute! How is it already September? Where did July and August go? I recall swimming, canoeing, barbequing, playing board games, and putting together puzzles with family and friends as well as spending time in the car driving to Cape Cod and even time on a ferry boat to Star Island for a week of professional development. It seems to have gone by very quickly, but it was rejuvenating and full of laughter and fun. I hope your summer was filled with joy and connection too.


For many, September means returning to work and school. With this comes preparations like buying school supplies, adjusting sleep routines, creating schedules to accommodate new and existing obligations like sports, evening meetings, etc., and organizing the house to minimize school morning madness. September is also the time for ingathering at our church. We celebrate coming back together as a community of faith.



Taking time to live your faith in all the craziness of daily living and especially the preparations for a new year might seem overwhelming. But taking time for your own and your family's spiritual well-being can actually reduce the daily stress. I encourage you to think about times and places where you can add time for spiritual well-being. We offer many ways to support you. Our weekly faith inspirations, found on our website, give contemplative topics for each week, which you can add to your bedtime routine. You can take home our traveling chalice box with inspiring books and table topic cards that can be used during meal times. You can participate in the conversations on Facebook with our daily posts around mindfulness, worship reflections, humor, and more. You can join us for Community Vespers on the third Wednesdays of October, December, March and May this year. You can make it a priority to join us for worship and religious education classes for children and youth on Sunday. You can participate in our social justice events or join a chalice circle.

As we look to the start of a new church year and for many the start of a new school year, may you find ways to engage in faith formation and spiritual well-being to minimize the daily stress and craziness. Blessed be and may it be so.

Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education

	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Vespers</p> <p>We hope you will join us for Community Vespers on Wednesdays, October 17, December 19, March 20 and May 15 from 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. The Rev. James Galasinski and Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education, will lead a candlelight worship service for all ages with music, movement, and meditation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A fellowship potluck will immediately follow. Hope to see you there!</p>
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THANK YOU...

- ⊕ Todd Moe, Margaret Harloe, Lois and Paul Cutter, Rajiv Narula, Jon Montan and Coral Pondysh for their acting prowess during the story for all ages at the Huutenanny.
- ⊕ Shelby Hunkins, Arthur Freeheart, Mary Michalek, Pat Glover, Will Siegfried, Jenn Whittaker, Danny Thomas, Sara Hutcheson, Eden Terrell, Coral Pondysh and Katie Boczarski for being part of Summer with Seuss and nursery care over the summer.

JOYS & SORROWS

- ⊕ We send healing thoughts to Arliene Oey as she continues her recovery from a knee operation.
- ⊕ We share our joy with Rajiv and Geetika Narula on their pregnancy.

MUSIC NOTES

UU Adult Choir is starting up!



The adult choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. three times a month, and sings in church services twice a month. New members are always welcome! Music reading ability is helpful but not required. We sing a variety of styles and genres of choral music in two to four parts, with various levels of difficulty. This month we sing in church on September 9 and 16, with rehearsals those mornings, and an extra rehearsal prior to the 9th TBA. If you are interested in singing with us, contact me at choir@uucantonny.org - or just show up at rehearsal!

Carol Strome, Choir Director

FROM THE 2019 CANVASS TEAM

This month, the members of the Canvass Committee have been reflecting on stewardship and why they joined the committee. The Canvass Committee works year-round to plan and shape our annual pledge appeal, aiming to help the congregation understand the financial needs of the church and hoping to motivate them to support the annual canvass in a way that best fits their personal circumstances. Below are some of their thoughts on why being a part of the canvass is so important to them.

Pete Wyckoff

I believe our financial contributions to the church need to be connected to the rest of what we do: teaching our children, worshipping together, working on social justice issues, building our own spirituality. The Canvass Committee works to integrate all those things, including how we use our money, which I think is essential.

Louise Bixby

I value participation on the committee because stewardship is vital to the financial health of our church community. It is the mission of this committee to reach out and connect with all members and friends of the UU Church of Canton to share, to the best of their ability, to enable the church to maintain a healthy operating budget to carry out its mission.

In addition to attending Sunday services, for me participating in the "work" of the church enriches and enhances the personal benefits of belonging. Cooperating with others toward achieving fulfillment of the mission of the church is personally very rewarding.

Pete Beekman

Stewardship is important to me because, simply put, the great work of our church requires money. I am comfortable talking about money and recognize many members are not.

Bill Short

I am on the Canvass Committee because the annual canvass is the lifeblood of our church community. Those of us who are invested in the spiritual health of the UU Church of Canton must be equally invested in its fiscal health, and being part of the team that facilitates the process is how I can best contribute.

Desiree LeBoeuf

I'm committed to being a member of the Canvass Committee because the Unitarian Universalist Church has been a sanctuary for the LGBTQ community for decades. When I "came out" in 1992 the church was a safe place to find support during a vulnerable time in my development. I'm personally motivated to do my part to continue the legacy of social justice not only for myself but for generations to come.

Jenn Whittaker

Our church community is an invaluable resource to my family, to other church members, and to the wider community. One of the essential ways to ensure its continuation is to keep it well funded. I am so happy I can be a part of the process.

You will hear more from the committee over the next few weeks – from the pulpit, in enews, and in your orders of service – as they present plans for the 2019 canvass, which will kick off on Sunday, October 14.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee has been busy preparing for a new year. Here are our upcoming events for new visitors and all church-goers:

Get Acquainted Coffee: For new visitors or anyone looking to meet some new folks on Sunday, September 30, at 9:15 a.m. Come join us for some goodies and conversation before the service. We look forward to seeing some new faces! Childcare will be available.

Lampson Falls Hike: Join us for a fall hike to [Lampson Falls](#) on Saturday, September 15. We will meet at the trailhead in Clare at 10 a.m. Bring your own picnic, if desired. For those interested in carpooling, please email Heather at heather@rousell.org.



Thank you for continuing to welcome all who visit our church with warmth and love.

EVERYTHING AND THE KITCHEN SINK...

Updates from the Kitchen Cabinet

As we begin the new church year, we want to remind everyone that the Kitchen Cabinet is a group of friendly folks who believe the kitchen is the most important room in the home and want to help everyone feel "at home" in our shared church kitchen. Please read on for some useful updates about this central function of our church.

Social Hour

Social hour is an important Sunday ritual that allows us to strengthen our interconnected web by welcoming newcomers, making new connections, and visiting with old friends. Sharing the responsibilities for hosting social hour is a long-standing tradition of our church community. Each September, we publish a [schedule of weekly hosts](#) who take charge of preparing light refreshments - coffee, tea, juice, light snacks. If you are a church member or regularly attending friend, your name is probably on the list, so please check. We have done our best to schedule a sufficient number each week so there is always plenty of help. In addition, the monthly Kitchen Cabinet advisors will be available to answer questions. Early each week, an email reminder will be sent directly to those scheduled and assignments will also be posted in the weekly *UU News to Know*.

If you cannot host on the day you are scheduled, first, please try to switch with someone else on the list, then contact the Kitchen Cabinet advisor for your month.



We encourage everyone to keep social hour welcoming yet simple. Please arrive before 10 a.m. to prepare coffee, tea water, and other refreshments. The church provides coffee and tea, sugar, creamer, and a small variety of crackers and cookies. Hosts are asked to provide a container of half-and-half. Also welcome are small contributions of snacks that are friendly to most diets such as fruit and vegetables, cheese, or hummus. Homemade baked goods are always appreciated but by no means expected. *Please communicate with the other hosts to coordinate what each will contribute and please aim for simple and light refreshments.* After social hour, hosts are responsible for general clean up, and, finally, don't forget to unplug the coffee machine!

Lost & Found

We often find items that do not belong to the church in the kitchen. Because space is at a premium, and also because we want lost items to find their way home, we have established a Lost & Found cart in the social room. Please look here for stuff you are missing. You might even find something you had forgotten you left at church! On a periodic basis, unclaimed items will be donated to the Canton Neighborhood Center or CORC store in Potsdam, so make a habit of checking regularly!

Margaret Harloe

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

UU Green Sanctuary - The easy changes are made , what's next?

The [Environmental Action Committee](#) worked to certify our congregation as a [Green Sanctuary](#) in 2014 and continue to working with a variety of committees to maintain that status. This effort has made many changes to our operations that you may now consider standard practice:

- Blue washable cups for drinks in RE and social hour
- Energy-efficient lighting throughout
- Use of washable plates and tableware at church meals
- Dual flush toilets
- Purchase of 100% of our electricity from a local community solar installation
- Aspects of our worship, including the summer Huutannay and winter Solstice celebrations, are expected components of our worship schedule

But what comes next? After these easy projects, it gets harder to define reasonable projects and priorities to move our Green Sanctuary program to a new level. We need your ideas! Please join us for a brainstorming meeting Sunday, September 16, at 9:15 a.m. in the Romer Room to identify projects for the coming year and to explore re-certification as a Green Sanctuary. No fears - joining us for this meeting does not commit you to any committee membership, though we might tap you to help with a particular project team if you're interested.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES AND UPCOMINGS

What has the [Social Action Committee](#) been up to lately? Last year we worked both within and beyond our church community to educate, engage, and encourage activism, and in doing so have strengthened connections between our congregation and the wider community. Here are some highlights:

Welcoming Diversity: For the past two summers, we hosted a dinner to welcome the incoming students of St. Lawrence University's Higher Education Opportunity Program to Canton. Last fall, we co-sponsored a film series on race issues with Cinema 10 and SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice). In the spring, we applied for a grant from the Mooney Foundation to support an Our Whole Lives facilitator training workshop, and we celebrated the 20th anniversary of becoming a Welcoming Congregation by marching in the Dairy Princess Parade this summer.

Supporting Immigrants: The agriculturally rich North Country relies on immigrant labor, which is increasingly at risk of harassment and exploitation. Last summer we hosted an Immigration Navigator Training workshop offered by the New York Immigration Coalition, and in the fall we rallied support for *Green Light New York: Driving Together!* campaign to support legislation allowing driver's licenses for all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status. In the spring, we voted to officially join the New York Immigration Coalition, which will allow them to strengthen their presence throughout the North Country.

Addiction Recovery: North Country women who have successfully completed rehab and are working to rebuild their lives have limited housing options as there are no half-way houses for women north of Watertown. This spring, we mobilized support to advocate for New Hope Transformation House, a half-way house for women proposed for the former parsonage of Grace Episcopal Church, which was granted a zoning variance in May.

Voter Rights: Also in the spring, we worked with the League of Women Voters, AAUP, and the St. Lawrence University chapter of the Andrew Goodman Foundation's Vote Everywhere project to organize a voter rights panel.

Social Justice Initiative: Last fall, we helped to organize the inaugural Social Justice Initiative Symposium on bullying in the workplace. Now we are looking forward to the 2019 Social Justice Initiative, which will focus on criminal injustice and mass incarceration (see box below).

In addition, we organized regular **Social Action Shared Offerings (SASOs)** during the year in support of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Hurricane Maria Relief, Church and Community Program, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Lifted Out of Poverty, and Plattsburgh Cares. Collectively, we raised \$7808 for important work across our community, nation, and world. (For more on the September SASO, see below.)

And yet, there is more to do! In the upcoming year, we plan to continue our efforts to make Canton a more welcoming community for students of color, support the immigrant community that helps to feed us, help New Hope Transformation House open its doors, and prepare for the 2019 Social Justice Initiative. Most immediately, plans are underway to assist the League of Women Voters with voter registration drives. More information will be posted through the weekly e-news as it becomes available. Stay tuned!

September SASO

The Social Action Shared Offering for the month of September will benefit The Boma Project in Kenya. This NGO provides a high-impact program for ultra-poor women in the drought-threatened arid lands of northern Kenya. It was established in 2009 by Kathleen Colson, a St. Lawrence University graduate who went on the university's Kenya Semester Program. Through micro-enterprises, BOMA has helped to lift 105,624 women and children out of extreme poverty. Learn more about BOMA and the SASO [here](#).

Note: At our minister's suggestion, this year we will be dividing each shared offering half and half between the church and the chosen organization.

We are a committee that believes many hands make light work. If the work of our committee speaks to you, please speak to us! We welcome new energy, new participation and new ideas. We meet regularly on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.



Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

Social Justice Initiative

Promoting justice, equity, and compassion in human relations

Have you noticed how often issues related to criminal justice and incarceration come up in the news? Have you thought about our region's involvement in the criminal justice system as a result of hosting so many of the state's prisons here? Have you been troubled by the impact of the movement toward use of private prisons across the country, especially for detaining immigrants and asylum seekers? Have you wondered what we could do differently to assure that those caught up in the criminal justice system are treated fairly and are eventually able to return to society as productive citizens?

If this has been on your mind, you are invited to an after-church discussion of these issues on Sunday, September 16, at noon in the Romer Room. Come and help us discover how the 2019 Social Justice Initiative can identify specific ways we here in the North Country and the state of New York can address these issues, making our state more just for all. With your thoughts and help, we hope to host a powerful learning experience for ourselves and our neighbors.

Learn more about the Social Justice Initiative and plans for the 2019 conference [here](#). Questions? Please contact us at sji@uucantonny.org.

Eileen Raymond, Chair, 2019 Social Justice Initiative

Church and Community Program

The [Church and Community Program](#) is growing! As a member church, we have spent many months developing a 2018-2025 Strategic Plan, which includes a major goal of moving to a larger space (still in central Canton). This will allow us to improve on our current services (food pantry, thrift shop, emergency funds) and to add new ones. Some new ones include taking fresh vegetables directly to the highrise housing on Riverside, developing a delivery service for shut-ins, and providing special funds for individuals who are ready to become more self-sufficient. We are collaborating with the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, which provides us with summer-garden abundance, Renewal House and (we anticipate) New Hope Transformation House, and with other social service providers.

Our church contributed over \$6,000 to CCP in the past year (and veggies from our community gardens!). CCP has only one paid staff member, so we rely on the community and especially on our member churches to provide volunteer help in the pantry and thrift shop. Please consider giving a few hours of your time.

All are invited to our Recognition Event for some of our remarkable volunteers on Wednesday, September 19, at 4 p.m. at 30 Court Street. More information in CCP's August newsletter.

IN THE COMMUNITY

North Country 350 Alliance is joining the nationwide Day of Climate Action, sponsored by [350.org](#), to call on local officials from Canton, Potsdam, and the St. Lawrence County Legislature to step up for climate as the federal government steps back. Congressional candidates Tedra Cobb and Lynn Kahn will participate.

The local event is being held Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 9 am to noon in Griffiths 123, on the St. Lawrence University campus. (Follow signs at either the Route 11 or University Avenue SLU entrances.)

As part of *Nation Drive Electric Week*, the local event will also raise awareness of how rapidly electric vehicle (EV) technology is developing, making EVs increasingly practical and affordable. This will include a panel of EV owners and the event will end with an Electric Vehicle Show with four different EVs available (Chevy Volt and Bolt, Nissan Leaf, Prius Prime).

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

This newsletter is chock full of great news and information to get us off to a great start in the new church year. Are you getting church information regularly? The monthly newsletter is sent electronically, and paper copies are always available outside the church office. Do you receive the weekly "News to Know" email on Wednesday evenings? If not, email office@uucantonny.org to have your name added to the list. And like us on [Facebook](#) to get up to date information and fun daily posts. Add some yourself! The [Communications Committee](#) welcomes your suggestions - and your participation. If you'd like to join a really fun committee, that meets during the day, email communications@uucantonny.org and we'll get you signed on!

Carol Pynchon, Communications Committee Chair

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please email office@uucantonny.org
Submission Deadline for our next newsletter: Thursday, September 20.