



# UU News to Know

October 16, 2019

## THIS SUNDAY October 20, 2019

10:30 a.m. **Where is the Justice in Criminal Justice**  
Margaret Kent Bass, Pulpit Guest

**Lay Leader:** Dave Nelson

**RE Ambassador:** Ron Tavernier

**Greeters:** Duncan & Lois Cutter, Paul Cutter, Jim Rudd, Elian Erickson

**Social Hour Hosts:** Jon Rosales & Matilda Larson, Sally Vrooman

**Collection Counters:** Lorraine Olendzenski, Tim Opdyke

*When are you scheduled as a social hour host or greeter?*

**[Check the schedule here.](#)**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Thursday, October 17

7:00 p.m., Drop In Chalice Circle

### Friday, October 18

7:00 p.m., Speaking for Myself Poetry Slam  
Opening Reception, Justice For All Conference

### Saturday, October 19

9:30 a.m., Keynote Address, Justice for All Conference  
11:00 a.m., Conversation Sessions  
4:00 p.m., Networking Session

### Sunday, October 20

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

### Monday, October 21

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

### Wednesday, October 23

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice

## CHURCH NEWS

**And We're Off!** The 2020 Canvass kicked off on Sunday, October 6. If you haven't read your canvass e-blast, you can [here](#). Learn more about Growing our Faith [here](#) and please welcome your canvasser warmly and generously!

**Justice for ALL: Community Conversations about crime and imprisonment in the North Country:** Want to learn more about the events this weekend? Want to learn how to participate? Click on the link above.

**Drop In Chalice Circle:** If you're curious about how a chalice circle works, or would like to try one out before you commit to a long term chalice circle, join the Rev. James Galasinski on Thursday, October 17 in the library for a drop in Chalice Circle.

**An Evening of Poetry & Music:** Our sanctuary will be the setting for the *Speaking for Myself* poetry slam on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Hear the work of local poets, those who are currently incarcerated, and also from our Keynote Speaker, R. Dwayne Betts, with an improv jazz trio accompanying the poetry and opening reception. This event is free and open to all.

**Keynote Address:** Our church is fortunate to host R. Dwayne Betts as keynote speaker for our *Justice for All* conference. "Falling Asleep in Your Own Narrative: Violence, Incarceration & Reform" will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 19. Betts will share what he has learned from his journey from prison to becoming a nationally recognized lawyer and writer. This event and is free and open to the public.

**October SASO for Criminal Justice Reform: NYCAIC** Since we have been focusing on criminal justice this month, **New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement** will receive our Social Action Shared Offering on Sunday, October 20. Please memo your check "SASO" for this cause.

**UU 101:** If you are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and how this church works, consider attending UU 101, a 2-part series offered on Thursdays, October 24 and 31 at 7 p.m. Please register via **email**. Childcare is available upon request.

**Annual Meeting & Luncheon:** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, October 27 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the **2020 Church Council Slate**. Everyone is welcome, but only members can vote. A potluck luncheon will follow, to which everyone is invited. Please bring your potluck packs and a dish to share according to your last name: A-H - salad, I-R - hot dish, and S-Z - dessert. Please contact any member of church council with questions.

**Climate Action Group:** formed from the Building Our Commitment to Social Justice workshop, this group wants to hear your ideas for understanding and addressing our climate crisis. Add your voice during the annual meeting potluck on Sunday, October 27. We will be planning Coffee, Conversation, & More sessions throughout the year.

**NYSCU Conference:** The New York State Convention of Universalists invite you to their **annual meeting** October 25-26 in Rochester New York.

**Welcoming Committee** invites you to watch this **brief video**. It provides helpful reminders for all of us as we continue to be a congregation that is welcoming to all. Thank you!

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**This Sunday:** Our children and youth will hearing a story

about the great mystery, make fossil imprints, finalize materials for educational display on solid waste, explore personal thoughts about puberty and attend the Social Justice Initiative. [Learn more here.](#)



**Check it Out:** Look for a white board in the social room each Sunday. We will be sharing what is happening in each religious education class.

**Please Register Your Child(ren):** Take a moment to register your child(ren) for the 2019-2020 religious education year. [Click here.](#)

### IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THIS WEEK

**Acting DRE:** Shelby Hunkins

**RE Ambassador:** Ron Tavernier

**Nursery:** Will Siegfried, Coral Pondysh

**Spirit Play:** Todd Moe, Maria Dickinson

**Love Will Guide Us:** Ashley Clover, Emily Dixon

**MakerSpace:** Sue Powers, Pam Boyle

**Jr High OWL:** Kelly Johnson-Eilola, Jim Williams

**Youth Group:** Gabrielle Clover, Danny Thomas



Read about this month's events in our

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Rotary Dinner to benefit CCP:** Dine at Jake's on the Water Wednesday, October 23 between 5-8 p.m. to benefit the [Church & Community Program](#). Register [here](#).

**Fashion Fall Fun(d)raiser for CCP:** Saturday, October 26 at 2 p.m. in the Methodist Church. All fashions are from the thrift shop and your \$7 tickets includes dessert and door prizes. You can purchase tickets from Pat Alden, Cliff Westerling, or at Coakleys, Luna, White's, or Second Chance. Bring a friend!

**Please consider volunteering:** [Church & Community Program](#) has one paid director, and runs on volunteer help to feed more than 2,500 low income individuals each year. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, pick up an informational handout outside the church office or visit their [website](#).

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