

# UU News to Know

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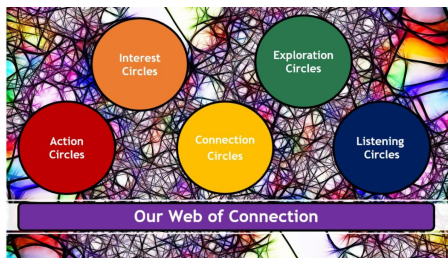
**THIS SUNDAY**  
**September 20, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**John Murray: Hope Not Hell**

*The Rev. James Galasinski*

**Click here** for instructions on how to join virtual worship on Sunday



## Our Web of Connection

As James mentioned in his **sermon** on Sunday, this year will bring many challenges and opportunities. Check out all the ways we can connect with one another **here** and sign up to join the circles that interest you.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Expanding Our Reach:** Would you like to be part of team that helps guide Council with technology and equipment recommendations for the future? If so, please **email Jenn Whittaker** to learn more.

**Tending the Spark - A Parent Circle** - Join this Interest Circle and gather once a month with parents of RE children/youth to ponder, discuss, share, reflect, and laugh about the vagaries of parental life from a UU perspective. Our first meeting is September 22 at 7:30pm via **Zoom**.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover:** Even though we humans aren't able to gather during this time of social distancing, stuffed animals still can! There will be a Stuffed Animal Sleepover at UU Canton the weekend of September 18-20. Please register your stuffed animal in advance, so we can have a name tag for them. Use this online form - **https://forms.gle/nVcVscJH5kjNNzhN8**.

**Hike with the Welcoming Committee:** Join us in the great outdoors at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 19 and/or 26 for an easy, socially-distanced group hike.

**Social Action Shared Offerings:** Each church year the Faith in Action group chooses 8 SASO recipients. These can be local, statewide, national or international organizations engaged in some form of social justice work. If you would like to nominate a worthy organization, please complete [this form](#) before Monday, October 12.

**UU the Vote Postcard Campaign:** Join the *UU the Vote Action Circle* if you are interested in sending postcards to voters who have been dropped from the rolls. Contact [Teresa Veramendi](#) for more information.

**The Church and Community Program** has a beautiful new home - right next door to our church at 30 Court Street. If you would like a tour of the new digs, Pat Alden will be staffing the Second Chance Thrift Shop on Thursday mornings through October (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Stop in & she'll show you around.

**Venmo:** If you are looking for an easy way to [donate](#) to the cash offering on Sundays, or pay your pledge, we now have an [account with Venmo](#).

**Fight Hunger YOUR Way!** Looking for a safe way to make a difference? Join GardenShare's creatively reimagined Hunger Action month event to help fight hunger and ensure food justice in our communities. Details [here](#).

**The North Country Art, Land and Environment Summit** (September 9 - October 2, 2020) provides a virtual way to join community members from the Kaniatarowanéhne /St. Lawrence River Watershed, Haudenosaunee Territory to discuss sustainable and regenerative solutions for the Climate Crises. The Summit will feature a series of outdoor exhibitions, film screenings and online panel discussions. Learn more [here](#).

**BLM rallies** are still happening in Potsdam everyday at 6 p.m. in front of the Potsdam Post Office. RSVP and share the event on Facebook [here](#).

### THE WEEK AHEAD

*NOTE: The church building remains closed. Most gatherings will take place virtually.*

#### **Thursday, September 17**

7:00 p.m., Geocache Interest Circle

#### **Friday, September 18**

5:00 p.m., Connection Circle Happy Hour

#### **Saturday, September 19**

9:00 a.m., Connection Circle Coffee Hour

#### **Sunday, September 20**

10:30 a.m., Worship

#### **Monday September 21**

10:00 a.m., Eckhart Tolle Study Group

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

7:00 p.m., Vegetable Gardening Interest Circle

## Faith Engagement at Home

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** - Even though we humans aren't able to gather during this time of social distancing, stuffed animals still can! There will be a Stuffed Animal Sleepover at UU Canton the weekend of September 18-20. Dolls are welcome, too! The sleepover will be chaperoned by Miss Panda and Mr Dog, two very responsible long-time members of UU Canton. [Listen to them](#) as they share everything you need to know about registering and what to expect for the sleepover. During the event, they will post photos of the stuffies' activities in the Stuffed Animal Sleepover event on the [UU Canton Facebook page](#). You don't need a Facebook account to access it.



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**Faith Engagement Package** - We have created a take home faith engagement package for families to keep connected to our faith values. These packages contain a gratitude activity, coloring sheets, a UU principles card game, a 6 sources beach ball and much more. Please contact Sara by [email](#) or calling 315-386-2498 if you would like to schedule a time to pick up your package.



### *It's Easy Being Green!*

Did you know that the UUA divested most of its investments in companies that produce or process fossil fuels several years ago? The resolution permitted the UUA to keep some fossil fuel stocks in companies engaged in shareholder actions seeking environmental justice.

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