

News for UU!



It's **EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY** on Sunday, March 7! This year we will celebrate a little bit differently, but **WE WILL CELEBRATE**. Can you help make it happen? If you like to **BAKE** or you like to **DRIVE**, [sign up here](#). If you like to **EAT BIRTHDAY CAKE**, check the [directory](#) to make sure your address is correct.

[Click here](#) for more details.

WORSHIP

Sunday, February 7, 2021

10:30 a.m. [**Believing Whatever You Want?**](#)
The Rev. James Galasinski

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to join virtual worship on Sunday.

View past sermons on our website [here](#)
and watch Family Chapel [here](#)!

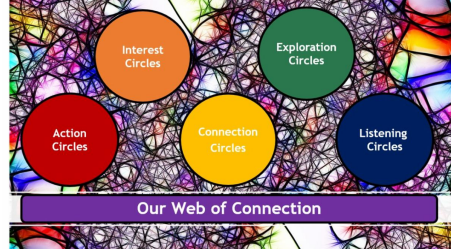
[**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**](#)

Read it all [here](#).



CONNECT

Join a small group or circle. There



are many to choose from [here](#).

Don't see anything for you?

Contact us to create a new group.

TIP: Be sure to refresh each web page for the most updated information. (Click the circle arrow at the top left of your screen next to the home icon.)

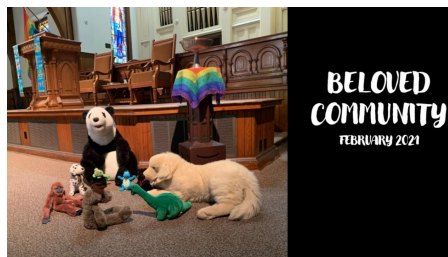
Happy Hour this Friday at 5! Hosting this happy hour is easy- no need to clean the house, make snacks, or worry about parking. Just grab a beverage, log on, and wait for the others to show up. If you want to host, [email Sara](#).

Being Present With Each Other: Building on the exploration circle led by Kathy Montan in January, this circle will meet on Saturdays, February 13, 20, and 27 at 11 a.m. [via Zoom](#). The group is open to all and will meet for 30 minutes. Sign up online [here](#).

Church History Circle: Are you a history buff, or hobby treasure hunter? Join Eileen Raymond and the Church History Circle to learn about our church history in preparation for the bicentennial celebration.

ENGAGE

RE Choice: We will gather this Sunday, February 7 at 1pm via [Zoom](#) to hear the story "Starfish Thrower" or join our Wisdom Keepers Book Club to discuss "This Book is Antiracist".



Coming of Age: Our 8th and 9th graders will come together with the two Syracuse Congregations via [Zoom](#) at 3pm to create a covenant.

Wonder-Full Faith Engagement for Your Home - Check out the February Faith Engagement for Your Home. Beloved Community is a special kind of community where... Black Leaders are Honored; Love Grows beyond Boundaries; Wounds are Healed; and We Don't Run Away When Things Get Hard.

ACT

Faith In Action Updates

FAITH IN ACTION CONVERSATION SERIES: Take note of the new dates for our final two social justice discussions this winter, and join us for our next post-service discussion on Housing on Sunday, February 7!

February 7: Housing - February 14: Healthcare

Join the **North Country Poor People's Campaign** for our monthly organizing meeting online on Tuesday, February 16, 6-8pm. [RSVP here for the Zoom call information](#). [RSVP on facebook as well!](#)

Join Black Lives Matter Potsdam as they continue their **Daily Protest** at 153 Market St in Potsdam from 3-3:30pm. If the temperature is below 25 degrees, the rally is canceled for the day. On **Wednesday, February 10**, Black Lives Matter Potsdam will be protesting all day for **Justice for Terron Evans Jr and Tamra Cook.**, the former being the BLM founder's son who recently passed away. There will be a Saturday march and protest **No Justice No Peace** on February 20th at 1pm.

PLAN

The Week Ahead

NOTE: Gatherings will take place virtually.

Thursday, February 4

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Friday, February 5

5:00 p.m., Happy Hour - will you host?

Sunday, February 7

10:30 a.m., Worship

Monday, February 8

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation
7:00 p.m., Faith In Action Leadership Group

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 a.m., Sacred Text and Coffee

Wednesday, February 10

1:00 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting

GO GREEN



Since we don't have enough to worry about at the moment, we could add the "plastics" issue. But first, the good news: The Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act is addressing this crisis in the congress. It would ban some single use plastics, enforce the increase in recycling of plastics, put the price and onus of clean-up on the plastics industry and put a temporary hold on creation of new facilities for plastic production. Less than 10% of plastics are recycled. Plastics are a byproduct of fracked natural gas and other petroleum products-the results of which release carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere. For a fuller and more explanatory understanding of this issue, refer to Nature Conservancy magazine, Winter 2020, Letters to the Editor.

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