

Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

NEWSLETTER

September 2022 - THIS MONTH AND SUNDAYS



Sunday, September 4

The Impact of Retirement on Spiritual Life

Three people who are members or friends of the church will share the sermon time and speak to the question: How have you - or will you if recently retired - expect the space afforded by retirement to affect your spiritual life? Even if you are not retired yourself, you may find these personal accounts meaningful.

Monday, September 5

6:30 p.m., First Monday Listening Circle

Wednesday, September 7

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

6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

Sunday, September 11

Ingathering: Beginning Again

The Rev. James Galasinski & Carol Zimmerman, DRE

We all went through a crisis and collectively experienced the grief and anxiety of a pandemic. To fully heal we need a community-wide ritual of wholeness. This Sunday we mark the beginning of the church year with a multi-generational water ceremony. Please bring a small amount of water from somewhere meaningful to you, perhaps from a summer trip, a local body of water, or your backyard, to celebrate water communion.

11:30 a.m., Congregational Connections Extravaganza

Monday, September 12

7:00 p.m., [Faith in Action Committee Meeting](#)

Tuesday, September 13

9:30 a.m., [Sacred Texts and Coffee](#)

1:00 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 15

1:00 p.m., Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m., Potsdam Interfaith Community Picnic

Sunday, September 18

Cars, Community, and Culture

The Rev. James Galasinski

The physical structures of our towns can promote and define community. Faith community plays a special role in a country that is isolating, single family-based, and car dependent.

Noon, RE Teaching Ministry Training

Monday, September 19

7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 p.m., RE Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m., Science Book Club

Saturday, September 24

2:00 p.m., Memorial Service for Barney Gage

Sunday, September 25

This Old House

The Rev. James Galasinski

Why should I be forced into reparations when my ancestors never owned slaves or stole land from indigenous communities? A friend of mine once asked me that, and I think I have an answer. Inheriting a country and a social system is like moving into an old house. We may have not chosen the wall paint colors and carpet in the kitchen, but we have an obligation to work with it to make it better.

4:00 p.m., *White Right: Meeting the Enemy* Film Screening

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 p.m., Fourth Tuesday Listening Circle

**Worship services happen every
Sunday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom at [this link](#)
and in the sanctuary.**

We aim to keep our congregation as safe as possible. We strongly encourage vaccines and boosters. We also encourage wearing masks when in our building, especially if you or someone in your household is immunocompromised. Disposable masks and hand sanitizer are available at all entrances. If you are having COVID symptoms or have been exposed, please get tested. If you test positive, please worship with us on Zoom. Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep each other safe.



JAMES' JOURNAL
Come Congregation, Come!

Do you remember what our sanctuary looked and felt like when it was full? People were shaking hands and hugging. Friends were greeted warmly. We sang *Spirit of Life* softly, old and young voices blended with those warm sounds bouncing off the wood and the walls. The peaceful silence of meditation, lighting a candle, hearing inspiring words. The buzz of social hour.

We have not felt that in the past two and a half years. I don't know about you, but I miss it. It is a good feeling when our congregation is together. It warms the heart and makes life seem good.

I always liked the word "congregation" more than "church." When I hear the word church, I think of the building, but congregation implies those who are gathered and assembled – us. Now more than ever, I yearn for people congregating, gathering for spiritual growth and meaning.

The time to congregate is upon us! Unitarian Universalists across the country celebrate the first Sunday after Labor Day as the beginning of the church year. We call this special celebration "Ingathering," it is a homecoming of sorts. So come celebrate Ingathering and stay after the service for the Congregational Connections Extravaganza, which will highlight opportunities to get involved and feature food and drink, chalice tattoos, prizes, and much more.

My hope is that congregating on Sunday morning is part of your spiritual practice. There are also many other events planned for the coming weeks. Congregating is good for the soul. We need each other. We are better together. Come congregation, come!

The Rev. James Galasinski

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Coming together in the fall always feels like a time of connection for me. It's a time to connect with the sense of spiritual wonder I get by coming to church. It's also a time to connect with friends I may not have seen in a while.



While I've always known that I valued coming to church for the connection to others, it wasn't until the pandemic that I realized what a vital part of my life it is. Being separated from others was harder than I imagined. I remember one of the first events the church offered in person after the start of the pandemic, the drive-up candlelight and carols service. We decorated our cars and sang inside them. We waved to each other from our cars. The connection of being together, even in our separate cars was so powerful, I was teary the entire time.

I'm so thankful that we can now be together in person again, inside our beautiful church building. This fall we will offer many opportunities for connection – worship, film screenings, group meetings, and so much more. I hope you'll join me to really kick off the new church year with a bang on Sunday, September 11, for our Ingathering and Congregational Connections Extravaganza!

May it be a fall filled with connections for all of us!

Jenn Whittaker, Church Council President

FAITH ENGAGEMENT



As we come into September, I am looking back at my summer. I had some truly magical moments. Holding hands with a small child, celebrating a dear friend's wedding, picking vegetables from a local CSA garden, watching a sunrise, listening to whales breathe as I went to sleep in a tent. I had some rough moments, too. Witnessing my parent's health decline, the death of some beloved church members, supporting a friend as they recovered from COVID. They all made me feel connected to something bigger than myself. They also involved being connected to others – people or the natural world. Relationships are vital to my

wellbeing and vital to our collective wellbeing.

Our church is one of the places where I found some of these moments. Seeing folx and hearing their stories and sharing what is happening in my life has felt amazing. Hearing the laughter of children is music to my ears. Being in the sanctuary and singing filled my heart with joy. Continuing to adapt to this ever-changing world even has its silver linings. Church is supporting my wellbeing.

I am looking forward to the beginning of the church year. We will be returning to a consistent schedule for religious education. Beginning Sunday, September 18, the nursery will be open, and a one room schoolhouse model will be in place. With this model, we are looking to rebuild relationships and create magic together in a way that only our church can do. I look forward to hearing about your magical moments and seeing you in church in September.

Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education



Religious Education Teaching Ministry Training will take place

on Sunday, September 19 from noon till 2pm.

Lunch will be provided. Join us if you are interested in working with our children and youth.

JOYS AND SORROWS

♥ As a community, we mourn the loss of two members in recent weeks: Barney Gage and Esther Katz. Both brought important perspectives and energy to our church, and they will be dearly missed.

♥ We hold Bonnie Danis in prayer, as she faces a challenging path after a diagnosis of multiple myeloma. May she and her husband John find strength in our numbers.

♥ In July, Valerie Ingram celebrated with friends and family her son Carl Woodruff's 2021 marriage to Mia Kortebein. Congratulations to the not-so-"newly"weds!

♥ Eileen Raymond shared the wonderful news in church that she has completed her cancer treatment, and is cancer free!



CANVASS CONVERSATIONS

Considering Your Commitment to Our Faith Community

We have been apart for a long time. Maybe you've attended church since it's been open; perhaps you've continued to go to meetings. But it feels like a very long time since we've *all* been *together*. Together to sit shoulder-to-shoulder in our sanctuary, to watch the children soak up a story then scurry off to their classes (or to herd them to their rooms to teach and enjoy their company), to sing and meditate and reflect together. We've all been through a lot over the last couple of years, and we are all hopeful that we can finally gather to worship and be together again.

As we have all muddled and struggled through the pandemic years, the work of the church has continued. Virtual worship took place, programs were planned, families received RE materials, beloved lives were celebrated. Church leadership made tough decisions; staff were at their desks and laptops.

But, as we all muddled and struggled and the work of the church proceeded, our financial support did not keep up. Last year far fewer "units" pledged in our annual canvass; we saw a decline from 144 giving units to just 100. And we didn't meet our budget goal.

We hope this is another area where we are "coming back" – *it has to be*. Our church can't keep the doors open, staff paid, and programming strong without everyone's help.

This year we will hold "cottage" meetings for our annual pledge drive. Over the last weeks of September and early October, generous hosts will open their homes (or host at church) and volunteer facilitators will lead small-group conversations helping us consider our commitment to this faith community.

What have you missed about church? What are you looking forward to? How would like to engage in and contribute to the life of this religious community?

Watch for signups for these Canvass Conversation and reach out to any member of the Stewardship Committee if you have questions or suggestions. It will be SO good to be together!

Carol Pynchon, Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Committee: Steve Coffin, chair; Pete Beekman, Tim Opdyke, Carol Pynchon; Mary Michalek, Council Liaison



After the service on
Sunday, September 11
join us for a
**Congregational Connections
Extravaganza!**

Enjoy mocktails and tasty treats as you chat with our UU church committee members about the “behind the scenes” work we do to build and support our church community. Looking to connect with church members who share your interests? Groups like the gardening circle, geocachers, a parenting group, and others will be sharing plans for this year’s activities and offering opportunities – large and small – for involvement.

Everyone is invited to eat, drink, chat, and celebrate a year of community beginning again!

GREETINGS FROM OUR WORSHIP TEAM

As we roll into September, the Worship Team will start off with something different on Sunday, September 4. Historically, the Sunday nearest to “Labor-Day” has naturally given rise to service themes surrounding labor issues. This year we will instead look at retirement! Three people who are members or friends of the church (to be announced) will share the sermon time and speak to the question: How have you - or will you if recently retired - expect the space afforded by retirement to affect your spiritual life? Even if you are not retired yourself, I think you will find these personal accounts meaningful.

In other news, the composition of the Worship Team is changing. We welcome Stevie Michaelson and Mark Berninghausen as members. Hip, Hip, Hooray! Robin Collen stepped down at the end of August after 15 years+/- . Her contributions over the years have been wonderful and we cannot thank her enough. Obviously, she enjoyed it or she would not have been so loyal, and it really shows that the Worship Team is fun and rewarding. So, step up if you have an interest in serving - but don’t worry about a tenure as long as Robin’s! I am stepping off the Worship Team at the end of 2022, having served for almost as long as Robin. I will always carry many fond memories of working with such great people in helping provide the shared ministry of Sunday worship.

Jon Montan, Worship Team Chair

SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS & GREETERS

You're on the schedule!



As many of you remember, before the pandemic we had a schedule of Social Hour Hosts and Greeters. We suspended the schedule after we came back together in person, because we had only a small number of people coming to church. Instead, we had a small group of vol-

unteers who acted as ushers, helped direct people to our spaced seating, and checked vaccination status of those coming to church.

We can no longer rely on a small number of volunteers to greet everyone and provide social hour, so we're going to return to a schedule like we had before, with some changes. As you will see on the schedule, we have included more volunteers for each Sunday. This will hopefully allow us to still have greeters and social hour hosts, even when people are ill or can't come to church at the last minute.

We're trying this new schedule until January 2023. In December we'll evaluate how well this system works and make adjustments for the spring.

If you do not see your name (on the link below or the list attached at the end), and would like to be included, please email office@uucantonny.org to be added. You can also contact the office if you do not want to be on the list for health or other reasons.

[Click here to view the schedule](#)

It's Time to Think About our Church History!

Have you ever noticed the small date on our church's sign and asked yourself what happened in 1825?

Have you wondered who the people were who inhabited these lands before the settlers arrived?

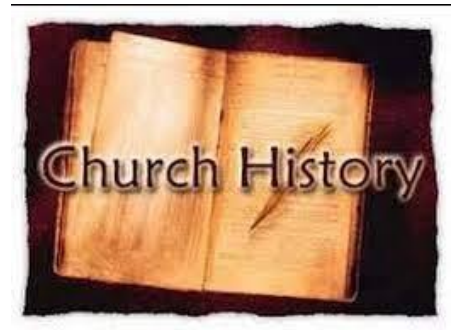
Who were the folks who gathered this congregation so many years ago?

What is our connection to St. Lawrence University?

How have we affected the very nature of our communities in St. Lawrence County?

Have you wondered how our church came to be out here in the North Country wilderness?

Who have our leaders been over the centuries, and why did they devote their time and treasure to this enterprise?



With our bicentennial coming up in 2025, it's time for us to seriously start digging for answers to these and other questions. A good place to start is the church archives in the Coots Library as well as in this short history on our website: <https://www.uucantonny.org/our-church/history/history-of-the-unitarian-universalist-church-of-canton-ny/>

If you are intrigued by the idea of this treasure hunt, we invite you to join our **Church History Learning Circle** as we delve into our archives, and research the Universalist movement in the North Country. The information we gather will provide direction to our bicentennial planning and hopefully allow us to create a formal historical record of our movement here.

We will meet on the **second Sundays after church starting in October** to share our findings and new questions about our history. Our circle plans to have a regathering face-to-face in September (on a date to be determined.) If this idea interests you, please contact Eileen Raymond (History@uucantonny.rr.com) for more information, or stop by our table at the Church Extravaganza after church on September 11.

FAITH IN ACTION

Get Out and Vote Campaign



Our Faith in Action Group invites you to participate in a non-partisan writing campaign to encourage voters in swing districts to “get out and vote” in the November 8, 2022, election. Please stop by our table during Sunday social hours in September and October for just a few minutes to send an important message to a potential voter. All materials will be provided, and we promise it will take very little time for you to do this. Come once or stop off weekly to make a greater difference! Folks of all political persuasions are welcome; the goal is simply to encourage voting!

Film Screening: *White Right: Meeting the Enemy*

First in the Barney Gage Memorial Film Series, a showing of the multi-award-winning film *White Right: Meeting the Enemy*, by filmmaker Deeyah Kahn, will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 4 p.m., simultaneously both in-person in our sanctuary and remotely via a Zoom link available on our website.

As filmmaker Deeyah Kahn grew up in Norway as a Pakistani immigrant and Muslim, she both encountered bias and was taken to anti-racism rallies as a young child. Her father promised her things would be better in the future, but as the future unfolded, she was witnessing even greater racism and xenophobia in both Europe and America. Her film is asking why.

In this extraordinary film, Kahn sits face-to-face with white supremacists who were often the proponents of the “alt-right” ideologies and even found herself dangerously in the midst of the infamous Unite the Right march in Charlottesville, VA, in 2017. While listening to vitriol from those she interviewed is powerful, what makes this film extraordinary is Kahn’s skillful way of engaging with those who see her as an enemy. Rather than dismiss these men as monsters, she’s determined to discover the men behind the masks; she tries to get beyond the scare stories to the real stories, behind the headlines to the human beings, and challenges her own prejudices as well as theirs. She is a model of how to be in our divided world today.



A trailer is available at fuuse.net/white-right-meeting-the-enemy-fuuse-film-deeyah-khan

The showing of this film is free and open to the public. It is dedicated in memory of Barney Gage, who was devoted to the showing of this film as he was to many issues of social and political importance. A discussion will follow the film, both online and in person.



ISO: Steering Committee Members for Social Justice Initiative

Our Faith in Action Group is putting together a steering committee to plan our next Social Justice Initiative conference, scheduled for October 2023, and we’re seeking two more people from the congregation to serve on the committee. From our recent survey, the congregation has suggested that the broad topic for the conference will be the impact of environmental issues (including climate change) on social inequality within communities of the North Country. The steering committee will hone the topics of the conference, foster connections with

regional partners, select speakers and workshop leaders, and organize the events. We're seeking two more people from the congregation to help us work on this important project. If you're interested, please [contact the church office](#).

Women's Equality Day

The North Country Region of the NYS Poor Peoples Campaign, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, and our congregation's Faith in Action Committee, is sponsoring three rallies in recognition of Women's Equality Day and concern with the threat to reproductive freedom.



Friday, August 26, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Planned Parenthood Clinic, 9 Miner Street

Monday, September 5, Labor Day Parade in Massena

Monday, September 12, 6 p.m. at St Lawrence County Legislature

For more information, contact Dave Weissbard.

Medical Aid in Dying

We are seeking a volunteer to follow the Medical Aid in Dying bill in the NY State legislature. This issue is one on which UU congregations in numerous states have provided crucial leadership. Here in NY the bill has considerable support but has been blocked by a few key people in the legislature, despite having broad support among residents. For the coming year, we have a new opportunity to get the legislation through. If you would like to become more informed about the legislation and to make recommendations to FIA when action on our part (probably letter writing and other kinds of contact) would be most helpful, we'd like to talk with you. To learn more about the campaign, we urge you to contact Nancy Willie-Schiff at n.willie.schiff@gmail.com and/or google [Compassion and Choices of New York](#). Pat Alden on the FIA team would also like to hear of your interest.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!!

Here are even more ways to connect

Sacred Texts and Coffee

This is a small-group gathering to read and reflect together on sacred texts and drink coffee and tea in the Social Room. No preparation is necessary. We even read unconventional sacred texts like the poetry of Mary Oliver. We will start up again on Tuesday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. and continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome.

Listening Circles

These small groups will meet once a month for ten months, beginning in September and ending in June. Each person commits to doing at least one spiritual exercise from a list, and to ponder one question from a list that relates to the monthly theme. You can spend 15 minutes or five hours on your homework. The goal is to experience the theme together and learn from each other. These circles provide an intimate opportunity for individual and collective growth. We currently have two listening circles established. One, organized by Carol Zimmerman, DRE, meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30p.m., and the other, led by Rev. James Galasinski, meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. Contact the office if you are interested in joining a listening circle.



UU 101

This is an introductory course that explains the theology and history of the UU movement. It also explores how our church here in Canton functions. If you are thinking about becoming a member or would simply like to learn more about us, please email the office (office@uucantonny.org) to express your interest. We will schedule the next UU 101 this fall based on availability of those interested. Childcare is available upon request.

Adventures With the UU Geochachers!

Please join us for our September outing on **Saturday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Red Barn Preserve in Morristown**. We have been invited to return to this lovely nature preserve to participate in their "Volunteer Day" for our Cache-In Trash-Out (CITO) event. This is an annual event where Geochachers "give back" to nature by helping to maintain and clear trails while hunting for hidden geocaches.

Please wear protective clothing and bring tools to help trim and clear trails. We will hunt for geocaches after helping the volunteers and enjoy refreshments too. For more information about geocaching and a list of geocaches in the area, contact Caron and Phil Collins or [click here](#).



Contact Caron Collins for details of these events and where to meet us. Hope to see you there!

FALL 2022 INTERFAITH PICNIC

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Sandstone Park, 43 Pine Street, Potsdam

Please join us at this year's picnic featuring pizza and grilled meat that is both Halal and Kosher. Paper products and drinks provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a vegetarian dish to share. The event includes activities and games for all ages!

The Potsdam Interfaith Community (PIC) is an organization composed of more than ten religious communities in the Potsdam area. All are welcome—please join us!

LOOKING AHEAD

Coming up in October



On Saturday, October 1, we will hold a **Fireside Fellowship** from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Pete and Kathy Wyckoff's house. Stories will be told from 6:30 to 7:30, followed by campfire sing-alongs and quiet time. Feel free to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before the stories begin. More details will be coming in the weekly e-news as the event gets closer. We hope to see you there!

ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, October 30, the **Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck** will take place right after worship. If you think serving in a leadership role at church sounds like fun, please contact the office to add your name to the list! If you're not ready to serve a two-year term, but you'd like to become more involved, you could start by helping us plan the Annual

Meeting Potluck. It's a pretty simple process, but many hands make light work and we like light! Email Sara to step into that role.

On October 21 and 22 the New York State Convention of Universalists Annual Meeting will be held in person at First Universalist Church of Rochester, NY, with virtual participation available as well. The theme is *Seeking Justice, Finding Joy*. The keynote speaker is Sheila Starkey Hahn, an immigration attorney who has been involved in justice work during her career. There will be workshops on many kinds of justice, and how we can more joyfully live our faith through social justice advocacy.



North Country friends: *If you are interested in attending this meeting in Rochester, please reach out to Mark Berninghausen—he is planning to attend and would welcome carpooling!*

Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

Creating a welcoming, compassionate faith community,
committed to social justice and open to wonder.

Together we strive to:

- Foster a spirit of inclusion and connection
- Encourage exploration of truth and meaning
- Nurture respect for all life and the environment
- Live our values in the North Country and in the wider world

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

The Rev. James Galasinski, Minister
Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education
Sara Trimm, Congregational Administrator
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SOCIAL HOUR HOST SCHEDULE September 2022 – January 2023

Sharing the responsibilities of hosting social hour is a long-standing tradition of our church community. If you are a church member or regularly attending friend, your name is probably on this list, so please check.

If you cannot host on the day you are scheduled, first - please try to switch with someone else on the list, then contact the office to tell them you switched and the dates. You will receive an e-mail reminder from the church office early in the week of your scheduled Sunday. Weekly assignments are also posted in the *UU News to Know* (weekly e-news) that is distributed on Thursdays.

Social hour provides an opportunity to meet new friends and reacquaint with old. We encourage everyone to keep social hour welcoming yet simple by following these guidelines:

- Hosts are asked to **arrive by 9:45 AM** to prepare coffee, tea water, and other refreshments. The church provides coffee & tea, sugar & creamer, and a small variety of crackers & cookies.
- Hosts are asked to bring a container of half-and-half for coffee creamer. You are welcome to provide small contributions or homemade snacks, but that is not expected.
- ***Please communicate with the other hosts to coordinate what each will contribute.***
- Plan on leaving the service during the final hymn to heat up tea water and put out the refreshments.
- After social hour, please unplug the coffee maker, rinse out pump pots, load and start the dishwasher.

September 4:

Mark Berninghausen
Arthur Freeheart
Esther Oey & Arliene Oey
Caron & Phil Collins

September 11:

Ingathering & Water Communion
Sheila Cerwonka
Rick Tomlinson & Julie Welch
Jean Williams-Bergen

September 18:

Sue Powers & Will Siegfried
Eileen Wheeler
Pat Alden & Louis Tremaine
Bill Short & Cathy Tedford

September 25:

Steve & Cara Coffin
Claire & Brian Gardam
Margaret & Bart Harloe
Barbara & Pete Beekman

October 2:

Heather & Jeff Rousell
Gwen & Sean Cunningham
Sara Hutcheson
Rajiv & Geetika Narula
Sara Ricalton
Louise Bixby

October 9:

Jim & Pam Boyle
Ethel Slocum
Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel & Ryan Hicks
Margaret Mauch

October 16:

Cynthia Zebedee
Janet McFarland
John Rosales & Matilda Larson
Duncan & Lois Cutter

October 23:

Judy DeGraaff
Valerie Ingram
Tim & Carol Opdyke
Oscar Sarmiento & Lillian Trevizan

October 30: Annual Meeting

Erika Barthelmess & Natalie Panshin
Anna Sorenson & Desiree LeBouef
Carol & Phil LaMarche
Todd Moe & Paul Siskind

November 6:

JoAnn & Lowell McAllister
Kim Bouchard
Sara Ricalton
Pat & Albert Glover

November 13:

Mark Sturges
Maggie Hockett
Eileen Raymond
Jon & Kathy Montan

November 20:

Jan DeWaters & Stephan Grimberg
Dave Doran
Kevin Ball & Ruth Baltus
Cliff & Janice Westerling

November 27:

Karen Bage
Jeff & Kiley Frank
Ron & Sharon Tavernier
Bobbi Haldane

December 4:

Helen & Roger Hutchinson
Kurt & Eden Terrell
Peter Brouwer
Clara Fargo

December 11:

Laura Foster
Maria Dickinson
Emily Dixon
Linda Kenny

December 18:*Holiday Pageant*

David Weissbard & Karen Wells
 Erik & Jennifer Whittaker
 David Nelson & Rebecca Pickens
 Pete & Kathy Wyckoff

December 24: Christmas Eve PM*7:00 PM Volunteers Needed***December 25:***Volunteers Needed***January 1:***Volunteers Needed*

Jim and Stevie Michaelson

January 8, 2020:

Sally & Gary Hoose
 Sarah Oakley
 Mary Michalek

January 15:

Julie VanDuyne & Ken Hebb
 Jen & Danny Thomas
 Leo Burger
 Sam Joseph
 Anthony Cafarella

January 22:

Jim Williams &
 Donna Dilworth
 Rachel Sturges
 Ron & Katie Boczarski
 Cathy Crosby

January 29:

Miles Manchester
 David Bradford
 Robin Collen
 Ron & Katie Boczarski

GREETER SCHEDULE - September 2022-January 2023

Welcoming all who come on Sunday mornings is an important aspect of our community that we all share. If you are a church member or regularly attending friend, your name is probably on this list, so please check.

If you cannot be a greeter on the day you are scheduled, please try to switch with someone else on the list. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the Congregational Administrator in the church office (386-2498 or office@uucantonny.org). You will receive an e-mail reminder early in the week of your scheduled Sunday. Please save this list.

Greeters are to arrive at church at least 20 minutes before the service begins. You'll find a sheet of greeter instructions with the orders of service near the name tag board in the sanctuary. At least three greeters are scheduled each week. One greeter should be stationed at the front entrance; the second greeter should stand at the door between the social room and sanctuary; and the third greeter should be at the back entrance near the elevator. (Greeters are encouraged but not expected to learn how to operate the elevator – others in the congregation can be called upon if the elevator is needed.)

Welcome everyone as they come in. Greeters at the sanctuary doors should offer everyone an order of service. Please be especially aware of newcomers and invite visitors to sign the guest book near the front or rear doors, make a temporary name tag, and take any literature that interests them. As appropriate, direct newcomers with children to the Nursery or to Religious Education representatives. The RE committee also asks that greeters offer the *Fidget Basket* to everyone as they enter the sanctuary, which is filled with a variety of brightly colored pipe cleaners to keep busy hands occupied.

Greeters also collect the offering. Only two are needed for the offering, so you can decide among yourselves who will do that. The greeter instruction sheet explains how to take the offering. Once the offering has been received, please assign one or two greeters to take a head count of those present. Write the number in the little green notebook near the collection plates and place the notebook in the plate.

September 4:

Julie VanDuyne & Ken Hebb
 Jen & Danny Thomas
 Judy DeGraaff
 Jim & Stevie Michaelson

September 11:

Jim Williams &
 Donna Dilworth
 Mark Sturges
 Sue Hayden
 Maggie Hockett

September 18:

Cliff & Janice Westerling
 Louise Bixby
 Margaret Mauch
 Eileen Raymond
 David Bradford

September 25:

Leo Burger
 Jamey Merkel & Jacky Ryan
 Sam Joseph
 Lorraine Olendzenski & Tim Nolan

October 2:

Sara Ricalton
 Todd Moe & Paul Siskind
 Sue Powers & Will Siegfried
 Mark Berninghausen

October 9:

Erik & Jennifer Whittaker
 David Nelson & Rebecca Pickens
 Bill Short & Cathy Tedford
 Allie Rowland & Dennis Morreale

October 16:

Sally & Gary Hoose
 Sarah Oakley
 Mary Michalek
 Sarah Bently-Garfinkel &
 Ryan Hicks

October 23:

Duncan & Lois Cutter
 Judi Cohen
 Milner Grimsled
 JoAnn & Lowell McAllister

October 30:

Sheila Cerwonka
 Pete & Kathy Wyckoff
 Carol Strome & Theresa Witmer
 Eileen Wheeler

November 6:

Jon & Kathy Montan
 Bobbi Haldane
 Wil & Rebecca Rivers
 Laura Foster

November 13:

Pat & Albert Glover
 Oscar Sarmiento & Lillian Trevizan
 Claire & Brian Gardam
 Jean Williams-Bergen

November 20:

Pat Alden & Louis Tremaine Rajiv
 & Geetika Narula
 Steve & Cara Coffin
 Heather & Jeff Rousell

November 27:

Barbara & Pete Beekman
 Linda Kenny
 Caron & Phil Collins
 Rick Tomlinson & Julie Welch

December 4:

David Weissbard & Karen Wells
 Clara Fargo
 Tim & Carol Opdyke
 Helen & Roger Hutchinson

December 11:

Emily Dixon
 Rachel Sturges

Peter Brouwer

December 18:

Holiday Pageant
 Gwen & Sean Cunningham
 Sara Hutcheson
 Cynthia Zebedee
 Ron & Katie Boczarski

December 24: Christmas Eve 7:00 PM
*Volunteers needed***December 25:**

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January 1:

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January 8:

Kevin Ball & Ruth Baltus
 Miles Manchester
 Jan DeWaters & Stephan Grimberg
 Ethel Slocum

January 15:

Kim Bouchard
 Kurt & Eden Terrell
 Ron & Sharon Tavernier
 Robin Collen

January 22:

Anna Sorenson & Desiree LeBouef
 Carol & Phil LaMarche
 Karen Bage
 Jeff & Kiley Frank

January 29:

Valerie Ingram
 Janet McFarland
 Erika Barthelmess & Natalie Panshin
 John Rosales & Matilda Larson

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