



January 25, 2017

THIS SUNDAY

January 29

10:30 a.m., [The Liberty of the Human Spirit](#) - Rev. James Galasinski

Greeters: Kate Whitehorne, Kareena Stemples, Amy MacFarland, Judy Gibson & David Nelson

Worship Associate: Sarah Bentley-Garfinkel

Social Hour: Dwight Stevenson, Dave Doran, Cliff & Janice Westerling

Collection Counters: Lorraine Olendzenski, Valerie Ingram

[Click here](#) for the full schedule of Greeters & Social Hour Hosts

The calendar on our website was recently updated. Now you can view all the events that are happening at the church and plan your engagements accordingly.



[Click here to go to the calendar.](#)

CHURCH NEWS

Leadership as a Spiritual Practice: The next installment will be tomorrow, January 26th at 7 p.m. in the Romer Room. Whether you are currently a leader, or you are being called to leadership, you are welcome to attend.

Annual Budget Meeting: Will be held on Sunday, January 29 after worship service. You can view the proposed budget on the Church Council bulletin board in the Social Room, or view it online [here](#) (the usual password will get you access.) View the agenda on the [Church Council page](#) of our website, as well.

Beat the Mid-Winter Blues! You are invited to a Family Game Night Potluck at Coral and Karen Bage's house, on Friday, February 10th starting at 6/6:30 p.m. Families of any number and age are welcome. Bring a dish to share and a favorite game or two. You can sign up during social hour or contact Karen. Hope you can join us!

Bathroom Occupied? Please check the door handle to determine if the bathroom is vacant or in use. When the door is locked, the IN USE message is visible on the door handle.; if not occupied, VACANT is visible.

Welcoming Committee Notes: Please remember to check the information table after church for openings in the potluck schedule for the next couple of months. There's also a game night coming up, Sunday noon meals, and weekend outings. Think about hosting one yourself- it's a great way to meet people, share in meal prep, and stave off cabin fever! For further information, contact a member of the **Welcoming Committee**.

Lost and Found: Have you checked our lost and found lately? Visit the **lost and found post** on our website to see if any of these items belong to you. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Church & Community Program.

Basement Clean-out: B&G is planning a basement clean-out in February. Committee Chairs are asked to tag (with committee name) any items they wish to keep by the end of January. We are getting some pallets and will attempt to group items by committee to better organize basement storage. In advance, thanks for your cooperation.

Find more detailed news in the [January Newsletter](#)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday: Our children and youth will hear the story of Maria Mitchell, explore how we can increase our connection, educate on homelessness, participate in a weekend retreat, and share stories of experiences during Women's March on Washington. [Details here](#)



THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Ambassador: Arthur Freeheart

Nursery: Gwen Cunningham, Katie Boczarski

Spirit Play: Todd Moe, Eileen Wheeler

Our Caring Community: Sue Powers, Becky VandeWater

Maker Space: Jim Williams, Eileen Raymond

Coming of Age: Rajiv Narula, Pat Glover, Rhonda Rodriguez, Julie VanDuyne, Carol Zimmerman and Mentors

Youth Group: Desiree LeBoeuf

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Women's March: Sponsored by the Social Action Committee and spearheaded by several church members, 112 people from the community, plus 56 St. Lawrence University students, participated in the January 21 Women's March in Washington, D.C. Everyone returned energized for further actions on behalf of progressive causes. You can read more about the march and see photos [here](#).

American Red Cross Blood Drive: The next drive will be held Tuesday,

February 7, from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Social Room. THERE IS A SEVERE BLOOD SHORTAGE due to poor weather conditions throughout the country, leading to cancellations of many drives. If you can give, please make an appointment and find other [details here](#). If you can assist with registering and dispensing refreshments at this event, please contact **Pat Alden**.

SURJ North Country: Showing Up for Racial Justice - SURJ - will meet in our Social Room on Wednesday, February 8. Newcomers are invited to come at 5:30 p.m., the meeting will be held from 6-7:30 p.m.

Next Social Action Committee Meeting will be on Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join the discussion of how we stay involved in advocating for progressive issues.

SASOs: Social Action Shared Offerings are part of our social justice work. Anyone in the church community is encouraged to nominate a local, national, or international organization for a SASO. A nomination form can be found [here](#).

Volunteer at CCP pantry or thrift shop: Give a few hours of your time to help and get to know your neighbors. There is more need for help in the winter to replace the snowbirds. Contact a member of the **Social Action Committee** or the **CCP Director**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Tracy K. Smith will be speaking on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kingston Theater on the SUNY Canton campus. This is part of the college's African-American History Month celebration. Find more details [here](#).

C.O.R.C. Store: Our church recently reactivated its participation in the Board of Directors and volunteer efforts. They are in need of donations of household goods (kitchenware and linen). Please **contact them** to arrange drop off. We are scheduled to work at the store from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, February 11. Contact Arthur Freeheart for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, January 26

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m., Leadership as a Spiritual Practice

Saturday, January 28

2:00 p.m., Coming of Age Retreat

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE
11:45 a.m., Annual Budget Meeting

Monday, January 30

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesday February 1

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

1:00 p.m., Library Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

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