

March 29, 2017

# THIS SUNDAY April 2

10:30 a.m., <u>In the Shadow of Olympia Brown</u>
- The Rev. James Galasinski

Greeters: Carol & Tom Pynchon, Dan Kuelgen Worship Associate: Theresa Witmer Social Hour: Pat & Albert Glover, Judy & Shaili Singh Collection Counters: David Doran, Ruth Baltus

**Click here** for the full schedule of Greeters & Social Hour Hosts

## **CHURCH NEWS**

**St. Lawrence Spring Gathering:** Everyone is invited to attend the UUA Presidential Candidates' Forum and Gould Lecture at May Memorial in Syracuse from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. Details **here**.

**Fundraising Luncheon:** The Coming of Age class will be hosting their second fundraising luncheon this Sunday, April 2 after worship. Please come support their trip to Boston. Don't forget your potluck pack!

**Camp Unirondack:** Have you heard about the UU camp in Lowville, NY on Beaver Lake? Jim Michaelson will hold a short informational meeting in the sanctuary after worship this Sunday, April 2 to talk about the camp and upcoming work weekends. Visit their **website** to learn more before the meeting.

**Sermon Writing Workshop:** You are invited to participate in a hands-on sermon writing workshop with James on Thursday, April 6, and May 4. More information **here**.

**Handbell Choir News!** Theresa Witmer is our new Handbell Choir Director, and she has lots of fun activities planned. If you want to know more about handbells, **click here** or check her article in the April Newsletter.

**T-Shirt Sale:** If you've admired the UU Church of Canton T-shirts that some of our longtime members wear, now's your chance to have one of your own!

Our Coming of Age students are taking special orders beginning this Sunday, April 2nd. Bring your checkbook or cash. Orders will only be taken for a limited time, so get yours today!

**Installation:** We are celebrating the installation of James with an all-congregation dinner on Saturday, April 29th. A specific menu has been planned, and if you would like to contribute to the celebration by making something, please look for the sign up sheets at coffee hour on Sunday. Let's all come together to rejoice with James, his family, and special out-of town-guests.

Find more detailed news in the **April Newsletter**.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**This Sunday:** Our children and youth will hear a story about Passover, explore the idea of personal transformation, continue making music, prepare for a fundraiser, and debrief. **Learn more here.** 



**MakerSpace Challenge**: The MakerSpace class participants are asked to bring in recyclable objects that make a sound when hit or rattled for this Sunday's class.

Check out this week's **RE faith development ideas**.

#### THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Ambassador: Rhonda Rodriguez
Nursery: Emily Dixon
Spirit Play: Sarah Bentley-Garkinkel, Cara Coffin
Our Caring Community: Janet McFarland, Kathy Wyckoff
MakerSpace: Caron Collins, Ruth Baltus
Coming of Age: Julie VanDuyne, Arthur Freeheart
Youth Group: Leo Burger, David Bradford

# **SOCIAL ACTION NEWS**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive:** The next drive is Tuesday, April 4, 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 information **here** or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you can assist with registering and dispensing refreshments at this event, please contact Pat Alden.

**Giving Life the Shape of Justice:** Adironack UU Community will be hosting a workshop led by the Rev. Richard S. Gilbert on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Saranac Lake. Contact the **Social Action Committee** if you are interested in attending.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

"Working in the North Country" is an original musical written and directed by Karen Wells for and about North Country Workers. It illustrates the joys and challenges of working in our region, known as the "the New York that nobody knows". Shows will be at 7 p.m. on April 28 & 29, and at 2 p.m. on April 30 in Heuvelton at Pickens Hall. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 students) at the door or online.

**Gay Pride March:** SUNY Potsdam's Center for Diversity (CFD) and Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) are organizing a march on Saturday, April 15th. The parade will start at 11 a.m. across from the Roxy Theatre and end on Barrington Drive to kick off the annual Gay Pride Celebration. Call 315-267-3272 for more information.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday, March 30
4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice

Sunday, April 2 9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m., UShare Meeting 0 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

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Noon, Coming of Age fundraising luncheon

Monday, April 3
Noon, Mindfulness Meditation
12:15 p.m., Personnel Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 4** 11:30 a.m., Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 5 8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

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