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**Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua
June 2017---**

What Does It Mean to be a Community of Zest?

**June 4: Flower Ceremony and
New Members Ceremony, Rita Capezzi**

**June 11: TBA, Leah Purcell, DRE
Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany**

June 18: "Spice of Life," Rita Capezzi

**June 25: "Three Stories "
Lay Speaker Judy Cadle and story teller Val Doyle**

Coming up in July:

**July 2, 2017
To Be Announced**

❖ Zest ❖

As long as there are [letter carriers], life will have zest.

-- William James



Rita Capezzi, Interim
Intern Minister

I find it hard to believe that the first year of my internship with you is coming to an end.

Actually, words fail me. I imagine that is kind of hard to believe, but it is true. It has been such a year of change and growth for me. Part of all that flux has been recognizing myself, coming to terms both with my strengths and capacities as well as with my “growing edges” and needs for further development.

Working with Rev. Joel and with the staff at First Unitarian has been invaluable. With patience for my “newbie” ideas and lack of context, they have gently and consistently guided me to the “big picture” of congregational life in the midst of major change and re-assessment. I could not have wished for more compassionate, sincere ministerial support.

And you, this entire congregation, you have supported me gently, steadfastly, compassionately, and sincerely in ways big and small over the last 10 months. Over and over, you have said “Yes!” Yes! to new hymns. Yes! to different theological language. Yes! To Sundays organized by my seminary assignments. Yes! to personal stories. Yes! to new teams. Yes! to doing everything on Wednesdays. Yes! Yes! Yes! Over and over again. I wonder how I will thank you enough. May it be in becoming a good and true minister. If I do, it will be in large part because of you.

Joy is already in us. Sometimes expressed freely. Sometimes waiting to be unveiled, as happens in loving community and companionship. But life has zest when we actively seek joy, when we look for it, when we go out of our way to find it. The skin of a lemon contains its own joy, a marvelous scent latent, known to us by past association and expectation. How disappointing if a lemon skin is too old and tough to release those fragrant essential oils. But when we purpose to release the scent, when we apply our proper kitchen tool and scrape the skin. oh, that aroma! It’s called the zest, those slight parings of the very surface of the skin. It’s called a zester that releases those pairings. Holding the lemon of life, we seek for the joy, we work at it, and zest emerges, reminding us through our noses, through the lingering scent on our hands

Intern Minister's Message cont'd



Pastoral Care

Soul Matters

New Soul Matters Group

Immigrant Justice Study Group

that there is joy in life, and we can pursuit it, not just wait for it to surprise us.

After abandonment and disruption, after betrayal and confusion, you, all of you, chose to seek joy, to find the zest of life, to sit with eyes wide in anticipation for the goodness that was coming for you. This is why my internship has been so great for me. I can't wait to see what next year brings us.

See you at church!



Interim Intern Minister Rita Capezzi is available for regular pastoral care through June 18 and resuming August 16. You can reach her by email at capezzir@gmail.com and phone at 716-903-2 7935 (be sure to leave a message if she doesn't pick up). For emergencies during the summer months (significant accidents, illnesses, or deaths), contact Rita by phone or email.

She will respond.



We are a Soul Matters congregation, and we use the monthly theme in small group ministry and in sermons. About a third of our congregation is entering a deeper spiritual relationship with the monthly theme using the Soul Matters materials individually and in groups. There are some hard copies of the June packet on the dresser near the Trustees bulletin board. Email Rita Capezzi to receive a copy electronically if you are not already in a Soul Matters group (capezzir@gmail.com).

Give it a try, and let Rita know what you think.



Interim Intern Minister Rita Capezzi will facilitate a new Soul Matters group on third Wednesdays of the month beginning in September 2017. The meetings can begin any time after 3:30 pm and will last about 90 minutes. Please contact Rita if you would like to join this group, and together we will determine a time that works for all participants.

Interim Intern Minister Rita Capezzi will facilitate an Immigration Justice Study Group on second Sundays after potluck beginning in September 2017. Let Rita know of your interest so that you have reading materials in advance.



From the Board**



**see pg 6 for additional info.

Temporary Move



2nd Sunday Potluck June 11, 2017

Every 2nd Sunday, following the service, UUs can enjoy delicious food and great conversation. Bring one of your favorite dishes to share.

(Bring canned goods for Gleaners too!)



Dear UUCC members and friends,

It is with great pleasure that I have watched new people find their way to us and decide to make UUCC their church home. We will be welcoming them officially at the service on June 4, which is also Flower Communion Sunday and our annual meeting. I hope you all can join with us in the celebrations.

The annual meeting includes voting on the budget, the slate of new board members, the board president and vice president, the nominating committee slate, and a motion to use the congregation's name in conjunction with activities in support of the migrant community (see below). We will also review the activities of the board of trustees and the program teams, and the building renovation projects.

Thank you for your trust in me and the board this year. I have enjoyed my time as your president, and found great satisfaction in seeing us handle the difficulties of the ministerial transition as well as we have done up to now. I have expectations that the coming year will be challenging and very interesting for our congregation as we discern what we want to do next for ministry. I plan to help in whatever ways I can to sustain and grow this beloved community.

... from, Dorothy Hoskins
UUCC Board President



As you have seen, if you have attended services in the last two weeks, kitchen renovations are well underway! Kitchen work is slated to be completed during the month of June. Then it is on to the sanctuary renovations, which include removing the ductwork from the attic space, framing an archway between the foyer and worship space, installing new lighting and the necessary electrical work, building soffits along three sides of the room, and drywalling the entire sanctuary ceilings and any other areas affected by the new framing

Temporary Move Cont'd

While services will continue at our Cooley Road church during kitchen work, construction in the sanctuary will require us to relocate during the summer. We are grateful to the First Congregational Church of Canandaigua for making their chapel available to us to rent for our Sunday worship starting June 25th at 10:00. This is the stone chapel on the grounds of the Congregational Church at 58 North Main Street, just north of downtown Canandaigua.

Parking on Sunday morning is available in the upper and lower parking lots behind the church, and the lawyers' office lots on either side of the church, in addition to the parking on Main Street. We also have permission from Johnson-Kennedy Funeral Home across Main St. to park in their lot on Sunday mornings. There are several churches centered in this part of Main Street, so parking places may be in demand. There is a drop off zone in front of the church and a lift for those with mobility issues.

After much board discussion, hours of committee research and planning, extensive consultations with contractors, and pre-construction preparations, it is exciting to see our visions beginning to take form! Thanks to so many people who stepped forward to take a role in upgrading our church into a more functional and welcoming home.

... from Pat Mehls
UUCC Board Member



Nominating Committee Slate



The nominating committee is offering the following slate:

- Board of Trustees member, one year term:
Richard Yurick
- Board of Trustees member, three year term:
Dr. Terence Barrett
- Board of Trustees member, three year term:
Meghan Cabral

Rick Yurick is a founding member of UUCC. He worked at Velmex in East Bloomfield until recently. He has agreed to overcome his aversion to meetings and participate in the governance of the church he has supported for decades.

Ted Barrett has had a long and distinguished career as a researcher and professor at multiple institutions, and in multiple fields, but primarily physics and chemistry. He has taken an active interest in our small welcoming church community and has agreed to participate in . . .

Slate cont'd



Videos & YouTube



*****Additional Board Info***

mapping its future. He and Connie live in Victor.

Meghan Cabral joined the Board last year to complete another's term, and has agreed to continue to serve on the Board. She has been a valuable board member and an active member of the Church. Meghan teaches languages at the Canandaigua Academy.

- Election of president and vice president
 - Pat Mehls (president).
 - Thomas Lyon (vice president).
- Election of Nominating Committee (one year)
 - Laura Wink
 - Dan Brigham
 - Rita Carey

. . . from Geof Gretton
Nominating Committee Chair



During the church year Dan and his crew video tape UUCS sermons and post them on YouTube. Here is a list of sermons most recently posted. Just click on the web address to view.

Theist and Humanist, Rev. Joel Miller on April 30, 2017
<https://youtu.be/LSmF01osfVU>

Body Language, Rita Capezzi on May 7, 2017.
<https://youtu.be/eDUKd2Bxh1M>

. . . from Daniel Brigham



Motion to be voted on by members

Brought to us by Danielle Lyon, this motion is to help UUCS become more widely known in its efforts on behalf of the migrant community, especially the farm and dairy workers with whom we are already engaged in education and support activities.

"I move that the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua support the rights of migrant workers and families by networking with other community organizations to offer volunteer support at community events and by promoting and/or hosting educational or other supportive programs at UUCS in accordance with our bylaws and building use policies. Such activities when organized by UUCS members, or hosted at UUCS, will be able to use the name of the congregation in media and marketing for the events."

UCC photo gallery from May, 2017



A graceful cairn for UCC located in the south-facing garden. Photo courtesy of Ken Hutton!



First we had to clear out 20 years of accumulation . . . then the project could begin. Lynne Cronise and Ellie Syverud made sure the work was fun.





Be In The Know!

There are many ways to connect with UUCC to learn about our news and events:

UUCC online: Visit our website at www.CanandaiguaUU.org

UUCC newsletter: Send an email to uucc@rochester.rr.com to be added to the mailing list, or read the newsletters online at <http://canandaiguauu.org/newsletter/>

UUCC on Yahoo Groups: Send an email to (CanandaiguaUU@gmail.com) and let us know you are interested in joining the group. You can also join by visiting uucc_announcements_subscribe@yahoogroups.com

UUCC on Facebook: *Like* our page <http://www.facebook.com/canandaiguauu>

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