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Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua Newsletter

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

**What Does It Mean to be a Community of Welcome?**

September 3: Ken Hutton & Kathy Keller  
"The Spirituality of the Beatles"

September 10: Ingathering "Water that Bridges Us"  
Rita Capezzi (A multigenerational service)

September 17: Rev. Evin Carvill Ziemer  
"Benedict's Way of Love"  
Followed by a Congregational Workshop

September 24: Rita Capezzi  
"Sustaining Connections"

**Coming up in October:**

**What does it mean to be a community of  
Courage?**

**October 1, 2017**

Rita Capazzi  
"Moving In, Moving Out"

## ❖ Welcome ❖



Rita Capezzi, Interim  
Intern Minister

*The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment: You create a good future by creating a good present.*

*– Eckhart Tolle*

How exciting! The start of a new church year, with the Ingathering Water Ceremony on September 10, “Waters That Bridge Us.” For some of our newer members, this will be the first time to participate in this beautiful and meaningful ritual, celebrated by most Unitarian Universalist congregations across this country and our world. As we welcome each other back into community, we know we are part of something much larger, a people dedicated to compassionate right relationship and justice-making in a country wracked by bigotry and hatred.

Ingathering will be especially jubilant this year because of all the work that has been done to renew and beautify the entry hall, kitchen, and sanctuary of the church building. The final renovations were determined by several years of discernment, disappointment, and, finally, decision-making on the part of your Board of Trustees and informed by congregational input all along the way. When we come together, we will hold a very special celebration, marked by much jubilation, wedding our usual ways of worshiping with some surprise elements.

Uniting the familiar with the new is a good frame for thinking about this coming church year. Your Board will lead you through more work of the interim time – focusing especially on strong congregational processes, stewardship, and a clear sense of church mission as attention turns toward determining the sort of minister who can best serve the needs of this congregation. Our District staff, Rev. Evin Carvill-Ziemer, has been consulting with the Board and will work on strengthening relationships so that the congregation always has needed resources so that it can continue to be a beacon of solace, truth, and light for members, friends, and the larger community alike.

I look forward to serving you this year as my formation continues, as I expand my understanding of service, congregational life, and spiritual deepening. I am

## ***Interim Minister's Message cont'd***

### ***Pastoral Care***

### ***Soul Matters***

### ***New Soul Matters Group***



grateful for your patience and your willingness to walk with me on my journey. And I am honored to walk with you.

Very much looking forward to seeing you at church!



Interim Intern Minister Rita Capezzi has returned and is available for regular pastoral care. You can reach her by email [capezzir@gmail.com](mailto:capezzir@gmail.com) and phone at 716-903-7935 (be sure to leave a message if she doesn't pick up).



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 September packet on the dresser near the sanctuary entrance. Email Rita Capezzi to receive a copy electronically if you are not already in a Soul Matters group ([capezzir@gmail.com](mailto:capezzir@gmail.com)).



Interim Intern Minister Rita Capezzi will facilitate two new Soul Matters groups, both meeting at the church. One meets on first Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30, with the first meeting on September 5. The other meets on first Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30, with the first meeting on September 6. Contact Rita if you are interested in either group.

. . . from Rita Capezzi



### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck September 10, 2017**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!)*

## ***You Won't Believe Your Eyes!***

Congratulations to all of the people who have pooled their time, talents and resources to make renovations at UCC Cooley Road a reality! I dropped by this morning to observe the progress. The building is being transformed into a bright, welcoming space for worship and fellowship. Talavera tiles will enhance the entryway, the kitchen looks spacious, inviting and well equipped, the coffee area has been opened up, and plans are being hatched to house our UCC library at the end of the foyer near the bathrooms. An archway helps set apart the sanctuary from the social area, wallboarders on stilts are taping the ceiling joints, and soon new lighting, that will give us options for setting the mood during worship, will be installed. Out of sight, heat-sucking ductwork has been removed from the attic which, with the help of our new double paned windows, should help us cut down on gas bills.

After years of wishing and planning and hoping and scheming, the updated Cooley Road UCC is blossoming!

I hesitate to name all the people who have helped with the UCC Building Project for fear of leaving someone out, but there are two members who have emerged as leaders of the renovations. *Lynn Cronise* and *Scoby Beer* have put in countless hours consulting with contractors, investigating options for materials and appliances, thinking about the aesthetics, etc. They would be the first to highlight the contributions of members of the various Building Project Committees. Others have stepped in to help in myriad ways and, of course, many have made financial contributions. It's amazing what can happen when we all work together!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

... from Pat Mehls, President  
UCC Board of Trustees



## ***Church Ministries***



Now just because the Building Project efforts are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel, don't assume that the church is on automatic pilot. Many opportunities exist for rewarding involvement on church committees. As we saw with our building renovations, a variety of talents are needed to make progress. We are looking for the same outpouring of effort to strengthen our church ministries. Whether you are a high-tech wizard, a social butterfly, an administrative wonder, a compassionate listener, a financial genius, a green-thumb gardener, a former champion Lincoln Log builder, a Perry Mason aficionado, an aspiring caterer, a Toastmaster medal-winner, or a dazzler of small children, your talents are needed!

Right now many of our committees are struggling along with just a member or two.

## Church Ministries Cont'd

### Matching Quiz



I guess this is one of the challenges of being a relatively small church. We would love to draw on the variety of talents in the congregation to bolster committee numbers. That would help us meet members' needs and make our community more vibrant. Besides, as your mother no doubt said, "Many hands make labor light." Try the following matching quiz, then reflect on your talents to see where you might help fill a need in our church.



Match each identity with the church committee or task that would benefit from its involvement. (Some identities are needed by multiple committees.\*\*

Financial genius	Hospitality Committee <i>(Jeannie Smith)*</i>
High-tech wizard	Sermon presenter <i>(Kathy Keller)</i>
Administrative Wonder	Membership Committee <i>(Ellie Syverud)</i>
Compassionate listener	Religious Ed Committee <i>(Nancy Reed)</i>
Green thumb gardener	Worship Associate <i>(Kathy Keller)</i>
Social butterfly	Pastoral Care Committee <i>(Rita Capezzi)</i>
Toastmaster medal winner	By Laws Expert <i>(Dorothy Hoskins)</i>
Dazzler of small children	Bldg & Grounds Expert <i>(Kevin House Lynn Cronise)</i>
Perry Mason aficionado	Canvass Committee <i>(Pat Mehls)</i>
Aspiring Gardener	Budget Review Exercise <i>(Geof Gretton)</i>

\*Talk to the people whose names are in italics to find out more about opportunities at UUCC!

\*\*I am not ignoring Social & Environmental Justice, but concentrating on committee with fewer members.

. . from Pat Mehls



# **Ministerial Search Committee Selection**



*It's time to convene the UUCC Ministerial Search Committee as we plan for a new phase of leadership in the 2018-2019 church year. The role of the Ministerial Search Committee this year is to assist the Board by selecting candidates for a contract minister. The Board will use the Committee's recommendation to hire a contract minister for the 2018-2019 church year, with the understanding that the church may elect to call that minister in the next year. In order to get input from all members about who strong Search Committee members would be, we will be conducting an email nomination process with phone follow-up to those from whom we do not get a response.*

The Ministerial Search Committee will be charged by the Board with the important task of identifying for the Board potential candidates to serve in a part-time ministry position which will begin in July 2018. The committee's job will be to:

- **Compile a "Record Sheet"** -information about the congregation in response to questions
- **Create a "Packet"** -newsletter articles, history of the congregation, town/regional information
- **Conduct Phone interviews** of candidates
- **Examine references**
- **Hear preferred candidate preach** at a neutral location
- **Interview preferred candidate** in person
- **Make a recommendation** to UUCC Board

### **To facilitate committee work members should:**

- be a member of the UUCC
- be willing to listen to others as well as express their own opinions
- be open-minded and willing to compromise as they consider the attributes of candidates
- have the time and willingness to work on this process
- be focused on the good of the congregation as a whole

In addition, the search committee member should **not** be on the UUCC Board of Trustees. (Pat Mehls, Thomas Lyon, Ted Barrett, Joan Berend, Meghan Cabral, Nancy Reed, Rick Yurick) *It may be helpful to consult the 2017 UUCC Directory for an updated list of potential committee members.\**

**Who would you like to see serve on the UUCC Ministerial Search Committee? Send up to three names (one of which may be your own) by September 12th to: [uuccsearchcommittee@frontier.com](mailto:uuccsearchcommittee@frontier.com)**

Please include your name in the email so we can keep track of the members who have replied.

\* if you do not have access to a 2017 UUCC Directory, email [patmehlschurch@frontier.com](mailto:patmehlschurch@frontier.com) to obtain an electronic copy. Please put "Directory Request" in the subject line.





## **Discernment Process Continued**



## **Community Support**



## **Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) Update**

It's a time of transition. In order for us to have a clearer vision of the future we desire, as we prepare to search for a minister for 2018-2019, Reverend Evin Carvill-Ziemer (UUA Regional Staff) will be leading us in another discernment workshop after the sermon on **September 17th**. They will also review the search process.

As a small church, we cannot expect to hire a full time minister. That means that congregants will continue to take on a share of the program ministries. Please think about the talents we possess that will allow us to shoulder part of the ministerial load. Also consider the areas in which we would benefit from a professional minister's services. Come ready to share your thoughts as we work together to prepare for the future.

Subs and beverages will be provided for a quick lunch. Dessert contributions are always welcome!

... from Pat Mehls

Ever wonder how the Designated Offerings are chosen each month? Well, here's the answer! At the beginning of each church year, the Social & Environmental Justice Committee puts their heads together and come up with a list of local and national agencies, groups, and organizations that they feel are worthy of our support. The Committee will be putting this year's list together at their next meeting on Sunday, September 17th after the Service. If you know of a group that you feel deserves our support - please attend the meeting or tell someone who can bring your suggestion to the meeting.

... from Ellie Syverud



The House (of Representatives) Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus now numbers 52 members, including Rep Ed Royce, Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He is the first committee chairperson to join the caucus. The addition of a powerful Republican adds weight to the group. Locally, members of CCL (including our member Ellie Syverud) have been meeting with staff from the offices of Louise Slaughter and Chuck Schumer to encourage their participation and advocacy for climate solutions.

The local CCL group meets on the third Monday evening of each month at the Winton Road UU church. They are a very focused, effective, inspiring organization. Please consider getting involved in this very important work! If you have any questions about or interest in their work, talk to our church members who have attended their meetings - Rita Carey, Lynn Cronise, Lynn Westmoreland, and Ellie Syverud.

... from Ellie Syverud

## Videos & YouTube



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

Rev. Julius D. Jackson's, "Zestfully Clean" July 23, 2017.  
[https://youtu.be/gGn\\_x-14mAA](https://youtu.be/gGn_x-14mAA)

Daniel Brigham reading "Three Roads to Happiness" by his father Rev. John W, Brigham, July 30, 2017  
<https://youtu.be/LKUqRfp1qiA>

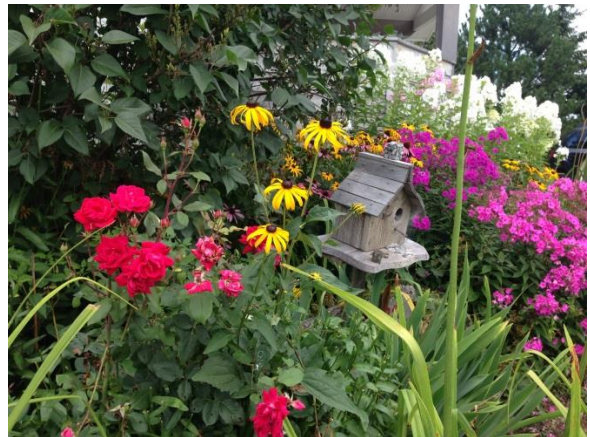
Lynne Westmoreland "Savoring the Bitter," August 6, 2017  
<https://youtu.be/7wrDaCuB-3I>

Ellie Syverud, "Tikkum Olam," July 16, 2017.  
<https://youtu.be/goImOBZ80aA>

... from Daniel Brigham



Kevin House ready for work or just finished?  
Ask him!



Randy Pauley built this perfect garden-birdhouse for our church





## **Be In The Know!**

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

**UUC online:** Visit our website at [www.CanandaiguaUU.org](http://www.CanandaiguaUU.org)

**UUC newsletter:** Send an email to [uucc@rochester.rr.com](mailto:uucc@rochester.rr.com) to be added to the mailing list, or read the newsletters online at <http://canandaiguauu.org/newsletter/>

**UUC on Yahoo Groups:** Send an email to ([CanandaiguaUU@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:uucc_announcements_subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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

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