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## Reflections (Pending!) on Easter and Creativity By Rev. Peggy Meeker

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Our worship theme for April is creativity, and there is a lot of creativity going on in the Brockport UU Fellowship! First, as part of our Easter Sunday celebration we will be having an Easter Food Hunt—a great twist on an old tradition that will have the kids doing the hiding and the adults doing the finding, and it will not be eggs, but non-perishable food and other items that you will bring (paper/cleaning products, toiletries), and that BUUF will donate to the Brockport Food Shelf. And second, we'll be starting our Second Sunday Sampler program this month (see below), which means we will now have a Social Justice Interest Group that will, among other things, take charge of regular contributions to the Food Shelf.

Please bring a few spring flowers or a small branch of leaves, flowers, or buds for our Easter Sunday celebration, along with your items for the food hunt, and we'll reflect together on Easter and creativity and all things new.

## Second Sunday Samplers Begin

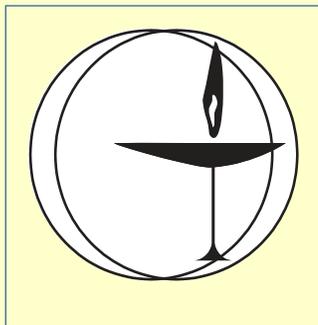
On Sunday morning April 11<sup>th</sup> we will hold our very first Second Sunday Sampler. We will meet at the usual time (10 a.m.) and place, but instead of holding a worship service we will have various small groups. Right now, two groups are planned, and child care will be available, provided by Bonnie Beiswenger and Matt O'Donnell.

The two groups starting up are a Social Justice Interest Group and an adult religious education class. Rev. Peggy Meeker will lead the class, with a session from "What Moves Us," which invites participants to engage with some of the major theological perspectives of our tradition and to test them against our own life experience. For the Social Justice group, David Markham will lead a discussion on "Nonviolent approaches to peace-making, peacebuilding, and peacekeeping," touching on anger management, cultural support for conflict resolution, and the relevance of nonviolence in today's world. Come be a part of this exciting new step for BUUF!

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## CROP Walk—Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

The 28<sup>th</sup> Brockport CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk will take place on Sunday, May 2. This year's host church is the Brockport United Methodist Church. CROP Walkers collect pledges from supporters, with 25% of the money going to the Brockport Food Shelf. Last year 123 walkers raised \$12,904, with \$3,226 going to the Brockport Food Shelf. The goal this year is to have 150 walkers raise \$15,000—which would mean an average of \$100 in pledges for each walker.

The first CROP Walk in the US took place on October 17, 1969 in Bismarck, ND, with 1,000 walkers hiking 25 miles and raising \$25,000. Today there are over 2,000 CROP Walks each year throughout the nation. The funds raised support both local and worldwide programs that meet emergency needs and also address the root causes of poverty.

This year's Brockport CROP Walk will start at the Brockport United Methodist Church (at 92 Main Street) with registration at 12:30 and the 10 Kilometer (6.2 mile) Walk beginning at 1:00. If you are interested in being a BUUF Walker, contact Bernie LoBracco at (585) 637-4605 or [blobracco@mindspring.com](mailto:blobracco@mindspring.com) for more information. You don't have to walk the whole route, and your help can make a big difference, both here in Brockport and around the world.

## District Assembly—April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

BUUF is part of the St. Lawrence District of the UU Association of Congregations, and our District—34 congregations in upstate New York and northern Pennsylvania—is holding its annual District Assembly in Syracuse April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

Come Friday night to share a meal and hear Rev. Linda Hoddy ( UU Congregation of Saratoga Springs) speak on “the on-line church,” and/or come Saturday for worship, a keynote address by UU minister/consultant Robert Latham, great workshops, a business meeting, and the annual Bridging Ceremony led by our own Karen LoBracco. The workshops will cover a variety of topics, including “Creating Authentic Multigenerational Community,” “Healthy Leadership in Anxious times,” and “The Internet—The Newest Part of the Interdependent Web.” Learn about the District and its new long-range plan, and meet UUs from around the state. Child care is available Friday night, and there will be children's programming on Saturday. See [www.sld.uua.org](http://www.sld.uua.org) for more information and to register. BUUF may be able to provide some money to help with expenses; let Rev. Meeker know if you're interested.

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## The Wider UU World (and Beyond)

**ROCLA (Rochester Committee on Latin America) Meeting:** Talk and discussion led by George Dardess on “Deaths Along the Arizona-Mexico Border,” **Wed., April 7<sup>th</sup>**, 7 p.m., Downtown Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh St., Rochester.

**Interfaith Impact of New York State’s Annual Legislative Briefing:** “Can NYS Dysfunction be Fixed?: Pros & Cons of a Constitutional Convention,” **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 2:15-4 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton Rd., Rochester. Speakers will be Stuart Berger, Citizens for a Better NY; Shirley Eberly, League of Women Voters; and Brian Kolb, NYS Assembly Member.

**Rochester Regional Group’s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Forum:** “Transitioning to Sustainable Communities,” Earth Day, **Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 6:15-8:45 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton Rd., Rochester. Tim Clark, Transition Towns Trainer, will speak on the “triple challenge” of peak oil, climate change, and economic instability. Doors open at 5 for networking and food.

**St. Lawrence District Assembly**—“Visions of Hope and Promise”: annual District Assembly with talks and workshops, **Friday evening April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sat. April 24<sup>th</sup>**, May Memorial UU Society of Syracuse and Renaissance Syracuse Hotel. Details and registration at [www.sld.uua.org](http://www.sld.uua.org).

## BUUF News

If you are experiencing difficulties in your life, or if you or someone in your family is in the hospital and you would like a pastoral call, please let Rev. Meeker know, at [pmeeker@frontiernet.net](mailto:pmeeker@frontiernet.net) or 224-6312.

The BUUF Book Club will meet April 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss Elizabeth Brundage’s *The Doctor’s Wife*, a novel about an ob-gyn who is persuaded to work at a Planned Parenthood clinic in downtown Albany. Our May 11<sup>th</sup> book is *Inheriting the Trade: A Northern Family Confronts its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History* by Thomas DeWolf, about a journey on which ten family members retraced their ancestors’ steps through the slave trade route and uncovered a hidden history of the Northern U.S.

Ron Beiswenger, our treasurer, submits the following financial information for September 2009 through March 2010. He also notes that people are still welcome to contribute and/or dedicate hymnals (at \$30 each).

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Sep. –Mar.</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2009/10 Budget</u>
Worship	\$2243.69	\$2380.00	\$3040.00
Rent	\$1130.00	\$820	\$1240
Music	\$150.00	\$250	\$250
Supplies	\$0.00	\$210	\$300
Hymnals/Equipmt.	\$963.69	\$1100	\$1200
Pulpit	\$2405.00	\$2350	\$3765
Religious Education	\$200.00	\$325	\$400
Operations	\$144.00	\$1400	\$2000
<u>Social Outreach</u>	<u>\$147.00</u>	<u>\$717</u>	<u>\$1022</u>
Total	\$5139.69	\$7172	\$10227

### RECEIPTS

General Collection	\$4716.70
Hymnals	\$520.00
Social Outreach	\$147.00
<u>Grants</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$6383.70

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*Contributions for hymnals are still welcome, at \$30 each—a beautiful way to honor or memorialize someone special in your life*

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## BUUF Calendar

**Sunday Morning Services**—10 a.m. on April 4 and 18, Brockport Exempt Association

**Second Sunday Sampler**—10 a.m. on April 11, Brockport Exempt Association

**Steering Committee Meeting**—Thursday, April 15 (third Thursdays), 7-9 pm

**Soul Matters Meeting**—Thursday, April 1 (first Thursdays), 7-9 pm (contact Rev. Meeker for more information)

**Book Discussion Group**—Tuesday, April 13 (second Tuesdays), 6:30-8 pm, Lift Bridge Book Shop; discussing Elizabeth Brundage's *The Doctor's Wife* (and you're welcome to come even if you haven't read the book!)

We would love to have you join us at these activities, and even better, bring a friend or family member!

## Action Alert

The Brockport UU Fellowship is about to launch a Social Justice Interest Group. Come on Sunday morning, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m., to learn more about it and to join in a discussion, facilitated by David Markham, on “Nonviolent Approaches to Peacemaking, Peacebuilding, and Peacekeeping.”

One of the questions to be discussed is “Does our culture provide enough institutional support for peaceful resolution of conflicts?” Given the recent outbreak of violent incidents in response to the passage of health care reform legislation, this question could hardly be more timely!

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