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WORSHIP AND 2ND SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
The Brockport Exempts' Building - 248 West Avenue, Brockport, NY

Sunday, November 7, 2010 – Worship Service (Back Meeting Room)

Officiate: **Rev. Peggy Meeker speaks on** Citizenship and Governance (Principle 5)
Time: 10:00 AM–11:00 AM Worship Service,
10:15 AM–11:00 AM Children's RE
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Refreshments and Conversation
*Toddler's and Young People's playroom available

Sunday, November 14, 2010 – Second Sunday* (Front Meeting Room)

Coordinator: David Markham
Speaker: **TBA**
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon (Refreshments Served)
*No childcare is available at this time

Sunday, November 21, 2010 – All-Community Worship Service (Back Meeting Room)

Worship Leader: **Karen LoBracco – “Are We There Yet”**
Time: 10:00 AM–11:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Refreshments and Conversation
*Toddler's and Young People's playroom available

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

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REV. PEGGY MEEKER

Reflections on Thanksgiving

I'm writing this column from Hamilton, New York, where I am on "retreat" with the Iroquois Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. Although these few days have been unusually warm, I'm sensing the turning of the earth toward late fall, and toward Thanksgiving, and I'm feeling thankful for many things.

First, I'm grateful to be in a quiet setting with my colleagues for a couple of days. It's been a wonderful retreat—good, deep conversations with good people, good food, good worship services, and amazingly beautiful weather.

Second, I'm grateful to have had a chance to talk with Connie Goodbread, the Interim District Executive of the St. Lawrence District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. I asked Connie if she would come and be with the Brockport UU Fellowship on our Charter Sunday, and she said she would love to do that. So the plans for Charter Sunday are starting to fall into place, and the date will be April 17, 2011.

Third, I'm grateful to be heading home today to such wonderful work with this congregation. November will see another interesting Second Sunday presentation, a wonderful intergenerational service on November 21 about a family immigrating to America, a community Thanksgiving service on the evening of November 22, and the beginning of a new Adult Faith Development program, to be held regularly on the third Sunday of the month after the worship service. Each month we will learn about someone whose thinking was foundational in the evolution of Unitarian Universalism, and we'll test that person's thinking against our own experience, thus building our understanding of our faith and beliefs.

May we all move toward Thanksgiving with gratitude for all that blesses us, including our BUUF church home. I look forward to seeing you at the Worship Service on Sunday, November 7th, at 10:00 AM.

You don't have to go through life's hardships alone, Brockport UU Fellowship is there with caring support for you and your family. 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 224-6312 or pmeeker@frontiernet.net. All information is confidential.

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BUUF ECUMENICAL OUTREACH

**Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Holds
FOOD DRIVE for Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf**

On Sunday, November 7th, Congregants of the Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUUF) will be on hand to receive non-perishable food items and monetary donations from residents of Sweden and Clarkson for the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf. The collection will take place before, during and after the Sunday Worship Service, held at the Brockport Firefighters Exempts Building, 248 West Avenue, Brockport, NY. Church volunteers will collect between the hours of 8:30 AM and Noon. BUUF supports the Food Shelf and the tradition of preparing special holiday baskets for needy families in the community. The items needed this year include: canned cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, canned yams or sweet potatoes, and quick breads. If you have questions contact Jean Sauberan, BUUF/ Food Shelf Liaison at 637-4855.

This article appeared in the Oct 31st issue of the Suburban News.

As UU's, we believe in being responsible citizens; therefore, we want to support the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf. \$

Please consider giving generously (food and/or money) to this cause.

When: Sunday, November 7, 2010 \$
Time 8:30 AM – 12:00 NOON \$

Location: Brockport Fire Exempts Building, \$ \$
248 West Avenue, Brockport, NY



If you would like to donate food, but cannot make this event, please contact Jean Sauberan, BUUF/Food Shelf Liaison at (585) 637- 4855 or e-mail: revjsauberan@rochester.rr.com for a food pick-up. If you would like to donate money, please mail your check (made out to the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf) to BUUF, 6558 4th Section Rd., Box 211, Brockport, NY 14420-2477. Note in the lower left hand corner "Attention: BEFS"

Community Thanksgiving Sampler at First Presbyterian Church

35 State Street, Brockport NY

Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 PM

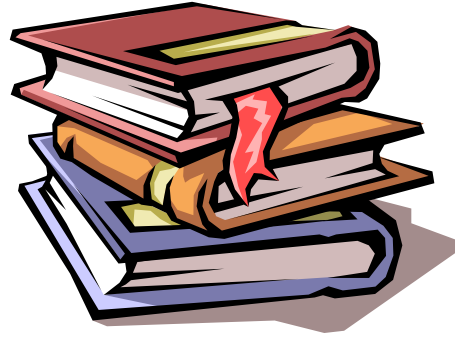
All are invited to join in a time of fellowship with refreshments in the hall downstairs. The event is to thank the community for the generous offerings of money, food and winter-wear, and yearlong support of the Brockport Food Pantry and Clothing Shelter.

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BUUF BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – News and Notes

BUUF BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Date: Tuesday, 11/09/10
Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Lift Bridge Book Shop
45 Main Street, Brockport
New York, 14420-1903
Contact: Rev. Peggy Meeker



On Tuesday, **November 9th**, our Book Group will discuss "**You Don't Have to be Wrong for Me to be Right,**" by Brad Hirschfield. It is about choosing religious openness over religious fundamentalism.

Our book for **December 14th** is "**The Fourth Hand**" by John Irving, a story about a man who receives the nation's first hand transplant, and a riveting, improbable, funny, and juicy love story. One reviewer calls it Irving's "most compassionate and redemptive" novel.

The Book Group is free and open to the public. Come and bring your friends. For more information contact Rev. Peggy Meeker at 224-6312 or pmeeker@frontiernet.net.

1st Annual Book Club Bash At Lift Bridge Book Shop!!!!!!!

Monday, Nov 8th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Lift Bridge Book Shop, 45 Main Street, Brockport, New York, 14420-1903
All area book clubs welcome!

This is an open invitation to all book club members, potential book club members or those curious about book clubs or bashes! The evening will include talks by two seasoned publisher reps who know their wares and will share suggestions that would make great book club reads and discussions. There will be an opportunity to share the book that has generated the best discussion in your book club and/or the book that turned out to be a dud! Mark the date on your calendar. There will be food and prizes too!

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Soul Talk

Thursday, November 4, 2010

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (refreshments at 6:45 PM)

November's Discussion: Citizenship and Governance (Principle 5)

Soul Talk, our Small Groups Ministry program, is an opportunity to focus on your values and beliefs more deeply, and to make important connections with other members in the process. The Soul Talk Group meets on the 1st Thursday of every month. Discussions will focus on listening and sharing about deep personal values, and will be led by trained facilitators from within the congregation.

If Soul Talk sounds like something you would enjoy, or something that would help you to bring more meaning to your life, contact Rev. Meeker at 585-224-6312 or (pmeeker@frontiernet.net) and sign up.

Rev. Peggy writes:

“Here are questions to get you thinking about this month's topic: Citizenship and Governance (Principle 5)

1. Our conscience is our innermost compass and guide, and the right of conscience is at the root of religious liberty, which is central to Unitarian Universalism.
 - Can you think of a time in your own life when the usual “rules” seemed wrong to you, and you were challenged by your conscience to say something or act in some way that ran contrary to the norm of some group of which you were a part? Maybe it was a club or organization, maybe it was your family, maybe it was a church, or maybe it was the whole society.
 - How did it play out for you?
 - Did you stand up for what you believed or keep quiet?
 - Did you have the support you needed?
 - If so, where did that support come from?
 - How did you feel?
2. Where did your conscience come from? Has it changed over the years?
3. How well do you listen to your conscience? Do you do anything to cultivate it in any way?
4. Have you ever had the opportunity to defend the right of conscience of someone with whom you disagreed?
5. Rev. Parisa Parsa makes a distinction between the right of conscience and the right of ego. She writes, “everyone who has lived with other people knows that we can commit to a community and then find ourselves at odds with the community's decisions. The ego is tempted to rail against the community and even to stomp away in anger. Ego freedom lets us walk away in a huff. But freedom of conscience demands fidelity even in disagreement.”
6. In our church communities we strive to use the democratic process to make sure each voice (or conscience) is heard, especially the voice of whoever is in the minority. Each member of the group is asked to bring their own insights and understandings into their relationships with others, and each member is asked in turn to be open to the insights and understandings of others. Sticking it out in this kind of community is holy work.
 - Have you experienced this kind of challenge?
 - This kind of community?

BUUF Childrens' Religious Education

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Karen LoBracco – Childrens' Religious Education Coordinator

The Fall chill is in the air, and we move into the time of year to count our blessings with friends and family. The November 7th faith development program for children focuses on the gift of friends, with practice on how to appreciate our friends (even if they are sometimes annoying). Friends, playmates and relatives are welcome!

November 21 is an all-community worship service entitled *Are We There Yet?*, with Karen LoBracco as the Worship Leader. A blend of story telling, theater and liturgy, this worship challenges us to consider the meaning of Thanksgiving in 2010. This is a story which depicts the sacrifice and hardship that goes into holding fast to our beliefs, taking responsibility for those in our care and building better lives. It also helps point out the people and events in our history that have made such sacrifices and to whom we owe our thanks.

Your help is needed to tell this story! I need about 2 children and 6 adults to act out the story – NO SPOKEN LINES are required. Assistance with props and a cardboard set would also be appreciated. Only 1 short rehearsal is needed, probably on Nov. 14. For more information or to volunteer yourself or your family please contact Karen LoBracco at klobracco@mindspring.com or 585-637-4605.

Be in the Know!

The Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is one of 3 emerging and 34 established congregations in the St. Lawrence District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Get the news on what is happening in upstate NY and beyond by subscribing to the monthly *What's The BUZZ!* It's easy – it's free – it's useful! Check it out and subscribe at: <http://www.sld.uua.org/newsletter.html>

Notes From Peggy's Travels

On Saturday, October 22-23, I attended the NYSCU (New York State Convention of Universalists) annual meeting in Syracuse. These are the folks who gave us that wonderful grant. Aside from it being a great meeting, I was happy to confirm that our progress report was in their books, and even better, someone had laid out about half a dozen pictures from our Ingathering Service (that David Markham sent with the report) on one of the display tables. That made me feel so good!

Websites to visit for UU information: www.rochesterunitarian.org, www.uuroc.org, www.pmuc.org, www.sld.uua.org, www.uua.org, www.uucc.us, www.uupeacemakers.org, www.uusmallgroupministry.net

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Bylaws – George Miller

A team is currently working to draft a bylaw proposal for Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This is one of many tasks to be completed before Charter Sunday in the Spring.

It is intended that the bylaws form a foundation for BUUF's congregational growth and success. Key to this is membership participation in its Shared Ministry. The Congregation is both the capstone and the foundation of the church's structure. The bylaws should set forth parameters and guidelines in support of BUUF's Shared Ministry. With this in mind the By Laws will include planning, budgeting, transparency, accountability, reporting and oversight.

Expenditure Plan – George Miller

At the October meeting of the Steering Committee the Expenditure Plan for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was adopted. This year BUUF called Rev. Peggy Meeker as a quarter-time minister. Last year Rev. Meeker donated much of her time. The Expenditure Plan reflects our goals of growing BUUF and our ministry. It represents a two-fold increase over our expenses last year. Achieving our goals will depend on each of us sharing our time, talents and resources to the best of our ability.

Brockport U U Fellowship 2010/2011 Expenditure Plan – Ron Bieswenger

TOTAL - \$17,417

Brockport Exempts Rent	\$1,875
Minister	\$9,000
Pulpit Fill	\$1,000
Music	\$1,000
Religious Education	\$ 250
Outreach & Social Justice	\$1,742
Leadership Development	\$ 150
HSBC Fee	\$ 36
Mail Box	\$ 264
Copying	\$ 200
Postage	\$ 100
Refreshments	\$ 250
Equipment/Materials	\$ 150
Monthly Advertising	\$1,400

"We are stepping out in faith that what Unitarian Universalism has to offer is life-changing and life-giving."

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Treasurer's Report (July 2010 – October 2010)

GIVING		Year-to-Date	October
General Collection		\$ 2,912.00	\$ 1,112.00
EXPENSES	Budget	Year-to-Date	October
Total	\$17,417	\$ 3,868.88	\$ 1,364.14
Brockport Exempts Rent	\$ 1,875	\$ 315.00	\$ 175.00
Minister	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,666.68	\$ 666.67
Pulpit Fill	\$ 1,000		
Music	\$ 1,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Religious Education	\$ 250		
Outreach/ Social Justice	\$ 1,742		
Leadership Development	\$ 150	\$ 128.78	\$ 128.78
HSBC Fee	\$ 36	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00
Mail Box	\$ 264	\$ 132.00	
Copying	\$ 200		
Postage	\$ 100	\$ 21.87	\$ 21.87
Refreshments	\$ 250	\$ 52.50	\$ 52.50
Equipment/Materials	\$ 150		
Monthly Advertising	\$ 1,400	\$ 340.05	\$ 116.32

BUUF Fiscal Year: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

NEXT ROCLA MEETING - Rochester Committee on Latin America will present **Rochester & Geneseo in Solidarity with Nicaragua: All Roads Lead to El Sauce** on: Wed., Nov. 3rd, 7:00 PM, at Downtown Presbyterian Church, 121 N Fitzhugh, Rochester, NY

The Rochester/El Sauce Ciudad Hermana Task Force, founded in 1987 by Henrietta and Max Levine, has done wonderful work. In addition, Ciudad Hermana has led to many other solidarity projects in El Sauce, Nicaragua. We will hear about Ciudad Hermana and several other important projects at this meeting.

Ciudad Hermana members Michael Argaman, Johanna Connelly, and Tim McMahon will present an update on present and future Ciudad Hermana projects.

Dr. Daniel Yawman from the University of Rochester Medical Center will discuss solidarity work with El Sauce physicians.

Margaret & Arnie Matlin will talk about Proyecto Nimian Ortiz, the family project that supports a *Casa Materna* in El Sauce.

Prof. Wes Kennison and **SUNY Geneseo students** will tell us about their creative, precedent-setting Humanities II course in El Sauce. This is the first time this course has been taught in a developing country! SUNY Geneseo also sponsors highly successful service learning and economic development programs.

Program is free and open to the public. DPC is wheelchair accessible. Program will be looped for the hearing-impaired. Rochester Committee on Latin America and Ciudad Hermana Task Force are both task forces of Metro Justice of Rochester.

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November 2010 Calendar for BUUF and Beyond

November 3. ROCLA Meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 PM, (See article page 8)

November 4. Soul Talk Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 PM Location: TBA (See article page 5)

November 7. BUUF Sunday Morning Worship Service and Food Drive. Sunday, 10:00 AM. Children's RE and toddlers/ young people's playroom will be available. Donations of paper goods, non-perishable food items, and toiletries will be collected today for Brockport Food Shelf. (See article page 3)

November 8. 1st Annual Book Club Bash At Lift Bridge Book Shop!!!!!!! (See article page 4)

November 9. BUUF Book Discussion Group. Tuesday, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Liftbridge Book Shop. Discussing, "You Don't Have to be Wrong for Me to be Right," by Brad Hirschfield. (See article page 4)

November 10, Steering Committee Meeting. Wednesday, from 7-9 PM. Location: TBA

November 14. BUUF Second Sunday – Adult Education, Sunday, 10:00 AM. David Markham, Second Sunday Coordinator. Guest Presenter and Service Leader TBA. There is no childcare available. Refreshments and conversation. Brockport Exempt Association, 248 West Ave., Brockport, NY

November 14. Ordination of Shelly Page by the UU Church of Canandaigua, NY. Ordination to be held at the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY

November 21. Sunday Morning Worship Service, Sunday, 10:00 AM. All-community gathering. Karen LoBracco, Worship Leader "Are We There Yet." No Childrens' RE today. Toddlers/ young people's playroom will be available. Refreshments and conversation will follow the service.

November 22. Community Thanksgiving Sampler at First Presbyterian Church, Monday, 7:00 PM

We would love to have you join us at these activities.
Bring friends and family member!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Soul Talk 7PM	5	6
7 Sunday Worship Service & RE 10AM Exempts Bldg Back Room <i>Food Collection</i>	8 <i>Liftbridge Book Bash</i>	9 Book Discussion Group 6:30PM	10	11	12	13
14 Second Sunday: Adult Ed Exempts Bldg Front Room	15	16	17 Steering Committee Meeting 7PM	18	19	20
21 Sunday Worship Service: All Gathering 10am Exempts Bldg Back Room	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	December 1	December 2 Soul Talk 7PM	December 3	December 4