



“A Guilt Free Faith”  
Volume 3, Issue 1

# Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

## “A Congregation for All Ages”

Sunday Services held at

**The Historic Garland Church**

**OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**



3723 Sweden Walker Rd  
Brockport, New York

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

**Rev. Peggy Meeker**

Our new church year is underway! A small group of us visited a family at the Martin Farm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of September, and we had a wonderful time together. We brought refreshments, not expecting our hosts to offer us food on top of welcoming us into their home, but it turned out they had made tamales and hot chocolate! And though sharing food was a highlight, along with singing together, even more important was our conversation and the connections that were made. For me, it was a real gift.



We'll follow up, on October's 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, with a chance to consider another aspect of the immigration / migrant / farm worker issue, the plight of young adults who were brought to this country illegally as children, have grown up here and know no other home, but who are not citizens, and find their path to education and employment blocked.

And if you want to delve further, the St. Lawrence UU District's annual Social Justice Conference will focus on immigration, on October 29<sup>th</sup> at First Universalist in Rochester. The Rev. Susan Frederick Gray, minister of the UU Congregation of Phoenix, will be the keynote speaker. She was active in the protests against Arizona's anti-immigrant legislation and continues to work for human and migrant rights. You can learn more, and register, at [www.sld.uua.org](http://www.sld.uua.org), just look under Upcoming Events. I'll be there, and I'll be leading the closing worship service, so you'll see at least one familiar face, and you'll be sure to meet other good folks.

#### Our Mission Statement

**The Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,  
A diverse and supportive spiritual community  
Seeking truth and transformation through,  
Respect and compassion for each other and our world.**

### IN THIS ISSUE:

<b>Page 1.</b>	<b>Message from Our Minister</b> Table of Contents Our Mission Statement
<b>Page 2.</b>	<b>BUUF General Information</b>
<b>Page 2, 3.</b>	<b>Schedule of Sunday Services</b>
<b>Page 4.</b>	<b>Small Group Ministry</b> <b>Book Group News</b>
<b>Page 5.</b>	<b>Next to New Sale</b>
<b>Page 6.</b>	<b>Faith Development Programs</b>
<b>Page 7.</b>	<b>Members Page</b>
<b>Page 8.</b>	<b>News &amp; Events from BUUF and Beyond</b>
<b>Page 9.</b>	<b>From the BUZZ</b>
<b>Page 10.</b>	<b>Outreach: Food Shelf</b>
<b>Page 11.</b>	<b>Brockport Helping Network</b>
<b>Page 12.</b>	<b>BUUF Contacts and Resources</b>

Our remaining services and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (don't forget it's church every Sunday now!) will focus on a mix of spiritual and justice issues, repentance and forgiveness, returning home, harvesting, letting go, and spiritual maturity. Does it sound like fall? May it be a fall of blessings.

### SUNDAY SERVICES AT A GLANCE

\* October 2 **Worship Service** 10:00 AM  
Theme: Returning Home

October 9 **2nd Sunday Sampler** 10:00 AM  
Topic: "Standing on the shoulders of those who came before us." *No childcare*

\* October 16 **Worship Service** 10:00 AM  
Theme: Letting Go and Harvesting

\* October 23 **Worship Service** 10:00 AM  
Theme: Letting Go and Harvesting

\* October 16 **Worship Service** 10:00 AM  
Theme: Letting Go and Harvesting

\* Children's Faith Development and Playroom are available.

**BROCKPORT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**  
**General Information**

---

**Services** are held every Sunday of the month. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays are regular church services. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday is "Second Sunday Sampler". The 4th Sunday is always something different, still church, but less traditional and more participatory.

The **Children's Faith Development Program** is on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, unless an Ingathering service is being held.

The **Toddler's and Young People's Playroom** is available on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

The **Book Discussion Group** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30-8:00PM.

The **Small Group Ministry: Soul Talk** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00PM- 9:00PM.

The coordinators of programs and committees welcome your participation.  
Please contact the coordinator or chair and let her/him know of your interest in assisting.

For more information go to [www.brockportuu.org](http://www.brockportuu.org).

---

**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2011**

---

**\* Sunday, October 2, 2011                      First Sunday Worship Service**

Theme:            Returning Home: The Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement and asking forgiveness) offer us the idea of **teshuva**. It is often translated as *repentance*, also as returning home, returning to source, or returning to whom you were meant to be.

Officiates:        Rev. Peggy Meeker and Worship Associates

Musician:        Scott Wright

Song Leader:     Cora Schrader

Time:             10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
                      10:15 AM – 11:00 AM Children's Faith Development  
                      11:00– 12:00 Noon Refreshments and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall  
                      \*Toddler's and Young People's playroom available

Location:         Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport, New York

---

**Sunday, October 9, 2011                      Second Sunday Sampler**

Topic:            "Standing on the shoulders of those who came before us: Stories of our family history."

Coordinator:      David Markham

Facilitator        Carol Taillie.

                      The audience will be able to share thoughts and feelings about the ideas shared.

Time:             10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
                      Refreshments served before and after the program

Location:         The Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd., Brockport, New York  
*No childcare is available at this time*

---

**SERVICE SCHEDULE Continued**

---

**\* Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**Third Sunday Worship Service**

Theme: Letting Go and Harvesting: The season of autumn brings both the leaf fall and the harvest. We will look at the creative tension between letting go and harvesting.

Officiates: Rev. Peggy Meeker and Worship Associates

Musician: Scott Wright

Song Leader: Cora Schrader

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM Children's Faith Development  
11:00– 12:00 Noon Refreshments and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall  
\*Toddler's and Young People's playroom available;

Location: Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport, New York

---

**Sunday, October 23, 2011**

**Fourth Sunday Worship Service**

Theme: DREAM Sabbath: The DREAM Act would provide a path to citizenship for undocumented young adults, who were brought to the United States illegally as children. We will hear a DREAMer's story, reflect back on our visit to local farm workers in September, and consider supporting the DREAM Act.

Officiates: Rev. Peggy Meeker

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
11:00– 12:00 Noon Refreshments and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

Location: Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport, New York

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

Location: The Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport, New York

---

**Sunday, October 30, 2011**

**Fifth Sunday Worship Service**

Theme: Life: Part II - Exploring the richer, further, spiritual journey that can be ours when we dare to leave behind the structure and strictures of our initial paths and embrace the "bigger picture" that defines spiritual maturity.

Officiates: Bonnie Beiswenger and Worship Associate

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
11:00– 12:00 Noon Refreshments and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

Location: Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport, New York

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

Location: The Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd, Brockport, New York

---

**When you are in need of assistance...**

You don't need to go through life's hardships alone, the 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](mailto:pmeeker@frontiernet.net). All information is confidential.

---

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY – SOUL TALK

**Small Group Ministry** is a way to explore your spirituality more deeply, in a more intimate and confidential setting, with 5 to 7 people in a group. The group meets monthly and once a group is formed, bonds build. New participants are VERY welcome to join, but we ask that you make a commitment to attending regularly. Perfect attendance isn't required, but members of the group count on each other to make the experience supportive and rich. To learn more, contact Rev. Peggy Meeker at [pmeeker@frontiernet.net](mailto:pmeeker@frontiernet.net) or 224 – 6312.

**The next Soul Talk session, Thursday, October 6, will be on Listening**

We listen to other people a lot, but most of the time we don't listen deeply. In Soul Talk, we learn to listen deeply. It can be hard, because we're used to listening with part of our mind, while the other part is busy figuring out something encouraging or insightful to say. But very often what the speaker needs is not for us to solve their problem, but just to hear them. When a person is truly heard, she/he can usually solve the problem on her/his own. And even when there's not a problem, being heard is an experience of being loved. Listening with open hearts is a real act of love.

At this session, you are invited to tell your life story and to listen to the life stories of others. You have already shared many things, but now you have the opportunity to put it all together. Think about your life so far as a series of stepping-stones marking the major eras in your life. One stepping-stone could be your years as a single parent, or the time you served in the military, or recovered from an accident. Start with as many stepping-stones as you see, thinking back, and then collapse them into five "eras" that you can share with the group. Later, during discussion, talk about how that felt and what you learned.

**BOOK GROUP NEWS & NOTES**

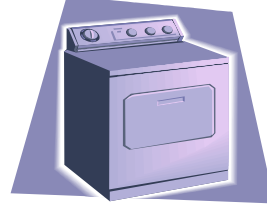
<p><b>OCTOBER 2011</b></p> <p>Date: Tuesday, 10/11/2011</p> <p>Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM</p> <p>Location: Lift Bridge Book Shop 45 Main Street, Brockport, NY</p> <p>Contact: Rev. Peggy Meeker</p>	<p>We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lift Bridge Book Shop at 45 Main Street in Brockport, and that the Book Shop offers a 20% discount on most book club purchases.</p> <p>David Markham and Rev. Peggy Meeker welcome your suggestions for books to discuss over the coming months. Throughout the year a variety of the books are chosen, both fiction and nonfiction, that will enable readers to explore spiritual topics, current events, and Unitarian Universalist values. They also try to choose books that are available in paperback and in the Monroe County Library system and that are a reasonable size (say, 250 pages or less).</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER 11, 2011</b></p> <p><i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i> by <a href="#">Garth Stein</a>—a story told from the point of view of Enzo, a dog who is plucked from life on a farm to ride shotgun with race car driver Denny Swift, and who watches the ups and downs of Denny's life and wishes he could share his thoughts with his companion.</p>	<div data-bbox="584 1507 933 1885" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>The Book Group is free and open to the public. Come and bring your friends.</b></p> <p><b>For further information contact Rev. Peggy Meeker at <a href="mailto:pmeeker@frontiernet.net">pmeeker@frontiernet.net</a> or by phone (585) 224-6312.</b></p>



**"Next to New Sale"**  
**Saturday, October 8, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**The Historic Garland Church – Fellowship Hall**  
**3723 Sweden Walker Rd., Brockport, New York**

**Baby Items**

**Please contact Penny Miller 682-4217 if you can HELP!!**



**Household Goods**  
**Garden Tools**  
**Linens**

**Clothing**  
**Hats & Scarves**  
**Sports Equipment**

**Small Furniture**  
**Garden Tools**  
**Books**

**Appliances**  
**Electronics**  
**Craft Items**

**Jewelry**  
**Treasures**  
**Toys**

To facilitate planning and set up please drop off your donations as soon as possible. The more we have to sell the better. If you have family members or friends who are looking for a new home for some of their possessions encourage them to bring their items to our *Next to New* sale. We will accept clothing (clean and in good condition), books, household goods, garden items, sporting equipment, electronics, appliances, small furniture, books, toys, and craft items. (Basically anything the isn't junk, dirty, or broken!) Also, please save the nice shopping bags with handles they give you at better stores or with larger purchases. We will need them for packing items when people purchase large amounts at the sale.

You can bring donations to:

- Church this Sunday, October 2, 2011 and during the times when volunteers are at the church receiving donations, sorting and pricing items, and setting up sale (days and times in chart below).
- Big items can be dropped off on Friday, October 7, 2011 from 1 PM – 7 PM at the church.
- If you can't make any of the drop off times or your item is too large for you to transport, please call first, and make arrangements with Jean Sauberan. Phone 637-4855.

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Sunday	October 2	After church	Set up tables in Fellowship hall. Bring items from Cora's shed to the church
Wednesday	October 5	5pm-7pm	Receive donations, sort and price items, set up sale
Thursday	October 6	8.30am -12 Noon 12 Noon - 5pm	Receive donations, sort and price items, set up sale
Friday	October 7	1pm-5pm	Receive donations, sort and price items, set up sale
Saturday	October 8	8:30am - 11: 30am 11:30am - 2:30/3pm or any part of the day	<b>8:30am – 9:00am</b> Receive donations, sort/price items; <b>9:00am – 2:00pm SELL... SELL... SELL...</b> <b>2:00pm – 3:00pm</b> Clean-up and reset Fellowship Hall

Please join those who have already offered to volunteer for this very important fundraiser. Penny Miller, Coordinator; Cora Schrader, Jean Sauberan, Bonnie and Ron Beiswenger, Monica Beck, Jim Foote, Carol Taillie, Annette Mellor.

**This is a great opportunity to give of your Time, Talent and/or Treasure!**  
**Volunteer \* Make art or crafts we can sell \* Donate items to the Sale \***  
 Spread the word!! Tell your friends about the sale and come yourself !!



---

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT BROCKPORT UU FELLOWSHIP

### CHILDREN'S FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Karen LoBracco, Children's Faith Development Coordinator  
e-mail [klobracco@uua.org](mailto:klobracco@uua.org) Phone: 585-637-4605

As you may have noticed, we always have two adults partnering in our children's program. If you are interested in being a helper and want to volunteer yourself or your family please contact me, Karen LoBracco, at [klobracco@mindspring.com](mailto:klobracco@mindspring.com) or 585-637-4605.

**UU Parenting** <http://blogs.uuworld.org/parenting/?h3> is a Blog by Unitarian Universalist religious educator, author and parent Michelle Richards. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to read and respond to her postings about current issues and concerns.

---

### ADULT EDUCATION: SECOND SUNDAY SAMPLER

Sunday, October 9, 2011

Topic: **"Standing on the shoulders of those who came before us: Stories of our family history."**  
Coordinator: David Markham  
Facilitator: Carol Taillie.  
The audience will be able to share thoughts and feelings about the ideas shared.  
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
Refreshments served before and after the program  
Location: The Historic Garland Church - 3723 Sweden Walker Rd., Brockport, New York

*No childcare is available at this time.*

---

### "CHRISTMAS ADAM" SERVICE AND DINNER PLANNED

#### The winter Hoidays are less than 90 days away!!

The worship committee is having a "Christmas Adam" service and dinner (Our UU version of Christmas Eve) on Friday, December 23rd. We are hoping this may become one of our BUUF traditions.



equals  
=



Matt is going to be head chef (along with some prep cooks and helpers), and the committee is requesting funds for the food, but not from BUUF's already tight budget. A number of months ago they started a recyclables drive fund-raiser, and continue to ask for your help. Please consider saving your returnables and donating them to us. You can bring them to the church (There will be a bin in the fellowship room for your deposits) or take them to SunKing (next to Dominos) on Main Street and ask the clerks to put the proceeds on the BUUF Account. If we all contribute, we will have enough funds to put on the Holiday feast. THANKS!!

---

### If you haven't met BUUF's new musician, meet him on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>

His name is **Scott Wright**. He will be playing for the traditional services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. He has a major in Music Education from Berklee College of Music in Boston and a BA in psychology from the U of R. He teaches music at his own studio in Rochester, as well as at the Music and Arts studio in Pittsford. His special love is jazz; but, he can play a wide variety of genres, which will be a delight to hear. Please stop and welcome him to our congregation!

---

**BUUF WELCOMES AND CELEBRATES MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

Welcome to New Member: P.J. Benedetti of Holley, NY

**BUUF's October Spotlight Shines on... JEFF MANN**

Jeffrey (Jeff) Mann is a native of Brockport, NY. Growing up, Jeff attended Brockport schools, played the drums, participated in sports, and worked on his uncle's farm. In 1974, at the age of 15, Jeff almost lost his life in a near fatal farm accident. At that moment, "Everything in my life changed", he says. Jeff was hospitalized for many months, followed by more months of extensive therapy. It was his faith in a higher power, and the knowing that he had a purpose on this earth, that gave him the will and determination to live. But as he grew stronger and came closer to recovery, the excruciating pain, from his injuries, were and still are, his constant companion. He says of the pain, "It keeps me humble and reminds me how blest I am."



In spite of this distraction, Jeff was tutored, studied and graduated on time from Brockport High School. He continued his education at Alfred State College, and graduated in 1979 with an Associates Degree in Human Services, and a concentration in Psychology. But, even with the degree, he felt lost. Then after years of searching, in 1988 he found drumming again. He took a class at the College at Brockport. The drum allowed him to connect his spirituality and healing. He practiced and it brought him to a level of that enabled him to perform. Jeff traveled and performed with African Drummer Clyde Morgan for some time.

On a wintry day in 1990, while on a trip to Peru, Jeff he met the woman he would marry. He says, "It was love at first sight!" After a trans continental courtship, he and Louda married in a ceremony in her homeland, and returned to the Brockport, New York, USA, where they live today.

In the mid 1990's, Jeff met Master Drummer Kahlid Salime, while performing with the Sankofa Show. Years later, Jeff heard that drummers were needed to perform for the Fall 2005 Convocation at the College at Brockport. As a result of volunteering for the event, Jeff played with Kahlid and Clyde Morgan, and it resulted in a three-semester position as an assistant to the Professors in Drum and Dance Classes and performing with the Sankofa Dance Troup.

Of his drumming with Clyde Morgan and Kahlid Salime, Jeff says, " Clyde taught me showmanship, public speaking and stage presence. Kahlid taught me natural drumming and good technique."

In the Fall of 2010, Jeff was asked by David Markham to conduct a drum circle in December, 2010, as a part of the BUUF Adult Education, "Second Sunday Sampler Series". Following that experience, Jeff began coming to BUUF Sunday services, and on Charter Sunday, May 15, 2011, Jeff signed "The Book", becoming one of the 31 Charter Members of our congregation.

Today, Jeff is pursuing Drumming full time. He continues his studies, most recently taking Remo's Health Rhythms Training (a protocol for health and wellness) He is also studying with Master Drummer, Jim Donovan where Jeff is learning a deeper level of spirituality through drumming. He is also enrolled in a program, which will lead to Certification as a Drum Facilitator and Trainer in the Donovan Method.

Jeff is also sharing his gifts and talent with others and wears many "Drum Hats". His companies, *Tribe Still* and *Jeff Mann Drums*, keep him very busy. He teaches children and adults, conducts healing drum circles, and performs at various venues through the northeast. To go into detail would require another page. So, to learn more about Jeff and his work, and see some amazing video, check out his websites: [www.tribestill.net](http://www.tribestill.net) and [www.jeffmandrums.org](http://www.jeffmandrums.org).

## NEWS AND EVENTS FROM BUUF AND BEYOND

### **Saturday, October 8, 2011**

#### ***New York State Convention of Universalists Annual Meeting***

NYSCU has scheduled their annual meeting for in Binghamton, NY. Dan McCanan's keynote address is titled "Before Clarence Skinner: Rediscovering Early Universalist Radicals". For more information visit the [NYSCU](#) website.

### **Sunday, October 9, 2011**

#### ***Special Dual Ceremony: Installation Of H. Lee Richards And Rev. Dick Hood Conferred The Status Of Minister Emeritus***

From: Pastor H. Lee Richards, Pullman Memorial Universalist Church, Albion, NY

To: Reverend Peggy Meeker, Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Brockport, NY

On Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 pm the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church will hold a special dual ceremony. Rev. Dick Hood will be conferred the status of Minister Emeritus - the first minister in the 120 year history of the church to be so honored. That will be immediately followed by my installation.

You are all, of course, invited though I know how busy each of you is. However, you may wish to make the news known to your parishioners as there may be some who knew Dick Hood and might want to take the opportunity to attend or send him well wishes.

Thanks.

Lee

Pastor H. Lee Richards

[h.lee.richards@gmail.com](mailto:h.lee.richards@gmail.com)

### **October 14-16, 2011**

#### ***UU Weekend At Silver Bay***

Join other UUs and their friends for a wonderful retreat at Lake George in Silver Bay, NY the weekend of October 14-16, 2011. <http://www.albanyuu.org/uuwregform.pdf>.

### **Sunday, October 16, 2011**

#### ***"How Hydraulic Fracturing will Impact the Greater Rochester Area"***

Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY; Sunday, October 16, 2-4 p.m. Free and open to the public. Panelists: Anthony Ingraffea, Ph.D., P.E., Engineer, Cornell University; Jannette Barth, Ph.D., Economist, President, J.M. Barth Associates; Roger Downs, Conservation Director, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter. Moderator: Joseph Hoff, Ph.D., Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes.

### **Saturday, October 22, 2011**

#### ***Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf Open House***

On Saturday, October 22 from 12:00-4:00 the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf will hold an Open House at the new location, in the basement of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 14 State Street (use the State Street entrance). You will be able to take a tour of the facility and learn about the changes made in the way the Food Shelf serves clients.

### **Saturday, October 29, 2011**

#### ***Social Justice Council Annual Conference***

A Social Justice Conference will be held on October 29 at the First Universalist Church of Rochester, NY. Keynote speaker, Rev. Susan Frederick Gray of the UU Congregation of Paradise Valley, Arizona will speak on *Repairing the Statue of Liberty, UU's and Immigration in the U.S.* [Flyer...](#)



## NEWS AND EVENTS FROM BUUF AND BEYOND continued

**April 27-28, 2012**

### ***District Assembly 2012***

The St. Lawrence District Annual Assembly is scheduled for April 27-28, 2012 in Rochester, NY.

Contact: [Linda Friedman](mailto:Linda.Friedman@stlawrence.org) at 585.865.5918.

### ***From the BUZZ... Central East Regional Group (CERG)***

#### ***On Demand Learning Center***

If you want to learn about church faith, leadership and growth development, but find it hard to fit classes into your busy life, then take advantage of the videos, resources, PowerPoint presentations, and more offered by the CERG staff at the [On Demand Learning Center](#). You can access any time that is convenient for you.

#### ***CERG Family Invitations***

The [St. Lawrence District](#), [Metro NY District](#), [Ohio-Meadville District](#) and the [Joseph Priestley District](#) offer many events that you are invited to attend throughout the year. Take a few moments to visit each of the websites to see the wonderful things they have to offer and to keep abreast of the CERG UU family.

#### ***Program Consultant Notes***

by Karen LoBracco, Lifespan Faith Development Program Consultant

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/new/index.shtml>. Discover how many resources are FREE because of your congregation's Fair Share contribution to our UUA! Excellent guides are available for short adult faith development programs. Field-testing for *Building Bridges* starts in September. This Tapestry of Faith offering is a full year curriculum on World Religions for 8th/9th graders that I am especially excited about. *Read more...*

---

**Subscribe to the St. Lawrence District News Buzz by e-mailing the  
St. Lawrence District Office at [sldoffice@verizon.net](mailto:sldoffice@verizon.net)**

### **Web Sites for Insights and Information**

#### **Eastman At Washington Square Lunchtime Concerts.**

Thursdays from 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm. Free and open to the public.

See schedule: <http://esm.rochester.edu/community/calendars/lunchtime.php>

**Full Circle Fitness at First Universalist:** Connect with other UUs as you nurture your mind, body and spirit; aerobic movements, yoga, Qigong, strength training, relaxation/healing techniques and more; one hour class on Saturday afternoons, \$12; contact Brad Hurst at 342-2506 or [bradleyhurst@yahoo.com](mailto:bradleyhurst@yahoo.com).

Universalist Unitarian Association (UUA) news can be found [here](#).

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) news can be found [here](#).

UU World, the magazine of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, can be found [here](#).

National organization of Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) news can be found [here](#).

New York State Convention of Universalists (NYSCU) news can be found [here](#).

Saint Lawrence District (SLD) news can be found [here](#).

## News from the Brockport UU Outreach Programs

### Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf

#### A Letter from the Director, Marne Johnson

Hello Brockport Church Members and Friends:

I am sure by now you have all heard that the Brockport Ecumenical Food Shelf has moved and changed the way we do things. If you haven't heard, now you have!

We are now located in the basement of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 14 State Street (use the State Street entrance) and have open hours 3 days a week. For your information our hours are Mondays: 10:00-1:00; Wednesdays: 1:00-4:00 and Thursdays: 5:00-8:00. Clients are required to bring a current utility bill (each visit) a photo ID and birth certificates for their children at their first visit. The requirements are similar, must live in 14420 or 14430 and can receive food assistance once every 4 weeks.

I would also like to invite you all to our Open House! The date is Saturday, October 22 from 12:00-4:00. All are welcome. We would like to show the community all the changes that have taken place! Hope to see you here!!

#### Statistics: Food Shortages at the Food Shelf from Jim Pray, Food Shelf Board President

"I asked to see totals for the year and the following is the result."

The numbers reflect monthly and annual totals for the 80 households the Food Shelf serves

#### Food Shelf Monthly / Annual Numbers

peanut butter	80	960
jelly	80	960
oil	80	960
mayo	80	960
fruit	221	2,652
snacks	80	960
desserts	80	960
veggie/potatoes	318	3,816
pasta/macaroni	139	1,668
spaghetti sauce	94	1,128
beans	219	2,628
prepared meals	202	2,424
tuna/canned meat	204	2,448
rice	97	1,164
soup	360	4,320
milk	80	960
juice	80	960
cereal	139	1,668
miscellaneous	80	960
personal hygiene	80	960
detergent		
- laundry	80	960
- dish	80	960
toilet paper	80	960
cheese	80	960
margarine	80	960
bread	190	2,280
meat	124	1,488
total items	3,507	42,084

Those numbers are rather mind-boggling.

#### Needed to Prepare 175 Thanksgiving Baskets

Name of Item	Number needed	Have as of 9/26/11	Still needed
coffee	175	0	175
cornbread/quick bread	700	100	600
cranberries	350	261	89
evaporated milk	175	98	77
fruit	350	0	350
gravy	350	124	226
other dessert	175	50	125
pie crust	175	1	174
potatoes	350	85	265
pumpkin /fruit pie filling	175	16	159
roasting pans	175	0	175
stuffing mix	350	101	249
vegetables	1050	492	558
eggs	175	0	175
margarine	175	0	175

Breakdown of the 80 families the Food Shelf serves in the 14420/14430 Zip Code area

- 1-2 people - 38 households
- 3-4 people - 25 households
- 5-6 people - 15 households
- 7-8 people - 2 households

## News from the Brockport UU Outreach Programs continued

### The Brockport Helping Network (BHN) Information Meeting will be held:

Day/ Date: Monday, October 17, 2011  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: First Baptist Church, 124 S. Main Street, Brockport, NY

R.S.V.P. requested by Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, to Jean Sauberan, via e-mail: [revjsauberan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:revjsauberan@rochester.rr.com) or phone: (585) 637- 4855.

**The Brockport Helping Network** is an exciting new **Community Resource Program** conceived by people from Brockport, Clarkson, and Sweden.

In January 2011, a group got together and brainstormed ideas on how to inform and connect the community with organizations and services. We also named the group the Brockport Helping Network. At a follow-up meeting on May 23, 2011, we reviewed materials compiled in January, and re-affirmed the need and desire to move forward with the Brockport Helping Network. That evening, a "Core Group" of 12 met and has continued to meet throughout the summer and fall. We have accomplished a lot in the four months we have been working together and we are ready to share our achievements with you.

#### **On Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Core / Project 1 Group will present information about:**

The Brockport Helping Network as a "community resource" program.  
The geographic area the Brockport Helping Network will serve.  
The Mission and Vision Statement proposed for the BHN.  
BHN Group Project 1: "The BHN and 2-1-1/LifeLine Awareness Initiative".  
Future projects that could be undertaken by other Project Groups

At this time the Brockport Helping Network has representatives from some churches and organizations. But, the BHN needs more representation and participation from the secular community. Citizens in the 14420 and 14430 area; businesses; banks; not-for-profit, fraternal, benevolent, and service organizations; government and civic groups; fire, police, ambulance and auxiliaries; scouting; and educational institutions are just a few. Your participation is very important. Please, R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>; and, come on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to find out more about the BHN!

If you have questions or comments, please contact one of our Core Group members.  
Attached is a list of the members, our affiliations, and how to contact us.

#### BROCKPORT HELPING NETWORK - CORE GROUP

Updated 9/26/2011 - Alpha by Name

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
Blosenbauer, Barbara	Christ Community Church	698-0199	<a href="mailto:bmutch822@juno.com">bmutch822@juno.com</a>
Donahue, Maggie	Christ Community Church	637-0255	<a href="mailto:maggs48@frontier.com">maggs48@frontier.com</a>
Eichas, Janet	Community Representative	391-6728	<a href="mailto:eichas2@rochester.rr.com">eichas2@rochester.rr.com</a>
Frisch, Diane	B'port United Methodist Church	637-4638	<a href="mailto:diane.frisch@frontiernet.net">diane.frisch@frontiernet.net</a>
Klump, Kathy	B'port United Methodist Church	637-8435	<a href="mailto:kklump57@netscape.net">kklump57@netscape.net</a>
Martin, Joani	First Baptist Church	637-0454	<a href="mailto:Jmdreamer53@yahoo.com">Jmdreamer53@yahoo.com</a>
Plews, Nancy	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	739-5343	<a href="mailto:nancyplews@yahoo.com">nancyplews@yahoo.com</a>
Pray, Jim	B'port Food Shelf	217-2433	<a href="mailto:JLP4@live.com">JLP4@live.com</a>
Sauberan, Jean	B'port U U Fellowship	637-4855	<a href="mailto:revjsauberan@rochester.rr.com">revjsauberan@rochester.rr.com</a>
Sherwood, Barbara	First Baptist Church	637-6990	<a href="mailto:bsh1@rochester.rr.com">bsh1@rochester.rr.com</a>
Walter, Susan	Christ Community Church	637-3979	<a href="mailto:susan.walter@ccbrockport.org">susan.walter@ccbrockport.org</a>

For more news and information visit our website at [www.brockportuu.org](http://www.brockportuu.org)

## Contact Information

Mailing address:  
76 Westwood Dr.  
Brockport, NY  
14420

Phone: 585-224-6312

Rev. Peggy Meeker  
Minister  
[pmeeker@frontiernet.net](mailto:pmeeker@frontiernet.net)  
(585 ) 224-6312



Sunday Morning Service address:  
The Historic Garland Church  
3723 Sweden Walker Rd  
Brockport, NY14420

Web: [www.brockportuu.org](http://www.brockportuu.org)

Don Zimmer, President  
BUUF Board of Directors  
[bigz14420@yahoo.com](mailto:bigz14420@yahoo.com)  
(585)395-9449

### BUUF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Don Zimmer, President  
David Markham, Secretary  
Bernie LoBracco, Treasurer  
Jim Foote, Trustee  
Cora Schrader, Trustee

### ADVISORS:

Rev. Peggy Meeker, Minister  
Karen LoBracco, Consultant to the SLD  
Gerry Mitrano, Legal Advisor  
Jean Sauberan, Newsletter

### PROGRAM RESOURCES:

#### Worship Committee:

Matt O'Donnell, Service Coordinator  
Bonnie Bieswenger, Worship Assistant  
Carol Taillie, Worship Associate  
Don Zimmer, Worship Associate

#### Small Group Ministry Facilitators

Bonnie Beiswenger  
David Markham  
Rev. Peggy Meeker, Minister

#### Hospitality and Caring Committee

Penny Miller  
Jean Sauberan  
Annette Mellor, Greeter  
Kathleen O'Donnell

### Hospitality Committee continued

Matt O'Donnell

### Education and Faith Development Coordinators

#### Children's Faith Development

Karen LoBracco, Dir. Children's FD  
Libby Clifford, Asst. Director Childrens' FD  
Adult Education

David Markham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Sampler Coordinator

#### Adult Faith Development

Rev. Peggy Meeker, Minister/ Facilitator

### OTHER RESOURCES:

Bonnie Bieswenger, Music  
Scott Wright, Music  
David Markham, Website Manager  
Jan and Jason Milliman, Childrens' FD Assistants  
Beth O'Donnell, Children's FD Assistant  
Kristen & Travis Phillips, Childrens' FD Assistants  
Cora Schrader, Song Leader

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jean Sauberan, Brockport Food Shelf Liaison  
Jean Sauberan, Brockport Helping Network Liaison  
Libbie Clifford, BUUF Young Adult Program

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

Jim Foote, Music for Social Change  
Rev. Peggy Meeker, Standing on the Side of Love  
Don Zimmer, Amnesty International

The coordinators of programs and committees welcome your participation. Please contact the coordinator or chair and let her/him know of your interest in assisting.

***BUUF gratefully acknowledges the openhearted generosity of the Brockport United Methodist Church, whose leaders and members make it possible for us to meet in the Historic Garland Church.***