

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. Peggy Meeker

Reflections on BUUF, Looking Ahead

I came away from our congregational discussion with Rev. Chris Neilson with two things: a to-do list and a deep feeling of gratitude to all of you and for all the ideas that came out of that discussion. We talked about what we want to see for BUUF in the next 3-5 years—growth (especially families and young people), a stronger presence in the community, better ability to talk about our differences—and we were reminded that it takes longer to build a church than we think it does, *and* we generated concrete ideas to help us move forward.

Some of those ideas involved me and my work, so here are the things I'll be doing: (1) "New to BUUF or UU" gatherings over the next few months, culminating in the opportunity to sign the membership book on Stewardship Sunday in March or at our Flower Communion in June; (2) inviting people to participate in becoming a Worship Associate and helping to lead worship; (3) inviting people to participate in leading 4th Sundays; and (4) providing "UU Evangelism Training" for those who'd like to improve their ability to talk with others about Unitarian Universalism. You'll be hearing more about all of this, but I hereby invite you to let me know if you're interested in any of these opportunities!

It seems clear—being realistic about our finances—that my hours will be reduced next year, but it's also clear that there's a LOT of energy (and love!) in the Brockport Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. We have chosen to do a difficult but amazing thing here, building a church, and I can hardly wait to see what it will look like five years from now!

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We are looking for good news about you!

What is your birth date (don't worry about the yr)?

Any vacation plans in your future?

Is there something coming up we would enjoy knowing about? Anniversaries? Family wedding? Engagement? College? New Job? Other?

Job promotion or special recognition?

Please send this information to Cora at email:

cora14420@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

2/3/2013 1st Sunday

10:00AM Worship Service

Sermon: How to Change the World

Children's Faith Development: Leader Kristen Phillips

5th Principle through Cecilia Payne,

1st person to be given title "Astronomer"

2/10/2013 2nd Sunday

10:00AM Social Justice Educational Programs

Subject: To educate the public about the racing environment, the plight of unwanted, abandoned greyhounds and the greyhound's suitability as pets.

Organization: GReAT (Greyhound Rescue Adoption Team)

Presenter: Debra Bonsignore,

2/17/2013 3rd Sunday

10:00AM Worship Service

Sermon: Ethical Easting

Children's Faith Development: Leader Beth O'Donnell

Story "The Cat", from the Hindu tradition, illustrating the Importance of Kindness to Animals

2/24/2013 4th Sunday

10:00AM Worship Service

Intergenerational Participation

The Simplicity and Depth of Taoism

February Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend the following meetings.

Planning/Evaluation Committee Meeting

Monday 2/4/2013

2:00PM at Cora Schrader's 129 Lyman St

Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2/20/2013

Check with Peggy for time and location

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 2/21/2013

7:00-9:00PM-Fellowship Hall

Planning/Evaluation Committee Meeting

Monday 2/25/2013

7:00PM at Bill Clifford's 19 Havenwood Dr

(Other events on page 2)

More Detailed Information on All Events can be found on our Website brockportuu.org

Good News about Us

Annette Mellor is celebrating a birthday 2/12.

Bernie and Karen LoBracco have just celebrated a 40th wedding anniversary, 1/20/20123 at Letchsworth State Park.

Libbie Clifford has made the Dean's List the last 3 Semesters!

George and Penny Miller are enjoying a long vacation. We will see them when spring returns.

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Free Community Services

At St Luke's:

Food Shelf

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursdays
9.00am – 12:30pm
2:00pm – 6:30pm

Clothing Shelf

every Thursday 7:00 - 8:30pm and
every Sunday 3:00 - 4:30pm

Harvest Kitchen 2nd Sunday
3:00 - 5.00pm Soup+

At 1st Baptist:

The Gathering Table 3rd Sunday
1:30 – 3:00pm Dinner

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Coming Events-March 2013

Saturday 3/9/2013 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Family Winter Fun Day, A Community Event

Chili/Cornbread Contest

Outdoor/Indoor Activities

Silent Auction (Fundraiser)

Wednesday 3/13/2013 (note the day change!)

Book Selection: 'Into the Beautiful North' (fiction)

Author: Luis Alberto Urrea

This is the All Rochester 2013 book selection.

A young, Mexican woman works in a Taco Shop. After watching the movie "The Magnificent Seven", she decides to head North to find 7 men to repopulate her village.

December Financial Snapshot

Receipts: \$4,238.38 Expenses: \$3,149.33 Balance: \$7,897.60

Other February Events

Soul Talk (Small Group Ministry)

Monday 2/4/2013 6:30PM

Check with Peggy if you are interested.

Our First Wednesday Social

Wednesday 2/6/2013

6:00PM in Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to pass.

It is game night. Bring your favorite games to play

FUN! FUN! FUN!

Book Discussion Group

Tuesday 2/12/2013

6:30-8:00PM-Liftbridge

"Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America" (non-fiction)

Author: Helen Thorpe

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April Fundraiser

Spring Music Concert

Sunday 4/28/2013 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Look for more information in the March Issue or on the Website

UUA Information

General Assembly 2013

When: June 19 – 23, 2013

Where: Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 South 4th St, Louisville, KY (map available)

Registration: Begins March 1, 2013.

For more information go to:

generalassembly@uua.org

or visit the website at www.uua.org/ga

St. Lawrence District

District Assembly 2013 - April 26-27, 2013

Joint Venture of the St. Lawrence & Ohio-Meadville Districts
Where: Jamestown, NY

Theme "Out of Bounds: Moving Beyond Our Boundaries."

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA,

<http://www.ohiomeadville.org/districtassembly>

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Your comments and news are always

Welcome!