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# The Foreword



**UU AMHERST**

*Fostering Justice  
and Compassion*

The Newsletter of the  
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### MINISTER'S HOURS

Rev. Michelle continues to work primarily from home. She is just a call or email away, except for Mondays (off) and Fridays (writing & study).

## Our Covenant

*Together we promise:  
To gather in compassionate  
community,  
To celebrate diversity of thought and  
unity of spirit;  
And to seek wholeness for ourselves,  
our children, and our world.*

## SUNDAY SERVICES SEPTEMBER AT 10:30 AM

This month we lift up and engage the possibilities that surround us. We are a people of possibility - a people who honor the past but look to the future to guide our decisions in the here and now. Open yourself to possibility and expect something wonderful!

**REMINDER: Masks/face coverings are mandatory, regardless of vaccination status.** This is for everyone's safety and is in compliance with best practices. As always, these measures are contingent upon New York State and Erie County guidelines and may be reevaluated if there is a significant change in local Covid cases.

### September 5 Whatever Happened to "The Greater Good"?

Rev. Michelle

On this Labor Day weekend, we are reminded of the actions and sacrifices that were made to benefit the greater good, and we pause to consider how the rampant individualism and consumer culture of the 21st century has changed us. How can we reclaim a larger vision?

### September 12 Soul Matters Sunday Rev. Michelle & Friends

We begin a new season at church, exploring the possibilities before us. As we open hearts and minds, anything might happen!

### September 19 Cultivating Community Rev. Michelle

A bountiful harvest begins with careful cultivation. This service will include our traditional Water Ingathering celebration. Bring water that represents your inner and outer travels, or pour from the common Source as we celebrate the gift of Beloved Community.

### September 26 Stages of Doubt Rev. Michelle

Inspired by Brian D. McLaren's book, *Faith After Doubt*, we will explore our faith through the lens of doubt.



## MINISTER'S CORNER

What does it mean to be a people of Possibility? That is the Soul Matters question this month, and I think it represents both an invitation and a challenge.

The invitation is to open ourselves to new opportunities and to be willing to release ourselves from old expectations and embrace the breathless excitement of the unknown. At least, that's how I often hear the question.

But, of course, there is another possibility (word choice intentional). Being, or becoming a people of Possibility demands that we make peace with ambiguity and uncertainty. It calls us to engage the spiritual practice of nonattachment to outcomes. Being a people of Possibility means occasionally making a leap into the void, trusting that we will come out okay on the other end - or not. Freeing ourselves from an attachment to a positive outcome opens wide the door of Possibility, where our only certainty is that we are held in a Love that will not let us go. May we find the courage to be people of Possibility.

With care,  
Rev. Michelle

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### Help When You Need It

This is a reminder that if you are experiencing financial hardship, you can reach out to Rev. Michelle, [minister@uuamherst.org](mailto:minister@uuamherst.org), for assistance from the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This Fund is made possible by the generosity of fellow congregants, and just one more way we demonstrate that no one is alone. We care for one another. '

### Don't forget to call your minister!

With health privacy laws, hospitals no longer call churches to let us know when someone has been hospitalized - so it is up to you to contact us if you or someone you know is experiencing health challenges and may want to be contacted. When in doubt, call! Rev. Michelle can be reached on her cell at 716-499-8343.

## COMMITTEE ON MISSION

After a refreshing July hiatus, our committee is now ready to continue our mission. Last church year we selected the Ministry Team of Spiritual Growth, working with the Faith Development team and Director, Angela Warren, to recreate their Mission statement and establish goals for the 2021-22 church year.

Next we will be working with the Ministry Team of Relationships specifically the Caring for One Another team and their Team Lead, Ron Palmere. Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17th when we will introduce our committee, Circle Way of communication, and principles of setting measurable goals. At that time we will also select our next gathering date to assist the Caring team with writing a mission statement and setting goals for themselves. We are excited about this endeavor and spending time with the Caring for One Another team.

- Suzanne Christ, CoM Chair

## BOARD REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

The summer seems to be flying by as I write this for the September Newsletter. It was so good to be at the first in-person service after 16 months of Zoom or YouTube. It was interesting to feel my own reaction. In one sense, it was wonderful and in another, I felt a little sensory overload. It made me realize that we really are re-entering normal in a not so smooth, gentle way. I see the need to be more patient and compassionate for where we each are as we travel this path together. I did not feel the ability to step back in at the same energy level and clarity that I left 16 with months ago...This has taken a hidden toll that I didn't see coming. I hope your transitions are smooth and seamless. If they aren't, please know you are not alone! We are all a part of the larger community. So, reach out, connect and share. It will only draw us closer...



Our board has been busily working through the summer. We had our leadership retreat in July and our first meeting in August. Scott Harrigan and Wendy Scott have agreed to stay connected through the board email and to continue on with the projects they were an integral part of starting. I am very grateful to them.

Our current board officers are: Bruce Becker, secretary; Don Tucker, vice-chair; Karen Thompson, chair, Jeanine Moyer, Laurie Kasnicki, Emily Garrett and Linda Gardner, at-large trustees. Emily Garrett is now the liaison to the Endowment Trust. Emily comes to them well qualified having an MBA. Linda Gardner joins the Nominating and Leadership Committee with Laurie Kasnicki; Bruce Becker leads Facilities, Don Tucker leads Personnel, Jeanine Moyer continues on with Committee on Mission and the Living Green Team; (see page 4 for an update on the Living Green Expo); and Karen Thompson continues on with the Finance Committee.

In June we received a NYSCU technology grant for \$1,760. To date we have purchased two video cameras. At the end of July, I submitted a Chalice Lighters Grant to upgrade our technology. We will not hear the outcome until their September meeting. In the short term, within the budget, we are in the process of upgrading our WIFI to make hybrid streaming smoother. This will be a year-long project of upgrading our infrastructure and replacing the worn equipment. If we receive this \$20,000 grant, we can boldly move forward.\* There is a plan to assist those who struggle with technology. Our goal is to make sure no one is left behind. Currently, Joce Kofke is available for help. You can schedule through the office or directly with Joce. This is by appointment only. \*Update: On August 19th, an email was sent through the All Church listserv notifying members that we will be receiving the grant.

I'm sure I will have more to share in the coming months as we come together and work toward fulfilling our mission. Stay tuned, stay connected and continue being the amazing church community I have come to know and love. Take loving care of yourselves as we navigate this ever-changing world. We've got this! Together!

In shared faith,  
Karen Thompson, Chair  
UU Amherst Board of Trustees

## REMINDER: WHEN DONATING TO THE 3 FOCI

Please make your check payable to UUCA with a note in the memo line:  
3 foci. If donating online, select "Gift" and enter 3 foci in the box.  
Thank you for supporting this important work!

### Contributing to UU Amherst Through E-Giving

The church has implemented **THREE** ways to give electronically:

1. The **Giving** option on the church website (uuamherst.org)
2. A NEW phone app "**GivePlus+**" for your phone
3. Texting a donation to phone # **833 987 1968**  
These methods complement the traditional methods:
4. Mailing a check [remember to fill in the Memo]
5. There is the traditional Sunday Plate (when you are in church)
6. Don't forget Legacy Giving – in your will



### Computer Technical Support for UU Amherst Members

Joce Kofke is our technical support person who will help you with computer issues—anything from how to get on Zoom to connecting your laptop to a printer. To set up an appointment, email them\* at tech@uuamherst.org. If you don't have email, call Elaine in the

Business office at 634-3010 and she will provide Joce with your contact information.

\*Joce's pronouns are they/them



### Living Green Expo Postponed to Spring 2022

The Green Justice ministry team met on 8/17 and made the difficult decision to postpone the Living Green Expo, originally slated for the first weekend of October. With so much uncertainty and rising Covid infection rates, the team thought it prudent to err on the side of caution with this decision. UU Amherst takes our standing in the community seriously, and we want to model thoughtful leadership. The ensuing months will give us ample opportunity to plan and implement an event that is both educational and entertaining as we share our Green values with the wider community. The Green Justice ministry team is alerting the New York State Convention of Universalists (NYSCU), the folks who so generously gave us a grant to support the Expo, that we are postponing until spring. At this time we do not know if we will need to return the grant funds and reapply.

AND...

### There Will Still Be Goats This Month!

The goats will still be working their magic in the back acreage of UU Amherst beginning September 27. The hooved and horned landscapers (goats) will happily be munching invasive plant species 9/27-10/3, helping us achieve our land management goals, using Green technology!

That means we still need YOU to sign up to be Goat Chaperones throughout that week; watching over and watering our hungry guests. It is relatively light work and should be highly entertaining - at least, if you like goats! You can sign up at church on Sundays or contact Laurie Kasnicki or Angela Warren to be put on the rotation. It takes a village to care for our goat guests!

AND...

In celebration of this first foray into alternative Green technologies for land management, truly "walking our talk" with regard to our commitment to live in harmony with Earth Mother, we have a very special treat...

**UU Singer/Songwriter Jim Scott** will be coming to share his music with us! See the notice on page 11 in this newsletter – and help to spread the news.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Dear UU Amherst members and friends,

What does it mean to be a community that is Embracing Possibility? We are fortunate to have such an articulate leader in Rev. Michelle who offers this meaning: Possibility “calls us to engage the spiritual practice of nonattachment to outcomes.”



The Green Justice Team / Living Green Expo planning team practiced this by listening to one another in the Circle Way, and came to a consensus to postpone our event. No one came to that meeting knowing that this would be the result. Though we look forward to truly engaging the larger community in the spring of 2022 instead of this fall, we also realize that even though we make goals, change and uncertainty continue to be the only constant themes of life. In fact, they are the Mothers of Possibility, and to embrace all of this is to be open to life itself.

Back in June, I reported that the Faith Development Team and the Committee on Mission had several meetings to revise our Mission and to come up with goals for this church year. Please embrace the Possibility that we will do whatever our best is during this time to achieve them and to live into our mission. If we fall short, we will refrain from blaming ourselves or others, or even the ongoing pandemic. We will accept that situations arise and do compromise best outcomes, even as we lean wholeheartedly into our mission **To develop and promote opportunities for all ages that lead toward spiritual wholeness while creating an inclusive beloved community both within and beyond our congregation.**

Our FD Team’s S.M.A.R.T. goals for this church year are as follows:

- Engage the youth and young adults to participate in the Living Green Expo planned for October 2021 / May / June 2022 with at least one youth and one young adult involved in planning and implementation.
- Support at least four Faith Development programs that join adults in community to experience and/or lead discussions on topics related to the UU Amherst mission over the 2021-22 church year.
- Enhance Faith Development (FD) Team leadership by explicitly inviting and including a leader of a Lifespan FD program in every other FD Team meeting for the coming year.
- Invite one or more members of Central East Regional Leadership to connect directly to the FD team during Summer-Fall 2021 to collaborate with us on best post-pandemic practices.

Already, our first goal has changed. And that is okay. The timing gives us even more opportunity to Embrace the Possibility that we can welcome more young people into leadership roles as the year rambles on.

Thanks so much to Suzanne Christ, Diane Bofinger, and Marge Marcille as our Committee on Mission for using the Circle Way to help the FD team define goals that will enhance our entire community even in the midst of constant Change.

In Faith, Angela Warren, UU Amherst Director of Faith Development  
Angela’s days off are Tuesday and Friday

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**PLEASE NOTE:** As the church begins to expand into both online in and in-person events, we will continue to identify those events which are Zoom only and those that are taking place at the church. Zoom links for general church groups are published in the Weekly Update unless they are hosted on a private account. **Those events taking place in person will have the room identified after the event. MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDING IN-PERSON MEETINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.**

**\*require passcode**

**Sunday, Sept 5** (monthly 1st Sun)  
**12:00 pm:** Food Pantry Meeting Zadmin

**Tuesday, Sept 7** (monthly 1st Sun)  
**12:00 pm:** Talk Back with Board

**Thursday, Sept 9** (monthly 2nd Thu)  
**7:00 pm:** Kent Covenant Group Zadmin

**Sunday, Sept 12** (monthly 2nd Sun)  
**12:00 pm:** Poetry as Practice REEB & Zoom  
D. Bofinger

**Tuesday, Sept 14** (monthly 3rd Wed)  
**7:00 pm:** Board Meeting EM

**Wednesday, Sept 15** (monthly 3rd Wed)  
**5:00 pm:** Finance Committee  
**7:00 pm:** Bofinger Covenant Group D. Bofinger  
**7:00 pm:** Havurah Service CHAPEL

**Thursday, Sept 16** (monthly 3rd Thu)  
**10:00 am:** Havurah Service CHAPEL  
**7:00 pm:** Ministry Council Zrev

**Tuesday, Sept 21** (monthly 3rd Tue)  
**1:30 pm:** Caring Committee LR R. Palmere  
**7:00 pm:** Green Justice Team Zfd

**Sunday, Sept 26** (monthly 4th Sun)  
**12:15 pm** UU Amherst Book Group LR

### RECURRING:

**UU Universe-ity Sunrise Sessions continue**  
**M-F, 8:30 am** Zfd Link provided in Weekly Update

**Saturdays, Sept 4-25**  
**9:00 am:** Outdoor Education/Work Day see schedule in Weekly Update (church grounds)  
**9:30 am:** Shared Caring Circle Zrev  
**7:00 pm:** Birch Bunch\* Zadmin (weekly) V. Snider

### Sundays, Sept 5-26

**10:30:** Church service—in-person **10** or watch service on UU Amherst YouTube channel  
**6:30 pm:** Young Adult D. Bofinger

### Mondays, Sept 6-27

**7:00 pm:** Lighthearted Larches (9/13 & 9/27)  
D. Tucker  
**7:00 pm:** Tulip Crabapple\* Zadmin (weekly)  
L. Marcus  
**7:30 pm:** Marvelous Maples (9/13 & 9/27)  
D. Bofinger

### Tuesdays, Sept 7-28

**12:30 pm:** Women's Group\* Zadmin (weekly)

### Wednesdays, Sept 8-29

**10:30 am:** Willow Village\* Zadmin (2nd & 4th Weds: 9/8 & 9/22 J. Senders  
**12:00 pm:** Brown bag lunch on the patio  
**7:00 pm:** Sage Circle\* Zfd (2nd & 4th Weds: 9/8 & 9/22) S. Christ  
**7:00 pm:** Northtowns Village (9/15) Y. Stocker

### Thursdays, Sept 9-30

**12:00 pm:** Lunch with Friends\* Zadmin (weekly)

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### Note about outdoor gatherings

If your group is using the patio furniture, please be sure to restore the tables and chairs to where they belong and not leave on the grass.

### HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Email: [administrator@uuamherst.org](mailto:administrator@uuamherst.org)  
For Newsletter: by 10:00 am on the 16th  
For Website: two weeks prior to event  
For All Church list serve: daily during the week.  
For Weekly Update: Fridays by 10:00 am

**Administrator/Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday through Friday—9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

## GROUP MEETING UPDATES

**UU Young Adults (18-35ish)** - If you are interested in being added to the UU Young Adult E-mail and text lists, please contact Diane Bofinger (dbofinge@buffalo.edu & 716-418-3272) with your contact information. UU Young Adults will be meeting by Zoom at 7:30 pm on Sundays, starting Aug. 29th, after taking a one-month break. We still aren't sure about plans to resume meeting in person. Also, let Diane know if you are interested in signing up to help tend our goats who will be helping the church with its weeding from September 27th through October 3rd. This should be a fun and interesting event!

**Poetry As Practice** - We will resume meeting in person on 2nd Sundays at noon in the Reeb Room upstairs near the minister's office. Bring a poem or 2 to share or just come to listen & discuss. We have great discussions! Our next meeting will be on September 12th. Please remember that when meeting inside, **masks are required regardless of vaccination status.**

If you'd like to join on-line, the following is the Zoom link and log-in information:

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/97918407610>

**Meeting ID:** 979 1840 7610

**One tap mobile:** +16468769923,,97918407610#

**By phone:** +1 646 876 9923

**Meeting ID:** 979 1840 7610

**Marvelous Maples Village** - We will resume meeting at 7:30 pm on alternate Mondays by Zoom, starting Aug. 30th, after taking a one-month break. If this time slot appeals to you and you would like to join our village or try us out, contact Diane Bofinger & Ron Palmere (call 716-689-8954, text Diane at 716-418-3272, or E-mail Diane at dbofinge@buffalo.edu). We check-in with each other and have some stimulating discussions.

## Caring Committee

This Team is doing what it can to contribute to the church's mission to foster more compassion and to help build a Beloved Community. Dedicated, caring, concerned volunteers try to reach out to those within the UUA church community who are experiencing health, family and/or personal needs. Outreach includes sending cards, making phone calls to members who need support, visiting those in their homes or in assisted living/nursing home facilities, therapy dog visits, and occasional meal offerings. If you know of any church member who would like to be contacted by our Caring Team or if you would consider being one of our Team members please contact Ron Palmere (rpalmere1@verizon.net) at 689-8954.



## UU AMHERST THEATER LOVERS

—Marie Evans

**Save the date!** We'll most likely make a group outing to **Jewish Repertory Theatre** at the JCC in Getzville on **Sunday, October 24**, for the 2:00 pm matinee of "Photograph 51." Afterward, those who feel comfortable eating at a restaurant will go out together for dinner (pay-your-own-way).

Playwright: Anna Ziegler; Director: Katie Mallinson

This engaging and critically acclaimed play tells the fascinating and little-known true story of Rosalind Franklin, one of the great female scientists of the twentieth century, and her quest to map the contours of the DNA molecule. A chorus of physicists relives the chase, revealing the unsung achievements of this trail-blazing, fiercely independent woman. Ambition, isolation, and the race for greatness are explored in this intelligent, exciting and quickly paced show.

Running October 21- November 14 [www.jccbuffalo.org/jrt/](http://www.jccbuffalo.org/jrt/)

Stay current with developments in the local theater scene by listening to Theater Talk on public radio. Anthony Chase and Peter Hall review productions and interview guests, Friday mornings at 6:30 am & 8:30 am during Morning Edition on WBFO radio 88.7 FM. It's available for on-demand listening on WBFO's website at [www.wbfo.org/arts-culture](http://www.wbfo.org/arts-culture) and on the WBFO Brief podcast.

For specific information about the many performing companies in our area, use links to their individual websites from Theatre Alliance of Buffalo - [www.theatreallianceofbuffalo.com/](http://www.theatreallianceofbuffalo.com/)

The following aren't members of TAB, but do have information on-line: Artpark, Paul Robeson Theatre at African American Cultural Center, Raices Theatre Company, Shakespeare in Delaware Park, UB Department of Theater and Dance, and Ujima Company.

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## AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY

**PANTRY NEEDS:** [PAPER or PLASTIC PACKAGING ONLY, no glass, no fresh food]

Here's what we have trouble keeping in stock lately:

Peanut butter (have plenty of jelly)	Gluten-free products
Chef Boyardee canned pasta	Non-standard canned vegetables such as mushrooms, beets, yams
Juice, especially 8-12 oz plastic bottles	Dish detergent
Pasta sauce (plastic jars or cans only, please!)	Deodorant
Granola bars	Shampoo
Baby and toddler foods	Diapers in size 4 or 5
Canned chicken, salmon, sardines, corned beef	Pet food
Shelf-stable dairy and non-dairy milks	
Cereal (single-serve & family size)	



THANK YOU to everyone who donates supplies or funds! Note: Tops shoppers can earn bonus gas points buying sale items in large quantities and BJs shoppers may save on gas by buying "high octane" items, frequently with a coupon!

Food donations can be placed in the two large clear bins in the back of the church outside the main entrance. Financial contributions can be made online at the church website, [uuamherst.org](http://uuamherst.org), by clicking the Donate button and selecting the Pantry option. Checks can also be sent to UUCA, 6320 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221. Please write "Pantry" in the Memo line.

For questions or comments please email [amherstlittlefreepantry@uuamherst.org](mailto:amherstlittlefreepantry@uuamherst.org).

Like us on Facebook: [amherstlittlefreepantry](https://www.facebook.com/amherstlittlefreepantry).



Just a reminder that Bob & Kathy Wack's granddaughter, Mariel Gousios, is collecting bottles and cans and donating the proceeds to the Pantry. Refund containers are now placed near the composit bins for CLEAN bottle and cans. Mariel has offered to pick up members' bottles & cans from their residences. If nterested, contact her at [refundthepantry@gmail.com](mailto:refundthepantry@gmail.com).



## Recruiting Ushers

Would you like to support the church on a regular basis, but not have to go to meetings? Then ushering is for you. We are seeking members who would like to usher one Sunday a month and for intermittent special occasions. No experience needed, just a cheerful demeanor and a wish to greet and guide parishioners one Sunday a month. Please contact Elaine Cusker at [ecusker@buffalo.edu](mailto:ecusker@buffalo.edu) or call 716-435-5348.

## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

In recognition of parents and school age kids being highly stressed with asynchronous and synchronous learning, I have touched base with former teachers to elicit support. One of the new challenges is that there needs to be a second adult on zoom per UUA guidelines for child and adult safety. In the short term, if you need support, please contact those below and we will work on creating a second adult or perhaps the parent or other adult could just hang out in the background with a good book. Here is where we are so far and thank you for your willingness to be in service!

Marlana Rice	Math Gr 7- Precalculus	Zoom, face time
Maggie Andrews	HS Eng. SS, French and counselling	Zoom, in person, phone
Sue Dubill	N-5 any subject	Email help desk
Betty Crump	Stress reduction, life skills/counselling	Zoom
John Thompson	Chemistry/Biology	Zoom
Wendy Scott	English and writing all levels	Zoom, in-person
Karen Thompson	N-5 any subject, HS Bio, MS Gen Sci.	In person, zoom
Les Buhite	MS, HS Social Studies, English	In person, zoom

++++If I missed you and you would like to help the community, please let me know and I am happy to add you. Karen Thompson

## COVID CORNER

Summer will officially end this month and the temperatures will decrease accordingly. The local Covid19 rate was around 3% the last time I checked, much better than the rate of 18% in some of the Southern states. What does that mean for our beloved church? The present plan is to continue in person and virtual services and scheduled meetings with Covid precautions in place. The truth is that we just don't know where Covid will take us this year. Schools will open, sporting events are scheduled, concerts are returning, restaurants are open for indoor service and patios will close in a few months. I am taking a cautious approach and wearing a mask in large groups or inside closed venues, even though they are not mandated. I have been vaccinated and still choose to be cautious. I am not angry that I "have" to wear a mask, I choose to in order to protect myself, my loved ones, and anyone I come in contact with. The thing is, we still are learning about Covid19, the virus is adapting to our world and doing a darn good job of it. We need to adapt also. Stay safe and enjoy the beautiful weather, wear a mask, wash your hands and protect yourself and others in the process.

—Barbara Gauger Kent



## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER RECIPES Provided by Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham

Christine Boczarska and Faith Pham are sisters and dedicated members of our Caring For One Another group. They provide occasional meals to church members on an as-needed basis. With the meal they generally include a “goodie bag” and a card on behalf of the Caring Group. They often submit healthy recipes for the monthly *Foreword*. The recipes are easy and usually use fresh vegetables.

### Vegetarian/Vegan Potato Salad

This is a recipe for a tasty potato salad that meets vegan requirements.

- 2 lbs mini potatoes, any variety
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup vinegar, any variety
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- Any added vegetables such as shredded carrots, chopped green onion, fresh peas, parsley etc. to your taste
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- 2 hard boiled eggs (optional)
- 1 Tbsp sweet or dill relish (optional)



Boil potatoes until done but firm. Keep skins on and slice in half to make bite-sized pieces. Chill.

Mix oil, vinegar and dry mustard and pour over chilled potatoes, celery and vegetables, mixing to blend.

Mix in relish, if using, salt and pepper to taste. Chill until ready to serve.

Vegetarians may wish to add boiled egg chunks or slices.

This is a refreshing summer potato salad that will not spoil or get runny in your picnic basket.



### UU AMHERST BOOK CLUB

The next time we will be meeting will be the last Sunday of the month, September 26th. We will be meeting in person in the church's Living Room at 12 noon. The topic will be mysteries. What fun it will be to see one another!



### BECOME A CHALICE LIGHTER

Becoming a Chalice Lighter is a way for UU church members to help fund the kind of grants that UU Amherst will be receiving to upgrade our technology. As a Chalice Lighter, you receive three calls a year. Any amount is welcome; \$20 per call is recommended. Helping neighboring congregations to realize their dream is a splendid way to cooperatively grow the faith. When you signup, you are joining with other churches that are part of the Central East Region (CER) to which we belong. To sign-up, simply go online to [www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicelighter/cerclsigup](http://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicelighter/cerclsigup)

## ENDOWMENT TRUST

Because the Endowment Trust is a separate entity from the church, the Trustees have specific **fiduciary responsibilities**, meaning we are bound ethically to act in the church's best interests. The Second Amended Declaration of Trust is a legal document that specifies how the Trust will be managed. We are in the process of printing that brochure with changes approved by the congregation at the past two annual meetings, and it will be available soon next to the Endowment Tree (which acknowledges donation milestones) in the church Atrium.

At **quarterly meetings**, your Endowment Trustees and a liaison from our church Board of Trustees consult with a **Certified Financial Planner, Michael Angelucci** of Level Financial Advisors, who was hired as professional advisor in 2013. (As a CFP, Mike is also duty-bound to act in each client's best fiduciary interests). Level uses Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. as custodian of our portfolio.

Your elected **TRUSTEES** serve five-year terms. The Trustees are **Joe Rautenstrauch**, who serves as Treasurer (term expiring in June 2023); **Elaine Cusker**, Recording Secretary (-2024); and **Lauraine Marcus**, Corresponding Secretary (-2025). Our fifth Trustee was elected at the 2021 annual meeting and serves at-Large--**John Thompson's** term runs through 2026.

**Emily Garrett** will be our Board liaison for 2021-2022.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 19**, in person at church. If you would like to attend, please contact me for details.

- Marie Evans, Chair, for Trustees Joe Rautenstrauch, Elaine Cusker, Lauraine Marcus, and John Thompson

## Jim Scott In Concert at UU Amherst

*"Gather the Spirit, harvest the power,  
Our separate fires will kindle one flame..."*

Do you recognize this beloved hymn? How about this one: "May your life be as a song, resounding with the dawn to sing awake the light..."

These are just two of Jim Scott's many original songs that UUs love to sing. Jim is a long-time UU (he describes himself as an original U - since his family was active in a Unitarian church before the merger that created UU), and a virtuoso guitarist and composer. Jim's love for the Earth and his faith community can be heard in every lyric and anecdote.



From his website: "Performing solo, Jim draws on his large and varied repertoire of songs. With virtuoso guitar work and an easy, honest presence, he delivers his musical message straight to minds and hearts. Jim's primary focus is delivering his themes of peace, justice, and care for the earth, but he's been known to digress into all genres from Jazz standards to just about anything."

Rev. Michelle and Les first met Jim in 1992 when he came to Jamestown Community College to stage the east coast premiere of his musical, *The Tree and Me*. *When he first arrived in Jamestown, he stayed with them, stretched out on the floor of their 2-year old daughter's nursery (he is very tall!). UU connections are long lasting!*

Weather permitting, we'll have a **Campfire Concert** in the Ecology Center behind the church, early in the evening on Saturday, October 2 (indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate), time to be determined soon, and Jim will join us again for worship on Sunday morning, October 3.

There is no admission fee - this is not a fundraiser - it is a FUN-raiser! Invite your friends! It's been a long time since Jim has passed this way in his musical travels - so don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy great music and good fellowship! Stay tuned as details are announced in the coming weeks.



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