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The Foreword



UU AMHERST

*Fostering Justice
and Compassion*

The Newsletter of the
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MINISTER'S HOURS

While Rev. Michelle is on sabbatical (May-August), there is a team managing her Pastoral and Sunday Worship activities. See contact information on page 2.

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 MAY AT 10:30 AM

Sunday Services are continuing as hybrid—both in-person and livestreamed. A link to our YouTube channel is available on our website. You can view the recorded service anytime on the channel. Invite friends and family to church! Remember that coffee hour follows with beverages, only; no food!

May 1st Lusty Month of May Rev. Amy Beltaine

May Day is celebrated on May 1st, a time of celebrating Spring and exchanging flowers with neighbors and friends. In earth-relating and deities-relating cultures of the Northern hemisphere, the themes of fertility, beauty, renewal, art and abundance were celebrated in festivals like Walpurgisnacht, Beltane, and Floralia. International Workers Day is May 1st as well. How can we embrace the beauty and emergence around us while remembering the work that we must do? See Rev. Beltaine's bio on page 11.

May 8th Mother, May I? Sabbatical Team

Can we nurture ourselves and Mother Earth in a reciprocal loving way?

May 15th Born of the Spirit Rev. Barry Zavah

This morning we shall explore certain universal principles involved in our free and responsible search for truth and meaning of life, in part through experiences of today's speaker. See Rev. Zavah's bio on page 11.

May 22nd A Practice of Interdependence Rev. Nathan Hollister

We Unitarian Universalists honor the 'interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.' Let us reflect upon what that looks like in our daily, lived lives. How might we further a deliberate practice of interdependence, both amongst ourselves and in the wider world? See Rev. Hollister's bio on page 11.

May 29th Letters Home: A Memorial Day Observance

Rev. Michelle and Les Buhite have created a touching service using soldiers' letters home in times of war from the Revolutionary War to the present.

See page 11 for Sunday Speaker information.



MINISTER’S CORNER

Hello Friends,

My sabbatical leave begins May 1st. From that time through August 31st, I will be unavailable to you - but I leave you in very capable hands. The Sabbatical Team is coordinating Sunday services, and I have every confidence that they will exceed your expectations.

As I move out of this space for a season, I have a favor to ask of you. Show up. “Shared Ministry” is a myth without you. Show up on Sundays - not just to take in an interesting talk, but to engage with one another, with ideas, and with your inner wisdom and vulnerability. Be of service. Make coffee, push in chairs, plant & tend

the church gardens and your own soul. As I noted in a recent sermon, we’re out of practice after two years of pandemic pandemonium. Exercise your church muscles and resume your part in the dance we do. If you move in as I move back, we’ll find the balance that UU Amherst needs and deserves.

I look forward to returning to you rested and ready to begin the next chapter of our shared ministry.

Warmly,
Rev. Michelle

Dear Friends,

Rev. Michelle has embarked on her Sabbatical Leave. During these four months, she will recuperate from knee replacement surgery, read, study, write and maybe “squeeze in a little travel,” to return rested and ready to rejoin us in shared ministry.

Your Sabbatical Team will attend to Pastoral and Sunday Worship responsibilities during Rev. Michelle’s absence. She has graciously provided this team and the congregation with a line-up of guests who will join us either virtually or in person each Sunday. Sunday Services will continue to be both in-person and live streamed based upon the determination of the Medical Team. And of course, we will continue our work on Church in 3-D – DISCERNMENT as well as preparing for the Living Green Festival. Let’s go Goats!

For your reference, meet your Sabbatical Team and each person’s area of focus:

Rev. Lisa Peterangelo	Pastoral Care	pete230237@gmail.com
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Hella Jacob	Guest Speaker Honoraria	hellajacob@me.com

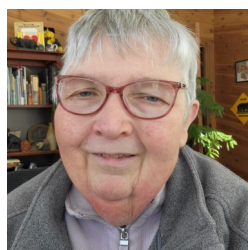
*This is in addition to Angela’s regular responsibilities as Director of Faith Development.

Directing Questions: If you are unsure of how to direct your questions you may email the whole team at uuca-sabbatical@googlegroups.com. As always, administrative questions should be directed to Elaine in the office at administrator@uuamherst.org.

We are looking forward to serving you during the next four months.



Rev. Lisa Peterangelo



Lauraine Marcus



Hella Jacob



Angela Warren



Nancy Faery

BOARD REPORT

Hi, Everyone!

It is so hard to believe that the church program year is coming to a close just when we are getting closer to fully re-opening. It was so wonderful to see people together having coffee in the Emerson Room the last two weeks! In the days and weeks ahead, there are many changes in the wind. Rev. Michelle will be on sabbatical from May 1 thru August 31st. Thank you to the Sabbatical team for helping to make this time run more smoothly.



Annual Meeting. NYS law prevents us, as a religious institution, from having a hybrid annual meeting. To make sure that we are all inclusive, we are having a 100% virtual (on-line) Annual Meeting. If you are aware of people who do not have computer or phone access to the internet, please invite them to watch with you. If you are someone who cannot find someone to watch with, please let me (Karen Thompson) know and I will try and assist you. The Annual Meeting will be at noon on June 12th. The link will follow as we get closer.



We are going to have a pre-meeting on the Sunday before, June 5th, to answer questions, inform you of what areas will need to be voted on and we will follow up with a picnic to celebrate coming through the pandemic and being together as a community once again. We are working on the details, so stay tuned!

The Generosity drive still continues. Looking at the big picture without the fund raising and rentals, we have tapped into our reserves. We had presented a deficit budget the last two years. There will be no payroll protection program grants to help ease the financial struggles. We are asking people to give 60% of last years' year-long pledge for the six-month budget period with a second pledge drive in the fall for the following year. With escalating costs and no other income, we are in deficit again. This pattern is not sustainable. Please consider increasing your pledge

Some good news. We will be voting on the expenditure for the sign and the project will hopefully be moving forward more rapidly. Even though the money was raised for these specific projects, the congregation needs to vote on the expenditure according to the bylaws. The funds donated were designated for these projects and cannot be used any other way. The Living Green Festival for the fall is being planned and the Green Justice Team is working diligently to bring in great speakers, a basket raffle, the goats and much more.

Coffee hour needs volunteers. The bottom line is, if we want coffee etc. we need to have people to make it and clean up. There will be no snacks until the medical team allows it. Snacks may be served at Memorial Services. That said, coffee hour should be much simpler so do volunteer. It is a great way to work together and get to know new friends. Also, Elaine Cusker, John and I have donated coffee urns and cold drink dispensers.

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You will have a new board and a new chair after the June meeting. Thank you for the honor of leading through these tumultuous times (i.e., pandemic). You have been amazingly supportive and it is deeply appreciated. Finishing their terms in June will be Don Tucker, Laurie Kasnicki and myself. There is much to look forward to in the days ahead! Please continue to support your leaders. They give tirelessly and are committed to the success of our church community.

With appreciation,
Karen Thompson, Chair
On behalf of the
UUAmherst Board of Trustees



Karen Thompson



Don Tucker



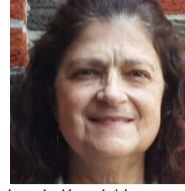
Bruce Becker



Linda Gardner



Emily Garrett



Laurie Kasnicki



Jeanine Moyer

Candidates for Leadership Positions

As required by the UUCA Bylaws, the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee have submitted to the Board the following list of candidates for the open leadership positions for 2022-23. The board approved the slate of candidates at the March meeting to be presented to the congregation for the vote on June 12th at the (virtual) Annual Meeting.

Board of Trustees (3 openings)

Randy Kent
Tom Langan
Bob Johnson

Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (3 openings)

Jackie Senders
Marjorie Buscher
Marlana Rice

Endowment Trust (1 opening)

Dorothy Reade



NYS law prevents religious institutions from having a hybrid annual meeting. So, the board has decided to go 100% virtual so that all can be included on June 12th via zoom. To open the opportunities for people to see the budget ahead of time and ask questions as well as to see the bylaw changes that will be needed, we will have an after -service meeting followed by a picnic on June 5th.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Dear UU Amherst Members and Friends,

Our first spring All Church FD Activity didn't end up outside, but it was still a wonderful collaboration. Eggs were donated from our church friends Itzel Orduna and her son Iam Mercado who raise a small number of chickens at their home in Clarence. Eileen McCallister donated eggs as well, as did a friend of mine with some farming connections. One Red Egg helped illustrate our Time for All Ages on Easter Sunday. It was great to have a number of friends of all ages engaged in activity and conversation.

Your FD Team will be busy selecting other fun and educational activities for all through the spring and summer, while we all get into the practice of being in physical proximity to one another again. Watch for details about our meeting times and upcoming plans in the *Weekly Update* that comes out each Friday afternoon. Not on the list? Email Elaine at administrator@uuamherst.org to be added. Thanks to Elaine for keeping us all "in the know" each week!

In Service,
Angela Warren, UU Amherst Director of Faith Development



Church in 3-Ds: Discovery, Discernment, Design: UU Amherst Faith Development for All 2022

Our second trimester of Discernment begins this month as Reverend Michelle embarks on her sabbatical. Let's begin this Discernment within the context of May's Soul Matters theme of Nurturing Beauty: "How can we each nurture the beauty we find here at UU Amherst? How might our individual talents and vocation contribute to this collective nurturing?"

Green Justice Team

Your UU Amherst Green Justice Team meets virtually on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. See the *Weekly Update* for details. Jeanine Moyer is your Team lead, and is still in search of a co-leader. There will be increased communication needs as we approach our newly re-scheduled Green Living Festival coming up on the weekend of September 9 to 11, 2022. We are particularly seeking someone who has experience in communications / marketing / event planning during the next few seasons. Contact Jeanine at jeanine.moyer@gmail.com to volunteer.

You may have noticed an increase in activity in the front of the church these past couple of weeks. With the help of a young community member and designated Green 3-Foci funds, we have been able to begin to expand our hands-on food justice initiatives. Interested in getting dirty while serving your church and the wider community? You may contact Angela to find out what is needed. Recently, she has been staying in contact with people from the Buffalo Food Equity Network, a BIPOC* coalition that formed Seeding Resilience during the pandemic. An Accountability Group of allies is still in its formative stage. More committed participants are welcome to join us! That group meets via zoom each first Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

*Black, Indigenous & People of Color

MAY 2022 CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: In person meetings are now able to resume. Some will continue to be virtual-only; others will be hybrid (Zoom and in-person); and some in-person only. See the notation after the meeting. Zoom links for general church groups are published in the *Weekly Update* unless they are hosted on a private account. Zoom events taking place in the Zadmin, Zfd, or Zrev rooms are identified with the abbreviation.

The Return of Coffee Hour

Our fellowship time over a beverage has returned, but food during coffee hour has not. The potential for exposure to the Covid virus is directly linked to the amount of time we linger at the table. Unless it is a church activity (picnic or special event), we will not be including snacks at coffee hour. Thanks for understanding.

Sunday, May 1st (monthly 1st Sun)

11:45 am: Little Free Pantry Meeting LR & Zoom

Tuesday, May 3rd (monthly 1st Tues)

7:00 pm: Talk Back with Board Zoom

Sunday, May 8th (monthly 2nd Sun)

11:30 am: Poetry as Practice LR & Zoom

Tuesday, May 10th (monthly 2nd Tues)

7:00 pm: Board Meeting EM

Wednesday, May 11th (monthly 2nd Weds)

1:30 pm: Caring Team DR

7:30 pm: Green Justice Team Zoom

Sunday, May 15th (monthly 3rd Sun)

11:30 am: FD Team Meeting Zoom

Wednesday, May 18th (monthly 3rd Wed)

1:00 pm: 3rd Wednesday Covenant Group Zoom

5:00 pm: Finance Committee EM

7:00 pm: Bofinger Covenant Group Zoom

Thursday, May 19th (monthly 3rd Thu)

7:00 pm: Ministry Council Zoom

Thursday, May 26th (monthly 4th Thu)

7:00 pm: Covenant Group EM

Sunday, May 29th (monthly 4th Sun)

12:00 pm: UU Amherst Book Group LR & Zoom

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RECURRING:

UU Universe-ity Sunrise Sessions continue M-W and F, 8:30 am. A new discussion group starts on Thursdays at 8:30 am. See box below.

Saturdays, May 7th-28th

9:30 am: Shared Caring Circle Zoom Zrev

7:00 pm: Birch Bunch Zoom Zadmin

Sundays, May 1st-29th

10:30: Church service—in-person and livestream
Coffee Hour following

Mondays, May 2nd-30th

7:00 pm: Lighthearted Larches (5/9; 5/23)

D. Tucker

7:00 pm: Tulip Crabapple Zadmin (weekly)

L. Marcus

7:30 pm: Marvelous Maples (5/9; 5/23)

D. Bofinger

Tuesdays, May 3rd-31st

12:30 pm: Women's Study Group — EM

Wednesdays, May 4th-25th

10:00 am: Sabbatical Team Meeting Zoom

10:30 am: Willow Village Zadmin (2nd & 4th Weds: 5/11 & 5/25) J. Senders

7:00 pm: Sage Circle Zfd (2nd & 4th Weds: 5/11 & 5/25) S. Christ

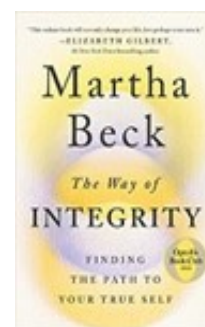
7:00 pm: Northtowns Village (5/18)

Thursdays, May 5th-26th

8:30 am: Way of Integrity Discussion Group Zoom

12:00 pm: Lunch with Friends Zadmin Zoom

**The Way of Integrity Discussion Group
Thursdays, 8:30 am**



Contact Lauraine Marcus if you would like a PDF copy of the book that can be read on a computer. See the *Weekly Update* for Zoom link (same as the Sunrise Sessions).

MINISTRY COUNCIL

The Ministry Council meets via Zoom on the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you'd like to attend the meeting, contact Lauraine Marcus (cornell_marcus@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link. No proposals for new ministries will be entertained during Rev. Michelle's sabbatical.



CERSI—CENTRAL EAST SUMMER INSTITUTE 2022 July 10-16, California University of Pennsylvania

2022 theme speaker will be Kazim Ali, focuses on "Questioning the Unquestionable, Answering the Unanswerable."

Registration starts March 1st; 50% deposit is required at the time of registration—the remainder of fees are due on the first day of the SI registration. There are partial week and full week options with a choice of workshop and seminars. Some programs will be available online.

UU Amherst's own Kim Diana Connolly will be presenting the topic: "Circling Together: Using the Practice to Enrich and Restore Your Home, Your Church, Your Community, and Our World."

Scholarships available. For more information and to register, go to: CERSIUU.org

UU AMHERST BOOK GROUP

Book Club meets the last Sunday of the month during the church year (September through May), at noon. We've been doing hybrid meetings with some participants in person in the church Living Room and others joining by Zoom. We alternate monthly between a common read and a topic (where participants choose their own book on a specific theme).

For May 29, we're all reading *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan.

Lending Library

Check out the Lending Library in the glass curio cabinet at the north end of the Emerson Room (when building is open). Sign out whatever you'd like in the spiral notebook.

(Secular novels and books about social justice issues can be found in the church Living Room on the Bookshelves.)

Contributing to UU Amherst

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**
4. Mailing a check [remember to fill in the Memo]
5. There is the traditional Sunday Plate
6. Don't forget Legacy Giving – in your will

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?

Email: 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

THEATER LOVERS —Marie Evans

I've received the individual discount ticket order form for Jewish Repertory Theatre's final production for the 2021-22 season, **Modern Orthodox**. The show opens May 5 and closes May 29. Please call or email me and I can send the form via email or postal mail.

Our group outing will be **Sunday, May 22**, for the 2:00 pm matinee performance, followed by dinner at Lebro's restaurant (pay-your-own-way). Let me know by noon on Friday, May 20, if you'd like to be included in the dinner reservation.

This hilarious and heartfelt comedy tells the story of Ben Jacobson, an Upper West Side financial consultant ready to propose to his long-time girlfriend Hannah, and Herschel Klein, an Orthodox diamond dealer tasked with selling Ben an engagement ring. After a fateful first meeting, Herschel becomes entangled in the lives of Ben and Hannah for better or worse. Initially Ben and Herschel's differing views on their shared religion divides them, but as both men struggle with romantic relationships and faith an unexpected bond is forged between them in their pursuit of love.

Directed by Steve Vaughan

Starring: Robyn Braun, Kayla Storto, RJ Voltz, and Adam Yellen

Marie Evans, (716) 636-5770, evans.marie@gmail.com

AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY

"Category of the Month" : Pasta Sauce and Boxed Juices and Milk

Category of the Month means the Pantry has a shortage of those particular items. However, ALL food and personal care donations are gratefully received **at any time**. We currently have an over abundance of macaroni and cheese, soup, canned beans as well as green beans, carrots, and mixed vegetables.



The collection bins for recycling will be put out again starting May 1st.

Bob & Kathy Wack's granddaughter, Mariel Gousios, will continue to pick up members' CLEAN bottles & cans from their residences.

If interested, contact her at refundthepantry@gmail.com.

Special Donation! A big thank you to Williamsville resident, Danielle Hartman, who started a year-long drive to collect feminine hygiene products with friends and chose the Little Free Pantry as the recipient. Pictured are the donated items before Danielle boxed them up for delivery last month, You can find her on Facebook @kindnessamplified.



—Cheryl Tomasulo, cftomasulo@gmail.com

ENDOWMENT TRUST

Endowment received an unexpected, unrestricted use grant of \$4,783.03 in April through the generosity of the **Evelyn T. Watson Fund for the Promotion and Advancement of "Historical Phases of Prophetic Teaching" at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**. THANK YOU to the advisor to the fund who recommended this grant, **Virginia M. Snider**.

Our Endowment continues to perform well in this volatile financial market. The value of our investments has fallen some after a peak of \$1,198,588.02 last April. As of March 31 (end of the first quarter of 2022), our investments are worth \$1,090,701.75 and we have \$11,925.87 in cash deposits (Schwab money market and Citizens Bank checking).

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

Ways to donate to ET:

- A. 0.5% of the price of your eligible **AmazonSmile** purchases (regular Amazon prices / no cost to you)
- B. Direct donations by check, online giving through the church website, forwarding investment income, gifts of stock, or a bequest in your will.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION

Our committee members were pleased to meet with our Board of Trustees (BoT) on March 18th. At this time we experienced The Circle Way as we discussed the Proposed Eighth Principle. BoT members expressed appreciation in using The Circle Way that encouraged quieter members to convey their ideas. Discussion involved acceptance of one another's ideas and inspired other ways to view the proposal.

As the church year closes CoM is busily preparing for a new year. We are seeking the next member for our committee as Suzanne rotates off. Diane Bofinger, a member since the start of CoM will be taking the position as Chair, and Marjorie Marcille will take over Diane's duties as scribe. Jeanine Moyer who has been on this committee for two years as a member from the Board, still has one more year on the Board and we are hopeful she can continue with us as her contributions have been immeasurable. We are in discussion as to which team we will contact next for work on their mission statement and goals. Also, it is time to visit the teams with whom we have already collaborated to look at their success in reaching their goals and if there is anything else our committee or the church community can do to help in their achievements. We are in the mist of a busy Spring sprouting new ideas and endeavors!

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Christ, CoM Chair

CLOTHING MINISTRY

The Clothing Ministry had a very successful mini clothes drive on Sunday, April 10th. Thank you to everyone who donated, we now have a large selection of Spring/Summer clothing for our ministry. We did a seasonal change, so the Winter clothing is stored and Spring clothing is on the rack. We also did a cleaning of the outside area where our items are available to the community. Donation bins can be found in the main lobby coat room and upstairs in the FD wing. Clean, gently used clothing is needed, as well as pant and skirt hangers. We can also arrange pickup if you are not coming into the church. Thank you again for your support of this ministry.

—Dian and Don Tucker, Pam and Jerry Kent, Barbara and Barry 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. Each month you’ll find one of their healthy recipes here in *The Foreword* often incorporating fresh vegetables and even gluten-free.

Grilled Chicken Breast

1 Chicken breast sliced in half lengthwise
Salt Pepper Olive oil or spray

Pound the two slices of chicken to an even thickness with a mallet or rolling pin (covering with waxed paper makes it tidier). Season with salt and pepper. Spray a pan or add one tablespoon of olive oil and heat on medium high heat. Add the flattened chicken and brown on both sides. This takes about 3 to 4 minutes. Do not overcook.

Asparagus with Cashews

1 lb asparagus washed and bottoms trimmed
1/2 cup toasted, unsalted cashews
2 Tbsp cornstarch
1 cup vegetable broth
1/4 cup sherry or white wine

Place asparagus in a microwave safe dish and set aside.

Toast cashews until lightly brown and sprinkle over asparagus.

In a saucepan add the cornstarch to the vegetable broth and stir until dissolved. Cook this over medium heat until thickened and then stir in the sherry. Pour over the asparagus and cashews and microwave to your preference of doneness. We usually cook on high for five minutes.



COVID CORNER

Covid fatigue has infiltrated New York State! I just read that there are 2 new Omicron variants based on the BA2 variety that are widely infecting the Finger Lakes area. Did you know that the only mask found to be effective against these new varieties is the KN95 or N95 type? Masks of any sort are no longer required inside unless you are on public transport. I, for one, am pleased the public transport requirement is still in effect as I am taking a 9 hour train ride next week and then I need to present a negative Covid test to embark on my cruise. I intend to wear my KN95 mask whenever I enter a building or am in close contact with anyone outside my bubble. Is this overkill? Not for me, but it may be for you. UU Amherst no longer mandates masks inside although they are recommended. There will be coffee, but no snacks during coffee hour after service. Social distance will no longer be enforced in the buildings. If you feel the need to mask up and social distance, we will not prevent you from doing so. Our new normal is a fluid response to our public health situation. If you are not vaccinated and you haven’t gotten a booster (or two), I highly recommend that you do. It is the best thing you can do to keep yourself out of the hospital ICU when Covid comes knocking at your door. We have come a long way in the past 2 years. Enjoy the warmer weather and hope to see you at church.

—Barbara Gauger Kent

SUNDAY SERVICE GUEST SPEAKERS



Rev. Amy Beltaine Biography May 1st Service

Reverend Amy Beltaine provides a UU ministry of spiritual mentoring through individual and group appointments, Sunday services, rites, and rituals. Helping friends and family of the oppressed to break open instead of being broken by the pain in the world. When (spouse) Hawthorne and Amy are not pulling their little home behind them, they are at home in Portugal or in Portland, Oregon. A graduate of Meadville Lombard School for the Ministry, Amy is on the coordinating committee of the UU Spiritual Directors' Network and chair of the Spiritual Direction program at Cherry Hill Seminary. Amy is a nearly life-long earth-honoring Process Pan-en-theist...and... aspires to become a *Love-Ninja*. Connect with Amy at <http://amybeltaine.info>.

Rev. Barry Zavah Biography May 15th Service

Rev. Barry Abraham Zavah is an Ordained Priest of the Order of Melchizedek and long-time friend and former member of the UUCA. Barry joined in 1982, served on the Board, headed UUSC/Social Concerns, the Annual Canvass, Welcoming Committee, attended EAGLES (former St. Lawrence District's Leadership School), provided lay worship service-sermons during summers and more.

Crediting UUCA and UUism for so many positives in his life, regretting only having to resign UUCA for UUA accounting purposes when moving to Alpine, TX in 2008 and joining a local UU Fellowship. Barry looks forward to returning to Buffalo-Western NY in his 105,000+ miles traveled RV (seeing all but New England and Eastern Canada) and attending UUCA – in-part to be assured his blue name tag is still there at the bottom, right corner of the board.

Rev. Nathan Hollister Biography May 22nd Service

Rev. Nathan Hollister is a third generation Unitarian Universalist whose grandparents founded four of our congregations. He has been a community organizer for over 20 years, and has been active nationally in our faith since he was a teenager. He serves as adjunct faculty at Meadville Lombard, from which he graduated in 2013. “Nato” also leads the ministry of Sacred Fire Unitarian Universalist, which plants and grows covenanted communities, and which trains and equips our congregations to be more effective and impactful in their work for racial and social justice. He lives in central North Carolina, and spends his extra time fomenting rebellious communities, playing in punk and metal bands, and competing in the Highland Games.



BECOME A CHALICE LIGHTER

A chalice lighter responds to three calls a year for contributions that are pooled to fund special grants for UU churches in the Central East Region (CER). Contributions can be in any amount-\$20 or more per call is recommended, but whatever you can afford will be thankfully accepted. As our congregation is receiving a grant of \$20,000 to upgrade our technology, you can see how your contributions are valuable. Helping neighboring congregations to realize their dreams is a splendid way to cooperatively grow the faith. To sign up just go on line to: www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicelighter/cerclisignup

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