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The Foreword



UU AMHERST

*Fostering Justice
and Compassion*

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The Language of Gender; Gender Equality New York to Speak at UU Amherst

Sunday, November 17th 12:00 pm
Emerson Room

We're thrilled to announce that Juli Grey-Owens from Gender Equality of New York will be coming to speak on November 17th. Gender Equality New York, Inc. (GENY) is a statewide, incorporated non-profit whose mission is to support transgender, gender non-binary and intersex New Yorkers and their families.



Juli will be providing the sermon on Sunday at the 10:30 am service and speaking from 12 noon-1:45 pm in the Emerson Room with a 15 minute break at 12:45 pm. She'll be exploring the topics of gender vs. assigned sex at birth, pronouns and more.

As the Executive Director and founder of GENY, Juli works tirelessly to pass necessary legislation, provide opportunities for community members to connect, and to educate the public by organizing and delivering "Trans 101" sessions across the state. She has provided training for health care providers, government agencies, police departments, school personnel and camp directors.

As UUs, our values grounded in social justice call us to learn more about these topics and issues. Please RSVP (before or day of) on the sheet in the vestibule located on the Faith Development board.

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.*



Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd, by 2:00 am (or before going to bed on Saturday night) so you won't be late for service!



MINISTER’S CORNER

Dear Friends,

This month we consider our Unitarian Universalist value of Generosity. At this time when we traditionally consider the blessings in our lives, I wonder if we might think about Generosity in relationship with Reciprocity.

Does that sound transactional? “You give me some, and I’ll give you some”? I wonder if we aren’t a bit hardwired to think about reciprocity in that light - maybe it is part of a survival mechanism that protected our ancestors and made it possible for their lineage to extend to this time in history.

I would argue that generosity and reciprocity are not transactional; they are relational. Recently we have sung the little ditty in our gray hymnal (SLT 402) that acknowledges: *From you I receive. To you I give. Together we share - and from this we live.* My family has sung this as a table grace for over 30 years, and I anticipate teaching our grandchildren this simple way of showing gratitude and acknowledging the complex web of relationship between us, between us and the many hands that plant, pick, prepare, and share the food we enjoy, and between all of Life and this beautiful Earth that nurtures and sustains us, and that will receive us back to Herself when Life has used us up.

I invite you to look for opportunities to be generous, to give and receive, to discover how our lives are enriched by participating in the ebb and flow of our circumstances. Each one of us is the product of generations of love and courage; may we carry that forward to our descendants.

Always,
Rev. Michelle

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:30 AM

11/3 Lock, Stock and Barrel

john Snodgrass

Some species of animal will accept humans as part of their community, and this has made these "livestock" animals vulnerable to domestication and exploitation. But the bonds between herders and animals have also produced powerful religious symbols of protection and care.

john (lower case intentional) Snodgrass is a frequent and popular speaker at UU Amherst. An instructor in Religion at Canisius University, john is also a playwright and author of many books, the most recent being *Shakespeare’s Goddess*.

11/10 Living a Mission of Compassion & Justice

Rev. Michelle

11/17 The Language of Gender

Juli Grey-Owens, Guest Speaker

Juli Grey-Owens from Gender Equality New York will explore the underlying reasons for intense cultural and personal beliefs directed at those who do not conform to traditional gender norms. See bio on page 1.

11/24 So Much Gratitude

Rev. Michelle

This will be a multi-generational, family-friendly service.

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, 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.

BOARD REPORT

As I write this in mid-October, I am looking back on the largest and best organized Living Green Festival we've ever had. It wouldn't have happened without the drive of the organizers like Karen Thompson and Wendy Scott as well as the participation of so many members of our community.

I see it as a demonstration of the renewed energy and optimism that we have seen building here as we emerged from the challenges of the pandemic, again able to get things done and move forward. Speaking of the pandemic, we owe our gratitude to our leaders that kept us going during those difficult years when we could not have live services or on-site events.



Recently we have seen more people become members and sign the book than has happened in some time. We had our first dedication ceremony for a child since before the pandemic and we are now fortunate to have a new Faith Development Director, Katie Cosgrove. We are now better able to attract and retain families with young children as they search for a church with family-oriented programs.

We intend to continue the renewal of our congregation and our campus and for that we need your financial support.

Late October sees the beginning of the Generosity Drive, where we ask everyone to make a financial pledge of support to provide the funds that, along with a generous annual contribution from the Endowment Trust, make up our operating budget. The funds raised tell us what we are able to provide for the upcoming year. Among other things, it allows us to pay for the salaries of our employees, fees for musicians and guest speakers, and all the essentials of maintaining our facilities from snow plowing and utilities, to insurance and monthly costs for sanitation, cleaning services, and much more.

In order to continue the progress we are making in our renewal, we are asking you all to increase your pledges by 10% to provide us with the funds we need to do that. I'd be happy to provide further information or answer any questions you might have.

It's always good to have something to look forward to and I'm looking forward to celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the founding of our church which brought forth a wonderful congregational community that continues to this day. On Saturday, November 9th, we will have a reception, dinner and program as part of this celebration. Tickets are available now: see the back of this newsletter for information on how to purchase. The following Sunday, November 10th, our service will also focus on our 70th Anniversary.

I hope to see you all at both events.

Randy Kent, Board Chair (linrkent@yahoo.com)

Coordination of Caretaker Duties—November

Sunday, October 27 - Saturday, November 2 - Don & Dian Tucker
Sunday, November 3 - Saturday, November 9 - Bob Johnson
Sunday, November 10 - Saturday, November 16 - Barry Kent
Sunday, November 17 - Saturday, November 23 - Bruce Becker
Sunday, November 24 - Saturday, November 30 - Randy Kent

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

October brought in the largest group of youth for the Sunday program since I've arrived! It was magical. This month, as we gear up for the infamous turkey day, we'll be exploring themes of generosity and thankfulness. If possible, it would be wonderful if all parents could bring the youth's coats to the Faith Development room going forward before service in case we decide on an impromptu playground adventure (Montessori style!).

And now... for our big news!



Hello, Molly!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome our newest Childcare Assistant, Molly Breen. Molly is an Early Childhood Education major at Niagara University and has ample experience as a camp counselor and childcare provider. Molly will be assisting on Sundays and helping plan the Faith Development Program. Make sure to give Molly a warm UU welcome.

Genders & Sexualities Alliance Club

Gender & Sexualities Club, GSA for short, are student-run organizations that unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities. We're aiming to provide a safe space for these youth during the upcoming winter break. If you know anyone who would be interested in joining the club or becoming club leadership, please refer them to KatieCosgrove: dfd@uuamherst.org.



In community,
Katie Cosgrove
she/her
Director of Faith Development



Hearts & Hands Share the Offering - Through November

It is our custom each autumn to share the offering with Hearts & Hands: Faith in Action. We have been participating with Hearts & Hands for years - with congregational folk giving of their time to call or visit an elder who needs support, as well as driving them to appointments or just to get some groceries. In our area, where transportation can be particularly challenging for elders, Hearts & Hands has created a beautiful web of reciprocity by training volunteers and then helping to connect them with the people who need a friend to help them get along with day-to-day appointments.

Michael Murphy (from Hearts & Hands) will be joining us on November 10 to explain a bit more about how this “neighbors helping neighbors” relationship works, and how we can participate. One of the very important ways we participate is through the gift of sharing our offering throughout the month of November.

Simply make checks out to: UU Amherst, with “Hearts & Hands” in the memo line. Or if you wish to give cash, place it in an envelope (available at the little desk by the Joys & Concerns candles) and write “Hearts & Hands” on the envelope. That’s it! Only checks or cash that are explicitly designated will go to support this important work. All other funds received in the offering will be applied to your pledges of financial support to the congregation.

UU AMHERST BOOK GROUP

UU Amherst's Book Club meets in the church Library/Living Room at noon on the last Sunday of the month (September through May). We alternate between picking a general TOPIC for the month (for which participants can choose any relevant book they'd like to read), and choosing one "common read" BOOK. All are welcome to attend our meetings, whether or not you've "done the reading."

October 27 TOPIC: Disability

November 24 BOOK: *HAGITUDE: Reimagining the Second Half of Life*, by Sharon Blackie

December 29 TOPIC: Humor (extra credit if it's also about Family)

Questions? Contact Marie Evans

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



THEATER LOVERS

Jewish Repertory Theatre's season begins with an exclusive regional premier of "a genre-defying true story of a reluctant World War II hero and Holocaust witness" - ***Remember This: The Lesson of Jan Karski***. The show will run October 31 - November 24. Our group outing will be Sunday, November 10, to attend the matinee performance then go to dinner together at Lebro's Restaurant. Be sure to mail in your ticket order by November 1, and let me know by noon on Friday, November 8 if you want to join the dinner reservation. The discount ticket order forms (for the group date or any Thursday or Sunday performance) are available in the lobby at the bottom of the Church Life bulletin board, or contact me to send it by email. The price will remain the same as last year, \$30 per ticket (about 40% less than box office purchase).

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



AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported our Witch Dance on October 19. We were delighted to have Be Witched Buffalo join us this year.

New volunteers are needed for both long and short-term commitments, for either on-site or at-home tasks. To learn more, attend our monthly meeting on Sunday, December 1, at noon in the Library/Living Room, or contact Cheryl Tomasulo about coming to an orientation session on Sunday, December 8, at noon.

Questions? Contact Marie Evans, pantry Chair

Please note: If you are approached at church by someone asking for money, please direct them to Rev. Michelle for assistance from the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Contributing to the fund is our shared ministry to help those in need.

Did you know that we have a gender-neutral restroom? This private restroom can be found on the second level of the house portion of our building. If you're offering a tour to a newcomer, be sure to mention that we have this accommodation.

NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE: Some meetings are virtual-only; others are dual platform (Zoom and in-person); and some in-person only. See the notation after the meeting. Zoom links for general groups are published in the *Weekly Update* unless they are hosted on a private account. Zoom events taking place in the Zadmin or Zrev rooms are identified with the abbreviation.

Room abbreviations: EM (Emerson Room); LR Living Room); Bul (Bulfinch-FD Wing); EC (Ecology Center); Murray Meeting Room (MMR)

Saturday, November 2nd

10:00 am: Lace Guild BUL

10:30 am: Havurah Service Chapel

Sunday, November 3rd

12:00 pm: Amherst Little Free Pantry Meeting LR

Wednesday, November 6th

7:00 pm: Post-Election Gathering MMR

Saturday, November 9th

12:30 pm: Eckankar (rental) LR

5:00 pm 70th Anniversary Dinner EM

Sunday, November 10th

12:00 pm: Poetry as Practice LR

Wednesday, November 13th

5:30 pm: Finance Committee MMR

Saturday, November 16th

10:00 am: Justice Advocacy MMR

12:30 pm: Insight Series EM

Sunday, November 17th

12:00 pm: Faith Development MMR

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00 pm: Board Meeting MMR

Sunday, November 24th

12:00 pm: UU Amherst Book Group LR

Sunday, November 28th

12:30 pm: Thanksgiving with Friends EM

RECURRING:

UU Universe-ity Sunrise Sessions continues M-F 8:30 am.

All "tree" names are for Village groups

Saturdays, November 2nd-30th

7:00 pm: Birch Bunch Zadmin

Sundays, November 3rd-24th

10:30 am: Sunday service—in-person and livestream; coffee hour following

Mondays, November 4th-25th

Weekly

7:00 pm: Tulip Crabapples L. Marcus Zadmin

11/11 & 11/25

7:30 pm: Marvelous Maples Zoom

Tuesdays, November 5th-26th

11/5

12:30 pm: Women's Group Lunch EM

11/12-11/26

12:30 pm: Women's Group (weekly) Zoom

Wednesdays, November 6th-27th

11/13

1:30 pm: Caring Team Zoom

7:00 pm: Marlana's Covenant Group LR

11/20 (3rd Wed)

1:00 pm: 3rd Wednesday Covenant Group Zoom

7:00 pm: Bofinger Covenant Group Zoom

7:00 pm: Northtowns Village Zoom

Thursdays, November 7th-28th

Weekly

10:00 am: Current Events (weekly) Zoom

11/7 (1st Thr)

12:00 pm: Men's Lunch (aka ROMEOS)
(Buffalo Brew Pub)

Reminder: Groups, please restore rooms before leaving. Return chairs to their places and take any papers (etc) with you or dispose of them properly.

Kitchen Storage: All opened packages must be enclosed in plastic containers or Ziplock bags before placing in cupboards.

Ministry Train Update

All aboard the Ministry Train! Truly, all are welcome to attend the meetings that bring the various areas of ministry together for mutual support, encouragement, and generating new ideas to enhance our connections and live into our mission as a congregation. The next meeting is Saturday, December 7, 9:30 am-12 noon in the Emerson Room at church.

Tuesday Women's Group—November

This month our in-person meeting will be Tuesday, November 5th. We will meet in the Emerson Room at 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and a beverage. Other meeting dates via Zoom are: November 12th, 19th, and 26th. See the *Weekly Update* for Zoom link and pass code.

Men's Lunch—November (aka ROMEOS)

The UU Amherst's Men's Lunch (aka ROMEOS) meets every month on the first Thursday at the Buffalo Brew Pub. Come and enjoy good conversation, food, and drink. We meet at 12 noon and stay as long as conversation and schedules guide. We discuss a wide range of topics driven by interests and events of the day.



Thanksgiving with Friends

It has become our tradition to offer a potluck lunch on Thanksgiving Day. We will continue that tradition, Thursday 11/28 at 12:30 pm. You can sign up using the link in the *Weekly Update* or at the Welcome Table in the church lobby with a dish to pass and number attending. **Please RSVP by 11/20.**

December Family Game Night & Potluck Cancelled

Watch for future dates!

MINISTRY & MORE

Music at UU Amherst

Choir Call-Out & Rehearsals

If you are a singer in search of a song, join the choir! Questions? Contact Linda Delorey (lmscapecod@yahoo.com) (note that the first letter is a lower-case "L") for information.

Instrumentalists Wanted

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be part of a pick-up ensemble or even a soloist? Great! Contact Rev. Michelle (minister@uuamherst.org).

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Looking Ahead to Sunday, December 1st

The morning service will be an All-Souls remembrance service, "Evergreen." All are invited to bring photos and mementos to add to a shared altar as we honor and bless those who have touched our lives and are no longer with us.

Save the Date: Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, December 24th at 3:00 pm

At this busy and dark time of year, it is a challenge to find the perfect time to gather on Christmas Eve. Many of our elders don't drive after dark, yet we look forward to the ambiance of a dark candle lit space as we sing "Silent Night." Understanding that some folks will still be doing last-minute shopping, or preparations for family or guests, or the many other things that demand our attention, our Christmas Eve service will be held in the late afternoon. There will be coffee, tea, and cocoa to go with whatever holiday goodies you might contribute to a time of fellowship and sweetness following the service.



Weekly Zoom Thursdays, 10:00 am

Taking action to make the world a better place is the hope of us all, but sometimes we just need to unwind and talk with like-minded souls. Grab your mid-morning cup of coffee and join us for a lively discussion of important issues. Topics to be decided by group or lightly facilitated as needed. See *Weekly Update* for Zoom link and passcode.

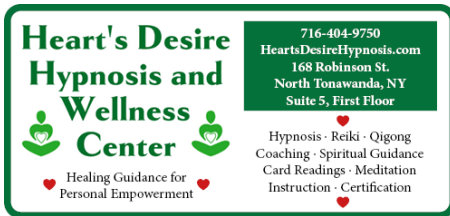
INSIGHT SPEAKER SERIES

Programs take place in the Emerson Room. Light refreshments available.



Buffalo Regional Transit System Saturday, November 16, 12:30 pm

Doug Funke, President of Citizens for Regional Transit, will discuss Buffalo's regional transit system and the need to meet the growing demand for a 21st century multi-modal transportation system in Buffalo Niagara – including an expanded Metro Rail.



Qigong, Guided Meditation, Himalayan Singing Bowls

Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm

This experiential session, led by Joanna Zoe Christopher, CH, will include fifteen minutes of Qigong, a system of ancient Chinese healing, followed by forty-five minutes of guided meditation with Himalayan singing bowls. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a Yoga mat if you want to lie on the floor guided meditation.

Adopt An Angel for Gateway-Longview

We will participate again this year in the Holiday Angels program for our next-door neighbor, Gateway Longview, a day school and residential educational center for at-risk youth. Gateway sends us Wish Lists from children and young adults in their various facilities, including first name, age, gender, sizes for clothing and shoes, and color or brand preferences. Individuals, families, or self-created groups choose a recipient and purchase NEW items for them. (Donors typically spend \$75-100.) UNWRAPPED gifts are brought to church, and delivered by volunteers to Gateway staff, who approve, wrap, and distribute the gifts. It's generally a short turnaround time (about 2 weeks) from when we receive the information in November and when gifts are due in very early December.



If you would like to participate, but would not be willing or able to fulfill a full Wish List on your own, UU Amherst volunteers (Marie Evans, Dian Tucker, and Ruth Bowen) are willing to collect money and pool resources to provide gifts. UU Amherst Clothing Ministry has items in a variety of sizes that still have original tags on them and might match up with Angel requests. You may also donate wrapping materials (ideally, large gift bags and tissue paper) that we can pass on to Gateway.

As soon as we receive the Wish Lists, a Christmas tree will go up in the lobby and sign-ups will commence. I'll also send an All-church email. We track which people are participating, and Gateway will send you a Thank You, but donors will not be identified to the recipient other than as "an Angel."

Marie Evans

JUSTICE ADVOCACY



The Justice Advocacy Team invites you to join us in a Zoom watch party on Saturday, November 16th. We will be participating remotely in the NYUU Justice's first Justice Convocation. The event will run from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Murray Room. Topics include Climate Justice, Criminal/Legal Reform, Housing Justice and Medical Aid in Dying. Contact Peggy Cook for more details, retireeat50@gmail.com or 585-356-0234.

FACILITIES: Boiler Update

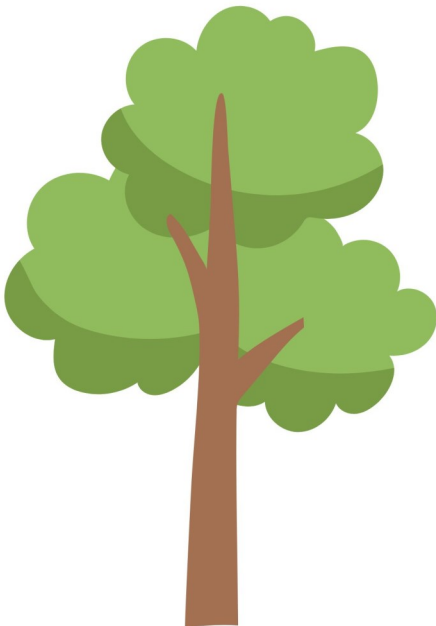
The new boiler is coming close to being realized with congregational approval, signed contracts, and the fundraising campaign underway. So far \$26,900 has been received with more to come. This pays for, besides the boiler itself, the construction of a heatproof room for it and the Town of Amherst permits that assure it will be built up to code. The boiler will be put in the first coat closet to the right as one enters the main door into the lobby.

As for total financing, the estimate is \$70,000 plus up to a possible \$10,000 for overruns, not exceeding \$80,000. This is to be collected over time as people can donate; there is no pledging. How can donations be made? There are four main methods:

1. Write a check to the UUA *and be sure to put "boiler fund" in the memo line* on the bottom left. Send it to the church office or put it in the green collection basket on Sunday.
2. Text the donation to 833-987-1968.
3. Online through the website: uamherst.org. Press "donate" and choose "E-giving" and then the best use, "Facilities Fund."
4. To donate stock directly from your investment account, a method is being set up with M&T Bank. This avoids paying tax on the funds being transferred.

And to those who have donated already, many, many thanks! We will be snug this winter!

Memorial Trees



Thinking of honoring a departed loved one with a beautiful, long-lasting tree? The actuality has not always met with success. Infant trees, however planted with love, do not always survive. A baby tree needs about three years of care to become well-established and independent. This means plenty of water, a bit of fertilizer, and enough soil for strong deep root development. As you may know, in Western New York the bedrock is very close to the surface of the ground, meaning that the soil depth can be as little as 8", not conducive to good growth. And although the church has a grounds committee, there is simply not enough person power to care for memorial trees.

To improve the outcome of memorial trees, the Board and the Grounds Committee will develop a set of guidelines for selecting, placing, planting, and caring for these trees. These will be located in a convenient place so people can plan their gifts. Watch for more information.

ENDOWMENT TRUST



On **Endowment Sunday, October 13th**, the Endowment Trust, re-introduced itself to the congregation. Sylvia Moran, a founding Trust member, talked about the founders' vision to create a source of secure income to assist the Church in meeting its expenses and to ensure its existence into the future. Throughout the service and the lunch that followed, the importance of legacy giving and the various ways in which it can be done were highlighted:

- Become a member of the Legacy Society by letting the Endowment know that you have included a bequest to the UUCA Endowment Trust in your will
- Make the Endowment Trust the beneficiary of one of your financial assets, like life insurance, IRA, brokerage accounts, or trust
- Lower your tax burden by donating directly from IRA in the form of a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD). You can also give through a Donor Advised Fund.

If you have any questions about any of these ways of giving, please talk to our treasurer, Barry Kent.

The next scheduled meeting for the Endowment will be **Wednesday, January 29th, 6:00 pm** in person at UU Amherst in the Emerson Room. If you are interested in attending our meeting, please let one of the trustees know.

Lauraine Marcus, on behalf of the Endowment Trustees John Thompson, Dian Tucker; Barry Kent, Tammy Kofke

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 UU Amherst 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. Here’s a comfort dinner for these chillier days!

Chicken with Spinach and Sun-dried Tomatoes

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3-4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
2-3 tsps kosher salt
A few turns of freshly ground black pepper
4 cloves garlic minced
1/2 cup chicken broth
3/4 cup heavy cream
1 tsp Italian seasoning
1/2 cup parmesan cheese grated
1-2 cups fresh spinach roughly chopped
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes roughly chopped
Pasta for serving



In a large skillet, warm olive oil over medium-high heat. Place flour in a small bowl or plate. Lightly sprinkle each side of the chicken breasts with kosher salt and black pepper, then dredge each side lightly through the flour. Shake off any excess, then place chicken breasts in the warm pan. Cook for 3-4 minutes on each side, just until browned and no longer pink in the center. Remove chicken to a plate and set aside. Add garlic and cook for about 1 minute, just until fragrant. Add chicken broth, and scrape any browned bits from the bottom of the skillet. Add cream, Italian seasoning, and Parmesan cheese. Cook over medium heat for 5-7 minutes, stirring frequently, until the sauce visibly thickens. Stir in spinach and sun-dried tomatoes, and simmer for 1-2 minutes, until spinach wilts. Add chicken back to the skillet, spoon a bit of sauce over each piece, and serve with pasta or other sides as desired.

NOMINATING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No voting member of the congregation made any additional suggestions for nominations to any member of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. Thus, the Slate of Nominees for the 2025 Annual Meeting remains the same as previously announced. However, members of the congregation may make further nominations for the Board of Trustees or the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee by securing a petition signed by at least ten (10) voting members, providing that the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Such additional nominations must be received by the Board of Trustees no later than December 15th.

Our committee continues to prepare a leadership development program for December 8th to be the service from the pulpit on that Sunday. We will be asking for members of teams and activities to speak and share information

Suzanne Christ, on behalf of Committee members: Jacquelyn Senders, Chairperson; Marlana Rice; Jacqueline Babka; Linda Gardner, nominee of the Board of Trustees

FUNDRAISING TASK GROUP

The Living Green Festival with the Revised Rummage Sale, Basket Raffle, and Living Green Cafe (all Fundraising Task Force endeavors) are now behind us. We will evaluate our successes and plan for next year. Hopefully, you all enjoyed the LGF and are ready to support our beloved community over the next few months. Our annual pledge drive, a chapel boiler fundraiser, and the ET Legacy Society revival are all taking place over the next few months. With your support we look forward to the end of 2024.

Karen Thompson, Pam Kent, Dian Tucker, Barbara Kent Gauger

CLOTHING MINISTRY

Welcome to "Out of the Closet". We made the warm to cold weather change over in our 2nd floor FD wing space and have our room neatened up. We need winter coats and boots for the upcoming season. All donations of clean, cold weather clothes (boots too), in good condition are welcome. We are looking for a few extra helpers for the coming season. You must be able to climb the stairs and carry clothing and accessories up and down the stairs to restock the clothing pantry. Contact us if you can help.

Clothing Ministry Team, Dian (diantucker17@gmail.com) and Don Tucker, Pam and Jerry Kent, Barry Kent and Barbara Kent Gauger



Keeping Our Community Warm This Winter

Big thanks to Cindy Becker and the anonymous donation of hand-made caps to supply us this winter.



UU Amherst 70th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, November 9

Reception - 5:30pm Dinner - 6:30pm
Program & Entertainment Following Dinner

\$40.00 Per Person

*Includes Reception, Dinner, All Beverages
& Entertainment*

Event Tickets On Sale NOW!

Scan This QR Code; Purchase At Coffee Hour
Or Mail A Check To The Church Office



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