

# THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITARIAN



A Monthly Newsletter of the Adirondack Unitarian Universalist Community

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## Calendar at a Glance

### October 1

Lynn Ashley

Topic: Racial Justice

### 11:30 Board Meeting

All are welcome!

### October 8

Nancy Murphy & Phyllis Magnus  
"Poetry Speaks to Me"

Please bring a favorite poem or two to share!

### October 14

10:30 am

### CROP Walk

### October 15

Phyllis Magnus  
"Modern Death"

### October 22

Welcoming Congregation Committee  
"The Lesbian and Gay Rights Movement in  
America"

### October 29

Gary Alexander & Richard Kelly  
"Dia de los Muertos or The Day of the Dead"

### November 5

Rev. Eugene "Guy" LaMothe  
"Biocentric Ethics & Respect for the  
Interdependent Web"

## LGBT Film Fest Schedule

All Screenings 7pm at Saranac Lake Free  
Library

### October 5

#### *The Out List*

A diverse group of high profile LGBTQ people talk about their individual struggles to live as authentic human beings, and share the triumphs of being out in America.

### October 12

#### *Lady Valor – The Kristen Beck Story*

A film about the life and experiences of Kristen Beck, a highly decorated Navy SEAL who transitioned after she retired 2011.

### October 19

#### *Breaking Through*

A documentary about elected officials who are openly LGBT. Each of them overcame fear and discrimination and were chosen by voters to represent them in their communities.

### October 26

#### *Facing Fear & Queer Spawn*

*Facing Fear*: Matthew Boger was nearly killed for being gay when he was 13 by Tim Zaal, a neo-Nazi. The film is about their journey of reconciliation.

*Queer Spawn*: Straight children of Gay parents describe the challenges they face in a society that won't accept them because of who their parents are.

## October Services: A Closer Look

### October 1

**Lynn Asley: Topic - Racial Justice**

### October 8

**Nancy Murphy: "Poetry Speaks to Me"**

Poetry often captures special thoughts and feelings that otherwise may be just below the surface of our awareness. It also may speak a truth especially eloquently. Some poems are just for pleasure, describing a wonderful scene or experience. I invite everyone in the congregation to bring one or more poems to the service to read aloud. The poems can be just ones you like, that speak to you, for example, because they are lovely, funny, or true. If possible, please bring copies. For most people, it is easier to appreciate poetry when you are reading it as well as hearing it.

### October 15

**Phyllis Magnus: "Modern Death"**

Reflections on Modern Death: What the Heart Wants, What the Mind Knows.

### October 22

**Welcoming Congregation Committee: "The Lesbian & Gay Rights Movement in America"**

Slide show and Talk: Highlights of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Movement in America.

### October 29

**Gary Alexander & Richard Kelly: "Dia de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead"**

This unique 3000 year old plus Mexican celebration that somehow combines humor and festive music, food and drink with reverently honoring dead family members and ancestors. We will also look at this Mexican tradition in the context of other holidays of the season such as Halloween and All Souls Day. We hope to offer a homemade loaf of Pan de Muertos, the Bread of the Dead, as part of the refreshments.

### November 5

**Eugene "Guy" LaMothe: "Biocentric Ethics & Respect for the Interdependent Web"**

Many people mistakenly believe we've accomplished our technological civilization with little help from Nature; which is often seen as a problem to be overcome. However, behind our 'advance' the vast backdrop of the biosphere guided our every step. All life is integrated to Earth and all life shares in the integrity of creation. This truth is made explicit through our Seventh Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Through this reliance, we are intimately connected to the past and the future. However, our relationship with the rest of nature has grown so wildly asymmetrical that we now challenge the basic law of life itself - exchange and reciprocity, giving and receiving. A new ethics is emerging that proclaims we cannot live as an ecologically segregated species, and that our dependence on the ongoing integrity of the whole realm of life is absolute.

## President's Message

This Communitarian is accompanied by the attachment "My AUUC Community Sharing Offering(s)" which invites all participants, formal member or frequent visitors or 'wannabes' to contribute in sustaining AUUC. While the list of needs seems daunting, the sharing of these tasks not only makes light work but provides opportunity for getting to know each other, satisfaction of contributing, play, creativity. Please talk with a Board member (look for yellow badges), our Worship/Sunday Service chairperson Elaine Holmlund, Julia Goren and Donna Wood, our children's program leaders. If you think you are unable to assist or feel uncomfortable doing so, please don't stay away. All are welcome here.

Phyllis

## CROP Walk 2017

Please join friends from the AUUC and members of other faith organizations on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for the Annual CROP Walk. CROP Walk is a project of the Church World Service and raises money to alleviate hunger in local communities and globally. Last year, local money went to the Saranac Lake Food Bank.

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Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The walk itself begins at 11:00 a.m., ending up at St. Luke's for a soup luncheon.

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To donate to the CROP Walk, click here: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/saranaclakeny/> and enter "AUUC" in the "support team" box.

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Ann Mullen

## Hurricane Relief

Information For All: These Hurricane Relief Funds are recommended for assistance to our storm ravaged areas:

[www.youcaring.com](http://www.youcaring.com)

<http://www.stjohnrescue.com/>

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Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and  
promote**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person.*
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.*
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to  
spiritual growth in our congregations.*
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.*
- The right of conscience and the use of democratic  
process within our congregations and in society at  
large.*
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and  
justice for all.*
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of  
which we are a part.*



**From the "Church of the open mind, loving heart, and helping hand" to**

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