

# THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITARIAN



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Board meeting at 11:30, all are invited!

## Ecumenical Council Progressive Dinner September 23

Members of the Ecumenical Council have a lot to celebrate! Opening Samaritan House, for example, was the realization of five years of work and hopes and dreams, resulting in serving up to six homeless members of our community every day. To celebrate and get to know one another better, and to come together as people united in serving those in need in Saranac Lake, the Council is planning a progressive dinner for September 23, 2017. Here's the schedule:

- Appetizers by the AUUC/Quakers/St. Luke's at St. Luke's: 5:30-6:15;
- Main course pot luck by the Adirondack Alliance/Presbyterians at First Presbyterian: 6:15-7:15;
- Dessert by St. Barnard's/First Methodist at First Methodist: 7:15-8:00.

If you're interested in attending and/or making an appetizer for the first course, please contact Ann Mullen at 518-891-5735 or email her at [ann.c.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:ann.c.mullen@gmail.com) . Thanks!

## Public Service Announcement

For those getting all those messages of 'not able to complete call as dialed', please remember that Area Codes must now be entered. For most of us that means "518".

## September Services

### September 3

**Elaine Holmlund and Rosalie Fontana**

#### **“Water Communion”**

Please bring a small amount of water from a place that is special to you. Attendees will pour their water into a large bowl and share why this water is special to them, particularly from a spiritual perspective. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.

*Note: A special collection for Grace Pantry will be held at this service.*

### September 10

**Dave Weisbard**

#### **“Woke Yet? Now What?”**

This has been a hell of a year so far! The Alt-Right has reared its ugly head like never in my lifetime. The UUA President resigned because of charges of white privilege, then Charlottesville, and there’s been lots more between those. Pollyanna herself would have trouble denying the mess we are in. Is there, however, still some hope?

*Note: A special collection for Grace Pantry will be held at this service.*

### September 17

**Bart Harlow**

#### **“Si, Se Puede!”**

Yes, you can!

### September 24

**Vincine Fallica**

#### **“Pagan History”**

A personal supposition on the origins of Paganism, its evolution to & consequent appropriation by the Judeo-Christian tradition. Its subsequent persecution & waning, and its resurgence.



## President's Message

AUUC has enjoyed a summer of robust service attendance with visits from summer residents as well as new local friends who have joined our contact list. For the ‘snowbirds’ who are taking off, we’ve enjoyed your visits with us and hope to see you next year. During the summer we’ve relaxed a bit in our AUUC organizational endeavors. September portends the startup of a number of the business and event activities that sustain our community.

Our Annual Business Meeting takes place on the first Sunday in January. Before that time, a Nominating Committee is charged with recruiting new Board members.

There are six Board or Trustee members who are elected to three year terms. These individuals carry out our financial and business functions as determined by our membership, as well as overseeing our programmatic functions. This year there will be one Board vacancy to fill from among voting members of our congregation.

Membership in AUUC allows you to vote in selecting those who fulfill leadership responsibilities as well as to serve yourself, As Joyce Henklein so perfectly described in the August *Communitarian*, membership gives you voting opportunity to determine the course of programming both Sunday and other activities and services, as well as the future development of AUUC. We invite our more recent participants to consider becoming formal members and will be contacting you individually to explore your interest. Informational sessions will be held for those interested in learning more about membership and Unitarian Universalism.



## Welcoming Congregation Committee Report

The Committee has spent the summer planning for our October LGBTQ Film Festival at the Saranac Lake Free Library. The planning has been great since much of it has been watching inspiring films and eating Phyllis's delicious cooking.

Here is the schedule for the Festival. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! We've screened them all and recommend them heartily. A great turnout by AUUC members will be much appreciated. Discussions will follow each movie. Free popcorn!

October 5<sup>th</sup>

*The Out List* (2013) High profile members of the LGBTQ community tell their stories.

October 12<sup>th</sup>

*Lady Valor – The Kristen Beck Story* (2014). A highly decorated 20 year member of the Navy SEALs transitions from Christopher to Kristin.

October 19<sup>th</sup>

*Breaking Through* (2013) Open LGBTQ elected officials talk about their struggles and triumphs.

October 26<sup>th</sup>

*Facing Fear* (2014) Academy Award Nominee. A story of forgiveness and reconciliation between a former skinhead and the man he nearly killed for being gay.

*Queer Spawn* (2006)

A short documentary about children of lesbian and gay homes.

Submitted by Ann Mullen



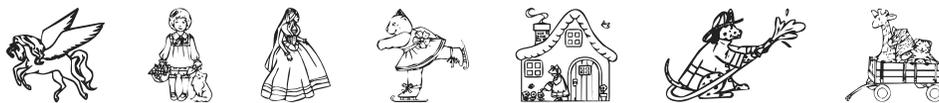
## HUUTENANNY 2017

Eleven AUUCers joined with Canton and Plattsburgh Unitarian Universalists at Meacham Lake for a rousing service and good fellowship. An inspiring day despite the rain and wind. See Margaret Harloe's Report from the Beach\*

What could be more fun than a day at the lake? How about sharing a worship service full of music and story-telling, a potluck lunch and a whole bunch of good conversation with other UUs from across the Northern Cluster. In August, between 10 and 15 members from each of the three congregations that comprise the Northern Cluster (Canton, Plattsburgh and Saranac Lake) met at the Meacham Lake campground for the annual summer Huutenanny. Despite the chilly breeze, we enjoyed one another's company and strengthened our connections. Many thanks are due the Plattsburgh congregation who hosted this year, especially DRE Kris Lutters who led the service and Jo El Miano who brought us together in song.

Next year Canton will host. We look forward to more music, more fellowship, more fun and, of course, fantastic weather. Most of all, we hope you will join us!

\*Margaret is a member of the Canton Unitarian Universalist Church and a leader in our Canton, Plattsburgh, AUUC Cluster Group.



## CROP Hunger Walk

On October 14th, members of the AUUC will gather with others in Saranac Lake to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need walkers!

Last year, the Saranac Lake CROP Walk raised \$4,000, of which \$1,000 went to the local food pantry to help hungry people in our town, and \$3,000 to the Church World Services agency for programs in countries all over the world, like providing food, seeds and tools, establishing wells and water systems, providing technical training and starting animal breeding programs. The CROP Walk is almost 50 years old.

Please see Ann Mullen at services for more details and to sign up to be a walker. You may also call Ann at 891-5735, or email her at [ann.c.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:ann.c.mullen@gmail.com).

The Walk will commence with registration and prayer at 10:30 a.m. on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church. The Walk will end at St. Luke's Parish Hall where members of St. Luke's will serve a hearty soup luncheon.

Thanks for signing up to help feed the hungry both in our community and throughout the world.

## Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Come, come, whoever you are - you are welcome here!

No matter your age, your size, the color of your eyes, your hair, your skin—you are welcome here!

No matter how you came here,  
if you came alone, or with others—  
you are welcome here!

No matter whom you love, or how you speak, or whatever your abilities - you are welcome here!

Whether you come with laughter in your heart, or tears in your eyes—you are welcome here!

If you come here with an open mind,  
a loving heart, and willing hands,  
then you are indeed welcome here!

by Melanie Morel-Ensminger

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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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