

# THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITARIAN



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## **Upcoming Services**

**November, 13**

Rev. Dave Weissbard  
UU Minister and frequent guest speaker  
topic TBA

**November 27**

Karen Graff and Ann Mullen  
A service on thanksgiving  
Open House Sunday

## **December services**

**December 11**

Rev. Dave Weissbard  
topic TBA

**December 21**

Solstice Service

**December 24**

Christmas Carol Sing Along

**“What’s a UU?”  
Open House  
November 27th**

**We are inviting  
the community to  
this special service.**

**Bring friends,  
stay for soup,  
bring a dessert  
to share.**

*“Fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose”*

*-Hada Bejar*

In our thoughts

Take a moment to hold Candy Wagner and her husband John in our thoughts. Let’s send intentions for good health to Candy.

## President's Letter

Friends,

The leaves are off the trees. The snow is dusting the mountains and the holidays are fast approaching. My wood stove is ablaze so I guess the beautiful season of winter is nearly here. With the new season there are lots of exciting things going on in our community.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, as we try to grow our congregation, we are hosting an open house service. We are inviting curious strangers and asking that you bring any curious friends. During the service AUUC members will be and talking about why they are Unitarian Universalists. We know there are plenty of UUs out there who just don't know it.

For First Night we are hosting a "Speedy, Soup, Sandwich and Sweet Stop" for weary revelers. We are hoping that we get plenty of volunteers to do shifts during the evening so that we all get a chance to enjoy the night. This will be a rare winter fundraiser for us. I am sure that it is going to be a blast.

And finally for the first time we are going to be running our Annual Stewardship Campaign to coincide with the New Year. You all will be receiving in the mail a stewardship brochure and your pledge card. In the brochure we will be outlining our current bare bones budget and what we will need to shoot for if we are serious about hiring a part time minister as well as any other extras we might be considering.

I am looking forward to new exciting times at AUUC. I look forward to sharing those times with all of you.

In faith,  
Jason

### **Holiday Giving!**

The Parents' Club at Petrova needs items for their Holiday Giving Bazaar! This is a great opportunity for children to get affordable gifts for their family, with all proceeds going to a charity of the students' choice.

Gently used items, books, CDs, household goods, kitchenware, board games, etc. will be accepted.

No VHS, clothing or stuffed animals.

Items will be sold for only 25 cents to students.

Item donations will be accepted until December. They can be left with Zoe Smith at 134 Park Ave in SL.

### **First Night Fundraiser**

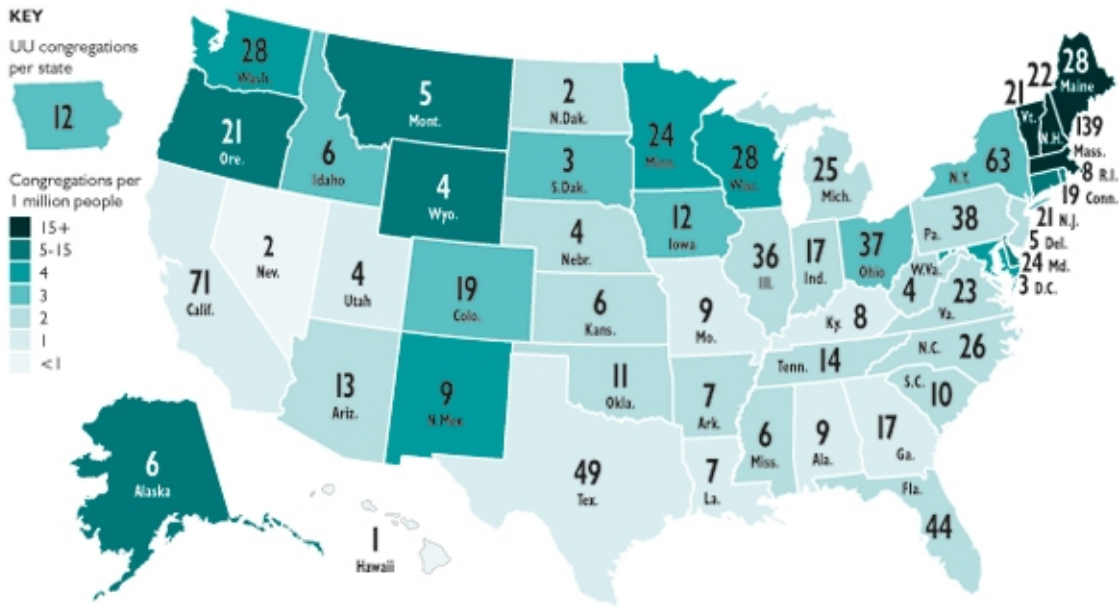
"Speedy Soup, Sandwich and Sweet Stop"

4:30-9:30 in the John Black Room.

We need volunteers to help with sales that night.

Can you lend a hand?  
Or make some food?

Contact Gail Brill  
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# Unitarian Universalist congregations by state

Map showing number of UUA congregations by state as of Feb. 2011 and the relative number of congregations to each state's population, using 2010 U.S. Census data.

By [Christopher L. Walton](#)

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Where are you most likely to find a Unitarian Universalist congregation? This map shows the number of congregations affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association in each state and the District of Columbia.

Seven of the ten states with the most congregations are also among the most populous states, but the state with the most congregations and members is Massachusetts, the fourteenth most populous state.

Each state is shaded to indicate how many congregations there are relative to the total population.

We've labeled this data "UU congregations per 1 million people." Vermont, by this measure, is No. 1.

## Accepting Submissions!

The Communitarian is accepting submissions! Not just news and announcements. This is a place where you can be free to share almost anything! Want to share a story on your spiritual journey? Or maybe you wrote a lovely poem? Or you have a recipe you know readers will just love! Maybe even a joke since we all have a great sense of humor!

Send any submissions to Courtney at [starrypoetics@gmail.com](mailto:starrypoetics@gmail.com)

## Spellbound

The night is darkening round me,  
The wild winds coldly blow;  
But a tyrant spell has bound me  
And I cannot, cannot go.

The giant trees are bending  
Their bare boughs weighed with snow.  
And the storm is fast descending,  
And yet I cannot go.

Clouds beyond clouds above me,  
Wastes beyond wastes below;  
But nothing dear can move me;  
I will not, cannot go.

Emily Brontë

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**We the member congregations of the Unitarian 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 hopen hand" to

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