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February Schedule

February 2

Julia Goren
Christian UU?

Social Justice Committee Meeting 11:15 RE
Room

February 9

Joyce Henklein
What Turns You On?

February 16

Rev. David Weissbard
Topic TBA

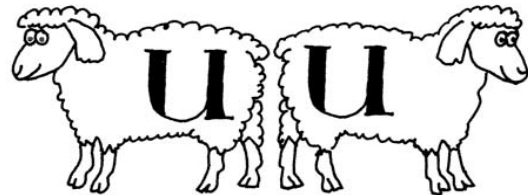
Social Justice Committee Meeting 11:15 RE
Room

February 23

Martha Swan
John Brown's Life and its Significance

March 2

Gary Alexander, Richard Kelly/Jason Brill
Philosopher's Camp at Follensby Pond
Social Justice Committee Meeting 11:15 RE
Room



Double Ewe Knitters News!

Our group has resumed meetings. We will convene twice monthly. We'll try for the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10 AM at Will Rogers, as we have three AUUC members who live there. We met on Jan 22 and got acquainted and discussed many ideas for projects, these included charitable donations as well as a possible money-making project at Sparkle Village. Some good ideas were suggested including small lap robes, a circular scarf pattern demonstrated by Emily Warner and mittens lined with fleece. Our next meeting will take place on Wed. Feb 5 at 10 am Call henri trapp @ 891-2223 to learn of the location in Will Rogers where we will meet.

-Joyce Henklein (891-7761)

New Members Inducted!

Meghan Samolis and Suzanne Fitzsimons became new members on Sunday, January 26, 2014. Gail and Jason Brill with their wonderful welcoming natures performed AUUC's "Signing the Member Book" induction ceremony. A joyful round of applause greeted Suzanne who has been with us for several years and Meghan who started attending services last fall.

Suzanne is an active member of AUUC's Social Justice Committee and can be found every Sunday morning making coffee and helping to organize the day's refreshments. Thanks so much, Suzanne. Meghan is jumping into Outreach activities by organizing a new Covenant Group of AUUC which has quickly attracted six members to date. A description follows.

AUUC Covenant Group
Beginning Wednesday evening, February 12 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. in AUUC's board room on the second floor.

This Covenant Group, led by Meghan Samolis, is designed to help people share their thoughts without interruption or direct comments from the group. As one person speaks the group is actively listening and processing the information for understanding. It is called deep listening. Following the session people often converse about the ideas from each session. There will be six sessions, and dates will be determined according to attendee's schedules. Please contact Meghan at meghan.samolis@gmail.com or [518-569-8609](tel:518-569-8609) if you are interested in participating in the Covenant group. A sign-up sheet is available.



Stewardship Drive Summary

The philanthropic spirit is alive and well within our Adirondack Unitarian Universalist Community. Many thanks to each of you for accepting our calls and allowing us to visit you in your homes. That many of you increased your gifts shows your strong approval of all that is happening within our community – a current ministerial search, growth in members, a new Covenant Group, active RE and Social Justice programs, interesting and varied worship services and best of all a congregation that is becoming family to many. In addition, one of our beloved elders made a gift to provide materials for the Knitting Ewes!

Your generosity is exemplary, and we thank you for believing in AUUC and what we have to offer through our Worship Services and Outreach activities.

From Adrien Vlach, Glenn Arnold and Susan Arnold, your stewardship committee members.



Ministerial Search Committee Update

The MSC Committee has followed the Unitarian Universalist ministerial search process and completed all the required work for posting our AUUC quarter-time ministerial job opening. The job is posted on the St. Lawrence District Unitarian Universalist website at: <http://www.sld.uua.org/positions.html>. This job has also been listed on The National Unitarian Universalist Association website. We have also tried to get the word out in Unitarian Universalist districts in the Vermont area and the Montreal area. We have received a few inquiries at this point and are currently awaiting responses from applicants to our posting.

AUUC Renewal Celebration!

Mark your calendar for this exciting event taking place on **Sunday, May 4th**, following our worship service.

Joan Kelly, Carolyn Alexander, Elaine Holmlund, Susan Arnold and Richard Kelly have teamed up to plan a celebration of the successes and growth of AUUC. Featuring a luncheon buffet the renewal celebration is being held to attract current and former members, attendees and visitors and to recruit new attendees and members from the Tri-Lakes community. A worship service is being planned, invitations are being designed for distribution and a luncheon program is being developed which will feature short presentations on each facet of AUUC's community's life and plans for the future growth of our congregation.

To help break up this winter's doldrums and cabin fever episodes, we'll be planning a few lunch and tea gatherings, movie expeditions and other adventures which will be announced at upcoming services and in the next Communitarian. Our congregation is very strong and supportive of each other. Please let us know if you know of someone who needs a visit at home or in the hospital. Please call Susan Arnold 891-3744 if you have needs or concerns.



Stewardship Acknowledgments

The Board of Directors of AUUC wants to acknowledge the efforts of our Stewardship Committee this past December in achieving a new high in pledges to AUUC for 2014. Thank you for your effort Susan and Glenn Arnold and Adrian Vlach.



Greetings From Rochester!

I can't believe it's been six whole months since I moved to Rochester! The past months have been exciting and stressful. Things are finally settling in with us. Steve is getting a promotion at his job at Sutherland Global Services once he hits the six month mark there next month. I'm still on the hunt for a job, but have plenty of volunteer opportunities to keep me busy!

I've been volunteering at one of the public schools. I'm helping fourth graders, and the kids are great! They're a lot of fun to work with. I've also been exercising my social media and PR skills as well. I was press lead for a career fair back in December and am press lead and poster designer for a benefit wine tasting that will take place sometime this spring. It's going to benefit a charity called Warrior Salute, which helps veterans with PTSD and TBI. I've also been giving out advice to other nonprofits, including Metro Justice, a prominent economic justice organization.

I miss everyone at AUUC, but I'm glad to know that the congregation is growing. I'll come up for a visit when I'm able!

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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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