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Calendar

November 6

Stewardship Sunday

Creating Big Dreams for AUUC

November 13

Dorothy Latta

5 Smooth Stones

On James Luther Adams

November 20

Transgender Remembrance

No 10 AM service

An ecumenical service will be held at 4PM to remember transgender people who have been killed in the last year.

November 27

Anne Alsina

Commensality- Giving Thanks for Love and Community; The Universal Act of Breaking Bread.

Other Events

November 16

Double Ewe Knitters will meet at Joyce Henklein's home.

Updates from the Welcoming Congregations Committee.

We're thrilled about the success of our first Welcoming Congregation service! The format of deep listening to one another about gender was embraced by the almost 40 people who attended.

Next up for us:

- We're looking in depth at the steps we need to take to be certified by the UUA so we meet all the requirements.
- We're looking at our making sure that our website, bylaws and public face emphasize that LGBTQ people are enthusiastically welcomed here.
- We're presenting a service on National Transgender Awareness Day, November 20th (see article in *Communitarian*).
- We're tossing around ideas for more activities, such as a LGBTQ film festival for late winter.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the John Black Room. If you'd like to join the committee, let Ann know:

ann.c.mullen@gmail.com

Stand and silently watch the world go by - and it will.

Anonymous



Dreaming Big for AUUC

What does Membership in AUUC mean?

You feel you belong

Speculation It means dreams

Could we have a bigger space?

Could we have a kitchen to nourish us and those in our community?

Could we expand our congregation?

Could we grow our R.E. program to enroll more?

Could we obtain and retain a minister?

Could we be a visible and inspiring force in our community?

Practicality It means actions

An operating mechanism that involves all and benefits all. It is a "Trinity" in which each action is as important as the whole, because one facet of this Trinity will fail without the other.

1. The first is PLEDGING. Your donation whatever the size contributes to the maintenance and survival of our UU community. A pledge allows for plans.

You feel you belong.

2. The second is SERVICE. Volunteer to help. Serve on a committee or task force. Bring ideas, your experience, your talents for music, worship, fund-raising, social justice, fun and games. You feel you belong.

3. The third is ATTENDANCE. Don't stay home while our hall is empty. Your presence is vital and adds to the camaraderie of our Sunday meetings. Coming regularly keeps you informed, reinforces friendships and shows respect for our speakers and hard-working Worship Committee. You feel you belong.

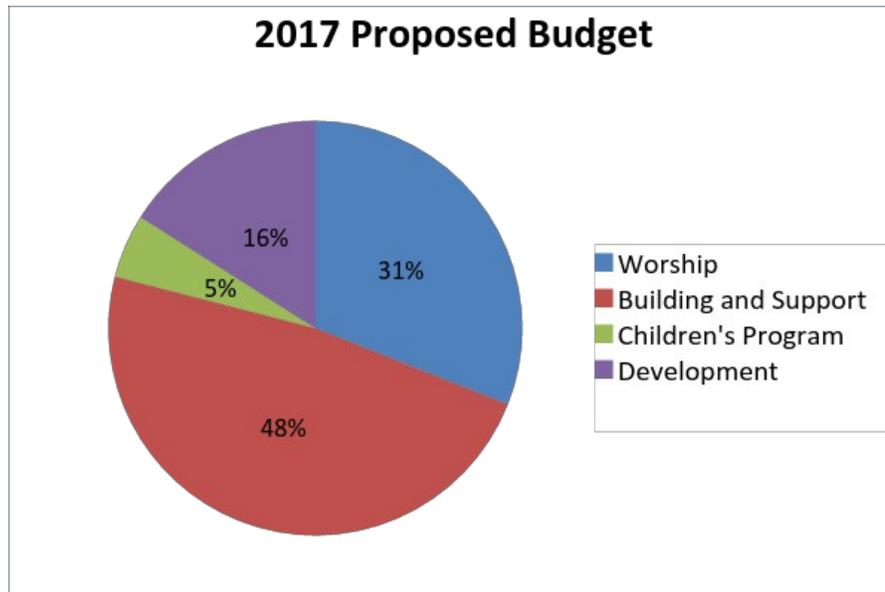
Put these three concepts on your to-do list. You'll be glad you did.

AUUC Stewardship News

October, 2016

Program Budget Facts

The operating budget for 2016 was \$24,000. 75% came from the annual pledge drive.



Worship Our worship services take place every Sunday and they are the spirit of our AUUC community. This 31% includes music, guest speakers, and worship materials including the Soul Matters web program.

Building and Support Rent is our largest expense. We have been fortunate to have such a central location and genial relationship with Historic Saranac Lake. Maintenance costs are included in our rental agreement. This item includes our annual insurance premium.

Children's Program We would be happy to have this item be a larger portion of our budget with an increase in child attendance. This year it is anticipated that our Sunday child care costs for nursery age children will be shared with our neighbors across the street, the Quakers.

Development This category encompasses the previous years' line items of leadership development and business travel. We add goals for wider participation with North Country UU communities and in UUA programs, e.g., Welcoming Congregation, shared social action. Some new goals have been set for 2017, the first being developing and maintaining an active web page, making our calendar and programs visible. The Board has also tentatively committed to participate with other North Country UUs in a NCPR Underwriting program.

President's Message

As we near the final months of our 2016 AUUC year our Board has begun looking ahead to the future which will depend greatly on the success of our Stewardship campaign. At our Board Meeting this past Sunday, we proposed increases in the amounts budgeted for guest presenters as well as for the music program to relieve the burden on our worship and music planners. We greatly desire a manageable and active web site. Some of our plans include more involvement with the wider Unitarian Universalist community

We will have an Annual Meeting on January 8. Two of our Board members terms are expiring, Joan Kelly and Jean Chamberlain. Joan has agreed to be on the Nominating Committee along with Steve DeHond. Joan and Jean have been hard working and wonderful representatives from our Board and we look forward to their continued engagement. While Susan Grimm Hanley remains on the Board, she is leaving the Treasurer position to devote her service to the music program and to our social media. She has fulfilled all of those roles with great aplomb during the past few months. I am sad to announce that Susan Arnold has stepped down from serving as the Caring and Membership Coordinator to be able to have more time for personal goals. She has been our ambassador in inviting and guiding new members and in maintaining contact with ill and shut in members and looking out for the wellbeing of our membership. Joyce Henklein will step into that role after the Stewardship Campaign ends. Elaine Holmlund returns with her unbounded enthusiasm and energy in leading the Worship Committee. As we move toward the new year, please be thinking of the ways in which you are able to give service.

*Aplomb is the ultimate test for cool: grace under pressure.
In peace, Phyllis

Game Nights!

Game - a contest or sport played according to rules with the players in direct opposition to each other. 2 : the manner of playing in a game or contest <She has improved her game.> 3 : playful activity : something done for amusement <The children were happy at their games. Key components of games are goals, rules, challenge, and interaction. Attested as early as 2600 BC,[2][3] games are a universal part of human experience and present in all cultures. The Royal Game of Ur, Senet, and Mancala are some of the oldest known games.

We are sending around an invitation asking all interested to designate the best time to schedule game nights. Freb Hunt-Bull will provide the set up. Indicate your interest. and preferred evenings. You can email me at magnus@roadrunner.com.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is organizing a local event to mark November 20th, the National Transgender Day of Remembrance. We are delighted to have as co-sponsors St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the First Presbyterian Church and Dreamers of the Dream, a local civil rights group affiliated with the Ecumenical Council.

Since, 1999, November 20th has been set aside to memorialize those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998 kicked off the “Remembering Our Dead” web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester’s murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved.

Deaths of those based on anti-transgender hatred or prejudice are largely ignored and are often trivialized. Over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice, regardless of any other factors in their lives. This trend shows no sign of abating.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn’t perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our brothers and sisters who might otherwise be forgotten. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who’ve died by anti-transgender violence.*

The event will take place in the late afternoon, however the exact time and date are still under discussion. However, please mark your calendars for November 20th and plan to attend. There will be no worship service on November 20th because it is our hope that most members will attend this important service.

* Most of the information in this article is taken from the Transgender Day of Remembrance website.
Submitted by Ann Mullen

Salvation Army Bell Ringer Campaign

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to staff collection kettles in advance of the holiday season. 95% of the funds collected in our area will be used in our area for those in need. Typically, the funds are used to provide assistance for clothing, heating, food, unpaid bills for families that have exhausted other types of governmental or organizational resources.

Here are the details on how to volunteer:

- There are November sign up slots and locations at TOPS/Lake Flower store, Kinney Drugs, and SL Post Office.
- Link to sign up for the Saranac Lake Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign:
<http://bit.ly/SaranacLakeServiceUnit>.

Submitted by Ann Mullen.

Jingle Junquerama

Once again we will host a sale during Saranac Lake's Sparkle Village on Saturday, December 3rd. We will happily accept donations from your overstocks of Christmas decorations, jewelry, knickknacks, and other treasures. Watch for announcements concerning requests for baked goods. We will also be decorating and setting up on Friday, December 2nd, and invite your help.

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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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