

# THE ADIRONDACK COMMUNITARIAN



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## **Service Calendar**

**June 4**

Russ DeFonce

“Communication and Disagreement”

How to talk with people who disagree with you when communication breaks down.

**June 10**

Joan and Richard Kelly

“The Hyphen-nated Immigrant”

he values & the effects on identity of growing up as an Irish-Catholic-American.

**June 18**

Mark Berninghausen

“Black Lives Matter, Too”

Mark is a commercial beekeeper with over 500 hives, is a second generation UU and a member of the Canton congregation. He will share what I he has seen, heard, and heard discussed, about how people relate to the statement "Black Lives Matter" Both as a statement and as an organization.

**June 26**

AUUC Board

“Growing Community”

## **Event Calendar**

**June 1**

Welcoming Congregation Committee Meeting  
6PM

Committee Members only.

**June 10**

Board Meeting 11AM

All are welcome.

**June 17**

Immigration Navigator Training 9:30-5:30  
***UU Church of Canton, 3 1/2 East Main St***

This one-day Immigration Navigator training is for those who are interested in supporting immigrants through the complex immigration legal system and to help defend their rights in this harsh political climate. See the Communitarian for details.

**June 26**

Potluck Luncheon 11:30AM

## Summer Services

We have a number of guest speakers scheduled to present services in July and August. Summer is the time we also have visitors including people new to the community who may be looking for a spiritual home. While we all need our "nature fixes", I hope our fixes also include shared time together on Sunday morning. We will have child care on Sunday, wanting to maintain our youngest participants' comfort with AUUC attendance.



### Immigration Navigator Training

9:30AM to 5:30PM on June 17, 2017 at the UU Church of Canton, 3 1/2 East Main St

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This one-day Immigration Navigator training is ideal for those who are interested in building their capacity to support immigrants through the complex immigration legal system and defend their rights in this harsh political climate.

After the completion of this training, participants will have the information and tools to provide immigrant community members with a "Know-Your-Right" training and enable them to assert their rights in the health and education systems, in their interactions with their landlords and with law enforcement (Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE), Customs Border Protection (CBP), and local police).

Participants will receive the necessary information and tools to share with community members about combating hate crime. The participants will also be equipped with information and tools to help community members in forming a family safety plan in the event of immigration detention or arrest.

The training is free. For more information and to register search **Immigration Navigator Training Canton NY** or [www.thenyic.org](http://www.thenyic.org) > **training**



### UUA General Assembly

**General Assembly** is the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual meeting in which thousands of Unitarian Universalists from across the country participate. AUUC has two delegates based on size of our congregation. Our Board has appointed Sue Grimm Hanley and Phyllis Magnus to be our delegates via live streaming. This year we will vote for a new President (a regularly scheduled election). Three women candidates who have made statements at forums earlier in the year. <http://www.uuworld.org/articles/candidates-forum-2017-04-01>

Following the AUUC service on June 18, we will provide an opportunity for anyone interested

to discuss your choice for UUA President.

Other General Assembly highlights (these will also be available for viewing after the events):

Thursday, June 22, 8-9:30 PM Central Daylight Time, Service of the Living Tradition

Friday, June 23, 8-9:30 PM CDT Presidential Candidates Forum

Saturday, Ware Lecture, Bryan Stevenson, author of Just Mercy

Sunday, June 25, 9 -10:30, Worship Service

### **"What's In a Word? White Supremacy"**

Worship Committee members Elaine Holmlund, Rosalie Fontana and Phyllis Magnus had lively discussions preparing to present this service held on May 28th.

We were encouraged to address the topic due to a recent controversy within the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) which led to the resignation of President Peter Morales and two other senior leaders amid charges that hiring practices reflected white supremacy and failure to promote staff diversity.

We invite you to some readings:

"The Dream of White Innocence" by William Sinkford in UU World, Winter 2016

(article also available online)

and <https://radicalcopyeditor.com/2017/04/21/white-supremacy/>



### **Welcoming Congregation Committee Update**

We continue to make progress toward our goal – being certified by the UUA as an official “Welcoming Congregation.” To remind you, we’re working in three areas: congregational presence (aligning our bylaws and public face with LGBTQ welcoming language, etc.), congregational education and community leadership. We count on broad participation by our members, especially for our educational efforts and community events.

Congregational presence: we’re working on a sign that says “Welcome” with a rainbow colored background. Vini has come up with a lovely design.

Congregational education: We had a terrific service on May 21 with testimonies by Ann and Vini on their journeys that concentrated on the spiritual and personal experiences of being Lesbian and transgender (respectively).

Community leadership: We're planning an LGBTQ film festival for October at the Library.

**Please mark your calendars for the following dates: October 5, 12, 19, 26.** We want to see a strong showing of support by AUUC-er's at these films! Free popcorn.

Ann Mullen for the Committee: Liz DeFonce, Russ DeFoncek, Vini Fallica, Phyllis Magnus, Kelly Metzger, Beth Ann Phillips, Laura Reid.



## Ecumenical Council Update

Some highlights from the Ecumenical Council:

- Grace Pantry – visitors are increasing, probably because of the warmer weather. 76 families representing 176 family members were served in April. Current needs: tampons, pads, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, pull up diapers.
- The Salvation Army distributed about \$1,000 in May to help with rent, food and furniture. The money comes from donations to the Kettle Drive, 95% of which stays in our community.
- Samaritan House:
  - There were 90 visitors during the Open House in May.
  - There will be a painting day on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-2. All are welcome!
  - The Cloudsplitter Foundation has give SH a \$6,000+ grant.
- CROP Walk – The council is looking for a coordinator for this October event.



## THANK YOU

Sunday, May 28, was Elodie Linck's last day to provide child care for our youngest AUUC participants. She will be greatly missed for her calm and warm presence and the love she has shown her charges who have grown in her care over the past four years.

We will honor Elodie again on June 24 when she returns with other graduating seniors Silas and Witter Swanson .

*A huge thanks to Richard Kopp and Russ DeFonce who moved a large cabinet from Historic Saranac Lake, down the steep HSL steps, around the building and up the fire escape to an upstairs room. I haven't seen them since. Hope their backs are OK. Phyllis*

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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 hearts and helping hand" to**

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