



July-August 2010

July 4, 2010— Judy Cadle

Economics: Drawing from Nature: the Way Things Should Be

Our homes, communities and societies may be missing enormous opportunity by doing things the way they have always been done. The path of least resistance is keeping things “the way things are.” Judy will share some wonderful changes already happening in an out-of-the box system of natural economics.

July 11, 2010—Lynn Overgaard, Sam Hall and others

Famous Unitarian Universalists of the Past UUCC members will present profiles of famous Unitarians. This will be a lively restorative service with music from Rose Drake and Lynne Westmoreland.

July 18, 2010— Shalahudin Kafrawi

An Islam Perspective for Restoring One’s Soul Sal is a Professor of Religious Education at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. He leads Mosque services and teaches Muslim prayer. One of his courses this past semester asked the question: What Is America’s Religion. He is a thoughtful and fascinating speaker.

July 25, 2010—Susan Daiss The Many Meanings of Restoration

The word restoration takes us on many paths--recreation, renovation, reconciliation. Linking all these paths, though, is a return to balance and wholeness. It is this emphasis on righting the balance that is so necessary in all our lives.

Susan Daiss graduated from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in 2007 and is now a candidate for the UU ministry. As a student, she began to lead monthly services at the Pullman Universalist Church in Albion--a relationship continues to date.

August 1, 2010—Alison Clarke

A Spiritual Look at the Dominican Republic

Alison will share some of her thoughts and impressions gathered from her work in the Dominican Republic. The service will be followed by a Dominican Pot Luck and slides from her trips. Please join us for this very special service.

August 8, 2010—Judy Cadle

Does Political Correctness Put Us Out of Balance?

We worry sometimes that the strong pull to political correctness leads to double speak. We will look for a way to draw the line between the fear of offending and facing truth and reality.

August 15—Marty Dodge Earth News

Marty Dodge is a Forestry Professor at FLCC. He also walks the walk and talks the talk of a true friend of the earth. Come listen to his news of positive world-wide changes to the balance of the earth.

August 22, 2010—Rev. Scott Tayler Pet Sunday

They enrich our lives in innumerable ways. Some of us call them pets, other refer to them as companions, and most of us can’t help but call them friends. In this service we bless them as a way of recognizing the many ways that they bless and gift us. Come prepared for a fun, yet serious celebration of the animals in our lives. By the way, don’t forget to bring your animal friend with you! No limits. Whether your friend is a snake or schnauzer, a gerbil or a calico, or even a stallion, they are all welcome. We will be sure to have sections so everyone gets along--and no one gets eaten--and we’ll be ready for any necessary clean up. It will be the most “wild” Sunday of the year, but also one of the most meaningful. Rev. Tayler and his chickens presiding.

August 29, 2010—Green Committee What Will Our Grandchildren Say?

The UUCC is a Certified Green Sanctuary. That being said, there is much that needs to be done for our church, the community, the country and the world. Can we find a new paradigm for living? Will it take hold throughout all our societies? Bring a picture with you of your children or grandchildren.

Collect Your Water

Our first service in the fall is our Water Service. Remember to bring a little water from your favorite summer location.

Our Church on TV

Every Wednesday night at 7 PM, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canandaigua sponsors “The Liberal Religious Hour” on FLTV-Cable 12 (Channel 12), the public access channel on Finger Lakes Cablevision. FL Cablevision is available to subscribers in Ontario, Wayne, Seneca and Yates counties. The following is the July schedule for the program.

Schedule for July, 2010 - Weds - 7 PM on FLTV

Title	Original service date
July 7 What Is America's Religion?	Daniel Brigham 8/9/2009
July 14 Christianity in Unitarian Universalism	Jillian Willoughby 8/16/2009
July 21 Memory Tree	Rev. Scott Tayler 11/1/2009
July 28 The Great Reminder	Rev. Kaaren Anderson 11/15/2009
August 4 Stuck on the Stoop	Rev. Scott Tayler 11/22/2009
August 11 If Only: Navigating the Road of Regret	Rev. Scott Tayler 1/10/2010
August 18 Do We Notice It?	Rev. Scott Tayler 2/7/2010
August 25 Hope Sunday	Rev. Scott Tayler 3/21/2010

Center for sustainable living

UPDATES FOR June and July, 2010 The “Bees Everybody’s Business” was a wonderful workshop thanks to Patty Mangarelli, Beekeeper, nurse and active member of the CSL Board. We gathered around the Ulster Observatory for almost an hour

finding the queen, learning the roles and habits of the drones and more. Then, moving to the hives next to the field, the “smoker” was started to calm the bees. Patty “suited up” and pulled out the panels covered with bees working away making that great oozing honey. When she found a nice full one, she brushed off the bees and cut big chunks of the honey in its wax cubicles for each to take home. Memories of our breakfast table when I was younger with that box of honey that we spread wax and all on our toast came back!

COMING UP: Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. - noon, “Fossil Hunt at Onanda Park”, West Lake Rd., Canandaigua, Upland Parking Lot. A popular field trip aimed at children 5 to 13, but all welcome. Kim Babcock, Sustainability Coordinator at Finger Lakes Community College, will guide us up the gorge at Onanda searching for traces of prehistoric creatures. Donations accepted. Contact: Kim Babcock at 585-394-6704 or kk1177@hotmail.com Wednesday’s July 14 and 21, 6:30 PM -9 PM, “Radical Homemakers: Reclaiming Domesticity from a Consumer Culture”, 3374 Fallbrook Pk., Canandaigua. Bring something for potluck, sit by the lake, and have a discussion of this new book by Shannon Hayes, also author of “The Farmer and the Grill” and “The Grass fed Gourmet”. Facilitator Alison Clarke, who will order books for participants. Contact her for more information, registration and directions at 585-394-0864 or accompost@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 31, 9 a.m. to 3 PM, “Hiking Trail Construction and Maintenance”, Naples Community Park. Presenter and guide, Marty Dodge, Professor in the Conservation Dept. of the Finger Lakes Community College has built and maintained trails in NY, Me, and Alaska including Nature Interpretation Trails at Cummings Nature Center. Work gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts recommended. Bring water and bag lunch. Registration required to dodgemc@ficc.edu or 394-3500. While Marty is leading a month trip to Alaska, registration taken by Alison Clarke, 394-0864 or accompost@gmail.com, CSL contact or Mary Norman, 585-278-7547, mary.norman@xerox.com,

contact for the local Sierra Club, a cosponsor

FURTHER DETAILS AT WEB SITE: www.living-sustainably.org

Those interested in the Center for Sustainable Living Mushroom workshops Aug. 1 and Aug. 7 should e-mail Emily Good at ziggmarley@aol.com since the e-mail in the booklet is incorrect.”

Annual Report to the Congregation By Ellie Syverud

I would like to start by looking back at some of the year's highlights and then looking forward to the year coming up.

The year began with Scott Tayler joining us as Consulting Minister. Scott has brought a great deal of energy and new ideas to our congregation, both in the pulpit and ‘behind the scenes’. At his initiation, the Board embarked on a long range plan of clarifying our mission, our vision, and our structure. Over the summer, “Hopes & Histories” meetings were held at which all members got a chance to get to know Scott and to express what they appreciated the most about UUCC, what they wanted to change, and their hopes for our future. The information gathered from these meetings has been analyzed, discussed, and modified by the Board to become Ministry Objectives. These Objectives have become a guiding document that helps our church be more organized, professional, and transparent.

In November, we held a special ceremony at which we granted Minister Emeritus status to our beloved minister, Maureen Thitchener. We are blessed to have Maureen continue as a treasured member of our congregation.

In March, we hosted the Peace Walkers, part of an interfaith, multicultural advocacy group called Walk for a Nuclear Free Future. Thanks to the leadership of Jeff Carter and the efforts of our Social Justice Wisdom Circle, our church was able to provide them with a vegetarian dinner and overnight lodging.

Over the past year, we have hosted several adult education experiences. Wayne Keller presented

a Deep Listening Workshop, Dorothy Hoskins facilitated two classes – Our UU Story and Articulating our Faith – and a Meditation group met on Tuesday evenings. We had two very successful game nights at which a group of about 25 adults & children played all kinds of fun board & card games.

This year our Religious Education program served approximately 20 children & youth. The K- 3 group experienced the OWL (Our Whole Lives) program thanks to the leadership of Geoff Gretton & Ariel Wunrow. The teen group was very active this year. They held bagel sales once a month to raise funds to help pay for their participation in Con's (UU youth conventions). Over the year, they attended Cons in Ithaca, Syracuse, and Rochester. They participated in several community events – they helped in a Day of Clean Up at the Canandaigua Lake Lagoon and helped in the annual Clean up Weekend @ Unirondack Camp in the Adirondacks.

One of the most gratifying things that can happen in a volunteer organization is for someone to recognize a need and take the initiative to meet it without being asked. Mimi Litche, one of our members who is not able to attend regularly but is committed to this congregation, came to me last summer and said that she noticed that some of our sanctuary chairs were worn and ripped and in need of TLC. But instead of just complaining about it - she offered to do something about it. She found an upholsterer and bought the materials and (with the help of Ken Hutton), she took the chairs and had them restored. What a huge blessing for our church!

While Mimi & Ken took care of our “asses”, other members took care of increasing our “assets”. This year's canvass was a success (with a 7% increase in pledges over last year) thanks to the continuing leadership of Deedee Dutcher. And thanks to Nancy Reed's coordination of the Nearly New Sale and the Service Auction, we raised over \$4,000.

Our biggest excitement of the year came in March when we learned that we had earned certification as

a Green Sanctuary Congregation. The work began over two years ago by a small group of dedicated volunteers (including but not limited to Ken Hutton, MaryBeth Gamba, and Maureen Thitchener). It was brought to fruition this year under the awesome leadership of Rita Carey. The Certificate is tangible recognition by the UUA of the work we have done. A special ceremony will be held during GA (General Assembly, our denominations' annual meeting) at the end of this month to recognize all the congregations that have earned this Certification. We will be represented by our two delegates (Lynne Westmoreland and Judy Cadle). Becoming certified as a Green Sanctuary church is not just a static event, it is an ongoing process that we will continue and expand upon in the coming years.

One of the areas we focused on improving this year is communications. James Haswell & Scott (with input from many church leaders) have worked many hours to re-design our web site (www.uucc.us). I urge everyone to check it out - and let us know what you think! During this year, the church purchased a software package called Power Church that will enable us to manage our database in a much easier, more organized, and more user friendly format. Thanks to a donation of a brand new computer to run it on and to Ele Border for hours and hours of data input, we will soon be joining the 21st century!

On the agenda today (at the Annual Meeting) is the election of new Trustees. There are four board positions that are being vacated. I want to especially recognize two outgoing board members (Ken Hutton and Jillian Willoughby) for their outstanding dedication and hard work as trustees for the past three years. They have put a great deal of time and energy into helping our church function. The third board member, Geoff Gretton, deserves special recognition for not only serving as a board trustee, but simultaneously, performing the difficult and thankless job of treasurer. Geoff must be a glutton for punishment, as he is signing on for another term as a board member! The fourth position is mine.

It has been three amazing years – years that have seen significant changes in the ministry of our congregation – the death of Carl Thitchener, the

retirement of Maureen Thitchener, and the hiring of Scott Taylor. It is with great pleasure that I (on behalf of the Board) announce that Scott will stay for a second year as our consulting minister. One of the first and most important tasks for the newly elected Board will be to begin planning for the upcoming and future years. With Scott's guidance and input from the entire congregation, the Board will continue to tweak our structure in order to discover the most efficient use of our resources (both financial and personnel). I have thoroughly enjoyed being President and hope that you all feel that I have done a good job of leading the Board and the congregation. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated and caring board – Ele Border, Geoff Gretton, Ken Hutton, Lynne Westmoreland, Tom Taylor, and Jillian Willoughby. It has been a satisfying, fun, enlightening, and occasionally frustrating experience. I know my husband Mark is very happy to see it end, but I will miss it. I look forward to handing over the reins to our very capable vice president Ele Border. Ele is a long time member of our church, but has only recently become involved as a leader. Ele brings a great deal of management experience to the Board and I am confident she will be a great President – and you won't even have to learn a new name! I want to thank everyone for their support over the past three years and thank the congregation for having given me this incredible opportunity to serve.

Gay Pride Parade

The Gay Pride Parade will be held July 17th. All UUCC members are invited to march with all the area UU churches. Gather at the corner of Argyle and Brunswick at 2 PM, and march at 3. Bring noisemakers - anyone have a spare kazoo??? Don't forget your sun hat, sunscreen, and water.

Highlights of Annual Congregational Meeting

For those who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting, here are the highlights:

- Outgoing board members Ken Hutton, Jillian Willoughby, and Ellie Syverud were thanked for their service
- Four board members were elected: Mary Drake,

Rita Carey, Westmoreland & Geoff Gretton
- Two Nominating Committee members were elected: Jeanne Smith and Bob Stevens
- A budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was passed. We had a 5% increase in pledges this year.
- A motion was made and passed for our congregation to ordain Shelley Page, one of the founders of our congregation. The Ordination Ceremony will take place in November; details to follow.

Newsletter Submission

You are welcome to submit news or photos for the newsletter. The deadline is the 15th of each month and the articles should be submitted through the church web site by going to www.uucc.us/, logging in as a user, clicking on "post to site," and then submitting your article under "story chalice article." If you have any problems, you can also send your articles directly to 4chalice@gmail.com. Please don't format your text. Use Notepad.

Invitation to membership

If you are looking for a religious community in which to seek spiritual growth... If you are eager

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to consider religious questions with others who are not always certain they have all the answers, but who are determined to keep searching with an open mind, and acceptance of other peoples' beliefs... If you would like the fellowship of others for celebration and worship, discussion and education, friendship and mutual support... If you want children to be helped to develop their own religious beliefs... If you wish to preserve and extend the traditions of personal freedom and human dignity against the dangers they face, you may find this church fills your spiritual and human needs... If you wish to know more about us as you consider membership, talk to our minister Scott Tayler.

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