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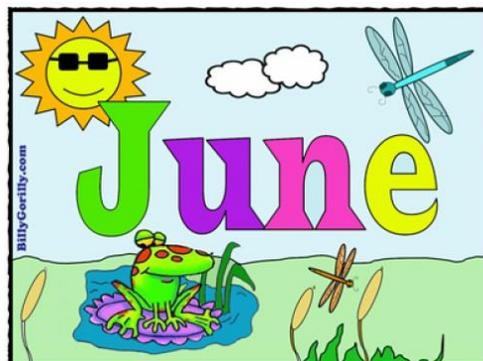
June 2015

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie is a community that values diversity, peace, democracy and the interdependent web of all existence. The Fellowship nurtures and challenges its members in their religious journeys, and advocates for social justice in the larger community. We are engaged in worship, study, public service, fellowship and social action. We invite your attendance and participation.

## Upcoming Services

- June 7<sup>th</sup>:** Truth In Beauty  
Rev. Walter LeFlore
- June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Today I Believe  
Coming Of Age Service
- June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Change is a Given  
Rev. Walter LeFlore
- June 28<sup>th</sup>:** First Lay-led Service of the Season  
More information to follow

*Our Nursery is available during all regular services. Please feel free to bring your young one there. Information is available from the minister, any member of the board, the Greeter at the Welcome Desk in the lobby and the Usher at the door of the main meeting room.*



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## June Calendar of Events

- 6/1 Speaking of Books 7pm**
- 6/2 Silent Meditation 7:30am**
- 6/2 Small Group Ministry (SGM) 12pm**
- 6/3 Tai Chi Practice (weekly) 10am**  
**Social Justice Meeting 5:30pm**  
**Paganism 102 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week) 7pm**  
**UniPlayers Rehearsal (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> week) 7pm**
- 6/6 UniPlayers Rehearsal 9am**
- 6/7 Choir Rehearsal (weekly)**
- 6/8 SGM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week) 1pm & 7pm**  
**Beading Together 7pm**
- 6/11 Bridge Club (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week) 7pm**  
**Program Committee Meeting 7pm**
- 6/12 UniPlayers Dress Rehearsal 6pm**  
**Drumming Circle 7pm**
- 6/13 B & G Workday 9am**
- 6/13 UniPlayers Performance 7:30pm**
- 6/14 Seniors Group (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week) 12:30pm**
- 6/15 Stewardship Committee Meeting 1pm**
- 6/18 Finance Committee Meeting 6pm**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm**
- 6/19 Popcorn Theology Sleepover 6pm**
- 6/23 SGM 12pm**  
**Membership Committee Meeting 6pm**
- 6/25 LFD/RE Meeting 6:30pm**
- 6/26 Meals for the Homeless Shelter 4:30pm**
- 6/28 First Summer Lay-led Service**

### Chocolate Covered Drama!!

Our annual fundraiser of theater and desserts is almost here! On Saturday, **June 13, at 7:30 pm**, the UniPlayers will inflict you, err.. entertain you, with outstanding theatrical works, interspersed with fabulous desserts. Witty drama, tasty treats and socializing - what could be better? Well how about the low price of \$10 (or \$8 ahead of time)?

Support your community! Invite some friends!! Fun guaranteed. Childcare available.

## *Sunday Service Information*

**June 14th:** Today I Believe - The Coming of Age Ceremony: This Sunday morning service will celebrate the participants in the Fellowship's Coming of Age program. It is the culmination of a yearlong process of spiritual and ethical exploration and self-discovery marking the transition of our young people to adulthood.



**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Our last Sunday service before we go to the summer schedule will be **June 21**. We will hold our annual flower ceremony with a Pot Luck Picnic following the service. We will need helpers to set up and take down tables, ensure paper goods are available, etc. Look for more information on how to sign up to help. Many thanks.

## **From the Minister**

**June 2015**

It's said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. In many respects, I imagine that's true. I'm sure we don't all react to the same things as being beautiful. While one person might find a car or airplane beautiful, another might say the same about a flower or tree.

Aerodynamic lines could make an airplane appear elegant or beautiful. Shape, color and symmetry might cause a flower to be seen as beautiful. What is it that causes us to define a full moon rising over the horizon as beautiful, or a landscape after newly fallen snow?

While one beholder may define beauty differently from another, I'm inclined to believe that beauty is much more than a personal assessment of particular characteristics. Beauty is studied in a branch of philosophy called Aesthetics and in the social sciences. Beauty is often defined within cultural terms indicating a shared viewpoint. There is even a notion of beauty in mathematics.

Last month when we considered evil, I concluded that evil originates in the mind as beliefs or thoughts. This month, as I think about beauty it seems beauty presents itself to us and we respond primarily through our senses.

## **Annual Congregational Retreat - Coming this Fall!**



Since we had a great Congregational Retreat last fall, we are having it again this coming fall! Come join us at Frost Valley during the weekend of **September 25-27**. The retreat will start Friday evening and extend thru Sunday noon. You can come for the whole weekend or for just a day. There will be carpools and scholarships so we hope many can attend. Once again we will have great group activities for all ages and interests. So come join us!! If you want to help on the planning, contact Paul Silverstein ([paulinpokny@gmail.com](mailto:paulinpokny@gmail.com)).



The Board of Trustees would like to express our thanks to several folks this month for outstanding contributions:

\*Soyal Smalls and Judith Knauss culminated a year of inspiration, planning, and preparation, by leading the first Adult OWLS class this Spring. It was an enjoyable, educational and spiritual experience for all the participants. Thank you Soyal and Judith!

\*New members Maureen and Joel Fisch stepped in and did a great job in providing Hospitality for the month of May – thank you for all the delicious-ness.

## Steward of the Month



The Board of Trustees happily honors Joyce Marra as our June 2015 Steward of the Month. As our fundraising genie, Joyce has been instrumental in the outstanding fundraising efforts. Her approach to fundraising is to work with our established fundraisers and help make them better. Her energy, enthusiasm and creativity have had a big impact in making our fundraising more effective and... more fun.

She is the consummate team player and happily applies herself to whatever needs doing. Whether it is in planning, organizing, creating (e.g. check out the new UniPlayers poster), or just pitching in, Joyce figures out what is needed most, and makes it happen. Her energy and joyfulness are infectious and lift the spirits of those around her. There is, moreover, a “method to her madness” as she analyzes our fundraisers and compares them to what the professional fundraisers recommend. Ask to see her trusty fundraising cookbook, which she will gladly share.

An area native, Joyce has been a UUFP member for twenty years. In addition to all things fundraising, she is active in crafts (particularly Stamping), the Seniors Group, the Hospitality Committee and the Meals for the Homeless.

Please join the Board in expressing our appreciation for all she does for the UUFP. Thank you Joyce!!!



## Lifespan Faith Development

*"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning."*

-- William Arthur Ward



The spirit has played and moved in many ways during this Fellowship year of religious exploration.

All age groups have been inspired by new and established educational programs.

**NEW** For our children, there's been Spirit Play;  
For our teens, Popcorn Theology;  
For our young to older adults, Adult Owl; and  
For all adults, History of Christianity.

### ESTABLISHED

For our upcoming youth, there has been the Coming of Age (COA) program.

### FUN AND COMMUNITY

We held a children's sleepover following the Ground Hog Day Pot Luck

The COA and Uniteens have had trips to religious institutions, outings, sleepovers. They have visited the UUA Headquarters in Boston.

The COA students plan a Vision Quest retreat in Middletown, NY. Their commencement service will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

The students will share with us the creeds they have developed; always an enlightening spiritual experience.

**STAY TUNED** for **SOMETHING IN THE SUMMER**. It might be a pot luck dinner – or lunch. It might be a family or game night. Perhaps a movie night or another sleep-over.

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Teachers and assistants: Reed Asher, Laura Bracken, Erica Chase Salerno, Julie Colacchio, Nick Garin, Carol Gustafson, Judith Knauss, Anne Lancellotti, Soozie Nowak, Margie Watters.

Coordinators of specific programs: Judith Knauss - Coming of Age, Carol Gustafson -Popcorn Theology and Special Events, Judith Knauss and Soyal Smalls -Adult Owl, Conrad Schnackenberg -History of Christianity.

Guest storytellers in Spirit Play Program: Paul Silverstein and Xiaodong Smith

**GOODBYE** to the Chase Kunaschk family: Clare and Chase Kunaschk and their parents, Bobbie Chase and Craig Kunaschk as they move on to new ventures across the country.

**IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL TEN MONTHS. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!  
and perhaps sooner....**



*CONTINUE TO STAY TUNED for a busy, expansive, enlightening, inspirational next Fellowship year for religious exploration.*

*Consider your special skills and knowledge and how you can participate in our community's exploration, questioning and wonder.*



## Program Committee Notes and Thoughts

Hello and lovely Spring Greetings!

The Program Committee has been working hard to coordinate services this year to delight and inform. In order for us to serve you EVEN BETTER in the coming year, we invite you to tell us what you are looking for in a lay-led service! An informal survey will be circulating in the next few weeks: you can give us feedback via that or contact the chair.

ALSO, we are in charge of scheduling services for Summer Sundays, which this year include the last Sunday in June and the first in September! Already we have many interesting titles and Sundays claimed: a few are still open. So, if you have a hankering to share a topic suitable for a Service here, please do! Contact me and we'll schedule!

Thank you and be well!

Soozie Nowak (Program Chair) [soozienow@yahoo.com](mailto:soozienow@yahoo.com)



### **First Annual Mother's Day Tea a Smashing Success!**

Last year, Joyce Marra and Katy Corcoran hatched the idea of a UUFJ Mother's Day tea as a fundraiser. For various reasons, the timing wasn't right, but they kept the idea alive and collected vintage china tea pots and cups and saucers. This year, they decided to have a preview / dry run during the Sunday coffee hour on May 10 (Mother's Day). The prep activity created a buzz. The May Sunday team and other members pitched in to help. The combined Coffee Hour / Tea Party was set up in the Baldwin room, which was filled with card tables. Judith Knauss offered her collection of vintage floral tablecloths, which set a lovely nostalgic tone. A colorful teapot display, votive centerpieces, and fresh lilacs completed the setting. Wraparound views of the greening UUFJ grounds were a bonus, courtesy of Mother Nature. The stage was set . . .

After the Mother's Day service, with wonderful performances by our own UUFJ kids, almost everyone went upstairs for the Coffee Hour / Tea Party. We had a full house. Most members and friends weren't expecting a Tea, and many had never attended a Tea, which made it a fun surprise. Attendees could select from an impressive assortment of tea cups/saucers and a variety of fresh brewed teas. Because of the variety and bountiful spread of treats, it qualified as "High Tea", for people who take note of such things. Servers brought refills of teas (and coffee) around to the tables. So much tea was enjoyed that the vast hot water supply kept running out. The tables were buzzing with lively conversation and the party lasted a good long while. A jolly good time for all!

A few quotes from attendees during and after the Tea:

“What fun! My first Tea, but certainly not my last!”

“I didn’t know there were so many delicious teas.”

“Brought back happy memories of tea with my mom, aunts and grandmothers”

“One of the most fun ‘coffee hours’ ever- let’s do it again!”

“This is great - can fathers get their own Tea?”

“I’m already looking forward to next year’s Tea....”

Thanks to Joyce and Katy for their leadership and thanks to the many people who pitched in to help!

Anyone interested in helping with next year’s Second Annual Mother’s Day Tea, please contact Joyce Marra or Katy Corcoran.



## UUFPP Nature Walks

Reminder: There are **no walks in June and August**.

Sunday **July 19**, Vanderbilt estate 3-mile loop walk, with riverside stop for 30 minutes of qigong. Two hills: one down, one up. Leader: Georgette Weir

([georgette.weir@gmail.com](mailto:georgette.weir@gmail.com)). Tick precautions recommended.

## FUNdraising Development 2014-2015



The UUFPP UUFers have had a **supercalifragilisticexpialidocious** year! Tag Sale, Holiday Season Choir Concert, AUUction and UUniplayers have become mainstays. In addition, Friendship Dinners, Plant Sales, Amazon Rebates have added to our coffers.

Congratulations to all the volunteer “worker bees” who have stepped up to the plate. Thank you for your time. You are the most important ingredient in creating our success.

“Ask not what UUFPP can do for you, rather what can you do for UUFPP”. Joyce Marra ([845-453-1188](tel:845-453-1188)/[ajoy12601@hotmail.com](mailto:ajoy12601@hotmail.com)) will guide you to the team leader who could currently use your talent.



Wed. **June 3**, 5:30 p.m. The Social Justice Committee will hold its annual potluck dinner at the Fellowship, followed by a meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Sun., **July 12**, 10:30 a.m.: Nick Garin, Pat Lamanna, and Merrill Sunderland will discuss their activities and experiences the weekend of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the march across the Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama at the morning service.

Sun. **Aug. 9**, 10:30 a.m.: Nick Garin, Pat Lamanna, and Judith Knauss will describe the “Coming Home” program at the morning service. This program helps previously incarcerated individuals reintegrate into the community. Our Fellowship will be hosting this program in the fall. Along with Sue Groman, who will be the

program's facilitator, the presenters will explain what it's all about, how UUF members can become involved, and anticipated outcomes.



I am convinced that a good building must be capable of absorbing the traces of human life and taking on a specific richness... I think of the patina of age on materials, of innumerable small scratches on surfaces, of varnish that has grown dull and brittle, and of edges polished by use.

Peter Zumthor

Our beautiful building has absorbed decades (parts of it even more than a century) of human life, and is in need of our loving care. As we finish out the 2014-2015 Fellowship year, we hope that you will all consider coming to our next B&G Workday, on **June 13, 2015**, from 9am to noon, to provide some of that loving care.

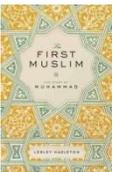
Perhaps you have noticed some of the work being done on the outside of the building, specifically the scraping (and soon the painting) of the south porch? There is still more to do there, and other areas of the building, including the East Wing and Main Meeting Room addition, which need to be scraped and painted. Perhaps you have noticed some of the interior work underway, including the painting of the Main Meeting Room, which still needs a few finishing touches? Or maybe you have noticed some of the things that need to be done that we may not have had the time, energy or money to take on. Find something that interests you, and volunteer to work on it! We promise you will experience a sense of pride and a deepening of connection to our community.

Please note that normally lunch is served following the workday, but there is a renter in the building that afternoon, and Uniplayers that evening, so lunch will be postponed.

Any questions? Please contact Co-Chairs John Colacchio and Judith Knauss.

## Speaking of Books

Speaking of Books is the Fellowship's non-fiction book group. We meet the 1st Mondays of the month at 7PM.



Our July meeting will be on Monday, **July 6th** at 7pm. The book is: *The First Muslim* by Lesley Hazleton. There are only five copies in the Mid Hudson Library System. New and used copies are available through Amazon.

[http://www.amazon.com/First-Muslim-Story- Muhammad/dp/1594632308/ref=sr\\_1\\_sc\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1433213364&sr=8-1- spell&keywords=The+First+Muslimm](http://www.amazon.com/First-Muslim-Story- Muhammad/dp/1594632308/ref=sr_1_sc_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1433213364&sr=8-1- spell&keywords=The+First+Muslimm)

Below are links to two of Lesley Hazelton's TED talks.

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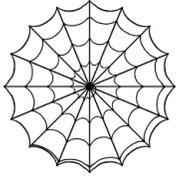
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Our book for **August 3rd** will be *Small is Beautiful* by E. F. Schumacher. Four copies are available in the Mid Hudson Library System. Abe Books has copies at about \$3.

Looking forward to seeing you at these summer meetings. Don't hesitate to bring additional suggestions for future reading.

## Spiral Web Weavings



The wheel of the year has turned to summer!

Paganism 102 continues in June with "Working with Ether/Spirit" on Wednesday, **June 3** at 7pm, and "Solstice" on Wednesday, **June 17** at 7pm.

There may be a Solstice celebration on Saturday, **June 20**, in the Labyrinth, and a Lughnasad celebration on **August 2**. To keep up with Spiral Web development, sign up for updates by emailing [spiralwebweavers@gmail.com](mailto:spiralwebweavers@gmail.com).



### Kendall Elected 1st Vice-President of the New York State Association of County Clerks - County Clerk News Release 3/18/2015

Poughkeepsie... Bradford H. Kendall, Dutchess County Clerk, was recently elected to serve as 1st Vice-President of the New York State Association of County Clerks (NYSACC). He was unanimously selected by the association membership consisting of the 62 elected or appointed County Clerks in New York State. Kendall, who has served as County Clerk since 2006, previously held the role of 2nd and 3rd Vice-President. The term runs until February 2016.



### You Might Be Interested In:

- The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill and the National Park Service invite you to a talk on The Raising of Democracy: The Fight for Voting Rights on Saturday, **June 13th** at Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill 106 Val-Kill Park Road | Hyde Park - 9:00 - 9:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast; 9:30 - 11:00 am Presentation & Audience Dialogue. Let Your Voice Be Heard @Cottage Conversations - Participants attending the presentation and discussion will be given the opportunity to register for a three-part series of facilitated discussions in Stone Cottage at Val-Kill. The discussions are designed to identify solutions and actions to voting rights issues. Both the presentation and the series are free-of-charge. REGISTER TODAY! **RSVP by June 5th via email to [info@ervk.org](mailto:info@ervk.org) or call 845-229-5302.**
- The 16th Annual Hudson Valley BachFest celebration will take place on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, **June 7**. BachFest is an annual weekend festival of four concerts and multiple church services celebrating the glorious music of Johann Sebastian Bach. This year's BachFest will take place in three Hudson Valley locales - Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties - and features instrumentalists and vocalists of all ages from across the Hudson

Valley. The festival schedule is as follows: Young Performers' Concert "North": Saturday, June 6 at 2PM at New Paltz United Methodist Church, 1 Grove Street, New Paltz. Admission is free; Young Performers' Concert "South": Saturday, June 6 at 2PM at Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson Street, Cornwall. Admission is free; "The Main Event": Saturday, June 6 at 7:30PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie. Suggested admission \$20, students and youth free; Church Services: Sunday morning, June 7. Please check the Hudson Valley Society for Music website for times and locations and Chamber Concert: Sunday, June 7 at 3:30PM at Cornwall Presbyterian Church, 222 Hudson Street, Cornwall. Suggested admission \$15, students and youth free.

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH INFORMATION:**

Our very own **Harvey Frankel** will be our artist of the month of May and June.



**This is our last publication until September.  
Have a Nice Summer.**

