

Annual Meeting of First Unitarian Society of Ithaca

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Childcare will be available. If you're able to give advance notice, please email: childcare@uuithaca.org. Otherwise, please just come with your entire family.

5:30 pm - Pizza Dinner in the Parlor (vegan and gluten-free options)

(\$3.00 per person suggested donation), bring a salad and/or dessert to share.

6:30 pm - Annual Meeting begins in the Sanctuary

Agenda

- I. Inspirational words by the Rev. Margaret Weis
- II. Board Report by President Laura Free
- III. Approval of Minutes of last Annual Meeting, May 31, 2017
- IV. Presentation of and Vote of 2018-2019 Budget
- V. Election of Nominees to Board of Trustees
- VI. Election of Nominees to Nominating Committee
- VII. Presentation on Public Witness Policy

Adjournment

Election Procedures:

1. Members must sign in and receive a ballot for the Trustee and Nominations elections.
2. Nominee bios/statements will be available at the meeting.
3. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided there is a second and the nominee is eligible and agrees to serve if elected.
4. Floor nominees may address the meeting for up to 2 minutes each. If floor nominees speak, other nominees may also speak for up to 2 minutes. There will be no questions to the nominees from the floor.
5. Members may vote for up to 3 Board candidates for the 3-year terms and 1 Board candidate for the 1-year term. Ballots with excess votes will be invalid. Only one vote per candidate is allowed.
6. The three and one candidates, respectively, with the highest number of votes shall be elected unless receiving fewer votes than a majority of valid ballots.
7. Any expiring Board or Nominating Committee term not filled by this election will become vacant on July 1, 2018, and will be subsequently filled by Board appointment for the remainder of the year.

The ballot box will be closed ten minutes after the meeting is adjourned.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

As recommended by the Nominating Committee

(Arthur Woll and Micheline Contiguglia)

There are (3) two-year terms on the Nominating Committee available at the beginning of the 2018-2019 church year. In fulfillment of the charge to the Nominating Committee from Section 2.3 of Article IX of the Constitution and Bylaws we attempted to identify candidates but none were found at this time. Members are welcome to nominate or self-nominate members from the floor of the Annual Meeting.

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Trustees

As recommended by the Nominating Committee (Arthur Woll and Micheline Contiguglia)

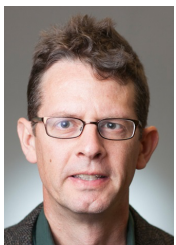
In fulfillment of the charge to the Nominating Committee from Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaws we openly solicited candidates for the three (3) three-year terms and the one (1) one-year term, received biographical information from potential candidates, and conducted personal interviews with those candidates.

We are pleased to recommend the following slate of candidates.



Matthew Hare

Matt is married to Kerry Shaw and they have two children, Mitchell (14) and Carly (10). They have been in Ithaca since 2007 and attending FUSIT since then. Matt became a member in 2015 and has been contributing to the RE program since 2016. For a day job, Matt teaches genetics and conservationbiology to sustainability majors at Cornell, and conducts reasearc on adaptive evolution in oysters, fish and other aquatic organisms. He loves wilderness trips.



Andy Turner

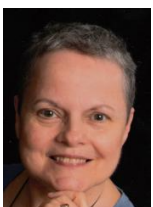
Andy Turner has been attending FUSIT since moving to Ithaca in 2012. He grew up two hours to the west in rural Livingston County. Andy's connections to Ithaca began by attending Cornell as an undergraduate student and graduate student and working for 23 years for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Rockland County and later in the Catskill region. Andy's spouse Anne Horst grew up in Ithaca and is now working at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Daughter Madeline Turner, age 17, has been active in the youth program at FUSIT and will be traveling to India on a gap year and then attending Cornell in the fall of 2019.

Andy returned to formal education again in 2013, earning a Doctorate in Education from St. John Fisher College. He is currently a Senior Extension Associate in the College of Human Ecology, serving as the statewide director for the 4-H Youth Development program. He has been serving on the FUSIT Board since January, 2018, in an interim capacity. Andy is an avid golfer, angler, cyclist and hiker.



Kim Wilkinson

Kim Wilkinson has been coming to FUSIT since she moved to Ithaca in 2012. When she first attended she was an active member of the Young Adult Group which helped her connect with Ithaca and the FUSIT community. She led two years of small group ministry groups and frequently worked as a greeter before having her son Merit in 2014. She was deeply touched by the support and care offered by the community and the Care Committee after his birth. Since becoming a single mom, she has taught two years of RE, and been a part of the Membership Committee. Dr. Wilkinson is also an assistant professor of occupational therapy at Ithaca College where she teaches courses about pediatric practice and does research on children's play. Before coming to Ithaca, Kim was a member of Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena where she first engaged with a UU church in the fight against Proposition 8 in 2008.



Marie Benedetti

Marie has been an active member of the UU Society of Ithaca for 12 years. During this time, she has (1) served on the Board for the past 4 years, (2) been a team member of the Winter Solstice ceremonies, (3) supported the Newcomers' Welcome Brunches, (4) joined in the running of our annual Service Auctions, (5) chaired our annual Recycle Sales, (6) run Adult RE sessions on various topics, and (7) participated in library holdings and building space assessments. As a member of the Board, she brings her 45 years of professional experience in both the teaching and corporate arenas. As a retiree, she continues to volunteer for local human-services organizations and the arts. "I find these very exciting times for our UU community. It would be my privilege to continue to serve on the Board of Directors for another year, to make a difference."