



ITHACA

UUU Connections

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November 2018

Sunday Celebrations at 10:30 am

November 4-25: Side with Love Collection

For the month of November, we will be gathering food items for local food pantries. Please bring non-perishable items to contribute to the collection that will take place during the first hymn on each Sunday. Special requests include holidays foods (boxed stuffing and canned pumpkin or yams), spices, oatmeal, cooking oils, chocolate, and shelf stable milks or milk alternatives.

November 4: "A Letter to My Daughter about Grace"

-Andrew Quagliata

The word grace evokes God language that can make some Unitarian Universalists uncomfortable. This service challenges us to open ourselves up to grace, recognize the unexpected gifts in our lives, and consider how we can give the gift of grace to others. *Special music by UUUU and Friends*

November 11: "Moving Through Grace"

-Rev. Margaret Weis

As we journey through difficult experiences, we are often surprised by graceful moments. In the end, we sometimes find ourselves somewhere else entirely or seeing things from a different perspective. Together we will reflect on the experience of grace. *Special music by Carolyn Grossman, piano*

November 18: "On Grace and Beauty"

-Rev. Margaret Weis

In this multigenerational service, we will reflect together on the beauty of grace that comes from community. We will practice noticing beautiful things and how that awareness can lead us to a deeper appreciation for the world around us. *Special music by First Unitarian Choir*

November 25: "Noticing Grace"

-Rev. Margaret Weis

How does one develop a spiritual practice that is nourishing and offers an openness to grace? Together we will reflect on the idea of

Ministerial Musings

Last month I had the opportunity to be on retreat with my colleagues in ministry. We gathered in the woods of Hamilton, New York for just a few days. It was so wonderful to take a short time to just "be" with one another, to get to know my colleagues, and to be welcomed officially into the Saint Lawrence Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (I had missed the retreats last year, so they welcomed me with a ritual this year). I even signed their membership book!

While gathered with other ministers from around our chapter, serving our UU congregations in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, I was struck by how grateful I am for that community. I loved hearing about the projects their congregations are working on, the struggles they and their congregants are having, and to share some of my own thoughts and feelings about what has been going on for us in Ithaca these past few months. So much of what we do in our congregations is universal – wondering how to welcome new folks, thinking about big ideas during times of transition, and wrestling with issues of a challenging world.

I am grateful that we are not the only congregation wondering about these things, and I was reminded, once again, that the world needs Unitarian Universalism more than ever.

I wonder – who are the communities that lift you up? Where do you find those moments of gratitude and grace when in community? Who are the people you turn to for a listening ear or sounding board?

I hope you'll thank them for being there for you. I hope you'll express your gratitude for their love and support.

As we continue to journey together through this time of transition and unknown, I want you to know that I am grateful for you and your presence at FUSIT. I am glad you are part of this group of wondering and wandering souls. Thank you for including me in your journey.

I'm glad you're part of mine.

*Take good care,
Rev. Margaret*

**Reminder:
Daylight Saving Time
Ends November 4th**

Pastoral Emergencies

In case of a pastoral emergency (death or hospitalization), the Rev. Margaret Weis can be reached at 607-218-4281 (cell) if you need to speak with her.

For non-emergency pastoral care, please call the FUSIT office at 273-7521, ext. 21.

Filling the Congregational Administrator Position

Although no one will ever replace our beloved Mark, we do need to hire a Congregational Administrator. Rev. Margaret is working with Jennifer Streid-Mullen to update the job description, and a small, nimble Search Committee is being formed. We hope to post the position soon and would like to have a candidate identified and, hopefully, starting, around **December 1st.**

In parallel, the Personnel Committee is working to update our personnel manual to provide clarity for this and other new hires and staff. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Streid-Mullen, cadmin@uunithaca.org.

Soul Matters Material for November on "Grace"

Our November worship theme at First Unitarian Society of Ithaca is Grace. This month's packet includes a few short readings, spiritual exercises, and discussion questions for you to consider. Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/Grace-Ithaca>

Thank You for Your Donations to Babies First!

During the two week-long bake sale you all donated \$790 to Babies First. This donation was matched by an anonymous donor, meaning that a total of \$1,580 will go to this amazing organization to help families in need in the Ithaca community! Thank you for your generosity!

Art in the Parlor

Three members of the Enhancement Committee will show their work in **November:** Frances Fawcett, Margy Nelson and Diane Newton. Frances will show prints and Margy and Diane will show photographs.

Religious Exploration News

For information about Religious Exploration, please contact Susanne Quagliata at drefusit@gmail.com or 607-273-7521, ext. 23.

The year is off to an excellent start. Over 50 children/youth are registered in our RE program, our classrooms are fully staffed with volunteers through January, and participation is growing.

I'm especially encouraged by the number of 11 to 14 year olds participating in our Crossing Paths curriculum. Volunteer participation from members has allowed us to increase our age specific programming for this group from two to three meetings a month.

Feedback from parents/guardians and children support this shift, and we would like to offer the same level of programming for children from ages 3 to 10. Children's Chapel and Creative Sundays were creative ways to offer programming when volunteer participation was low, but a congregation of our size should be able to support RE classes meeting three times a month.

With our aspiration to move from two Classroom Sundays a month to three in the next year, we will leave our volunteer registration form open for those interested in volunteering as Classroom Teachers or Teacher Assistants beginning in February. If we are able to recruit and train enough volunteers prior to February, we will transition our four other classrooms to three times a month. The more volunteer participation we have the lighter the time commitment becomes. So, if you have been on the fence about getting involved, see this message as a gentle nudge. You may express your interest in volunteering here: <https://tinyurl.com/FUSIT-RE-VOL-2018>

RE Schedule

November 4: Classroom Sunday

November 11: Classroom Sunday

November 18: Multigenerational Service

November 25: Creative Sunday

Susanne Quagliata, Acting Director of Religious Exploration

Adult Religious Exploration Series: Spirit in Practice with Rev. Weis

Mondays: November 26, December 3, December 10, December 17

Do you have a spiritual practice? Would you like to learn about the ways you can deepen in your spiritual practice? Have you ever wondered what makes something a spiritual practice?

*Join Rev. Weis for this four-week series. Together we will explore a variety of spiritual practices, try some out, and hopefully grow in our understanding of this idea and practice of intentionality. Registration required via email: minister@uunithaca.org by **November 20th.***

Save the Date!

Winter Solstice Celebration
December 21 at 6:30 pm in the Annex



Joy and Sorrows

Our concerns go out to Norma Helsper who has been diagnosed with a recurrence of her ovarian cancer.

Book Discussion Group

The group will meet on **November 2nd**, at 12:30 pm in the Library, to discuss *A Piece of the World* by C. Baker Kline. Contact Jennifer Streid-Mullen at 351-3087 or streidmull@gmail.com.

Thanks to...

...Sara Catterall, Simon Catterall, Liz Einstein, Mary Kirkpatrick, Dick Kurtz, Magdalen Lindeberg, Linda Loomis, Walt Peck, Tom Roberts, Rene Rogers, Carol Whitlow, and Tom Wright who participated in the Fall Cleaning Day on October 21.

...Mark Pedersen, posthumously, who worked with the city of Ithaca this past year to install a permanent handicapped parking sign by the Buffalo Street entrance.

...Team 1, under Coordinators Helen Ann Yunis and Pat Evans for greeting, ushering, snack providing, coffee prepping and cleaning up after the Sunday services on September 16, 23 and 30, and to Team 2 under Coordinators Donna Faivre-Roberts and Tom Roberts for completing those tasks on October 7 and 14.

Snack providers, please remember to provide a list of potentially sensitive ingredients.

If you are not currently part of a Hospitality Team, please see Pat Evans or John Gaines on Sunday or get in touch with Pat at patevans46@gmail.com or John at (607) 898-3943 or at jag222@cornell.edu.

Thank you, all, for your efforts to increase our hospitality!

From the Care Team

The Care Team will hold its monthly meeting on All Church Night, **November 14th**, from 7-8:30, after the potluck dinner.

If you have questions about how you'd like to be involved, feel free to contact Molly Robbins at mrobbins@gmail.com.

All Church Night November 14th!

On the second Wednesday of each month, we will gather for a **Potluck Dinner at 5:00 pm in the Parlor & many teams will have their meetings.**

We will be offering free childcare!

A great opportunity for multi-team collaboration, welcoming of newcomers and families, and engaging together in community. We hope you'll join us!

Please bring a dish to share.

The following teams will participate in our All Church Night on **November 14th!**

If you'd like YOUR ministry team to participate in the All Church Night, have your team leader speak with Rev. Margaret.

Team/Committee	Time Slot
Aesthetics Team	6-7:00 pm
Music Team	6-7:00 pm
Religious Exploration Team	6-7:00 pm
Environmental Interest Circle	6-7:00 pm
Teen Team (HS Youth Group)	6-7:00 pm
Finance/Endowment	6-7:00 pm
Membership Team	7-8:30 pm
Care Team	7-8:30 pm
Buildings and Grounds	7-8:30 pm

Social Justice Council Meeting

The Social Justice Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, **November 12th**, from 5:30-7:00 pm in Room 122. Come to learn what our various action teams are doing, and participate in choosing the recipient of each month's "Sharing Sunday." The SJC currently has multiple action teams:

- Health Care Reform
- Peace, Veterans Affairs & Support for Refugees of War
- Demonstrating Our Values through Eating (DOVE)
- Environmental Interests Circle

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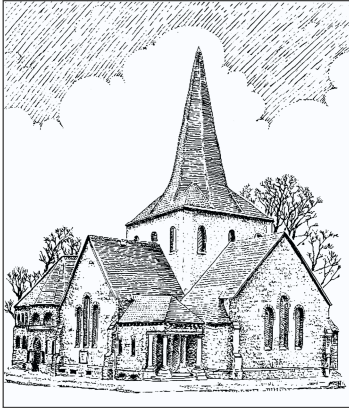
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Our Mission

Our mission is to create connection, find inspiration, and engage the world.
Connect, Inspire, Engage.

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Visit our Website and get
your newsletter:
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"Newcomers Inspired Connected and Engaged (NICE)"

Discover Unitarian Universalism!

We are hosting a 4-class series designed for YOU to become Inspired by our liberal faith, Connect with other newcomers, and Engage with your spiritual self. Classes are conveniently scheduled on Sundays after service from 12-1:30 pm. Bring your lunch, explore UUism and share great conversation!

Upcoming Cohort dates are as follows:

Cohort 2: **11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9** Breakfast **12/16**

Cohort 3: **1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27** Breakfast **2/3**

Cohort 4: **2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17** Breakfast **3/24**

Sign up now via email: memcoord@uuithaca.org or stop by the Welcome Table in the Parlor after the Sunday service! Act fast, space is limited although there will be three other cohorts set up throughout the 18-19 church year.

New members and friends will find several titles concerning UU history and faith in preparation for the NICE's (Newcomers Inspired Connected and Engaged) new Fall classes.

**First Unitarian is a UUA-recognized (LGBTQ)
Welcoming Congregation**

Women's Circle

The Women's Circle will meet Sunday, **November 25**, from 12-1:30 in the Library. All who identify as women are welcome at the Women's Circle. For more information please contact Carol Whitlow at whitlowcarol@gmail.com.

Men's Group

The Men's Group meeting for November will be held on Monday, **November 26**. All those who identify as male are invited to join us 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Arch Room to share stories and eat some pizza. Newcomers welcome.

Please contact Jens Wennberg jens207@gmail.com or Mark Piechota markpiechota45@gmail.com for more information.

Did you know...

You can find out about events happening in our congregation, see pictures of past events and connect with other UUs. Like and follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/FUSofI/> Instagram www.instagram.com/ithacauus and Twitter, @IthacaUUs.

Dear FUSIT Community,

Veasna, Sethik and I are so appreciative of all that the FUSIT community did after Mark's untimely death. I have been overwhelmed (in a positive way) by the outpouring of love and support shown to us. Mark's memorial service was an incredible tribute to his kindness and compassion. Thank you for all that you did to make that such a memorable event and for the lovely reception afterwards. The last 22 years of his life he had found his calling. He loved FUSIT and his place within this community.

It will take me awhile to figure out how I move forward without him. Perhaps the same can be said of FUSIT although I know he would tell you that it can be done and that you will continue to thrive and be a dynamic and gentle force. I also know that I have this community to draw upon for solace and support.

Sincerely, Rod Howe



Interested in Having Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church?

We'd like to schedule a Thanksgiving dinner at the church on **November 22nd**, but we need someone to help coordinate the event. If you'd like to help plan this event or if you'd like to attend, please contact the FUSIT office at cadmin@uuithaca.org or 273-7521, ext. 21.

A Message From the Office:

As we all know, no one can replace Mark. However, we can keep the office going (more or less), and Jennifer Streid-Mullen has volunteered to cover the office on an interim basis and function as Transition Coordinator. The intent is to hire a replacement for Mark this fall.

In the meantime, the following changes have occurred:

1. Office hours reduced to 10:30-4:00 M-F. Jennifer will be there daily, most of the time.
2. Third party rentals of the sanctuary, annex, or rooms are being handled by Betsy East at fusitrentals@gmail.com
3. Nursery and child care staffing are being managed by Wendy Salomon, wendysalomon15@gmail.com
4. Sunday Order of Service and Mid-Week Announcements are being compiled and published by Rev. Margaret, minister@uuithaca.org
5. Nancy Miller and Beth Howard will be doing a final clean and organization of the main kitchen each Monday. As always, please clean up after yourselves.
6. Website changes are being implemented by Membership and Outreach Coordinator Sarah Buskser at memcoord@uuithaca.org

If you are unsure, contact the office for help. Several other volunteers are helping cover the phones at various times, to free Jennifer up to figure out how to do the more complex tasks. One of Mark's many strengths was how much he retained in his head and did face-to-face, which is hard to reproduce now.

Jennifer is handling email correspondence at the old office email addresses. If you wish your email to no longer show Mark's name associated with those emails, you will need to edit Mark's name off the address office@unitarian.ithaca.ny.us and cadmin@uuithaca.org in your email and address book applications.

An Event Sponsored by the Environmental Interests Circle

A heating system is one of the vital parts of keeping our homes cozy and safe. Turning that heating system on in the fall, however, usually triggers the largest bills we pay during the year, swallows fossil fuels in big gulps, and can leave us with the bad feeling that we are contributing to global warming. What if your heating system was super efficient so it saved energy all winter long, burned no fossil fuel, and still kept your home evenly, cozily warm? And what if in summer you could use the same system for whole house air conditioning so you can stay cool even on the increasingly hot days? Welcome to the world of electric heat pumps. You deserve to have one in your house.

*Join us please on **November 4th, 9:00 am**, in the Pedersen Arch Room and learn about heat pumps.*

The Director of HeatSmart Tompkins, Jonathan Comstock, will give an introduction to heat pump options, their virtues, available incentives, and to the HeatSmart Program (see <https://www.solartompkins.org/>). HeatSmart Tompkins is an offshoot of Solar Tompkins which started up here in our county and has now been taken up by communities all over NY. HeatSmart Tompkins is a non-profit model program led entirely by local volunteers. It is now emulated by HeatSmart Massachusetts and seven new community programs across central New York. Here in Tompkins County we are still doing what we do best: providing accessible information to homeowners and reducing the barriers to action.

Peanut Brittle Making - Saturday, December 1st

This has been a year of painful loss in our congregation. The winter holidays seem to increase our longing for people no longer here.

But the people we miss have left us a legacy of activities large and small that they loved and valued. One such passion was Don Postle's yearly holiday peanut brittle class. Ever the teacher, Don would gather the supplies, provide the instructions and supervise the making of the holidays' peanut brittle. In honor of Don, and in recognition of the community he helped build among us, one of the Monday Small Group Ministries will carry on Don's tradition this year on **December 1st** in the kitchen and parlor. You may sign up for a space from 10-12 or 1-3 by calling or emailing Jennifer Streid-Mullen in the church office. All ages are welcome, but we ask that young children be supervised by a parent. There will be supplies (even for vegans!) provided and three kinds of nuts to choose from for a \$5 donation.

CHOIR NEWS

Please contact Jennifer Lawrence Birnbaum at FUSITCHOIR@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the holiday choir for either December 2nd (Hanukkah songs) or Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will begin very soon. Please also contact her if you're interested in playing in the All Ages Klezmer Band.

Upcoming Thursday Rehearsals

November 1 - regular rehearsal in Annex
November 8 - regular rehearsal in Annex
November 15 - regular rehearsal in Annex/Sanctuary
November 22 - NO REHEARSAL - Thanksgiving
November 29 - regular rehearsal in Annex/Sanctuary
December 6 - regular rehearsal in Annex
December 13 - regular rehearsal in Annex
December 20 - regular rehearsal in Annex

Upcoming Choir Sundays

November 18, December 2 and December 24
(Sage Chapel 5:15 service)

Additional Holiday Choir Weekend Rehearsals

Sunday, **December 2nd** - 12:30 am Annex
Sunday, **December 9th** - 12:15 Annex
Sunday, **December 16th** - 12:15 Sanctuary
Sunday, **December 23rd** - 10:30 am Annex

Klezmer Band Rehearsal

Saturday, **December 1st** - time TBD
(between 10 am and 4 pm)

Board of Trustees November Meeting

The Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **November 13**, at 6 pm in the Parlor. All interested persons are invited to attend.

From the Care Team

The Care Team will hold its monthly meeting on All Church Night, **November 14th**, from 7-8:30, after the potluck dinner.

If you have questions about how you'd like to be involved, feel free to contact Molly Robbins at mrobbins@gmail.com.

Nametags

If you have misplaced your nametag, simply complete the form available on the table near the name tag cabinet on Sundays or on the bulletin board by the Garden Entrance. The nametag will be waiting for you the next Sunday at the location you select. Please select one location where your nametag will be found, in whichever cabinet you place it. If you would like a rainbow ribbon affixed to your nametag, indicating your support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, you may indicate this on the nametag request form.

Blood Drive - November 6

Fuel your community! At the Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, **November 6**, from 1-6 in the Parlor. Sponsored by the American Red Cross. Walk-ins welcome.



Possible Ponderings

The theme for November is Grace.

Possible Ponderings is an offering of ways you might consider engaging more deeply with the theme or reflecting on the ways the idea of GRACE shows up in your life. These will also be printed in the order of service each week.

November 4-10: *Do you believe in grace? Every religion has its way of declaring that grace is always there, that no tragedy, defeat or evil is so large that it eliminates grace entirely. Do you believe this?*

November 11-17: *What is a natural blessing in your life right now? Who could you thank for their kindness this week?*

November 18-24: *When was the last time you danced through life gracefully? What's keeping you from doing it right now?*

November 25-December 1: *Try completing a simple task this week with intention and focus. How can something like doing the dishes become a spiritual task?*



Service Auction and Hors d'oeuvres Saturday, November 10

Please join us for our Gala Service Auction which will be a grand evening out (with free child care) so that you can **socialize, eat** delicious hors d'oeuvres, **enjoy** a beverage of your choice and then **bid** on fantastic items.

LIVE MUSIC
with Molly MacMillan
(piano)

Delicious hors d'oeuvres and live music from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Parlor

while you look over the catalog and then the **live auction begins at 7:00 in the Sanctuary**. We will be suggesting that any item or service offered should be no less than \$20, so now is the time to part with those very special treasures you've been safeguarding or feel free to offer your services, vacation home, and delicious dinners. With this venue and live music we are planning on only two small tables for Silent Auction items, which will also have starting bids of no less than \$20.

Please turn in your donation form at the Auction Table in the Parlor after Sunday service, online at <http://www.togetherauction.com/uuithaca> (where you can see what else has been donated so far!) or at the church office. Tickets for hors d'oeuvres are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Auction Table on Sundays in the Parlor, in the church office during the week, or you can reserve your spot by calling the church office at 273-7521, ext. 21, and then pay for the tickets at the door.

Questions: Contact Camila Faraday at ccfaraday@gmail.com or 592-5686 (leave message) or Amelia Habicht at meels66@gmail.com. For childcare, please email childcare@uuithaca.org



Order Form for Poinsettias

This year we are again offering an opportunity to honor someone's memory with a poinsettia for our holiday decorations. To contribute a poinsettia please fill out this form and return to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. A list of individuals honored in this way will be listed in the order of service on **December 2, 2018**.

Your Name _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

***Please check only one:

I would like someone to distribute this poinsettia to a person who could appreciate it _____

I will pick up this poinsettia after the service on **December 23rd** _____

The cost is \$10.00 each. Please enclose your payment with this form and return by Wednesday, **November 28**



2018 Recycle Sale Final Report

What a success! Huge thanks to the whole village (around 120 of us) that worked hard to make this happen! Including those who donated items (both church members and community folks). Several months of transporting, sorting and organizing items resulted in a sale that brought in well over \$20,000. This money goes into the operating budget of FUSIT. And we did far more than make money.....

First we want to express our gratitude for the Recycle Sale Team which included Marie Benedetti, Paul Drewry, Laura Free, Dawn Grover, Carrie Lang, Jo Carcich, Carol Johnson, Carol & Bob Nickerson, Barbara Shew, Fred Connor, Pat Gaines, Norma Helsper, Robin Cisne, Liz Einstein, Ron Liso, Elton & Kathy Hall, Matt Hare, Kerry Shaw, Mary Kirkpatrick, Dick Kurtz, Joann Kowalski, Loretta Heimbuch, Beth Pallace, Carol Whitlow, Jens Wennberg, John Gaines, Sue Roenke and Nancy Miller. The amazing Transport Team included Andy Turner as coordinator, Fred Balfour, Scott Grover, Arthur Woll, and Marshall Hopkins. Thanks for your trucks, time, and muscles!

Left over items went to the Reuse Center, the Salvation Army, SPCA, Sew Green, children's and adult clothing to the Philippines, the Mary Durham Boutique of the Women's Opportunity Center, the Combat Paper Project (cotton fabric is made by veterans into cotton paper). Items were bought by Judy Jones for Second Wind. Jackets bought by Madonna Stallman and others went to the Migrant Workers at Turek Farms in King Ferry. Free items went out to the community on Monday. The sale was announced at Loaves & Fishes. The men who did the final clean-up earned a day's pay.

Special thanks to Marie Benedetti for her mentoring, to Jens Wennberg for the SignUp Genius and organizing clean-up, to Robin Cisne for selling valuable items on eBay, and to Marie and Robin for the pre-sale buyers and other sales.

To all the wonderful folks who volunteered their time and their love to make this event: Joanne Farbman, Pat Evans, Mark Piechota, Cindy Scheibe, Margaret Nichols, Sara Catterall, Cher Powell, Jan Pfeleiderer, Sue Mann, Alice Churchill, John Vandenberg, Diana Nier, Christine Finnigan, Betsy East, Elizabeth Bixler, Noah and Chip Andrusis, Edie Reagan, Christian Neilsen, Madonna Stallmann, Russell Posegate, Donna Faivre-Roberts, Evan Wray, Beverly Hammons, Jim Murphy, Maggie Strunk, Marshall Hopkins, Amy Humber, Richard Humber, Peggy McKernan, Jeanette Knapp, Terry Starr, June Locke, Martha Ferger, Kathy Sholtys, Mariah Prentiss, Elizabeth Einstein, Valorie Rockney, Angela Zhang, Jane McArthur, Sue Rakow, Jane Koestler, Nancy Dolge, Deanna English, Dilmeran Akgoze, Kim Milling, Joyce Barney, Therese O'Connor, Earl Rose, Judy Jones, Carol Whitlow, Brenda Golden, Sue Fritts, Scott Grover, Joan Doria, Tom Roberts, Marie McRae, Lisa Earle, Maureen Cowen, Judy Stock, Beth Howard, Dianne Ferris, Helenann Yunis, Maria Yunis, Arthur Woll, Susanne Quagliata, Ardeen White, Magdalen Lindeberg, Steve Hand, Fred Balfour, Sharon Balfour, Josette Garrison, Linda Loomis, and Jim Skaley.

And for all the relationships made, stories of our lives shared. We all did it together! Hooray!

And to Mark Pedersen for all he did. We don't know how we will do it next year without him but we will.

*For our beloved community,
Sue Roenke & Nancy Miller, co-chairs*

Taking Care of Our Kitchen and OUR Church Home

It has been said that many hands make light work. Together we can make sure that our church home is clean, welcoming, and ready for great events!

We have a couple of volunteers who will be tidying the kitchen each week and making sure things are in their place.

The rest of us need to help them out by remembering these things:

—Don't leave ANY food whatsoever. If food is left for coffee hour, label it clearly. Any containers, casseroles, or pans not claimed in one week will go into the Lost and Found. Anything not labeled in the fridge will be thrown out.

—We all need to clean up after our meetings as well. The building is our shared home and the way that works best is if we are each responsible for completely cleaning everything we use.

—Wash all dishes used and place them in the sanitizing tray.

Fragrance Free Consideration

Some members of our congregation experience serious allergic reactions to strong fragrances and scents. Please refrain from using them when attending events at the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca.

Parking Notice!

Please be aware that the First Unitarian Society **does not have ANY parking** available during the week and only by the generosity of the folks next door do we have parking for our Sunday services. Even if you're only running in for a minute, please park on the street.

Sunday Service CDs

Sunday Service CDs are available about 10 minutes after the Sunday Celebration from Sandy Soule, the church Sexton, and any extras are left in the boxes on top of the staff mailboxes in the Parish House. Please return CDs to the box on top of the mailboxes outside the church office.