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Our Spiritual Journey

Over the last week my social media has been filled with many of my UU colleagues paying tribute to the life of Rev. Meg Barnhouse, who one person described as a “Unitarian Universalist minister, author, songwriter, and truth-teller.” It’s possible that I met her at some point at a conference but didn’t know her. And yet I was touched by the messages of love so many of my colleagues were sharing. One post had a link to a story that she wrote titled [The Stretcher and The Swan](#).

You can read it with the link above if you want but, to paraphrase, the story is about her driving by an accident and seeing a woman being carried on a stretcher and her reaction is that she wished in that moment that she was on a stretcher herself. Being cared for while others competently cleaned up the wreck around her. She goes on to say “I was tired. I was the kind of tired you get at the end of a month-long project. I had pushed through to the finish and I’d made seven mistakes along the way but the thing was done. I was the kind of tired you get when you have ten different people feeling in their heart that you should have done it differently.”

And I couldn’t help but think of my own experience several years ago of having an MRI of my brain and spine. A friend of mine had shared how challenging MRIs are for her, and I had only ever had an MRI of my foot before, so I went in with a feeling of trepidation. But what I found when I laid down in that machine, forced to stillness with only the rhythmic susurrus of the apparatus around me was peace. I couldn’t answer emails. I didn’t have children asking for my attention. All of the tasks and responsibilities simply had to wait. I could do nothing but rest and be still.

It took a scan of my brain and spine to force me to a place of stillness to realize just how tired I was. Rev. Meg Barnhouse wrote “I know now that when I have a “stretcher day,” when being helpless looks good to me, I just need to rest. How did I get to be a grown-up and not know that I need to rest sometimes?”

In order to be resilient, in order to keep doing the work, we all need to rest sometimes. To be still and allow others to care of us and take a turn cleaning up the wreck that surrounds us. We need to trust those in our circles and our communities to pick up the pieces and keep marching forward and know that they trust that we ourselves will step back in when we are able.

Rest. Be resilient.

Emily Richards, Director of Congregational Life

Our Mission

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

**Sunday Celebration at
10:30 am
in the Sanctuary.**

Live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/
@FirstUnitarianSocietyofIthaca/
streams](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstUnitarianSocietyofIthaca/streams)

*Nursery childcare and Religious
Exploration classes for children.*

***Please join us to celebrate the Kick-off
of our Pledge Drive***

February 22nd, 11:45 am-1:00 pm in the Annex

***Stone Soup Luncheon = bringing our
resources together to nourish each other.***

Here’s the sign-up for cooking the soup:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/
Y9qGqn3mLWTeu99hEjyKicboTzb7Jp7ig0sxLH
ycBs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/Y9qGqn3mLWTeu99hEjyKicboTzb7Jp7ig0sxLHycBs/edit?usp=sharing)

More information on page 8.

Religious Exploration News

For information about Religious Exploration, please contact Madeline Natale at dre@uuithaca.org

Greetings from the Director of Religious Exploration

This recipe has been tweaked over time, so adjust as necessary.

Sometimes it yields more servings than anticipated. Sometimes it needs a bit more of this ingredient or that. It comes from generations who have gone before me, and I've added my own flavor along the way.

A Recipe for Resilience

One part courage
Two parts tears of failure and doubt
One part deep listening
One part each of both silence and laughter
A dash of trust
A pinch of wonder
A heaping scoop of naps and snacks

The Nursery will be open every Sunday from 10 am-12 pm for young children between the ages of 0 and 4 unless stated otherwise.

In a separate bowl, mix together family, friends, and those who challenge you to be your best self, those with whom you disagree. Add slowly to the larger pot, add a bay leaf for... well, whatever it is bay leaves do, and let simmer for as long as you need (which is often longer than you realize or anticipate). Keep the heat at an even temperature—hot enough to cook throughout, but not so hot it burns the bottom. Can be served at room temperature, warm, or even cold if necessary. Serve alongside your favorite soft blanket, dog, cat, or other soft item.

Make often, Share with others, Hold onto the leftovers—you'll need them after a long day that challenges your soul.

By Margaret Weis

February Classroom Sundays

This month the elementary aged children will explore our monthly theme "Resilience" through stories, activities, crafts, and games.

Middle School will continue to explore their Unitarian Universalist Values through the lens of other faith traditions using the "Crossing Paths" Curriculum.

Youth who are in **Highschool** are encouraged to join the weekly services or volunteer in RE. They are welcome to facilitate games and crafts for the elementary kids or play in the nursery with our babies and toddlers.

Elementary religious exploration is in a time of change. We are starting the new year by introducing "Choose your own Adventure" RE. All elementary kids will start RE in the arch room for Children's Chapel. They will light their chalice, revisit covenant, embody the 7 values, and enjoy a story that aligns with the theme of the month. After this connection time they are invited to choose between 2 or 3 activities. Our goal is to deepen their connection with all of the kids in RE across many age groups and allow them to take ownership over their RE experience.

Please register your children below for the 2025-2026 Religious Exploration program! This information helps us to plan for the upcoming year AND keep your children safe.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd25nAdfKS-DrbPQF2Xum7a_oqg2j7EpF2hOcAWcnmRxWmt3A/viewform?usp=header

Volunteer Involvement

We have so much appreciation for all of the community members who have volunteered to enrich our community through participating in our Religious Exploration programming. Volunteering for the RE program is a gift of time that many of us have to give and I hope you will consider joining our amazing team of volunteers. This important programming can only happen with the support of the entire community.

As we begin to shift into the winter months, it is important to gather new RE volunteers to join the kind and nurturing team of RE Teachers. RE runs three weekends a month and we have substitutes available to cover any Sunday that you might not be available for. Our new RE structure gives all volunteers more flexibility. RE can run with a minimum of 3 volunteers per week and can THRIVE when we have 6-8 volunteers. If you're new to Unitarian Universalism, volunteering is a great way to deepen your understanding of our UU values! Email Madeline (DRE@uuithaca.org) for more information.

2025-2026 RE Classroom Schedule

Please join our [First UU Ithaca Parents Facebook Group!](#)

Religious Exploration Schedule for February

Class runs from 10:45-11:45 am. School aged children are invited to start in the Sanctuary.

February 1st - Classroom Sunday

February 8th - Multigenerational Service

February 15th - Creative Sunday

February 22nd - Classroom Sunday

February Religious Exploration Events

Love Crafts

Sunday, **February 1st**, 12 pm-2 pm, Annex

Join us for a celebration of love as we make crafts and cards together just in time for Valentine's Day celebrations. Everyone should have access to fun and creative ways to share the love so, as always, this event is free and open to the public.

Music for Little People

Wednesday, **February 4th and 18th**

12 pm-12:45 pm, Arch Room

Share in the joy of music in this class which is free and open to the public. Children 0-5 and their caregivers are welcome to meet us in the Arch Room each month. Sing, play, dance, explore instruments, and connect through music.

Adult RE

Tabletop Connection Circle

February 15th, 2 pm, Room 213

This group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Drop in to participate in micro campaigns and other fun table top games. Reach out to Mike Timonin (Mike.timonin@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Pub Theology

Tuesday, **February 24**, 6:30 pm

Liquid State Brewing, 620 W. Green Street, Ithaca

Join us at Liquid State Brewing for an evening of good fellowship and conversation at our favorite local brewery (owned by FUSIT members!). We will gather at 6:30 pm and reflect together on our monthly theme of *Embodying Resilience*. Non-beer and non-alcoholic drinks options available! 21 and over please. Bring your friends! Hope to see you there!

Spiritual Yoga at Yoga Farm Ithaca February 21

129 W. Falls Street, Ithaca, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Join Madeline on the **3rd Saturday of each month** for this Spiritual yoga series. Each gentle and accessible class will include Mantra, Meditation, Asana (pose), and Pranayama (breath). Yoga mats and other props are provided. Tweens and teens are welcome. Free.

Adult RE continued on page 7.

February Worship Services

The theme for February is "Embodying Resilience" and the Celebrations Team is looking forward to speakers whose voices can help us to explore this theme as individuals and as a community.

Sunday, February 1, "Resilience Grows When Bodies Feel Safe Enough to Exhale"

Rev. Janet Shortall

Resilience does not begin with resolve or optimism. It begins in the body—in the ways we breathe, adapt, and protect ourselves when life becomes overwhelming. This service explores resilience as a compassionate, embodied practice, one that honors limits, invites rest, and reminds us that healing and persistence are rarely solitary acts.

Music by Kylie Brown, vocalist

Sunday, February 8, "Outlawing Jellybeans and Other Injustices"

Emily Richards, CRE

In this fun and interactive service based on the story by Johnny Valentine we will consider how we use our power and how we respond to injustice.

Music by Laura Ramos and Emily Richards

Sunday, February 15, "Embodying Resilience"

Rev. Peaches Gillette

Music by Valerie and Lloyd Graves

Sunday, February 22, "Streams of Generosity"

Emily Richards, CRE

A resilient community is a community that comes together, mingling our unique strengths, passions, skills, and resources to create something bigger than ourselves, like water flowing abundantly from many sources to create a river. It is through careful and intentional stewardship that this congregation continues to thrive and grow. Let us celebrate the generosity of this community, and its impact.

Music by UU Choir

Religious Exploration Wishlist

If you are looking to support the RE program and would like to purchase a gift, here is a list of items that would be useful and deeply appreciated.

[RE Wishlist](#)

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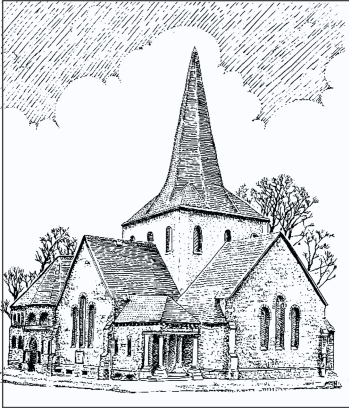
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www.uuithaca.org

Possible Ponderings

The theme for February is Embodying Resilience.

*Possible Ponderings is an offering of ways you might consider engaging more deeply with the theme or reflecting on the ways the idea of **Embodying Resilience** shows up in your life.*

February 1-7: What if resilience is not about holding tight against the wind, but letting go and trusting the wind to take you where you need to go next?

February 8-14: If saving the world seems no longer within reach, how might creating islands of sanity be your road back to hope?

February 15-21: What if you allowed yourself to be a work in progress? What if the biggest secret to resilience is loving it all?

February 22-28: What parts of you did you have to hide to survive? What would it look like to invite them back into the world?

Parking

The church does not have a parking lot, but there is free parking on the nearby city streets on Sundays and the Town of Ithaca allows us to use their lot on Sundays (on the corner of Aurora and Buffalo, directly across from the church). Please do not park in the lot next to the church on Aurora St.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to meet others in the First Unitarian Community and give back at the same time! Current Volunteer Opportunities can be found here: <https://unitarian.ithaca.ny.us/index.php/connection/volunteer/>

FUSIT Listserv

If you would like to be added to the First Unitarian Society of Ithaca listserv, please fill out the form at <https://fusit.breezechms.com/form/oe48af>. If you have any questions, email Michelle at office@uuithaca.org.

*Did you know you can text
in your donations to the offering plate on
Sundays? Simply text 607-260-6616
with the amount + offering
(eg: \$5 offering) to donate by phone.
It's super easy!*

Social Justice

We hope you will consider joining us in our social justice efforts and encourage you to reach out and learn more about how you can get involved. Find more information about various teams on our website.

Side with Love and Shared Plate

Each Sunday in February, we will be collecting for Code Blue at the homeless shelter. Items needed are: breakfast bars, 100 percent juice boxes, and boxes of single serving instant oatmeal envelopes.

The Shared Plate collection this month will be donated to Feed Our Starving Children. Contact Liz Einstein for more information.

Democracy Circle Meets on the Second Sunday

The 8th Principle Action Ministry (8PAM) has been gathering on the second Sunday of each month as a Democracy Circle to share ideas and companionship, engage with one another and educate ourselves and each other during this turbulent time in our history.

We'll meet Sunday, **February 8th** at noon in the Sophia Lyon Fahs Room.

We discuss actions in which we can engage and listen to one another. Any and all are welcome, whether you attend once or often. Please bring your suggestions, ideas and thoughts. Initially small groups were formed to focus on various areas including Engaging with Others, Engaging with the Community, Communication and Action and Constitution Study. We continue to evolve with our ideas and actions.

The Environmental Interest Circle

The Environmental Interest Circle meets to discuss/exchange ideas and actions that further sustainable living for each one of us, for the FUSIT congregation, and for our congregations' role in the greater community. We will meet on **February 4th** at 7 pm in the Parlor and over Zoom, and continue to meet every first Wednesday of the month.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81644753524?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81644753524?pwd=SDBqaTN5eIM3ejltbGdJeGhPa3QxQT09)

[pwd=SDBqaTN5eIM3ejltbGdJeGhPa3QxQT09](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81644753524?pwd=SDBqaTN5eIM3ejltbGdJeGhPa3QxQT09)

Meeting ID: 816 4475 3524 Passcode: 894885

Soul Matters Material for February

The Soul Matters theme for February is *Embodying Resilience*. This month's packet includes a few short readings, spiritual exercises, and discussion questions for you to consider. The material can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/SoulMattersFeb2026>

Joys and Sorrows

Joys and Sorrows are shared during Sunday Service. Please send notices to the team at joysandsorrows@uuithaca.org. When considering what is shared in Joys and Sorrows, please note, these services are live streamed and available to the public on our YouTube Channel.

Appreciations

As we nurture a culture of appreciation at FUSIT, let's sing praises to the many people who help make our community the wonderful place it is. Who here at First Unitarian Society of Ithaca have you noticed doing something above and beyond, who has been a quiet unsung hero, or who is doing an exceptional job? It can be a member or staff or friend to our community. Send your submissions to joysandsorrows@uuithaca.org.

From Sue Rakow-

"The Babies First Team would like to thank Myra Kovary and Cynthia Riffin for donating the proceeds of their beautiful cello and harp recital on Sunday, December, 29th, to Babies First. It felt so good to be noticed and appreciated. It was an evening of extraordinary music!"

From Therese O'Connor

"Much appreciation goes to Dick Kurtz who I see all around the church fixing doors and floors and all kinds of things. He has devoted a huge amount of time repairing and installing things we rarely notice. Thanks so much, Dick."



Care Team

The Care Team provides pastoral care and support for congregants who are going through challenging times. If you or any member or close friend of FUSIT need some assistance, contact Kathy Hopkins at 607-582-3025 or Care@uuithaca.org.

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Please contact Rev. Janet Shortall at pastoralcare@uuithaca.org or 607-218-2088.

Care Café - February 8th and 22nd

Thank you for joining us for Care Café, held every other Sunday during the church year from 12:00 -1:30 in the Library after service and coffee hour.

The conversations we share during Care Café are rich, honest, and designed to offer meaningful insights about our journey through life together. The diverse personalities and perspectives we bring only deepen our understanding of how each of us navigates the challenges and joys we encounter. I hope to have you with us.

As we look ahead, here are upcoming dates:

March 8th, and 22nd; April 5th, 19th; May 3rd, 17th, and 31st

Rev. Peaches Gillette

Thanks to Your Donations in 2025

Thanks to your generosity to the monthly Side with Love collection, we donated to the following organizations last fall/winter:

September 28, 2025 - Menstrual Equity Center \$214

October 19, 2025 - REACH Medical \$248

October 26, 2025 - UUA \$375

November 30, 2025 - FUSIT Human Needs Fund \$358

December 23, 2025 (Sage Chapel services) - Babies First \$2,329

Message from the Board of Trustees -

We're halfway through the 25-26 church year with many positive signs for our congregation. We began the year with a projected revenue deficit. We responded by completing our 25-26 pledges. The Fall Matching Gift campaign turned its goal of \$20,000 into a \$30,000 success. The Fall Service Auction also far exceeded its fundraising goal.

We had over 1,000 community attendees at our Sage Chapel double services. We collect charitable donations every Sunday for the important work being done by various non-profit organizations. And Babies First is filling an expanding community need.

Let's pat ourselves on the back and go into the spring semester with resolve to keep this momentum going. Several fundraisers are planned like the upcoming Oatmeal and Ice Cream extravaganza on **February 8th** and the Pancake Breakfast on **March 15th**. And we'll have the opportunity to promote ourselves at the Ithaca Festival in June.

With the divisiveness around us, FUSIT represents a countervailing force for you through the strength and comfort of a beloved community. Thank you.

Don Barber, Trustee

February Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board is now meeting on the third Wednesday of the month and will meet on **February 18th**, at 6:30 pm. Board meetings are a hybrid format, taking place in the Parlor and through Zoom.

All FUSIT members are invited to attend these meetings. Ten minutes are set aside at the beginning of the meeting for congregation feedback. Please join us! Join Zoom Meeting: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85316773587?pwd=YYoELJBzca3EDCvqlIX4snaaFDUia8.1>

Meeting ID: 853 1677 3587 Passcode: 869602

Welcome New Members

Please give a warm welcome to these new members who recently signed the Welcome Book:

Stu Fegley, Barbara Lang, Lyndsey Lyman, David Pineda

Office Hours

For the month of February, Michelle will be in the office Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays and working remotely on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you have in person office business, please send an email to office@uuithaca.org to make an appointment.

UUs of Color will meet February 2nd

We invite people of color (having African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, Middle Eastern, Native American, Pacific Islander identities) to gather with us. Our purpose is to commune with one another, amplify our voices, and promote diversity in our UU community. Activities may include having meals together, welcoming new POC into the congregation, planning a service, collaborating with other groups at (or beyond) FUSIT, and more. We meet the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm and around meaningful events. Please contact poc@uuithaca.org for more information.



LGBTQ+ Group Meets Monthly

This Small Group is especially for FUSIT's LGBTQ+ community and meets monthly. **All who identify on the LGBTQ+ continuum are welcome.**

Come enjoy this opportunity for fellowship and community within our larger FUSIT community, in a safe, confidential and nurturing environment. Please reach out to dre@uuithaca.org for more information.

Women's Circle Meets on February 23rd

Women's Circle usually meets via Zoom on the 4th Monday of the month from 7-8:30 pm. All who identify as women are welcome. This is a drop-in group, so no need to sign up; just come. Anyone is welcome to bring a poem or a reading. For information or questions contact Nancy Miller at ananda7733@gmail.com or 607-539-7733.

Zoom Link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82169260621?pwd=ZDkyanRKMmo2czhqSWgrSVhmbGFqdz09>
Meeting ID: 821 6926 0621. Passcode: 015515

Come sing with the FUSIT Choir. Why?

"Singing in a choir is an absolutely unique experience. It is one of the most important things in the world. Where else do you have everyone doing the same thing at the same time without the use of special equipment and for a greater purpose, and no one is sitting on the bench?" -Tan Iceppky

Rehearsals: **Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm in the church Annex.** We sing for one service a month. Contact Jayne for the schedule choir@uuithaca.org or just come to rehearsal.

Expanding Community

For many this continues to be a time of increased feelings of isolation and being cut off from others. We always welcome new members to our community and faith and hope to provide a safe space of connection and learning for all. Please continue to invite any and all people that you know that you believe could find meaning by exploring what the Unitarian Universalist faith can offer.

Stay Connected

Curious about events and happenings at First Unitarian Society of Ithaca? Check out our Facebook page and stay current with what's going on in the community! [First Unitarian Society of Ithaca Facebook Page](#)

Adult RE (continued from page 3)

Supporting Immigrants in Our Community

Mary Jo Dudley will lead a discussion about immigrants in our community, what motivates them to migrate, what roles they play in our communities, and how they contribute to the NYS and US economy. Current immigration enforcement environment will be discussed as well as how families can plan to prevent family separation and how community members can provide support for immigrants in the region. **February 15**, in the Annex at noon.

Dudley was the former director of the Cornell Farmworker Program and current director of Migrant Advocacy and Support (MAS). Her leadership has been recognized nationally - including by the White House, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. She has been interviewed by The New York Times, CBS News, ABC News, CNN, USA Today, ProPublica, Scientific American, The Atlantic, National Public Radio, and many other media outlets.

A Note from Our Music Coordinator: Fostering Community Through Music

Dear Friends,

Making music together is a beautiful and time-honored way to build community. Sharing music during our UU services takes courage, and it is an expression of trust and care for one another. I believe deeply in the power of community music-making in all its imperfect forms.

When we create and share music together, we are united not by perfection, but by sincerity and a shared desire to connect. These offerings—human, heartfelt, and sometimes imperfect—are gifts to our community. In a difficult world, they remind us of our shared humanity.

As we continue to grow together, let us offer words of gratitude, encouragement, and support to those among us who step forward to make music for and with our congregation. In doing so, we help ensure that our community remains a place where people feel welcomed, valued, and uplifted.

With peace, love, and solidarity,
Laura Ramos

Did you know...
-that Hazel's Backyard can be used by congregants?

Hazel's Back Yard is a place of natural beauty owned by The First Unitarian Society of Ithaca. It was deeded to us by Hazel M. Hauck, an active member, in 1964. The Back Yard is a sacred trust and there are certain policies in place to maintain it as a natural area. Members and friends of First Unitarian Society of Ithaca can visit this site as a place of quiet contemplation and can have their own cremated remains, and those of loved ones, placed at this spot.

Spring Fundraisers

We need volunteers to help make our spring fundraisers a success!
Sign up here for more information about and to get engaged with our upcoming Oatmeal and Ice Cream, Pancake Breakfast, and Plant Sale!

[Fundraiser Sign Up](#)



From the Hospitality Team

Do you like having coffee and snacks after services, and smiling ushers greeting you? Did you know that we only have them because congregation members volunteer to make it happen?

It's easy to take part, and easy to sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60BoB4FA5A72BA1FE3-fusit> If you're new to it, others will be there to help--and it's a great way to get to know folks.





Invest in Community: The Flow of Abundance

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Our annual stewardship campaign begins Sunday, February 22. We invite you to invest in our First Unitarian Society of Ithaca, and contribute what you can to ensure the flow of abundance that powers the warmth of community, the light of truth and the energy of action. Throughout March as the snow melts and our magnificent waterfalls spring to life, we will celebrate the generosity that makes our beloved community possible.

Just as the creeks of our local gorges flow together to fill Cayuga Lake, our individual resources converge here to create a spiritual watershed deeper than anything we could achieve alone.

Honoring Our Deep Roots and New Streams

In 2026, every stream contributes to the depth of our community:

- **To our long-term pledgers:** You are the steady currents that have sustained this congregation for years. We thank you for your steadfast contributions.
- **To those who haven't yet pledged:** If you have never pledged, or have stepped away, we invite you to join the flow this year. Every gift is an investment in the community that sustains us all.

Stone Soup Kick-off: Sunday, February 22nd

Join us on **February 22, 2026**, for a communal "**Stone Soup**" luncheon following the service. Like the classic fable, we will combine our individual ingredients into a feast for the whole congregation. If you can, please bring a favorite soup or bread to share.

Sign up here to bring Soup or Bread or Help Out for the Luncheon: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Y9qGqn3mLWTeu99hEjyKicboTzb7Jp7IgosxLH_ycBs/edit?usp=sharing

How to Participate

- **Pledge:** Look for the stewardship letter in the mail.
- **Volunteer:** Reach out to the office to join the Music, RE, Code Blue, or Auction teams.

*Whether your gift is a small stream or a rushing river, your contribution is essential.
Together, let's keep the abundance flowing.*

*With gratitude,
The Stewardship Committee & Board of Trustees*

SAVE THE DATE(s)

Teen Witch Camp

July 6th-10th

12-16 yrs old, 10 am-3 pm



Camp Aurora 2026

August 17-21st and August 24th-28th

4-10 yrs old, 9 am-3 pm

Hiring Camp Counselors age 16+ for Camp Aurora

Nametags

If you would like a nametag, please fill out the nametag request form at the Welcome Table or contact membership@uuithaca.org and we'll make one for you. Then look for your new nametag in the Narthex nametag cabinet (corner of Buffalo and Aurora Sts).

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