

UUFH Happenings in a Flash!

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The Weekly Fellowship Flash

January 8, 2026



So much of life is lived on autopilot: old assumptions, quick judgments, first-draft stories. This Sunday we practice a second look, the kind that helps us notice the lens we're wearing, loosen our certainty, and make room for nuance, repair, and a wider love.

Join us in person or online
For online - please see the zoom link below.

[Click Here for Online Zoom Link to Sunday Service](#)

This Week's Events

Opera Night Long Island



Friday, January 9 at 7:30 pm

Opera Night, Long Island (ONLI) is a nonprofit organization providing the Island's only live opera series.

Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the program begins at 7:30 pm. There is a \$10.00 donation at the door, (students free).

For more information, visit www.operanight.org or email vivaldi222@aol.com.

The January 9th program features exciting excerpts from popular operas such as Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte;" Puccini's "La Boheme" and "Tosca;" Mascagni's "L'Amico Fritz;" Verdi's "Rigoletto;" Donizetti's "L'elisir d'amore;" and Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots;" The operetta excerpt is Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" The musical theater selections include Loesser's "Guys and Dolls;" Bricusse and Newley's "Stop the

world - I want to get off;" Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera;" and Lerner & Loewe's "My Fair Lady."

UUFH Potluck Sunday

Sunday, January 11 after service

Please bring your favorite winter time treats to share with 5 people.



UUFH Art Gallery News and Opening

Sunday, January 11 from 12 to 2 pm

Please welcome Joanne Ferrante and Craig Marta to the gallery. Enjoy their beautiful oil paintings and watercolors. They're opening reception will be Sunday, January 11 from 12 to 2 pm.

Introducing Realm Connect!

- Look up members in UUFH directory
- Update your personal information
- Give online - one time & recurring gifts
- View giving history & print giving statements
- Make & keep track of pledges
- Keep in touch with Groups that matter to you



Join the Realm Connect Online UUFH Community

Sunday, January 11 after service

This Sunday, after service, stop by the Realm Connect table in the social hall to join the Realm Connect Online UUFH Community.

By joining Realm Connect you can:

- Look up members in UUFH directory - New online directory
- Update your personal information - You are in control of your own information
- Give online-one-time & recurring gifts - Easy and secure online pledges and giving
- Make and keep track of pledges - Clear statements available anytime

Visit uufh.org/realm for more information. Stay tuned for your invitation!

Upcoming Events

UUFH Bingo Afternoon

Sunday, January 25 from 12:15 - 2 pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing Bingo in the Social Hall on January 25, 2026 at 12:15 p.m.

Stop by the Welcome Table for a flyer.

UUFH Bingo Afternoon

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Afternoon

Date: January 25, 2026

Time: 12:15- 2:00 PM

Location: UUFH Social Hall



Get Ready to Shout

Gather your friends and family for an exciting afternoon of bingo, laughter, and prizes! Whether you're a bingo pro or a first-time player, everyone is welcome. Light lunch will be provided. Bring a snack to share!

Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Fun for all ages. Bring your lucky charm and join the excitement!

Bingo cards are 50¢. Prizes awarded throughout the night.

For more information, contact:

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Mark your calendars and join us for a memorable Bingo Afternoon!

The UUFH LGBTQIA+ COMMITTEE INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR:
Authentic Selves
A UU Common Read
Discussion Series
in four online sessions.
Please scan above to sign up for the sessions.
Dates: Jan. 28th, Feb. 4th & 25th, March 4th
Time: 7:00 - 8:30
The series will be led by UUFH members
Eric Rubin-Perez, Michele Reilly, and
Juli Grey-Owens, Executive Director of
Gender Equality NY.
**TRANS LIVES
MATTER!**

UUFH LGBTQIA+ Committee - Online Sessions

4 Dates: January 28, February 4 and 25, and March 4

Please join our LGBTQIA+ Committee as we host a four session online series entitled: *Authentic Selves*. These classes are designed to support the UU's Common Read and the Photographic Exhibit of the same name, which was on display in our art gallery, during the months of November and December. The sessions aim to deepen participants' understanding of gender identity through the lens of faith, focusing on themes of love, resilience, and "true storytelling".

Once you sign up using the QR Code on the flier, please use the link below to purchase a copy of *Authentic Selves*. You don't necessarily have to read the entire book, but we will be asking you to discuss your thoughts on some of the stories you do read. You will receive the link as well as handouts that you can print to use during the sessions about a week before we begin.

Amazon - \$10.65

<https://www.amazon.com/Authentic-Selves-Celebrating-Nonbinary-Families/dp/1558968962>

In Spirit Bookstore - \$22.00

https://uuabookstore.org/products/authentic-selves?_pos=1&_sid=57fb11f03&_ss=r

Newcomers/New Members Orientation

Sunday, February 1 from 12 - 1 pm

Participate in a newcomer & new member orientation to Unitarian Universalism & to our Fellowship. Learn about the UUFH from our minister, Rev Israel, and Fellowship leaders representing social justice, congregational governance, finance, and religious education.

If you need childcare, please let us know.

For information or to RSVP, email Shelley Lauer-Bader at michele.lauer.bader@gmail.com or Terry Donaldson at tdonalds2014@gmail.com.

Announcements

Readings from Sunday, January 4 Service - "Endings and Beginnings"

Thank you to the many people that requested the list of the readings from last Sunday's service, January 4. Please find the list and links to the readings below. You can also see and hear the readings in the video of the Sunday service on the [UUFH YouTube channel](#). Thank you to Kristina Heinemann for creating the list and including all of the links.

ENDINGS

"Ring Out Wild Bells" by Alfred Lord Tennyson (introduced and read by Maria Pignataro Nielsen)

"A Final Note" by Megan Falley (introduced and read by Karen Mazzotta)

"Meaning in the Midst of War" by Rev. George Tyger (introduced and read by Lee Kurfist)

"Song of Myself, No. 46" by Walt Whitman

"The Little Prince, Final Chapter" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (introduced and read by Jennifer Thieke)

BEGINNINGS

"Stitches, Chapter 1, Beginnings" by Anne Lamott (introduced and read by Jenna Kern-Rugile)

"Starting from Paumanok" by Walt Whitman (introduced and read by Graham Otton)

"The Writing Life" by Annie Dillard (introduced and read by Karen Finkenberg)

"Morning" by John Crowe Ransom (introduced and read by Kristina Heinemann)

"Resolve to Take the Time to Enjoy Life for a Change" by Ellen Goodman (introduced and read by Liza Burby)

Many Thanks for Your Generosity!!

Each year in December our Star Child program collects and donates gifts to Family Service League's Project Toy program which allows families in need to "shop" for gifts for their children. We collected about 30 gifts and were very generous!

This year we added a second ask for the Long Island Immigrant Justice Alliance (LIJA) as the needs in this community were particularly acute. And we were also very generous!

A big shout out to everyone whose generosity helped make the holidays brighter for many young people this year. Together we make a difference!



Little Red Wagon News - Thank You

Many thanks to all those people that donated food over the holidays. It really made a difference. The Huntington Food Council sends their thanks and best wishes to us.

Check the UUFH Website!

Be sure to check the [UUFH website](#) for the latest information, including the Board of Trustees' monthly minutes (for members only).

UUFH Office Hours for Next Week - January 12 - 16

The UUFH Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next week. Please call 631-427-9547 or email office@uufh.org if you have any questions.

View Previous Services on YouTube

You can always find the last four services [on our website](#), or, please subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#)!

[View the January 4, 2026 Service:](#)



January Split Plate



Rural and Migrant Ministry

This month's designated recipient is Rural and Migrant Ministry. An organization that for the last 45 years has worked for Hope, Justice, and Empowerment with farmworking and rural families in New York State by building community and developing leaders through advocacy, education, and the arts.

With regional centers in Western New York, the Catskills, Hudson Valley and Long Island (in Riverhead), they put their mission into action through 5 main program areas: Accompaniment (Standing with Others), the Rural Academy of the People, Youth Empowerment, the Immigrant Legal Rights Project, and the Community Good Federal Credit Union.

Right now, their work is more important than ever—especially in regard to Immigrant Rights. Farmworkers, immigrants and rural families are the backbone of our food system and rural economies. But right now, they are in the middle of a crisis that has heightened fears and kept people, and their children at home and in the shadows. The offices of RMM are one of the few places these vulnerable people feel safe and welcome.

To learn more about our Split Plate program, visit <https://www.uufh.org/faith-in-action/in-the-community/split-plate/>

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