

The

Beacon

*The Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Of Huntington, New York
A Liberal Religious Faith*

Rev. Jude Geiger, Minister
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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

November Theme – Ancestry

Nov. 8 - Heretics and Architects:

Religion for the Free-Range Spiritualists Our history is full of radicals and institutionalists who left their mark on our spiritual DNA. What are the particular spiritual challenges to a religion that has built up as much as it has broken down? Today will be a service honoring our newest members to our Fellowship.

~ Rev. Jude preaching; Isabella Johnson will provide musical accompaniment.

Nov. 15 - Hospitality and Community

Guest Speaker Sadie Lansdale

Sadie Lansdale is a seminarian at Union Theological Seminary. Sadie is a lifelong member of the River Road UU Congregation in Bethesda, Maryland and a member of the Fourth Universalist Society in New York City. She published a piece titled "To Bow and to Bend," in the fall 2015 edition of the UU World.

~ Isabella Johnson will provide musical accompaniment

Nov. 22 - Emptiness in the Land of Plenty: *Food Deserts on Long Island* SPC members Kenneth Buley Neumar and Amy Edel-Vaughn, leaders. ~ Music by Richard Hyman and the UUFH Choir.

Nov. 29 - Thanksgiving for the Rest of Us: On this national holiday weekend, we'll reflect on the complicated lessons of gratitude in light of a national story that is both full of hope and burdened by a legacy of pain. ~ Rev. Jude preaching; Isabella Johnson will provide musical accompaniment.



FROM THE MINISTER

Last month, I had the privilege of speaking at Columbia University as part of their National Coming Out Day events. It was a panel of Queer Voices in Faith and also included a Christian, a Muslim, and a Jew. We were asked to talk about the challenges LGBT folk have in our religious communities, where we find space and what we hope for in the future. I'm glad that I was able to largely share a very positive story in my journey in Unitarian Universalism. But one common thread throughout all the speakers, was the reality that LGBT folk (of my age or older) may be less likely to have had clear public role models navigating their religions in positive and supported ways. One of the attendees noted that they were grateful for how those days have changed, and for the greater visible presence of LGBT people of faith.



In light of November's theme where we wonder, "What would it mean to be a people of Ancestry," I ask you to remember who your role models were. Who were the people that helped you to become the person you became? And if you had to struggle to find a person to look up to that felt like they represented who you were or wanted to be, where have you become that role model yourself for the next generation? ~ *Warmly, Rev. Jude*

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S MESSAGE

November Ancestor Project:

A Congregation-Wide Religious Education Experience for All Ages!

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?

This month we are exploring what it means to be a people of ancestry. I invite you to participate in our month-long ancestor project. The idea is that every congregant, of all ages, will select a Unitarian Universalist ancestor and do some research to learn more about that person. The selection started in the social hall **on Nov. 1** following our service. Please come to our table and choose one of the many UU ancestors we will have on display.



Through November, I will post a question each week in the Fellowship Flash weekly e-mail to prompt you further in your research and work with the spiritual ancestor you have chosen. As you learn more about your ancestor and find answers to the questions in the Flash, you will choose the way you want to present the material. You can create a poster, a skit, a song, a piece of art, poem, or even make a diorama.

Finally, on **Sunday, Nov. 29** (the Sunday following Thanksgiving) we will have a celebration of our ancestry in the social hall. During the celebration we will have our projects on display and those who prepare a performance piece can sign up to present a 3-5 minute presentation. I look forward to seeing what we can create together in celebration of our UU ancestry.

~ *In Faith, Starr Austin* ~ Director of Lifespan Religious Education

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Several weeks ago on the drive home from my morning exercise class, I passed by a local Presbyterian church. The message on the billboard read, "God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called." The message immediately reminded me of Reverend Jude's sermon on the subject of letting go of perfection. Whether you believe in God or not, or think that God couldn't possibly be a "he," it is important to let go of perfection and realize that no matter what you are called to do at the

Fellowship, you will become qualified as you do it. All of us should let go of the notion that we need to already know how to do something in order to contribute. Whether your "calling" comes from an inner desire to help, or from a persistent member of the Nominating Committee, heed the call. Teach the children, feed the hungry, paint the walls, count the money, make the coffee, greet someone new, do whatever it is that you are called to do, and enjoy some of the unexpected rewards that may result!

~ **Jennifer Thieke**

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's said that the "only constant is change." This is as true at our Fellowship as in anywhere else in life. With technology now available, the speed of this change is most evident in communications. When I was attending church on Sundays with my parents, some 40 years ago, all we had was a weekly order of service and a monthly church bulletin. Fast forward to today and we have several forms of communication. In addition to our Order of Service, we have inserts, and items like The Fellowship Flash and The Beacon (as you are seeing this right now), as well as our Bulletin Board in the Social Hall.

People have their preferences, sometimes generationally, and there is nothing to suggest that there will be any change or a slowing down to this reality. I see this myself in my business and in witnessing how my children get information and communicate with their friends and family. At this point, the great majority of us are comfortable working with email as an acceptable format. With aspects of social media, I know that some of us are more familiar and more comfortable than others. As we continue in our Fellowship and as we look for ways to grow and attract new members, I think it's important that we embrace these tools to share our values with each other and in a wider circle beyond the walls on Brown's Road.

If you are new to something like Facebook, I encourage you to climb onboard, and even if you are already engaged I have a few suggestions of things we can all do. First, you can LIKE and follow the following Facebook pages: UUFH page at <https://www.facebook.com/UUFH.org>

Reverend Jude has two pages that you can follow: RevWho, <https://www.facebook.com/RevWho> and Jude Geiger, <https://www.facebook.com/revjude> and Starr Austin's blog, Haul Water, Chop Wood <http://haulwaterchopwood.com/>

Next, feel free to share any posts that appeal to you. This is one way in which we support each other in our lives during the week. I already see it with many friends who are online. It also can help us reach out to others who don't know who or where we are. One note, it's actually better to share posts from the Fellowship's page, rather than your own. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask and if you are already participating, thank you. ~ **Michael Amendola**

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the spirit of our true UUFH generosity, we donated 37 of our hymnals in late spring to the First Universalist Church of Southold after their tragic fire. We replaced those hymnals through the UUA at a cost of \$18 per volume. We would like to finance that purchase by having our members dedicate a new hymnal to a deceased relative, friend or fellowmember. If you would like to participate, please contact me. Each donated hymnal will have a label on the inside cover with the name of the person to which it is dedicated, as well as the donor. Thank you, as ever, for your generosity.

~ **Jean Marra - Trustee and Treasurer**

UUFH BEQUEST NEWS & FINANCIAL PLANNING

We here still and will ever miss the presence of long-time members who have passed. We remember

the constant devotion as a couple of John and Doris Kamena as they attended services together each Sunday and were active participants in the Daytime Book Club and Not Necessarily Seniors. Who can ever forget the dedication of Joan McWade to the UUFH and especially to the Todd Stutzman Blood Drive? She was a multi-gallon blood donor. Frank's calm presence and his dedication to **Journey Toward Wholeness** and building community connections with organizations like the Huntington NAACP will be with us forever.

While we well know what their presence and dedication brought to our Fellowship, they and their families recognize the importance of the Fellowship in their lives.

Since their passing, Doris and John's children have contributed \$7,000 to the Fellowship in appreciation for what the UUFH meant to their parents. Both Joan and Frank made bequests to the Fellowship through their end-of-life planning. After Joan's death, we received \$12,000 and we have now learned we are a recipient of \$44,000 from Frank's estate.

End-of-life planning is not always a welcome subject for any of us. We need to make plans for our immediate family and our extended family. Won't you consider following the examples of our passed members and include the UUFH in your estate planning? If you would like information on doing so, please contact Brian Cohen, our Finance Chair for ways to do just that.

~ Jean Marra - Trustee and Treasurer

Endowment ... Investment... or Simply Semantics?

The Fund in question was established at a Congregational Meeting on Oct. 21, 1979 and is dedicated to the recognition and loving memory of those who have given generously so that the Fellowship and its Mission might thrive in the future. The Fund is separate from the operating funds of the Congregation, the principal of which is accumulated through bequests and special gifts. The purpose of the Fund is to provide for the long-term financial health of the Fellowship and to support its mission.

Our bylaws currently refer to the fund as an endowment and the administration of the fund is controlled by our current bylaws. Any person who wishes to make a bequest to the UUFH can direct that bequest be used for a specific purpose, for example, the speaker fund created at the request of Johanna VanRoy. If the bequest has no such direction it will be deposited to the general investment fund and will be controlled by our bylaws.

In addition, the donor may choose to have their bequest be "restricted" or "non-restricted". "Non-restricted" funds are deposited into our Ameriprise investment accounts. In our bequest history since 1979, there has only been a single decedent who chose the "restricted" option. Those specific "restricted" monies and their subsequent earnings are currently in a separate account with Ameriprise.

In accordance with our current bylaws, the portion of the Fund available to be spent or allocated shall be to the extent authorized by the Board of Trustees permissible under the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA) and any other applicable New York State Law. Through the due diligence of Michael Goldsmith, that percentage is determined to be 7 percent of the past five-year average total "non-restricted" funds balance.

Further, to the extent beyond what is permissible under NYPMIFA and applicable New York State law, the Principal of the Endowment can be borrowed, spent, encumbered only if approved at a duly called congregational meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members voting. This provision was

exercised at our Congregational Meeting last fall when the UUFH membership voted to withdraw \$300,000 for our Parking Lot project.

We encourage members to provide a bequest to the UUFH so that we may prosper. Brian Cohen will be happy to meet with you to answer any questions you may have on that subject. It is, of course, your choice alone as to whether you wish your bequest to fall within the "restricted" or "non-restricted" investment funds.

The Bylaws Committee intends to clarify the section in our bylaws pertaining to our fund to make it clearer and confusion-free. Those clarifications or changes will be presented and voted upon by the membership at our next Congregational meetings in the spring of 2016. ~ **Jean Marra, Treasurer**

PAID AD:

Try Cross Country Skiing this winter! November 12 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Plainview/Old Bethpage Public Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview

Try Cross Country Skiing this winter! It is fun, good exercise and a great way to get outdoors and enjoy the winter months. Come visit the LI Cross Country Ski Club at our next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7pm at the Plainview/Old Bethpage Public Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY (about a quarter mile east of Rte. 135). At the November meeting we will be discussing all of our upcoming XC ski trips for the season. Check out our website at www.LICCS.org for more meeting and ski trip info. Also LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Long-Island-Cross-Country-Ski-Club-54512976329/timeline

We are Long Island's only cross-country ski club. We give members opportunities to experience cross country skiing and enjoy other outdoor activities throughout the year in a spirit of camaraderie and fun. We welcome newcomers of all abilities and ages. If you have never tried cross country skiing before, we will help you get started. If you are an experienced cross country skier, we will provide you with opportunities to do whatever level of skiing you desire. Come to one of our meetings and see what we are about. You don't have to be an experienced skier to join us and have fun. ALL WELCOME!

Kim Schultze - Phone: 631-897-1001; email: kim.schultze@cbmoves.com

FELLOWSHIP NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

UUFH in the News

Have you seen us in the news lately? Thanks to the efforts of communications specialist Bridgette Nicolini and some volunteers, our **Oct. 3 workshop with Ann Kelleher got mentioned in *Newsday*, *The Long Islander*, the *Huntington News* and *Patch***. There was a two-page spread in ***Newsday* in October about the Keep Pluggin Video Game Event** the week before that was responsible for 60 percent of our attendance. A full-page follow-up article ran in the Oct. 22 issue of *The Long Islander* (take a look at the UUFH Facebook page to share the link: <http://www.longislandernews.com/life-and-style/huntington-keeps-pluggin-at-retro-game-expo>) And **MyLITV** sent a crew to tape a segment for Verizon FiOS that will air in November. There is much more to come, but please do your part and

share any links about us that you see on Facebook or in the media. ~ **Liza Burby**

Retro Video Fundraiser Success

Not knowing Zelda from Link, the development committee supported the idea of this fundraiser and we are so glad we did. Following the lead from the father-son duo of Ken and Ben Farrell we recruited vendors, got media attention, and organized game tournaments. Ben used his business, Keep Pluggin, to promote and recruit all the players needed to fill our hall.



The vendors bought and sold classic games, and sold artwork while the Super Smash Brothers tournament played on the big screen, which was a huge hit. A wide range of ages, 8-30, participated in very friendly competitions. I even played a few games myself. Several people asked about UUFH and what we do here; maybe we'll see them here one day.

We could not have done this without the help of Ben and Ken who know the gaming and vending world. Special thanks to Ellen Keller and Jon Nielsen for taking over all the food and kitchen responsibilities, and to the brothers Farrell—Andy and Greg—for technical and moral support. Our media team, Liza Burby and Bridgette Nicolini, really made it happen, getting us a cover story in *Newsday*, and coverage from Verizon FiOS and *The Long Islander*. (The reporters were playing video games, too!) Jean Marra and Susie Byrnes picked up loose ends for us all along.

Big thanks to all who came to help, even though videos aren't "your thing:" the Moskowitz family, Michael Sussman, Peggy Koulias, Ben Vaughn, Harvey Balopole, Steve Burby, Ben and Pat Testa, Ellen and David Serota, Maria Nielsen, Joanne Polichetti, Kristina Heinemann, Jim Ammerman, Diana Weaving, Marie Duryea, Royal Forest, Spencer Ross, Patrick and Samantha McGloin, Lizzy and Lauren Singer, Steve Koulias, Doug Losey, Marilyn Kopp-Hecker, Bill Hecker, Ralph Talierno, Sue Peters, Annabel Caner, Stephanie Sakson. Thanks to Alex Wolf for taking pictures and providing the cosplay winner with a photo poster.

Without you all we couldn't have done it! Oh, in case you were wondering, we made over \$1,800. And, yes, we plan to do it again. Hope to see you there. ~ **Amy Olander - Development Committee**



Ancestor Project

This month we explore what it means to be a people of ancestry. We hope the entire congregation will join us in our ancestor project. Here is how it works!

Visit the table and select a card with a Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist ancestor on it. Take the card home and plan to do some research through the month. Check the flash EVERY week for a question to prompt your research! These questions will guide the process. As you learn, create a

representation of what you are learning. You may choose to create a poster, a piece of art, a song, a skit, or even a diorama!

Nov 29th in the social hall- bring your representation of what you've learned and have it on display or sign up to perform your skit, song, or spend 1-2 minutes talking about your art. We will celebrate our ancestry by learning a bit about those who came before.

We hope every person will participate. We would love to see some projects from people of all ages.

~ **Starr Austin**

WE SING CHOIR!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We Sing Choir, our choir for children and youth directed by Mila Hirsch, rehearses the first and third Sundays of each month in the Main Hall. We are seeking adults to assist Mila. We need an adult to provide supervision, assist when in rehearsal by working to help the younger children feel included, and generally be present in case any issues arise that require adult attention. Please contact Starr if you can help by emailing dre@uufh.org ~ **Starr Austin**

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY

SPLIT THE PLATE CHARITY FOR NOVEMBER IS: COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY

Community Solidarity collects and shares vegetarian groceries with thousands of people across Long Island and New York City, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. What makes Community Solidarity unique is that one of our main goals is to build up the community. We believe that empowering individuals in struggling neighborhoods helps us to achieve our larger mission of ending hunger, malnutrition, violence, discrimination and sexism at the local level. Community Solidarity doesn't have the resources that other nonprofits on our scale have. We have no warehouses, no tractor-trailer trucks and no employees. What we have are thousands of families and individuals that are in need of assistance who have just as much of desire to give back to their own neighborhoods as we do. For every \$1 donated to us in 2014 we were able to rescue 719 pounds of nutritious groceries, share 21 items of warm clothing and provide \$8.30 worth of school supplies to struggling families at the start of the school year. Because Community Solidarity is a collaborative of volunteers in community all money that is raised will go directly to supporting our mission.

~ **Ellen Keller, Beyond Our Walls Committee**

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As the Holiday season comes around, please remember at **NO COST TO YOU**, you can help raise funds for the Fellowship simply by clicking the link on the UUFH website before you shop online. [LEARN MORE](#)



November Gallery Art Show –November 1 - 31

Reception ~ November 15 – Noon – 2pm

UUFH Gallery

Meg Eckstein, a Fellowship member, will be the featured artist during the month of November. Meg enjoys creating all kinds of art and is still going strong at 90. She would like to share her recent work with everyone at a reception on Sunday, Nov. 15. Meg would like to donate the profits from

the sale of her paintings to the Fellowship. ~ **Connie Wain Schwartz**



Our Whole Lives

OWL - Our Whole Lives 7th-9th Grade - dates and locations:

Nov. 1, 8, 5, 22 - UUFH - Dec. 6, 13 - UUFSSB

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a series of sexuality education curricula for five age groups: grades K-I, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and adults. The program provides accurate information and Unitarian Universalist values for children, youth, adults, and families. This course is for

7th to 9th grade youth. OWL is based on the philosophy of comprehensive sexuality education, which helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, OWL provides not only facts but also helps participants clarify their values, build skills and understand the spiritual, emotional, social, and political aspects of sexuality as well. ~ **Matthew Barish**



Grow-to-Give Garden Volunteers Needed - November 8 - Noon

LOCATION: UUFH garden, back parking lot

Volunteers needed to help clear dead plants from the garden; cover them with straw, and plant garlic for harvest next July. If you hate weeds, come see how to keep them under control easily. And, if you love garlic, come see how easy it is to plant some for yourself at home! ~ **Frances Whittelsey**



New Members Are Joining

Ready to Join? - November, 8- Noon- 2 pm

UUFH Main Hall

New Member Ceremony

Have you been considering joining the Fellowship? We will be having a new member ceremony in worship on Sunday, Nov. 8. Please reach out and let us know if you feel ready to sign the book and make a commitment to the

Fellowship by emailing Rev. Jude at minister@uufh.org ~ **Starr Austin**



New Member Series - November 8 - Noon - 2:00 pm

UUFH Main Hall

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism or this Fellowship? We are offering a series of classes for new comers. Please register for these classes by emailing Kristina Heinemann at krheinemann@gmail.com

Session 1: Religious Reformers led by Rev. Jude Geiger and Starr Austin, Director of Religious Education Nov. 8, noon – 2pm. Join us to learn about our history of theological reformers. This session gives you both a deeper understanding of our theological roots as well as a sense for our future.

Session 2: The Journey led by the Membership Committee on Dec. 13, noon– 2pm. Join us as we explore the individual spiritual journeys that have brought each of us here today and take a look at the principals and sources which form the foundation of our faith. We will take a look at the various programs offered in our Fellowship and talk about what it means to be a member of our religious community.

Session 3: Social Reformers led by Rev. Jude Geiger and Starr Austin, Director of Religious Education on Jan. 10, noon– 2pm. Join us to learn how our denomination has been involved in social change historically and how that continues through today. ~ **Starr Austin**



Families in the Garden! – November, 8 - Noon

Join us Nov. 8at noon in the Give to Grow garden. We will be planting garlic for harvest next July, clearing dead plant material, and putting the gardens to bed under a blanket of straw.



New Monthly Movie Night Begins November 13 - 7:30 pm

UUFH-Main Hall

The Dutch film Karakter kicks off the new film/discussion series to be held in the Main Hall on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 pm. This adult RE offering will present whose subjects that dovetail nicely with the Fellowship's monthly themes.

Films chosen for the series will be master art house films that may have been missed the first time around but have stood the test of time and remain classic, important films worthy of deep discussion.

With the November theme of ancestry in mind, the first film presented in the series will be the 1998 Oscar winning Dutch film *Karakter* set in a visually stunning, turn-of-the century Rotterdam. Tough love is in full force as the cruel and domineering father, Dreverhaven, ingrains his values into his illegitimate son through whatever means in this powerful film.

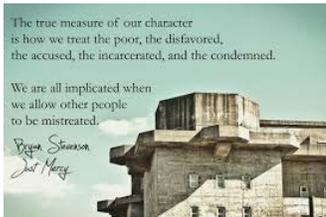
Buttered popcorn, pastries, hot and cold beverages will be served! Please join us on Fri., Nov. 13 at 7:30 for UUFH's own "Cinema Fellowship" for a great film, yummy treats and a "reel" discussion following the film! \$5. Donation requested at entry. Open to the public. Future Dates in the Series (second Fridays through June 2016): Dec. 13, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11, April 8, May 13 and June 10. ~ **Susie Byrnes**

LAST LICKS CAFE presents THE WOLF CATS - Sat., November 28- 7:30 pm



(Open mic from 7:30 - 8 pm) Admission \$15 (\$10 Seniors/Students)

The Wolf-Cats music is an eclectic blend of American Roots Music including bluegrass, Irish and Celtic, folk, blues, swing, jazz and rockabilly. Featuring mandolin, guitar and acoustic bass and sometimes fiddle or old-time banjo, The Wolf-Cats are based on Long Island but play throughout the region. To hear more: <https://www.reverbNation.com/wolfcats>



COMMUNITY READ: JUST MERCY by Bryan Stephenson

Join our FALL Community Read of *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stephenson

This multiple award-winner, "[e]very bit as moving as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and in some ways more so...[is] a stirring testament to the salvation that fighting for the vulnerable sometimes yields." *New York Review of Books*.

UUFH is invited to partner with UUC of Shelter Rock in this year's social justice initiative to HALT (Humane Alternatives to Long Term) Solitary Confinement in NYS prisons (S2659) - a bill making its way in congress. The documentary *Breaking Down the Box* will be screened March 11 at Susie's monthly film series to raise awareness around the issue. UUCSR will lead a discussion after the film at which we will hear from a formerly incarcerated inmate with solitary confinement experience. The Q&A will be informed by the film's discussion guide.

In preparation for this film screening and discussion, interested members are asked to engage with Bryan Stephenson's *Just Mercy* account of why and how he established the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned, and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our broken criminal justice system. We'll use a discussion guide over three, 90-minute sessions this fall in order to process the read by February's Black History Month programming.

Sign up for the read after service during Coffee Hour in the Social Hall and email me at zekelet@gmail.com of three potential dates you'd be available to discuss *Just Mercy* in community. Leave a message at 631-804-4605. ~ **Diana Weaving**



THE TIME HAS COME FOR: 2015 UUFH-OPLY Services Auction Event
Bidding Now Open!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - 6-10 PM
Dinner 6 to 7:30 - Auction 7:30 to 10

The Services Auction is Saturday night! It is our major annual fundraiser, as well as the social event of the year, featuring dinner, entertainment, raffles, and the auction itself. Newcomers and oldcomers welcome! It's an intergenerational event, with some surprise fun and also raffles just for kids.

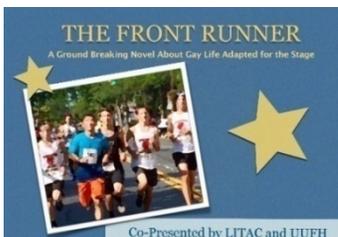
Here's what you need to know today:

- You can pick up your Auction booklet and bidding number on **Nov. 7**, if you haven't gotten it already. There will be some Addendum items and oral bids.
- You can start bidding online at togetherauction.com/uufh until Friday morning.
- To donate a dessert for our dessert bar, contact Jackie Krumholz jbkrum@optonline.net
- Bring plenty of cash for wine, beer, desserts and fabulous raffles.
- There's no dress code, but we hear Mr. Moneybags will be wearing a tux!
- We'll be setting up for the event starting at 6 pm Friday night, **Nov. 6**. Pizza will be served. The more help, the quicker we can all just socialize. Arrive at 4 pm on Nov. 7 if you want to help with last-minute tasks.
- Want to know more? Ask me or members of the Development Committee.
Email lizaburby@verizon.net ~ **Liza Burby**



The 2015 UUFH Fundraising Afghan!
Will be raffled off at UUFH Services Auction

Voila -- this year's UUFH afghan, along with some of the knitters and crocheters who have helped create it! The afghan is knit in a warm, soft, superwash wool, and the individual strips are knit in traditional Aran Irish sweater patterns. Raffle tickets will be available on the night of the Services Auction (\$10 each, 3 for \$25) and the afghan will be awarded that night. If you can't make the auction, you can purchase raffle tickets ahead of time -- contact Maria Nielsen at mariapnielsen@gmail.com. Already have an afghan? This one would make a really special gift for someone you really love a lot - and you'll support UUFH at the same time! ~ **Maria Nielsen**



The Front Runner - A Groundbreaking Novel About Gay Life Adapted for the Stage - November 29 - 7 pm - UUFH-Main Hall

LITAC, The Long Island Transgender Advocacy Coalition and UUFH, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington are pleased to co-present the groundbreaking story, The Front Runner, a stage play based on the popular 1974 novel by Patricia Nell Warren. The performance will be held on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 7 pm in the Fellowship's Main Hall.

Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available at the door the day of the performance. (Only cash and checks will be accepted.) All funds raised by this performance will be shared between the UUFH and LITAC. The play deals with adult situations and is not considered appropriate for children. We hope you will take a break from turkey leftovers and shopping madness to witness this truly important, remarkable and heartfelt performance! Contact Susie at the UUFH for additional information at **631-427-9547**.

Social Justice Sunday, November 8
Migrant Farm Workers: Our Nation's Invisible Population



In our social justice program children and youth will learn about migrant farm workers and examine a typical day in the life of a child growing up in a family of migrant farm workers. We will discuss who migrant farm workers are, why they come, immigration status, and the changing face of immigrants in America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate harvest celebration for Americans. As we celebrate the bounty on our tables, let us not forget

the hands that brought the food from field to table. Migrant farmers often rise at 5am to be in the fields by 6am. Workers are often living in provider housing, which sounds like a great deal until you see the run-down houses, some without electricity, these workers live in. The wages are unbelievably low. They are paid based on productivity, which means their children go into the fields to help, even as young as 8 years old. Some of these children will work until time to go to school, then after school return to the fields. All the work in the fields means shoes wear out quickly and the low wages make replacing them difficult. We are asking the congregation to bring your gently used shoes to the Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 8 for collection for these workers. ~ **Starr Austin**



WHAT IS GUEST AT YOUR TABLE?

Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and education program that supports Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's human rights work. Over the decades, Guest at Your Table has raised millions of dollars for human rights projects that have made a real difference in people's lives.

Be sure to get your Guest at Your Table box on Sunday, Nov. 22 in the social hall. Place the box on your dining table and collect loose change (or more) until we ask you to return the box with your donations in January.

This year Guest at Your Table highlights the empowerment of refugees and displaced people. One of UUSC's major focuses is serving the people who are most overlooked or discriminated against in the midst of humanitarian crises such as forced migration, large-scale conflicts, genocide, and natural disasters. As UUSC celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, we'll look back to our origin: Martha and Rev. Waitstill Sharp helping European refugees escape persecution during World War II. We are excited to share several inspiring stories this year! The contributions collected through Guest at Your Table are directed to UUSC to support human rights work around the world.

See more at: <http://www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners#sthash.aRBq3ICm.dpuf>

~ **Starr Austin**

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