


UU Cortland E-News



Church Picnic




(Yahman Park)

It's been really hot this summer and I hope you've been finding ways to keep cool. Before summer ends and we get back into the usual grind, we will have our annual picnic. We will be able to eat, swim and just get together in a relaxed atmosphere. This year, on August 14, we will gather at Yaman 

Park at 11:30 am. Yaman is located on Kennedy Parkway in Cortland. Please bring a dish to share and look for signs leading to our location.

Choir Rehearsal Workshop

Another important thing that will take place is the first of two Choir workshops. It will take place this Saturday, July 30, at 2:00 pm at the church. The other one will take place in August.

Martha Folley is our choir director and she has selected some wonderful songs for us to learn and sing. She has made music binders for us as well as CDs for us to sing with and learn from. So, I look forward to seeing all of the choir members there. In case you didn't know, the choir will sing on the first and third Sunday of the month. 

Building & Grounds

Jim Pelton and Joe Miller have been hard at work this summer removing bag after bag of bird debris from our belfry. When they eventually remove all of it, we will be able to see exactly what work is needed there.

September Events


Sunday, September 11
"Still Water Runs Deep"

Water is the source and the sustenance of life. It is also a metaphor for the deep bonds which connect us to the earth and to one another. Please join us as we gather to celebrate the sacredness of this very important resource in addition to reconnecting with our beloved community in our sacred space.

Sunday, September 18 at 9:15 am




"Long Strange Trip" - Part 1 In the Beginning

This is the first of a five part film series that takes us on a journey through two thousand years of Unitarian Universalist history from the beginning of the Christian ERA to modern Unitarian Universalism. The film was made by Ron Cordes of Bedford, MA. Ron is a lay leader in his church and he is the maker of another widely respected UU film. 

That film is about the "Black Empowerment Controversy" which almost destroyed the newly formed Unitarian Universalist Association in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Once Ron retired from his full time job, he continued his film making hobby with this very impressive undertaking. Part two will be out in November and a date for that showing will be scheduled.

Sunday, September 25

"My sense is that many of us aspire to live more frequently in ways that are deeply satisfying. We yearn for experiences that hint at a deeper dimension of life. These are the moments that are cherished and recalled." This quote is from Gordon 

B. McKeeman's book "Out of the Ordinary." Rev. Jan will explore the profound truth of McKeeman's writing.