

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED !

FUUSA Committees and Social Programs, 2008–09

Councils

- Program Coordinating Council (PCC)** Established by the FUUSA bylaws to “promote communication and cooperation among the councils, committees, and affiliated groups of the Society”
Chuck Manning 439-4226
- Religious Education Council (REC)** Made up of an elected chair, 12 elected members, the RE Director and a Senior High representative. It is to the Church School what the Board of Education is to the public school system. Meetings are held monthly.
MaryBeth Nelligan-Goodman
859-9667
- Social Responsibilities Council (SRC)** Chartered to guide and coordinate education and action in the realm of matters of moral and social significance. Meets 11:45 AM, 1st Sundays of the month.
Donna Doran 477-2657

Committees

- Accessibility** Studies current accessibility, both of our premises and our programs to all persons, and proposes needed changes.
Larry Gambino 432-3212
- Annual Dinner** Coordinates the dinner which kicks off the annual canvass drive
George Kleinberger 765-4721
- Art and Aesthetics** Promotes an interest in the visual arts within the congregation, including coordinating the art displays.
Carolyn Stetson 336-4307
- Auction/Entertainment Book** Coordinates the annual auction of goods and services and the sale of entertainment books. Responsible for raising \$10,000 toward annual budget.
John and Sue Walko 765-3756
- Building and Grounds** Assists in maintaining and improving the FUUSA real estate, which is owned by the active membership. This includes coordinating the semi-annual cleanup days.
Dave Metz 477-7491
- Building Use** Coordinates the use of the building by all persons and groups, including those who pay rental fees.
Chuck Manning 439-4226
- Canvass Committee** Coordinates and assists with yearly canvass of members for financial pledges.
- Capital Campaign** Is responsible for fundraising campaign for FUUSA building expansion project.
Dave Metz 477-7491
- Caring Network** Provides care, support, and services to fellow members experiencing crisis.
Judy Hanson 489-4147

Childcare Coordinator Ann Lapinski 355-7581	Organizes childcare for Board sponsored events and ensures that childcare policies and guidelines are understood and adhered to by sponsors of all events offering childcare.
Committee on Professional Ministry Martha Schroeder 459-0853	Assists in the communication between the members of FUUSA and the Minister.
Denominational Affairs Don Odell 482-4574	Develops awareness of and interest in denominational matters, and encourages participation by members of FUUSA in denominational affairs.
Earth Spirits (CUUPS) Betsy Miller 869-0739	Regional chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS). Fosters healing relationships with the Earth through creative use of ritual and by promoting an appreciation for Earth or nature-centered religious perspectives.
Endowment Trust Reese Satin 767-3509	Manages gifts and bequests to the Society and distributes grants from income generated by the trust's principal in furtherance of FUUSA's purposes.
Finance Committee Steve Moskowitz 439-6347	Develops and implements financial policies and procedures for FUUSA in conjunction with other committees, councils, and staff.
Flower Committee Sandy Stone 489-8293	Coordinates donations and arrangement of flowers for the sanctuary for Sunday services and, upon request, for special occasions.
Fun(d)raising Chuck Manning 439-4226	The Fun(d) Raising Committee acts as an agent to encourage fun events at FUUSA that will raise funds from both members and non-members. We typically do not sponsor events ourselves, but work with ad hoc groups that are formed for a specific event. We will be concentrating on finding creative uses for our new space.
FUUSA's ARISE Core Team Dick Dana 446-0382	FACT acts as a liaison between ARISE's Board of Directors and FUUSA and its members. FACT informs and energizes--and seeks input from--FUUSAns about ARISE activities and actions both in our neighborhood and elsewhere, and initiates activities which are in keeping with the spirit of ARISE's grass-roots, community-organizing, "short-term-goals" approach to addressing society's ills.
Green Sanctuary Thayer Heath 861-0035	Our mission is to facilitate and support the work of the congregation toward affirming and promoting "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part" and to fulfill the goal of being recognized as a Green Sanctuary by the UU Ministry for Earth through various programs within the congregation and in the larger community.
History and Archives	Maintains FUUSA archives, assists with historic research on the congregation, disseminates historic information, articles, etc.
Holiday Bazaar Jan Satin 767-3509	Putting on a fall Craft Bazaar and Café, selling crafts and homemade baked and canned goods, and serving lunch.
Interfaith Impact Liaison Don Odell 482-4574	FUUSA's liaison to Interfaith Impact of NYS
Joy Library Jack Atwater 279-9363	Maintains Joy Library including creating awareness of library, ordering new materials, cataloging existing material, and assisting library users.

Criminal Justice and Prison Reform Committee

Judith Brink 482-2029

The Criminal Justice and Prison Reform Committee functions to inform the congregation, the public, and our government about the need to reform our criminal justice and prison systems, and offers ways to provide support for people who are subjected to harmful policies.

Lifespan Learning

Leah Purcell 463-7135

Leah and Rev. Sam are working with the Religious Education Council to provide opportunities for members and friends to learn about UU identity and heritage, our Christian and Jewish roots, world religions, anti-oppression work, social justice, and spirituality.

Membership Committee

Kathy Hodges 355-5018

Welcomes and provides information to newcomers and to prospective new members during Sunday coffee hour and through sponsored events.

Music Committee

Kathy Harris 371-2779

Serves as a support and a resource to the Music Director in developing a high quality music program in the church.

Nominating Committee

Chris Jensen 783-9202

Selects nominees for FUUSA's elected personnel and oversees the elections held at the annual meeting. Responds to any special requests from the Board for other nominees.

Oriel

Irene Saulsbery 588-6544

Compiles and publishes *Oriel*, the literary and arts magazine of FUUSA.

Partner Church

Jack Atwater 279-9363

Maintains the connection of our congregation with the Unitarian congregation of Szokefalva, Romania, with projects to aid them in areas of education and economic development, and to bring increased knowledge of Transylvanian people and customs to us.

Personnel

Todd Thomas 439-1146

Oversees all FUUSA employees, setting and evaluating goals in collaboration with other relevant committees.

Public Relations

Paula Moskowitz 439-6347
Al DeSalvo 438-0519

Responsible for outreach to the community: letting them know we are here, providing information about who we are and what we stand for.

Reception Coordinator

Jan Satin 767-3509

Coordinates receptions for special events including the Christmas Eve reception and memorial services.

Religious Services

Sigrin Newell 439-6705

Works with the minister to develop and provide religious services that meet the needs of FUUSA and assumes responsibility for those Sundays when the minister is not in the pulpit. Recruits service leaders and ushers for services.

Social Events Committee

Lois Thomson 861-6407

Coordinates social and special events for the church, providing opportunities for members to come together, build community, and have a good time.

Sunday Volunteer Coordinator

Eileen Hoffman 439- 8869

Coordinates recruitment and instruction of Sunday morning greeters and coffee hour hosts.

Activities, Clubs, Support Groups

Bridge

Tuesday group for social bridge players which meets at 1 PM in Stott Lounge.

Cancer Support Group

Ursula Poland 439-6872

Informal meetings at which attendees share mutual support, information, and a meal.

Channing Circle Ursula Poland 438-0284 Thayer Heath 861-0035	Monthly gathering of retired FUUSAns, but all are welcome to come hear the program. Brown bag lunch at 12:00, third Mondays. Program at 1:00.
Choir Matt Edwards 692-8306	Performs approximately 3 out of 4 Sundays and rehearses every Wednesday evening 7:30 to 9:00.
Focus Food Pantry Jane Allen 439-7941 Lois Thomson 861-6407	Provides funds for food and other needed items, as well as volunteers to serve those in need within the Focus Churches area of Albany.
Forum Ann Brandon 439-4332	Provides a Sunday morning presentation, often on social action topics, followed by a short discussion. A project of the Social Responsibilities Council.
Men's Groups	Two men's groups are currently meeting. Call the office about availability.
Philosophy Discussion Group	From 10 am till noon every Tuesday morning, the group meets in an informal and leisurely manner to discuss everyday ideas in everyday language.
Ps & Qs Mary Reich 439-2058	Informal Wednesday morning get together to crochet, knit, embroider, and discuss projects and quilts either for personal or for raffle purposes.
Rummage Sale Committee Carolyn Stetson 732-0341	Two annual rummage sales are held, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, for the purpose of raising money plus providing goods and clothing to the Albany inner-city community and our church family at "bargain" prices.
Seder Committee Meredith Andrews 785-7654	Hosts a Seder dinner each spring.
Small Group Ministry Pam Collins 482-0201	Our way of connecting members, friends and newcomers in intimate circles for sharing, learning, and spiritual growth. Groups of 6 to 8 people generally meet one or more times per month in a member's home, or at the church. One does not have to be a church member to join a small group.
Spirituality Book Club Philomena Moriarty 861-5324	A discussion group around books devoted to spiritual issues. It is currently meeting at Philomena Moriarty Trumbore's house. We share reflections on spiritual ideas and experiences as they are related to the book being discussed.
UU Weekend at Silver Bay Mike D'Attilio 489-6442	Intergenerational/intercongregational weekend retreat for over 300 people with over 60 programs run by volunteers attending the event.
Walker Book Club Don Odell 482-4574	Monthly meetings (except during summer) to enjoy a potluck dinner followed by a book discussion.
UUYAN	UU Young Adult Network: Young adults, meet monthly for lunch after Sunday service in a local restaurant.

Neighborhood Potlucks

Meet semi-monthly for a potluck dinner in various homes. Newcomers are always welcome. Watch newsletter for dates/locations scheduled and call current host to RSVP. Call the church office if you would like to host a potluck.

East of the Hudson, Loudonville -Latham-Niskayuna, Guilderland & Hill Towns, Bethlehem

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