

# Greetings, Members and Friends of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church.

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Your Presence Makes All the Difference at All Souls  
We miss you when you are away and  
we feel enlivened by your return.

## Are Males Fit to be Parents? Sunday: June 20<sup>th</sup> (10:30 am)

Robert South



We will examine the evidence. Several male humans will recount their experiences, and we will hear tales of other male parenting behavior from a variety of situations and different species.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89601231307>

If you don't have a computer call: 1 929 205 6099 and give the code: 89601231307

**Controls for phone participants:** The following commands can be entered via DTMF tones using your phone's dial pad while in a Zoom meeting:

**\*6** - Toggle mute/unmute

**\*9** - Raise hand

Marty will be leaving us soon, going on to settled ministry in Rockland, Maine. But first, there will be a meeting with church leaders and anyone else who is interested, on June 17 from 7 - 8 pm outside of the church, or on Zoom if weather is inclement. The hope is for this to be an opportunity to share in what Marty has learned and experienced while with our congregation.

## **Meetings with our Minister**

My final regularly scheduled evening Zoom gathering was Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. However, I am available to meet with you in person, by telephone, or via Zoom until June 30<sup>th</sup>.



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Most days I check email 11-noon and 5-6 p.m.  
Friday is my day of rest.

I look forward to talking with you soon.

*Marty*

# Wondering Center

Put this date on your fun calendar:

## **Sunday, June 27—Visit to Zoo New York in Thompson Park**

Meet at the Zoo parking lot at 2 p.m. Some of us already have Zoo memberships & All Souls would pay the entrance fees for anyone who does not have a membership. This would be a great follow up activity since the Sunday Service will be our “Blessing of the Animals” service.

Progress is being made on the rearranging and deep cleaning of the Wondering Center rooms. This requires a lot of work so your help and input will be greatly appreciated. Resource/activity/theme areas, including a quiet, comfortable retreat space, are being set up so that the children are more empowered to “wonder” and will be able to choose among a number of activities and ways of interacting with each other each Sunday.

New idea — a group for parents/grandparents/guardians — to discuss, share and support each other around topics such as nurturing spirituality in children and youth, the joys and challenges of UU parenting, sexuality and our faith—the UU “Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education”, raising antiracist children and youth, etc. We could meet via Zoom or later face to face on a regular basis, perhaps monthly. If you are interested, please contact Frances Mercer, 315-788-4508 or [fmercer@twcny.rr.com](mailto:fmercer@twcny.rr.com). Haven't heard from anyone yet, but still hoping for interest.



## YouTube Channel

Zoom services produced by our congregation are recorded and placed on our You Tube channel for two months. Copyrighted material for which we don't have permission is cut out, as are elements of the services which may involve sharing of private information.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ASUUCWatertown>

## Out in the Park

All Souls will staff a table at the “Out in the Park” event on June 19 in Thompson Park, which is to go from 12 Noon-3 p.m. For this event April Huff has made tie-die face masks and is coordinating our volunteers. Our volunteers will distribute literature about our church community. Volunteers will be staffing our table during the event (12 noon—3 p.m.), and take down (3—4 p.m.).

If you'd like to be an additional volunteer or have suggestions or materials or can loan a tent canopy, please contact April at [saprilhuff@gmail.com](mailto:saprilhuff@gmail.com)



Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/allsoulsuwaterdown/>



## June 19<sup>th</sup> Flag Raising



**Saturday, June 19th at 9 A.M. in front of Watertown City Hall, 245 Washington Street — Two Flags to be Raised honoring Gay Pride Month and Juneteenth — See You There**

Two celebrations are occurring in our local community during the weekend of June 18-20 — 1) a variety of face to face events throughout the weekend for Gay Pride Month “to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on society locally, nationally and internationally” and 2) a local online celebration of

Juneteenth (June 19th) a commemoration of the end of slavery. This is the 8th annual local celebration of Juneteenth. Juneteenth marks the anniversary of June 19, 1865 when Union soldiers arrived at Galveston, Texas to announce that the Civil War had ended and that all slaves were free. Juneteenth became a New York state holiday last year.

According to an article in Watertown Daily Times (6/6), the two planning groups have come together for a joint flag raising event in front of the Watertown City Hall. Bianca Ellis, local organizer of the Juneteenth celebration, says “It’s an opportunity to demonstrate unity throughout the community.” Ms. Ellis was interviewed on 7 News in April about the planning for Juneteenth. She indicated in the WDT article that this year’s virtual celebration will “include a guest speaker, C. R. Gibbs, and videos of poetry readings, songs, music, and dance performances.” Ms. Ellis can be contacted by phone 315-775-4065 or email [Watertownjuneteenth@gmail.com](mailto:Watertownjuneteenth@gmail.com).

By attending the flags raising event on June 19th we (All Souls) can demonstrate our “unity throughout the community” with LGBTQ Pride and Black Lives Matter.



## WATERTOWN JUNETEENTH



### **This Saturday, June 19th, at 12 PM EDT Facebook Watertown Juneteenth Celebration - Online Event**

Article from [InformNNY.com](https://www.informnny.com) by Isabelle Colello, posted 6/11/2021 “To celebrate the now, [New York State recognized holiday](#), Juneteenth, members of the North Country are invited to a virtual celebration....According to event organization, surprise guests, both national and international, will share “virtual greetings” and stories during the 2021 celebration. Additionally, the 2021 Juneteenth “virtual” guest speaker is Author, Historian and International lecturer C.R. Gibbs. Gibbs was noted as a respected researcher and has appeared on the History Channel and French and Belgian television. Gibbs also wrote and narrated “Sketches in Color,” a 13-part companion to the acclaimed PBS TV series, “The Civil War.” Joining Gibbs will include a surprise cast of musicians and poets from New York, Georgia, California, Michigan and Jamaica. Musical guests will include the wind and beat percussion group Weusi Ensemble, The Ladies from Watertown, California Poet Obbie West and more. [Juneteenth](#) commemorates the ending of slavery in America.”

## Sexuality and Identity Webinar

The Q Center at ACR Health will be hosting a virtual workshop providing an updated overview of identities and terminology associated with sexuality and gender. Tips and skills toward building inclusive and affirming environments will be provided. Hilary Avallone, regional coordinator of the Q Center, will host the event along with Karen Fuller, family peer advocate. Avallone is effective with providing strategies for authentic affirmation in the work place. The event will be Wednesday, June 23 from 10 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. virtually. Email [QCenter@ACRHealth.org](mailto:QCenter@ACRHealth.org) for information regarding participation, or register <https://forms.gle/PQ6yXEUcJ6SiFKMv8>

# Special Collection for Unirondack Scholarship

For many years, All Souls has had a Unirondack Scholarship in the budget, but there have never been any takers. Now that some of the church kids are getting to the right age, there seems to be more interest. This is not a burden, this is a blessing.

What are we for if we cannot do this? However, the child who is considering using the scholarship this year can't afford even to pay part of the cost (the budget line is not a full ride), so we are taking up informal donations, some of which have already been made. Donations are being accepted for the Unirondack Scholarship. Get your donation to Warren Allen through the usual channels (soon) and make sure to note that it is for the Unirondack Scholarship.



## Collector's Note

On Sunday June 13th many of us gathered for our 63rd zoom together, and the next day I took to our credit union our deposit of \$212, which is \$200 from two families towards their pledges for our soon-to-end fiscal year, plus \$12 for sale of one of the lovely blue tee shirts with the rainbow design, which Catherine had gotten made for us. We now have two of these lovely shirts available, in the fashionable XXL size. Delivery available, to our "Out in the Park" table; please call ahead (782-6246). I gave various figures in the written Annual Report plus in the meeting on Sunday. Will plan to give updated figures after the end of this month. Thank you for your time and gifts and for your increasing zoom skills!

## Discussion Hour

This summer the worship committee is presently planning to continue to have Zoomed worship services, except that on August 1<sup>st</sup> we will have an outdoor gathering, a sort of potluck picnic. However, with declining (but still very real) COVID 19 risk, Discussion Hour is returning. After the services, from 1 to 2 PM, those who are interested will gather around the picnic tables behind the church and discuss the preceding service in a round robin fashion.

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