



Announcements –December 2, 2018

11 am Worship – Sunday, December 2, Hall of Worship

Thanks Receiving – Rev. Craig Schwalenberg, Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

Giving thanks is an important spiritual practice. So, too, is receiving thanks. This Sunday, let's practice both halves of the blessing: "Thank You" and "You 're Welcome."

Fellowship Hour – 12:15 - 1 pm, Assembly Hall

Messiah Choir Rehearsal – 12:45-2 pm, Hall of Worship

Room Locations: The Assembly Hall, Chapel and Conference Room are downstairs. The Gallery and Front Lounge are next door in the John Haynes Holmes Community House at 28 E. 35th Street, the building with the red door! Always check the signs at the front doors as room assignments are changed occasionally.

Linking: To use links found in these announcements, please go to the Sunday Announcements section on our homepage, located under the sermon description- www.ccnny.org . The electronic version of announcements has active links.

For Children and Youth:

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Join us in the RE Room downstairs at 11 am. For details contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education at 212-683-4988, ext. 23 or email erosado@ccny.org .

"From New York with Love" Art Party for Kids – Sunday, December 9, 11:30 am -1 pm, Gallery

Camp Art Project will offer a special Sunday School program – Inspiring a child's creativity while encouraging an understanding and personal connection to refugee children affected by the Syrian civil war. www.campartproject.org

How to Make Electronic Contributions to Community Church:

We have been receiving requests to learn more about electronic giving – Here is information to get you started.

Set up a payment with your bank for one-time gift or automatic payments -just like your auto-pay bills.

Text Giving - Text [ccuugive](tel:2126834988) to 73256. Follow the prompts.

On-Line Giving from website- [Link Here](#) (Look for Giving Tab on homepage). Use this link and sign in as guest if you do not have an assigned password. Members and visitors are welcome to use this feature. If you have questions, contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at 212-683-4988, ext. 126 or vlynch@ccny.org . Thank you for your gifts to Community!

Today:

Annual Holiday Craft Fair – Sunday, December 2 – 12-4 pm, Assembly Hall

We will once again feature food, fun, and fabulous crafts and gifts made by artisan members and friends of Community Church. Lunch will be available (proceeds benefit the shelter) and a craft table for all ages will add to the fun.

Christmas Eve Messiah Choir Rehearsals - Saturdays/Sundays, December 2-22, 12:45 -2 pm, Hall of Worship

Mandatory Rehearsal on Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 pm. Contact Jerry Brown, Director of Music, to join the Messiah Choir jbrown@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext.133.

This Week:

Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa – Mondays, by appointment, Chapel

Learn the breathing technique which improves breathing capacity, opens the upper chest muscles, strengthens the lungs and opens air passages while releasing tension through the spine and shoulders. Requested Contribution: \$20

Hatha Yoga - Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm, Front Lounge

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. Requested Contribution \$15/\$5 Students

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite. Contact Cheryl clisbin25@aol.com.

Gallery35 at Community Meeting – Wednesday, December 5, 6:30-8 pm, Gallery

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club - Thursday, December 6,7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all. See www.shsny.org for upcoming titles. Dec 6 - ***The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*** by Jonathan Haidt

Next Sunday:

11 am Worship – Sunday, December 9, Hall of Worship

The Once and Future Community - Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of Starr King School for the Ministry

Once upon a time Community Church was among the most consequential congregations in all of Unitarian Universalism. What lessons from its storied past can guide CCNY into the 21st century? And what old practices might hold it back? Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, CCNY member since 1985, reflects on the congregation she loves and calls home.

There's No Place Like Home – A Conversation with Rev. Rosemary - Sunday, December 9, 12:45-2 pm Assembly Hall

Anniversary Celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Sunday, December 9, 1-2 pm, Chapel
The monthly UNGA meeting will include guests from the UUA-UN Office for a ceremony in celebration of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For information and participation, feel free to contact Dana Burch – danaburch@outlook.com. All are welcome.

Planning Ahead:

Beethoven Sunday – 11 am Worship – Sunday, December 16, Hall of Worship

Rev. Carlos Martinez with Mr. Eric Coleman and Mr. Joel Mandelbaum

The date marks the 248th birthday of composer Ludwig Van Beethoven. Come join us for a spirit filled remembrance of his life, music and genius.

Community's Holiday Party - Sunday, December 16, 12:15-2 pm, Assembly Hall

We invite you to a special Fellowship Hour as we celebrate the Holidays together. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share.

Christmas Eve Services - Monday, December 24

A Community Christmas – 6 pm

Join us A Community Christmas - Join us for a warm and festive holiday service with seasonal music and stories. Bring a gift of warmth, such as gloves, socks or mittens, for homeless children.

Annual Handel's Messiah Concert - 8 pm

No Tickets Required-Free Will Offering Taken

Donate to Community Church while Shopping:

Holiday Shopping on Amazon? – Use the Amazon Smile feature. When you shop at smile.amazon.com and you choose *The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist*, a portion of your sale is sent to the church. An easy way to offer a free donation! smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1663218

A Message from our Nominating Committee:

We will be soon be working on nominations to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in March. These and any nominations by petition will then be voted on for Church-wide positions. We invite anyone with suggestions for openings on the Board of Trustees, Church Council, or Nominating Committee to contact a member of our committee or leave a message for us with Valerie Lynch at the church office. Members are: Fay Bennett Lord, Nicole Lord, Ellen Mandelbaum and Martha Wagner (Chair).

The deadline to contact the Nominating Committee is December 31. The slate will be published in early February. Qualified Voting Members will also have the opportunity to run by petition.

(See the December/January issue of *Community Connections* for full list of open positions.)

Other Opportunities:

Past Community Member Coming to Visit- Felicia Cinquemani

There is going to be a Felicia Cinquemani sighting in New York between December 6-28! A Pizza Party for Felicia at Community Church is now scheduled! Join us on Sunday, December 9, 2-4 pm, Gallery / \$10 donation recommended. Hosts: Leonore Tiefer and Marianne Roncoli. RSVP to marianne_roncoli@me.com. We look forward to seeing everyone.

People's Voice Café – Most Saturdays, 8 pm – More information at www.peoplesvoicecafe.org

Dec 1: Kristin Lems; Sally Campbell // Dec 8: Charlie King; Deborah Silverstein

Dec 15: Toby Tobias: Journey from Johannesburg; Rupert Wates: The Lights of Paris

Dec 22: Thelma Thomas Tribute Night

Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7-9 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Oct-May) – Everyone is welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Ushers and Greeters for Christmas Eve – Will you be attending either Christmas Eve service? Be part of the team to welcome the many members, friends and visitors who attend our annual celebrations. Please contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

Office Volunteers - Do you have a few free weekday hours? The office staff could use your help! Please contact Jeff Loveland, our Church Administrator, or Thea Trent, jloveland@ccny.org or ttrent@ccny.org or 212-683-4988.

Sunday Ushers, Greeters and Fellowship Hour Hosts - We invite everyone to consider serving on Sundays. It is a fun way to meet visitors, members and friends. Please contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

BJ's and Helene's Place Needs Your Help - Shelter Volunteers are always needed – They work in teams and training is provided. Please contact George Garland gagarland@gmail.com or Fred Corden fcorden@me.com for details.

Book Stall Volunteers - The bookstall needs volunteers to staff the table on Sundays. Please contact Ken Wachtell at 201-963-7763 or kenw54@hotmail.com.

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