



# THE CHALICE

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Plattsburgh  
Newsletter

“Open Hearts, Open Minds”

February 2010

## Sunday Services @ 10:00 am

- February 7**                      *Our Second “U”: Walking the Universalist Walk*                      Tom Morrissey  
This morning Tom Morrissey will discuss good works and the Universalist creed.
- February 14**                      *Standing on the Side of Love*                      Michelle Ouellette  
In this celebration of hearts, we’ll rethink Valentine’s Day and consider what it means to be “Standing on the Side of Love”.
- February 21**                      *Blessing the Bills*                      Rev. Meg Riley  
Our guest speaker, Rev. Meg Riley, will reflect today on the issue of scarcity and abundance. Rev. Riley has served the UUA in many high-profile capacities and is currently the UUA Director of Advocacy and Witness.
- February 28**                      *Shabbat!*                      Shelley Page  
Our speaker this morning is UU ministerial candidate Shelley Page. She’ll be asking us to consider the meaning of “Sabbath” in our lives today. Discover more about this ancient practice and how it has the power to transform your life.

## February Events (at Palmer St. unless otherwise noted)

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| <b>Mon. Feb 1</b>  | Membership/PR Committee, 3:30 pm.  | <b>Mon. Feb 15</b>  | Beading group at Maureen's, 80 Lafayette St. (593-3333), 6:30 pm.                        |
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| <b>Wed. Feb 3</b>  | Small Group Ministry session, 9:30 am. (See p. 6 for details.)                             | <b>Wed. Feb 17</b>  | Small Group Ministry session, 9:30 am.   |
| <b>Thu. Feb 4</b>  | Ladies' Lunch at Mainly Lobster, 1785 Military Turnpike, at 12:15 pm. All welcome.         | <b>Wed. Feb 17</b>  | Community Meal at Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, 4:20 pm.                                  |
| <b>Fri. Feb 5</b>  | Palmer Street Coffee House, <i>Too Tall String Band</i> , 7:30 pm. (See p. 9 for details.) | <b>Wed. Feb 17</b>  | Board Meeting, 6:30 pm.  |
| <b>Sun. Feb 7</b>  | Super Bowl on the big screen, 5:30 pm. (See p. 3 for details.)                             | <b>Sun. Feb 21</b>  | Registration deadline for Feb. 27 workshop “Creating Wonderful Worship”.                 |
| <b>Mon. Feb 8</b>  | Beading group at Ursula's, 32 Gravelly Point Dr. (561-7647), 6:30 pm.                      | <b>Sun. Feb 21</b>  | Stewardship Campaign begins.   |
| <b>Wed. Feb 10</b> | Book Discussion Group, 2:00 pm. (See p. 3 for details.)                                    | <b>Mon. Feb 22</b>  | Beading group at Ursula's, 32 Gravelly Point Dr. (561-7647), 6:30 pm.                    |
| <b>Wed. Feb 10</b> | Sunday Services Committee, 5:30 pm.  | <b>Thu. Feb 25</b>  | Small Group Ministry session, 7:00 pm.   |
| <b>Thu. Feb 11</b> | Small Group Ministry session, 7:00 pm. (See p. 6 for details.)                             | <b>Sat. Feb 27</b>  | “Creating Wonderful Worship at the UUFP”, workshop 10 am - 4 pm. (See p. 4 for details.) |
| <b>Sat. Feb 13</b> | Second Saturday Cinema, <i>Waltz with</i>  | <b>Sat. Feb 27</b>  | Pot Luck Dinner & Game Night, 5:00 pm. (See p. 4 for details.)                           |
|                    |  | <b>Every Friday</b> | Friday Lunch Bunch, 12:00 at the 99, Smithfield Blvd. All welcome.                       |

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## New Members Welcomed

On January 24th, six members who joined the UUFP within the last year were formally welcomed by Membership Committee Chair Rachelle Armstrong and Board President Jo El Miano. Below is a bit of information they have shared with us about who they are and how they came to join the Fellowship.

**Nancy Browne** was pulled in by her children, who started coming with friends to our RE program. At first Nancy helped with RE, but when she tried out our Sunday services, she realized she was in the right place. Since then she has plunged in, hosting coffee hour and helping at the Coffeehouse. Nancy is a cosmetologist with her own business. She is married to Roger, and they have two children: Maya, 13, and Izaiah, 9.

**Tricia and John Davies** recently came to Plattsburgh from the Philadelphia area, where they were members of the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington. John is lecturing in the SUNY History Department; Tricia has worked in the field of museum education. They have two children: Jack, 4 months, and Maggie, 5 years. The family is happy to have found a warm and welcoming community at the UUFP.

**Nancy Lewin** moved to Plattsburgh last summer in order to be closer to her job at the SUNY Traumatic Brain Injury Center. The move also made it possible for her to join the UUFP - a perk she looked forward to, having visited us many years before. She appreciates the intellectual, spiritual, and emotional stimulation she feels each Sunday and feels she has found a true home with us.

**Ingeborg Sapp** grew up in Germany during World War II. After the war, she lived under the American and then Russian occupation, finally escaping to West Germany. She married an American scientist, and they came to the U.S. in 1960. In 2001, after her husband died, Inge moved to Plattsburgh to be nearer one of her sons. She has made many friends here, including UUs, and decided to become a member last March.

**Mary Alice Shemo** moved here to be near her daughter, Connie, and her twin grandsons, and she began coming to the Fellowship with them. She grew up in the Catholic faith and later joined the Mennonites, who were supportive during a time of need. On attending our services, however, she appreciated our diversity and decided she'd been a UU at heart all along.

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## The Chalice

- Submissions should be sent to [thechalice@charter.net](mailto:thechalice@charter.net). They may be edited for space and content.
- Keep your audience in mind. Provide necessary context so that new or absent members will understand your message.
- *The Chalice* gladly accepts personal news, special community events, poetry, prose, and photos.
- The next deadline is **Sunday, February 21**, but early submissions are always appreciated!

## UUFP Website

For the latest UU news updates, visit [www.uuaplattsburgh.com](http://www.uuaplattsburgh.com) and check out the Calendar and Announcements.

For help with online posting, contact our website administrator, Doug Butdorf, at [dbutdorf@yahoo.com](mailto:dbutdorf@yahoo.com).

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## President's Message

*Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime. ~ W.E.B. DuBois*

We have been working steadily and long, laying the groundwork to reach our goal—acquiring a building that we can afford and that fulfills our dreams. No small order. But we have demonstrated that we have the ability to roll up our sleeves and do our best work: listening, investigating, studying, making informed judgments. Our brain trust and muscle are pretty impressive. Our congregation, its committees, and its Board are supporting each other during these hours of work.

It's not always easy to stay in the zone. After all, our team is made up of individuals who have very full lives. But, as DuBois writes, we don't have the option to put this off to tomorrow or "some more convenient season." And simultaneous with our exploration of options for purchasing the property on Rte. 22B is our upcoming Stewardship Campaign—crucial to our very being—and a Capital Campaign to follow close behind. Both of these campaigns will tell us what is possible for us.

We encourage you to share your thinking and ques-

tions about the property exploration project with any one of us on the Board, the Properties Exploratory Committee, or the Finance Committee. We all might find John Maxwell's "Checklist for Change" helpful:

- Will this change benefit our congregation?
- Is it compatible with our mission?
- Is it specific and clear?
- Is it possible to test it before committing?
- Are physical, financial, and human resources available?
- Is it reversible?
- Is it the next obvious step?
- Does it have short- and long-range benefits?
- Are the leaders capable of making it work?
- Is the timing right?

Let us work to realize our vision and our values. Now is the seed time.

Best,  
Jo El

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## Think Ahead, Plan Ahead

April 23-24 are the dates for the **St. Lawrence District Assembly** in Syracuse. Can't afford it? Think about car-pooling for travel and home-hospitality in the Syracuse area for lodging. Notes about the program will be in the next *Chalice*.

June 23-27 are the dates of our annual **UUA General Assembly**, this year in Minneapolis. Think about starting your summer vacation at that time and then going camping/canoeing in the Boundary Waters after the Assembly. More information should be available soon.



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## Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, February 10 @ 2:00 pm**

This month our book group will be discussing ***Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance*** by Atul Gawande. We'll meet in the downstairs room at the Fellowship on Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 pm. All welcome!

Next month we'll be discussing ***Stones into Schools*** by Greg Mortenson - again, downstairs at the Fellowship - on Wednesday, March 10, at 2:00 pm.

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## Super Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 7 @ 5:30 pm**

Last year's Super Bowl party was such a great success, we're doing it again. Hang out, bring a dish (or not), and watch the game in HD on our ten-foot screen.

BYOB, but remember, this is a family event, so please drink responsibly. The party will start on Sunday, February 7, at 5:30 pm.



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## “Creating Wonderful Worship at the UUFP” Workshop

**Saturday, February 27**  
**10:00 am to 4 pm**



As a lay-led congregation, our religious community depends upon its members to ensure the high quality of every Sunday morning program. All UUFP friends and

members who are interested in learning more about the practical and spiritual process of putting together meaningful Sunday services will want to be sure to attend the “Creating Wonderful Worship at the UUFP” workshop on Saturday, February 27.

Uncertain about how UUs “worship”? Never been involved with Sunday services before? No problem! Bring your thoughts and questions! Open to all, the workshop is being presented by UU ministerial candidate Shelley Page, who has facilitated this workshop many times for a variety of UU congregations. As a regular guest minister at the UUFP during the past year, she knows our community and is ready to present this material tailored specifically to UUFP needs and interests.

Some things you can expect from the workshop:

- Learn what worship is, and look at what we do on Sunday morning that is worshipful (or not).
- Get inspired about worship topics, and explore the liturgical calendar.
- Learn the secrets of creating a meaningful worship service.
- Get planning tools like service templates, worship development timelines, and Sunday morning checklists.
- Discover the hidden treasures in our hymnal.
- Learn about resources to help you create wonderful worship services.
- Have fun!

Lunch will be provided. To register, or if you have any questions at all, please call Jessamyn Neuhaus at 518-324-3390 (home) or 518-564-5217 (work), or write to [neuhausj@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:neuhausj@plattsburgh.edu) by **Sunday, February 21**.

## Pot Luck Dinner & Game Night

**Saturday, February 27 @ 5 pm**

Bring a dish to share, and join your Fellowship friends for an evening of food and fun. After dinner we'll start up the games, so bring your favorite. Child care is available.

Look for a sign-up sheet on the greeter's desk at the Fellowship mid-month.



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## Social Action Corner

Due to the urgent need in Haiti, we moved our February special collection up to January 24<sup>th</sup> and dedicated it to the UUA Service Committee's Haitian Relief efforts. If you missed the collection, you can still give at [www.uusc.org/haitiearthquake](http://www.uusc.org/haitiearthquake).

Our Social Action theme for February is “Standing on the Side of Love” – a campaign started by the UUA and seeking to harness love's power to stop oppression. It calls for people to stand on the side of love in debates on LGBT rights, immigration, and other issues and to call for respect, inclusion, and compassion. Our special collection on March 7<sup>th</sup> will go to help support these efforts.

In addition, we invite the congregation to illustrate what love means to you through photos. You can take the photos yourselves (email them to Jennifer Carter-Kelly at [carterkelly@charter.net](mailto:carterkelly@charter.net)), or stay after services on February 7<sup>th</sup> and we will take them for you. They will be used in our “Re-thinking Valentine's Day” service on February 14<sup>th</sup> and may be forwarded to the UUA for inclusion in their “Standing on the Side of Love” campaign.

Finally, if you'd like the opportunity to bond with other UU members while doing a good deed, come help with the community meal at Trinity Church on the third Wednesday of every month. For details, contact Amanda Cota at [cota6@charter.net](mailto:cota6@charter.net).



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## Stewardship Campaign: Second Notice

We will be launching our annual Stewardship Campaign on **Sunday, February 21**. Think about your \$\$\$ and how you wish to support the Fellowship in 2010-11.

P.S. Your contributions during calendar year 2009

have been acknowledged for the friendly folks at the IRS. Please let me know if our figures differ from your own payment records.

Carole Klein

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## UUFP Budget Development Calendar Fiscal Year 2010–11

<b>January</b>	Committees hold planning sessions to determine 2010-11 objectives, actions, and associated costs.	<b>Mar. 28</b>	Final Stewardship Campaign results due to Finance Committee and Board.
<b>Jan. 31</b>	Due date for committee budget requests to reach Treasurer.	<b>Mar. 28 - Apr. 4</b>	Finance Committee makes final adjustments to <b>Preliminary Proposed Budget</b> and forwards it to Board members.
<b>Feb. 3-12</b>	Finance Committee evaluates committee requests in relation to Fellowship objectives and cumulative budget implications and, if needed, seeks clarification of requests.	<b>Apr. 14</b>	Board meets and reviews/amends <b>Preliminary Proposed Budget</b> .
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Finance Committee forwards <b>Preliminary Budget</b> recommendation to Board members.	<b>Apr. 15</b>	<b>Preliminary Proposed Budget</b> to be posted and published for written comments by congregation.
<b>Feb. 17</b>	Board meets and approves/amends <b>Preliminary Budget</b> , sets Stewardship goal, and forwards goal to Stewardship Chair and Finance Committee.	<b>May 4</b>	Members' written comments on <b>Preliminary Proposed Budget</b> due to the Board.
<b>Feb. 17-20</b>	Stewardship Campaign Committee training sessions	<b>May 12</b>	Board meets and, as appropriate, may adjust <b>Preliminary Proposed Budget</b> based on congregational comments.
<b>Feb. 21 – Mar. 14</b>	Stewardship Campaign	<b>May 20</b>	Board posts <b>Official Proposed Budget</b> in <i>The Chalice</i> , on bulletin board, and on web site.
<b>Mar. 15-28</b>	Stewardship Campaign Committee follows up remaining prospective pledges.	<b>May 30</b>	Annual Meeting for Congregation to vote on <b>Official Proposed Budget</b> .
<b>Mar. 17</b>	Stewardship Campaign Committee reports to Board on campaign progress and estimates final total.	<b>June 9</b>	If <b>Official Proposed Budget</b> voted down by Congregation, Board and Finance Committee will adjust budget as directed by Congregation. <b>Adjusted Budget</b> will be posted in preparation for a re-vote at June 14 congregational meeting.
<b>Mar. 11-28</b>	Finance Committee reviews Stewardship Campaign results and, if needed to balance the budget, negotiates budget adjustments with committees.	<b>June 14</b>	If necessary, Congregation votes on <b>Adjusted Budget</b> .

### Facility Rentals

To reserve meeting space at Palmer Street, contact Shaun O'Connell at [shaun@studleyprinting.com](mailto:shaun@studleyprinting.com).

### Sunday Announcements

If you have an announcement you would like printed in the Sunday program, please submit it to Loni Hagen at [lonihagen@gmail.com](mailto:lonihagen@gmail.com) by 1:00 pm on Thursday.

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## Small Group Ministry Sessions

The Adult Education Committee is launching two nine-week Small Group Ministry sessions:

- Thurs. evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm, January 28 – May 20
- Wed. mornings, 9:30 - 11 am, February 3 – May 26

The groups will meet **every other week** on the lower level of the Fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to call Mary Dufort (562-0239) or Margaret Schwartz (643-6594).

At the sample session on January 10<sup>th</sup>, we considered the topic of “Beginnings”. At the first meeting of the regular sessions, we will look at that topic in more depth. Some questions you might consider:

- What do you want or need to have happen inside yourself? ... in your relationships? ... in the world

around you?

- What have you done to make a change or a beginning? What keeps you from making a change or beginning?
- Did you make a beginning in this new year?
- What can be done to honor the beginnings in life?

*Honor the beginnings in life: birthdays, new moons, the first day of each month, the beginning of a new day, the inhaling of each breath. ~ UU Rev. Helen Zidowecki*

*What we call a beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from. ~ T.S. Eliot*



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## Notes on Property Exploratory Committee “Gab Session” - 12/20/09

Doug Butdorf, chair of the Property Exploratory Committee (PEC), brought news, as of 12/20/09, and answered questions about the potential purchase of the Pyramids building on Rte. 22B. Twenty people attended.

The following points were covered:

- Bank has had a referee assigned to help decide on the amount to be recouped at auction.
- Auction date must be advertised 30 days in advance, announcing the starting bid (the “reserve”) - probably \$850,000-900,000. The bank will likely be the bidder and, having purchased the property, will then begin marketing it. We will need our own finances in place at that time.
- There are 3 liens on the property (the building, lot, and equipment), which could be separated.
- The YMCA is also interested in the property.
- The PEC has been meeting with the pre-school (Changing Leaves) that is interested in leasing the space during the week. The following issues are under discussion:
  - how to share the use of the building
  - a possible escrow account to cover six months rent, to be used as start-up money for the UU or to be returned if we don’t purchase the building. Since they would not be starting at the beginning of a school term, there may have to be a graduated payment plan.
- The PEC has been working with the Finance

Committee on a financial package which will be presented to the UUA through Wayne Clark. We would need a Capital Campaign with a “significant goal”. The Stewardship and Capital Campaigns would run concurrently.

- To address all the property issues, we will need a Transition (Steering) Committee, consisting of a Chair, Secretary/Historian, Publicity (to communicate with the congregation and the public), Strategic Planning, Property and Furnishings, Capital Campaign, and Building Plans and Lease.
- Doug has the building blueprints for congregants to see.

Attendees were reminded of the Town Meeting on January 31, to vote on the following:

- entrusting the Board to take the necessary steps to move ahead with the Pyramids building
- revisions to By-laws



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## 2009 Holiday Wreath Report

It's a pleasure to report that our Wreath Sale was once again a success, both financially (netting \$700) and esthetically. Many thanks to Mary Jane Miranda, Katie White, and Kathy Felty for their continued leadership in this annual event!

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## NOTES ON TWO BOARD MEETINGS

12/16/2009:

- **Proposed By-laws Revisions**  
Changes were proposed for descriptions of Board officers.
- **Stewardship Campaign**  
Campaign will start February 21 and run for 6 weeks, with the theme "The 2% Solution". The target figure will be based on committee budget requests.
- **Capital Campaign**  
According to Carole Klein, chair of Development Committee, our goal for the anticipated Capital Campaign may be \$180,000. It would run concurrently with the Stewardship Campaign.
- **Committee Budgets**  
Committees are asked to submit their budget requests, including any action plan revisions, to the Finance Committee by the January 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- **Property Exploratory Committee (PEC)**  
Doug Butdorf, chair of PEC, and Jerry Bates, chair of Finance Committee, reported on the activities of their committees. They will provide this information to the Congregation at a "Gab Session" on December 20. [See "Notes on 'Gab Session'" on previous page.]
- **Congregational Town Meeting - January 31**  
At January 31<sup>st</sup> Town Meeting, Board will request that congregation entrust the Board to make responsible decisions regarding moving forward on the new building.
- **Transition/Steering Committee**  
Ursula Jones, Treasurer, described the functions of a Transition/Steering Committee. Board will need to recruit people with the specific skills needed for moving into a new space.
- **"Welcoming Congregation"**  
Discussion on "Welcoming Congregation" was postponed to January 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- **AED Signage**  
Eric Trotman suggested posting signs about our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and will consult with Buildings & Grounds about it.

1/20/2010:

- **RE Director's Semi-Annual Report**  
Kris Lutters reported on:
  - **Main achievements of past 6 months:** introduction of "Spirit Play" curriculum; 3 multi-generational programs; 25+ year renewal of summer camp program with re-emphasis on religious education; motto for children: "safe, responsible, and respectful"
  - **Concerns:** sustaining volunteers; consistent attendance of children; communication of RE initiatives and motto to families and congregation as a whole
  - **RE Director position:** RE Committee is working on job description for a paid, ¼-time professional willing to get UUA credentials, to begin in new fiscal year (July 1).
- **Proposed By-laws Revisions**  
Proposed revisions to committee descriptions are being collected and will be distributed to Board.
- **Parking**  
Eric Trotman will negotiate with neighbor about our use of parking area in exchange for plowing his lot and sidewalk.
- **Property Exploratory Committee (PEC)**
  - **Viewing Pyramids interior:** Several UUFPP members have been able to tour the building.
  - **Auction:** now expected in March/April.
  - **Maintenance:** Bank has been maintaining building, including new boiler and alarm system.
  - **Competition:** at least 4 other interested parties.
  - **Lease:** Draft of agreement with potential tenant (Changing Leaves) is almost completed – likely to include up-front amount held in escrow.
  - **Financial Review:** PEC is still working on financial scenarios for mortgage and other expenses; when ready, will meet with UUA consultant Wayne Clark to get his input and discuss funding sources.
  - **Transition Team:** Almost all PEC members are interested in working on future Transition Team.
  - **Fundraising:** Stewardship Campaign will begin as scheduled on February 21; Capital Campaign will begin when appropriate.
- **"Welcoming Congregation"**  
Michelle Ouellette, Social Action Committee chair, brought material on a "Welcoming Congregation"; will present material at February 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday service; and hopes to have a resolution, including language and actions, ready for a vote at Congregational Business Meeting in May.



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## Rev. Tom Chulak to Resign as District Executive

Rev. Tom Chulak has announced his resignation as District Executive of the UU St. Lawrence District (SLD) in the following letter:

Dear St. Lawrence District Leaders,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided that this will be my last year as SLD District Executive. During these last nine years, I have loved working with you as together we have built Unitarian Universalism and our congregations through the District. This has been one of the most fulfilling ministries of my life, but personal and professional changes have led me to the conclusion, after months of exploration, that this summer is the time to end my work with you. The exact date of my ending is still to be decided. However, it is my intent to take part two of my sabbatical from May 17 to July 19 and to co-lead a Leadership Development Retreat the end of July.

Informed by a new Futures Team Report and blessed with excellent leadership, I am confident that the future of the St. Lawrence District is solid.

As we all know, any change brings with it uncertainty and sadness. I feel both of these as I prepare to open myself to the next stage of life. In September, I will turn 62. In October, I will be married and move into a new house. It is my expectation that after I leave this position that I will continue my commitment to Unitarian Universalism by consulting with congregations and other UU institutions.

It has been one of the great joys of my life to serve you. Together we have done good work. For this I am grateful.

We still have several more months together, and I look forward to connecting with many of you.

Faithfully Yours,  
Rev. Tom Chulak  
SLD District Executive

Ernie Hall, President of the SLD Board, has responded as follows:

Dear St. Lawrence District friends,

On behalf of the SLD Board of Trustees, let me be the first to thank and honor Tom for his 9 years of outstanding leadership and ministry as our District Executive. While we will miss him greatly, we are excited for him as he plans his new future. Tom's hard work has left the District in a very strong position, and we are also excited about the District's future. We have started to work with the national office of the UUA to define the next steps.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns ([hallel@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hallel@nycap.rr.com)).

In fellowship,  
Ernie Hall  
President, SLD Board



### UU Podcasts

You might want to find out about a couple of UU radio shows that are available now via the web:

- **LifeNow Radio** has been created by UUs in the Rochester area ([www.lifenowradio.org/news/welcome](http://www.lifenowradio.org/news/welcome))
- **Liberal Religious Hour** ([www.liberalreligion.org/uradio.htm](http://www.liberalreligion.org/uradio.htm))

### Needed: Office Equipment for the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association

This summer the NCUGRHA will be opening a Visitor's Interpretive Center in the Estes house next to Ausable Chasm. They are in need of computers, desks, tables, folding chairs, filing cabinets, lamps, coat tree, fridge, and coffee maker. Donations are tax-deductible.

If you can contribute any of these items, contact Margaret Schwartz (643-6594) or Helen Nerska (643-0938).



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## Palmer Street Coffeehouse

### *Too Tall String Band*

Friday, February 5 @ 7:30 pm

Palmer Street Coffeehouse is pleased to welcome the **Too Tall String Band** on Friday, February 5. "There's a certain chemistry that comes when a band has a history, and Too Tall's got it," said Jody Lawson, Palmer St. Coordinator.

The Too Tall String Band was started 25 years ago by Peru's Rod Driscoll, and he's been at the helm ever since. "We've stayed true to our roots even as we've shuffled the lineup and added new music," said Driscoll. "We love the acoustic sounds of fiddle tunes, Irish and Celtic, bluegrass, and traditional country music." Current band members are Driscoll, Hap Wheeler, and Bruce Lawson.

The band plays a variety of stringed instruments, including hammered dulcimer, mandolin, banjo, guitar, and bass and features strong vocals with three-part harmony. And there's bound to be a dose of Too Tall humor.

Opening up the evening will be **Tim Hartnett and Julie Canepa**, a new duo on the Plattsburgh music scene. "We always enjoy Tim's performance, and we're excited to hear him with Julie," said Lawson.

Mark your calendars for all the remaining shows of the season:

- Mar. 5 **Big Spike Bluegrass Band**
- Apr. 2 **Harvey Reid**
- May 7 **Beartracks**
- June 4 **Eddie & Kim Lawrence**



The Palmer Street Coffeehouse presents live music on the first Friday of each month, October through June, at 4 Palmer Street in Plattsburgh, NY. Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the music begins at 7:30 pm.

Founded in 1988 by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Plattsburgh, the Coffeehouse is well known for its welcoming atmosphere and fine acoustic music. Admission is \$10 at the door. Sweet refreshments are available.



Performances are made possible, in part, through funding from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program, administered locally by the North Country Cultural Center for the Arts.

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## 2010 Grant for Palmer Street Coffeehouse!

At an awards ceremony on January 19, Jody Lawson, Coordinator for the UUFP Palmer Street Coffeehouse, accepted a NY State Council on the Arts Decentralization Grant for 2010. The grant, administered locally by the North Country Cultural Center for the Arts (NCCCA), was in the amount of \$654.50. It was presented by NCCCA Board President Leigh Mundy and Executive Director Susan Daul at their new location in the old federal building on

Brinkerhoff Street.

In reflecting on the grant, Jody commented, "We are pleased that our community continues to honor the importance of acoustic music as an art form important to our cultural heritage."

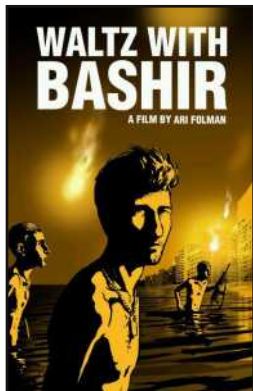


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# UUFP's Second Saturday Cinema

## *Waltz with Bashir*

Saturday, February 13 @ 7:00 pm



Second Saturday Cinema is pleased to be showing the animated documentary, *Waltz with Bashir*. This unique film follows a veteran of the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon attempting to recover his lost memories of this chapter of his life. The film was one of the best reviewed movies of 2008, having won the Golden Globe for Best Foreign Language Film, among many other awards. It is in Hebrew with English subtitles, and it is **Rated R!**

Presented as a community service, Second Saturday Cinema is a public showcase for classic, thought-provoking, and fun movies. Our little theater features a large screen and Dolby Digital sound. Our license agreements prohibit public advertisement of our films, so we depend on word of mouth. There is NO admission fee, and reasonably-priced snacks and drinks are available.

Doors open at 6:30 pm; lights dim at 7:00 pm.

For more information about the Second Saturday Cinema or to suggest films or be placed on our mailing list for upcoming shows, contact us at [secondsaturdaycinema@gmail.com](mailto:secondsaturdaycinema@gmail.com).

We respect your privacy. Your e-mail address will ONLY be used for SSC announcements and will not be shared with outside organizations.

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