

**First Unitarian Universalist
Society of Burlington
Adult Programs Committee
Winter 2012 Events**



Minister's Forum with Reverend Roberta Finkelstein:

The Five Smooth Stones of Liberalism

First Sunday of every month 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Based on an essay by James Luther Adams, these monthly forums will focus on different aspects of our UU faith. The sessions will be lively, participatory and will stand alone – you don't need to attend all five and can come into the series at any time. Learn a little UU history, theology, and ethics while applying these five concepts to your personal spiritual journey.

No registration necessary.

February 5th Revelation Is Continuous

March 4th Just and Loving Community

April 1st An Attitude of Ultimate Optimism

May 6th Mutual and Free Consent

June 3rd The Organization of Power and the Power of Organization



Who Wrote the New Testament?

Sunday, February 12 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Who wrote the gospels? Did Paul write all the letters attributed to him? What about the Book of Revelation? Learn about all of this and more with our resident biblical scholar and long-time UU member Jeff Trumbower. No registration necessary.

First UU History Series

UU member Elz Curtiss has researched our archives extensively for her book on UU history and now she wants to share her knowledge with us! Join us for one, two or all three sessions -- no registration required.

January 29th 1:15-3 p.m. Happy Birthday First UU: Two Hundred Active Years

February 19th 1:15 - 3 p.m. Ministers, Their Families, and Great UUs

February 26 from 1:15 - 3 p.m. Worship, Library, Religious Education, and Social Witness

Need Child Care?

Childcare for all programs is available with one week advance notice. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost.

Introduction to Zen and Meditation

Three Friday nights from 7 - 8:30 p.m. March 9, 16, and 23

Join Minister Emeritus Bob Senghas in an exploration of Zen Buddhism in theory and Zen Meditation in practice. No prior experience necessary -- he'll start at the very beginning! Bob is a senior student at the Zen Monastery at Mt. Tremper, NY and has studied there for almost 30 years. Registration or questions: Jean at jeanpa813@gmail.com or 288-9566.



Social Action Committee Forums

On the **third Sunday of most months, following the second service at 12:30**, the Social Action Committee presents a series of forums on topics of general concern to our congregation. This is our tentative schedule for the winter.

January 15 **Death With Dignity**

A showing of the film "The Last Campaign of Governor Booth Gardner" and a discussion with a representative of Patient Choices at the End of Life – Vermont will take place. Here's an opportunity to find out more about this issue that will come before the legislature this spring.

February 19 **Reparative Justice**

Vermont has a number of volunteer boards which have a unique way of dealing with non-violent crimes without going through the entire court process. Find out about how these boards are helping both victims and offenders deal with these events and how you can be a part of the process.

March 18 **Refugee Issues**

What are the problems facing refugees in Vermont? How are we dealing with them and what can we do to help?

Self-Reliance Series– Lower Your Carbon Footprint

February 15, 6:30—7:30 p.m. **Food swap**

Bring 10 of your specialty (baked goods, jam, pickles, applesauce, hot cocoa mix, granola, salsa, etc.) and swap with others, bringing home 10 different treats to try! Children welcome.

March 21, 6:30—8 p.m. **Crafting circle**

Join experienced crafter Anya Byam and bring unfinished projects: things you're stuck on or once abandoned, sewing repairs you haven't had time to get to, that scrapbook you need time to update, and we'll all work on our own projects and chat. Childcare provided.

Choose one or attend them both. Contact Valerie Wood-Lewis at valerie@burlingtontelecom.net or 859-0049 with questions or to register.

More offerings in the spring!



The New UU -- March 25 and April 1

The New UU class helps participants gain a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism and the First UU Society. The class is **offered throughout the year** and includes two evening sessions for two hours on Sunday evenings from **6 to 8 p.m.** It is designed for newcomers and is a prerequisite to membership. If you are interested in attending the New UU or if you have further questions please contact Ken Swearingen at: swearingenkenneth@gmail.com or (802) 419-0813.