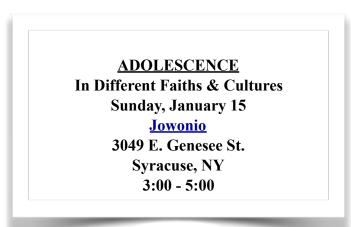
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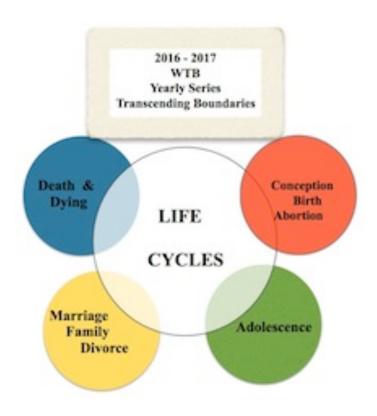
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All information is also available on our Web site www.wtb.org





We will continue our LIFE CYCLES series by looking at the **adolescence stage** through the eyes of different faiths and cultures. Guest speakers will attend and share their insights.



Travel Auction!

WTB Volunteer Event at WCNY for the Travel Auction will be **Friday**, **January 13th at 5:30 pm**.

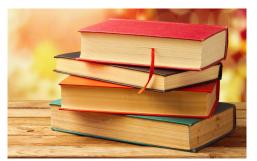
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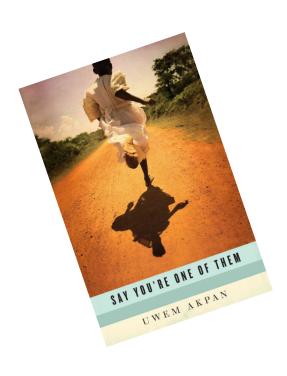
Joy Pople, Sue Savion, Penny Hart, Judy Alderman, Kay Phillips, Danya Wellmon, and Betty Lamb.

The early times are filled. If anyone wishes to volunteer for the 8pm to 11pm shift contact Sis Zucker at <u>sisz@twcny.rr.com</u> or 315-446-8885. The days of need are the 12th, 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st from 8 to 11pm. As a Thank You to all who volunteer for this, dinner is served and donated by local restaurants.



BOOK CLUB Monday, January 23, 2017 7:00 - 9:00 pm For more details and location call: Jennifer Roberts Crittenden at 633-2817





SAY YOU'RE ONE OF THEM By Uwem Akpan

"Uwem Akpan's stunning stories humanize the perils of poverty and violence so piercingly that few readers will feel they've ever encountered Africa so immediately. The eightyear-old narrator of "An Ex-Mas Feast" needs only enough money to buy books and pay fees in order to attend school. Even when his twelve-year-old sister takes to the streets to raise these meager funds, his dream can't be granted. Food comes first. His family lives in a street shanty in Nairobi, Kenya, but their way of both loving and taking advantage of each other strikes a universal chord."

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY ASSEMBLY Monday, February 6, 2017 "Love is the Answer"

The 7th World Interfaith Harmony Assembly, a collaboration of InterFaith Works, Women Transcending Boundaries and local faith communities, is being held on Monday evening, February 6, 2017 at <u>University United Methodist Church</u>, 1085 E Genesee St and University Ave. The Assembly will begin at 6:30 pm. There will be a reception following the event at 8:00 pm. The theme this year is "Love is the Answer". Each participating Faith Community Leader will share an answer to this question.

On October 20, 2010, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously established the World Interfaith Harmony Week. This was the result of a request from the King of Jordan, King Abdullah II. The World Interfaith Harmony Assembly in Syracuse is an important and amazing event, that Women Transcending Boundaries inspired. Each year for the past six years, different faith communities have hosted this event, with a multitude of faith communities dramatic participation.



Annual UN Observance Week. Feb. 1-7





Interfaith Works **Center for New Americans** had an amazing month of September with 96 NEW ARRIVALS. An all time high. Warehouse is looking for donations of **FURNISHINGS** for Apartments, 400+ who have arrived in the past 6 months need **COATS**, 150+ new students need **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**



The WTB wreath entered in the Everson Festival of Trees was very well received. Themed on the diversity of immigrant cultures in the Syracuse community, it sold opening day to Mrs. Audi, who will display it in the cafeteria at the Stickley factory, a facility with a diverse workforce. Thanks to Bunny Hannum, Penny Hart and Betty for making the ornaments and to Sue Savion, Barb Bova, Penny Hart, and Betty for putting the wreath together at the Everson. Our wreath referenced that Syracuse has been declared a Compassionate Community—an effort shepherded by Jim Wiggins and supported by many members of WTB. There was some discussion about doing another wreath next year. Jennifer Crittenden offered notions from the sewing program that she typically donates to other groups; Diane Lansing suggested decorating a wreath with 1000 cranes and offered to teach us how to make them. We discussed the possibility of doing both a tree and wreath for 2017, as we did in 2015, utilizing both ideas.



2017 EVENTS

<u>January:</u> Thursday, 12 Friday, 13

Sunday, 15

Monday, 23

<u>February</u> Monday, 6 Schmai WTB Volunteer Event at WCNY Monthly Meeting: Life Cycles/Adolescence Book Club

Interfaith Harmony Assembly