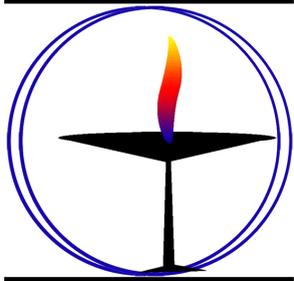


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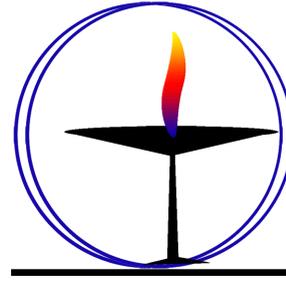
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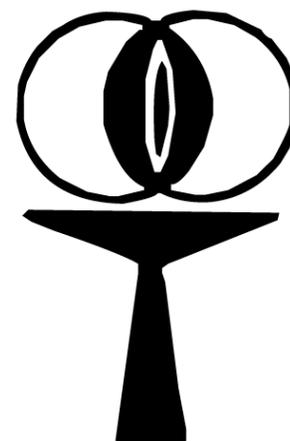
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January 4, 10:30am

***On the Cusp* – Sonja Jensen, Director of Faith Lifespan Development and Christine Derby-Cuadrado, Membership Coordinator**

Here and now we sit on the cusp of the Past and the Future. How looking back and looking forward then letting go can help us to find clarity in the present. Sonja Jensen, Director of Lifespan Faith Development and Christine Derby-Cuadrado will lead this first service of the new year. There will be a workshop to create your personal vision board following the service.



January 11, 10:30am

***Practicing Paradise* – Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen**

“Practicing Paradise” is a term given to an ancient spirituality attuned to desert living, that is recast for the challenges of a new day and the challenges we associate with climate change

January 18, 10:30am

Person and Persona - Who is Leading?

Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen

Today we begin to explore the question of “What is ethical Leadership”?

January 25, 10:30am

***Great Work* – Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen**

What is the great work of our time? How do we envision our participation in the planetary shifts that are under way?



January 2015! Happy New Year!

by Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen



For this Interim Minister, the arrival of a New Year on the calendar carries a wonderful clean slate sort of feeling, infused with the promise that we humans can choose now to begin anew. I like the idea of lots of snow and the prospect of dwelling in a white and frozen world with dark nights and sparkling lights. No matter what has gone down in the last twelve months of our lives, here once again is the opportunity to set things right, and to reorient so that we sense ourselves to be in concert with the motions of the cosmos as they are made known to us in our daily lives. The season itself seems to suggest that we seek new harmony with all that is. More simply for those glued to their computers, it is a press of the “restart” tab with the hope that a return original pristine clarity of insight will be immediately forth coming. It’s hard to resist making resolutions in this frame of mind, even knowing by long experience, that the path forward will have its ups and downs.

Happily at UUCB this state of natural anticipation and energy coincides with the turning of the church year. We look forward to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. We know that the Ministerial Search Committee will be shifting gears. We expect new goals for the coming year and new projects to be undertaken. We begin preparations to welcome a new minister to UUCB in the spring. In short we generate energy to set the congregation in motion. We prepare to step forward into new territory on several fronts.

As your Interim Minister for 2014-15 I have written a letter for the Ministerial Search Packet. Here I share two brief excerpts:

“Church of Buffalo is located on intersecting axes of more than one transition. The first is of course the matter of a change in ministerial leadership. The second is an intended change in the governance structures. A third transition certainly has to do with the life cycle of the congregation as a whole and the articulation of its values and mission in relation to the urban context of its setting in the city of Buffalo. As a fourth consideration, as a Unitarian Universalist congregation, UUCB is also a participant in the St. Lawrence District which is moving forward to provide new connections and opportunities for leadership development in concert with the emerging UUA CERG Region. These developments respond to broad cultural, financial, and societal changes in the role of religion and its institutions. These developments respond to broad cultural, financial, and societal changes in the role of religion and its institutions. Navigating these realities as a minister is a complex matter that will benefit from further education of lay leaders regarding congregation as an emotional system. “

“UUCB is from my perspective very ready to enter a new phase of its existence. The continuous flow of activity under its roof reveals a capacity for increased vibrancy. The steps taken during the preceding Interim responded to the need for more clarity in the organization itself. It is clear now that the congregation seeks a leader who can continue this intention, who can elicit the inspiration of a new vision, and who will work with others to attract the different generations and interest groups already present to the enterprise of responding to a new call for the congregation as a whole.”

I am looking forward to the excitement, the conversations, and the preparations. Facing the future is often not comforting, but it can certainly be enlivening for all who are ready to engage!

Conversations with the Interim Minister

During the month of January, an opportunity for informal conversation with the Interim Minister, following the Sunday Service on January 11 will be made available. This is a good time to bring questions about the nature of ministry in general or about the Interim period.

The Interim Minister is typically present in the church building from 10-4pm on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

All On Board

By Phil Nicolai, Board President

Since I was elected to the Board in January of 2012, I have been part of a process that has restructured how the Board functions and how governance in general operates throughout the church. In many of my earlier columns I have spoken about various ministries within the church. Most recently I have talked about stewardship. I won't say anything about that except that, if you haven't sent in your pledge card yet, please do so before the end of the year. There are other ministries that I've also mentioned and they include everything from faith development to social justice to the choir. This list is not inclusive and the Board has no direct role in the ministry side of the church. However, it does have an indirect role in that it needs to be sure that the church is healthy so that it's many ministries can be supported.



One way that the Board does this is through its oversight function. We have an active Oversight Committee chaired by Don Behr and Doris Poodry that works closely with Board members Barbara Klobberdanz and Kirsten Anderson. The Oversight Committee solicits reports from committees and ministry teams so that the Board can be informed, give feedback where appropriate, and be able to provide resources to make their work more effective. More detailed information on this board function can be found at the church website in the Board Policy Book under the Governance tab. You could also enter <http://www.buffalouu.org/board-policy-book.html> in your web browser to get there directly.

The Board also is charged to do its own self-evaluation and we have conducted the first of what I expect will be many self-evaluations to help us perform the tasks outlined in the policy book that we have adopted over the past two years with the help of our Governance Committee.

One thing that the Board has responsibility to do is to make sure that our bylaws are congruent with the legal requirements which the State of New York requires for not-for-profit corporations. This past year the laws governing not-for-profits were significantly updated and we sought legal advice to make sure that our bylaws reflect the most recent changes in the law. Several changes and additions were suggested by the lawyers we consulted.

At the January Congregational Meeting the congregation will be asked to vote on changes to our bylaws that put us in compliance with this new set of state requirements. You will be receiving a packet in the mail in the next couple of weeks that will include the newly revised bylaws. The congregation will need to vote on bylaw changes that will be congruent with the requirements of the state.

At that same meeting, elections for new Board members will be held. Peter Sloan and I will be leaving the Board and two new board members will be voted onto the Board. The mailing on the meeting will also include biographies of the two candidates that will be put forward based on the exhaustive work of a special task force on nominations that approached a much larger group of church members to inquire about their interest and availability to serve on the Board.

Please accept my best wishes for the holidays.

Faith Development News: Family Time

Sonja Jensen, CRE, Director of Lifespan Faith Development

In the post holiday quiet winter really starts to set in. It's a great time to slow down. Make a date with family or friends to stay in, cook at home, listen to music and play games. Turn off the tech and enjoy each other face to face. If you're blessed with a fireplace light it up and enjoy the warmth and the crackle.

Resolutions are great, and I encourage you to seriously consider which ones are wise and healthy for you and go after them with energy. But, some resolutions can be about doing less. In the Tao Te Ching Lau Tsu refers to it as "Doing Not Doing"

There's nothing quite as quiet as a still winter day when there are a few inches of snow on the ground. In the quiet you can begin to hear yourself think. Give it time and you'll hear your inner longings. If you have children, take them to a park or a wooded area and trudge through the snow. Listen to the snow crunch, build a snowman, bring some corn or birdseed to scatter for the wildlife and maybe go sledding.

This winter we will be looking for ways to get our kids from church together. Watch the e-blast and UUCB RE Facebook page for sledding dates and game nights at church.

I've put together a few resources you might like to use to spend more quality time together:

To help build mindfulness in your children:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/23/meditation-for-kids_n_3318721.html

For some fun crafts: <http://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/winter/>

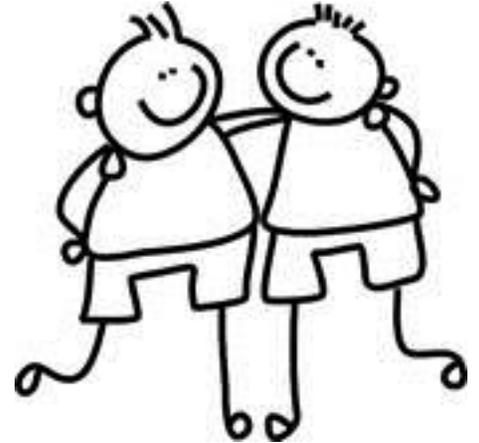
If you'd like to explore some ways you can build your family's connection to Unitarian Universalism at home, check out the Church of the Larger Fellowship's Family Quest:

<http://clf.uua.org/resources.html>

My family has developed great friendship and long lasting closeness by playing a lot of board games. And some of them have led to some great discussions about values and beliefs as well. I'll recommend some of our favorites below. Many are available at chains like Target or Barnes and Nobles, or online at Amazon or Boardgames.com. Millennium Games in Rochester is a great source for games where you can touch and feel and have someone teach you how to play. There are other local board game shops around Buffalo too. Just do a search on Google. When we do our board games nights here at UUCB, you'll get a chance to try some of these out.

My family favorites:

- For small children try Hullabaloo, UNO, Chutes and Ladders
- For readers I recommend Apples to Apples Jr., Cranium games and Family Matters
- For Middle School and up try Flux (they have several versions, all fun) Pandemic, Carcassonne, Dominion, Apples to Apples, Settler's of Catan, Dixit, Once Upon a Time, Unspeakable Words
- For a UU twist, try the 7 Principles Card game and We Believe 2.



UUCB Music Notes

by Dan Bassin, Music Director

With January now upon us, we can look back and reflect on an eventful, musical, productive, and deeply rewarding past year. Also our attention turns to those things we know are in store for us in the year-to-come: a new settled minister, likely a few more snow storms, a beautiful spring – and with that a beautiful spring Music Sunday (mark your calendars for Sunday, April 12, 2015!) – And all of this while reminding ourselves of the correct year to mark on checks, appointments, etc.!



Musically-speaking, we'll kick-off the New Year with something unusual and fun – at 12 noon on Thursday, January 1st, 2015 a musical **HAPPENING** of sorts will take place in our gorgeous sanctuary.

Musicians from across our area will gather for a fun and informal performance of Terry Reilly's 1964 masterpiece, *In C*, which galvanized the 60s avant-garde search for spiritual meaning into a musical movement which would later be called "minimalism". We will have performers positioned all around our sanctuary and encourage all to either join-in the festivities, or to move around the space and revel in the acoustics of our beloved spiritual home.

Our first service of the month, led by our own Sonja Jensen and Christine Derby-Cuadrado, entitled *On the Cusp* will feature music that is both reflective and forward-looking. The Andrew Lloyd-Weber classic, *Memory*, will be performed by our in-house trumpet and piano duo, and the service will end with a rousing anthem made famous by both a late-70s film franchise and also one of the great, athletic, jazz bandleaders of that era.

On January 11th, Rev. Hnottavange-Telleen will deliver her sermon on *Practicing Paradise*. Our music for that service will embrace her talk on climate change through two different choral anthems on nature themes; Stephen Chatman's setting of the short-lived 19th century Canadian poet, Archibald Lampman's *Snow*, from Chatman's *Voices of Earth* collection, and Benjamin Britten's motet-setting of 18th century British poet and clergyman, George Crabbe's *Marsh Flowers*.

The centerpiece for the January 18th service entitled, *Person and Persona – Who is Leading?*, will be a work by the contemporary Estonian composer, Arvo Pärt. Pärt's 1963 composition, *Solfeggio*, marks the beginning of what the composer refers to as *Tintinnabuli* – his mature style, whose harmonies seem to recall tintinnabulation, or the ringing of bells. It is our hope that this meditative work, whose "words" such as they are merely consist of the solfège syllables (do, re, mi, fa, etc.) of the pitches the singers are singing, will act as a model for the challenges of transitioning leadership. Is there not something of the "gravitational pull" of those seven notes ("That will bring us back to Do"), and what can be learned from experiencing the form Pärt constructs – equal parts "intuitive" and "mathematical"?

Finally, we end the month with our minister's service on *Great Work*. This service will feature the Moses Hogan classic spiritual arrangement, *Walk Together Children*, alongside other vocal and instrumental works reflecting on participation, community, and the focusing of passing on the fruits of our labors for future generations to come.

We look forward to sharing our music with you, and wish you the happiest of New Years!

Back to Basics

Christine Derby-Cuadrado, Membership Coordinator

Frequently I am on the UUA web-site, UUA.org, to look for new information on being welcoming and membership materials.

Recently, I ran across some basic statements regarding the principles and beliefs of being a Unitarian Universalist. I had glanced at these before but facing the New Year with the concept of starting fresh and anew, they seemed to need deeper reflection. I invite you, whether newcomer or seasoned member, to read what I borrowed from the UUA web-site. Reflect on them in relation to your personal spiritual path and experiences here at the UUCB. It begins:



“ Welcome to Unitarian Universalism. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers.

We are diverse in faith, ethnicity, history and spirituality, but aligned in our desire to practice our faith in tangible ways. We are believers in what is good, what is right, and what is just.

We affirm seven Principles, the first of which is a deep recognition of each person’s inherent dignity and worth.

We have radical roots and a history as self-motivated spiritual people: we think for ourselves and actively object to what we believe is wrong. We have a track record of standing on the side of love, justice, and peace.

We are a house without walls, a congregation without spiritual boundaries. Simply put, we are a guided path towards a better you and a better world.

How to Get Involved-

Come. Connect with a congregation near you. Explore an online UU congregation. Bring passion and a desire to see (and be) change. We strive to welcome deeply people of all ages and classes, sexual orientations, gender identities/expressions, races/ethnicities, and abilities.

Learn. Discover what it means to have a personal faith that is anchored by diversity and acceptance. ...

Be with us. Together we can do the most good.”

Wishing you a wonderful start to the New Year.

News from the Ministerial Search Committee

Respectfully submitted by Rita Capezzi for Dave Batt, Gigi Helliwell, Richard Leimbach, Martha Malkiewicz, Juli Van Woert, and Steve Wixson

After a small break at Thanksgiving, we turned our attention to the Congregational Packet, a website with detailed materials about the church and the neighborhood which is shared with interested ministers-in-search starting on January 2. Ministers who expressed an interest can request access to this website from the Ministerial Search Committee. When they ask for this access, our Committee can ask for access to the Ministerial Profiles that each minister prepares to show to prospective congregations what they are “all about.”

This Congregational Packet includes letters of welcome from Rev. Mary and Board President Phil Nicolai, among others at the church, as well as letters from our contacts in the St. Lawrence District and the UU Ministers Association. We have included lots of profiles of the work of our staff and Ministry Teams, examples of worship services, and photos of our congregation in action. In addition, we have included information about our finances, budgets, and fundraising practices. We highlight the City of Buffalo and the entire region of Western New York as well, demonstrating what a viable and livable area it is, with and without snow. This “packet” serves as an invitation to ministers-in-search to enquire further about us.

Once this “exchange of packets” commences, your Ministerial Search Committee begins the challenging and sacred work of determining which candidates to meet through phone interviews. The process of reviewing Ministerial Packets and choosing phone interview candidates takes place in the first part of the month, while the phone interviews themselves will take place in the second part of the month. After that, the Committee selects the three or four candidates with whom we will arrange an extended weekend-long interview. More about that process next month.

Finally, and once again as we begin the process of interviewing potential ministerial candidates, we want to encourage all of you to make your pledge to the 2015 Budget Drive. Prospective ministers will consider the economic health of our church. When you make a financial commitment to the church, you demonstrate true stewardship and acknowledge that, as much as we might individually enjoy UUCB and the opportunity it affords each of us, the church has a higher purpose. Only if we take responsibility to fully fund this sacred place can we ensure that we will continue to have a place to develop our spirits so that we might serve the needs of the larger community of which we are a part.



The Women's Society Welcomes Chuck LaChiusa

On January 15, 2015 Mr. LaChiusa will speak on "Buffalo's Jewels: Stained Glass Windows". Many of Buffalo's historic buildings and homes shimmer with exquisite stained glass windows. This presentation will be a visual feast serving up works of stained glass artistry. We will learn a bit about the various processes used to create them by internationally know studios such as LaFarge, Tiffany and Willet. The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society honored Mr. LaChiusa with the Owen B. Augspurger award which recognizes local historians devoted to the preservation of Erie County's heritage.

We start at 11 a.m. with conversation, appetizers, and drinks including wine. The speaker will commence at 11:30 and a warm catered lunch to take the chill off will be served at 12:30.

The fee for the lunch is \$15. in advance and \$17. at the door. To hear the speaker only is free! Payment is appreciated if made in advance. Reservations can be made in the Parish Hall on the two Sundays, January 4 and January 11 or at Josettepc50@gmail.com. Mail your check to the church labeled: ATTENTION: Josh Layton. Make it payable to the UUCB and on the memo line write: Women's Society Program. This will be a great and interesting way to spend a Winter's afternoon!



FOOD PANTRY

The requested food for donation for the month of January is boxed or canned macaroni and cheese. Please have your items in a bag labeled with the words, Women Society and place them in the large red plastic storage bin which will be located inside the garden entrance to the church. Thank you for your support.

District Assembly 2015: Deep Roots, Broad Wings March 27-28, 2015, Niagara Falls, NY Registration is now open.

This joint effort of the Ohio-Meadville and the St. Lawrence Districts will take place March 27-28, 2015 at the Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls, NY.

The Rev. Scott Tayler is the keynote speaker. His keynote address is titled *The Space Between: Building a new day by strengthening the ties that bind*. Gould Lecturer is Rev. Thomas Chulak, speaking on *The Sum of the Parts*.

Eleven workshops will be offered in two time slots covering an array of topics important to congregational life.

For more information on the conference and to register go to: www.sld.cerguua.org



Covenant Group Program News

You're Invited !!!

The Covenant Group program is an established small group ministry in UU churches all over the country. Covenant groups, led by trained co-facilitators, create an opportunity to develop relationships, explore our personal values and beliefs, and support and strengthen our church – one small group at a time.

Early in 2015, an “open enrollment” period will be offered. This is an opportunity for you to join a group for the first time or, if you are currently participating in a group and value the gifts offered through this experience, you will be invited to either recommit to your current group or commit to a new group.

To assist you in your exploration of whether this might be the time and way for you to wade more deeply into connection with others in this congregation, we are offering a ***one-session Covenant Group Orientation***.

If you are new or not-so-new and would like to experience the connection that our model of “deep listening” inspires, we invite you to join us in the Alliance Room on ***Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM***. A light lunch will be provided.

Pre-registering for this session will help us plan. For questions or to register for the Orientation, please contact Beryl Smith at beryljeanne@hotmail.com, or stop by the Membership and Connections table in the Parish Hall after church on any Sunday. We look forward to – truly – getting to know you.



We Want Your Access and Inclusion Suggestions!

It's hard to change what you don't know about. Over the past year, the Access and Inclusion Ministry Team (UAIM) has been actively seeking out information about the effect our facilities and behaviors have on welcoming and meeting the needs of people with disabilities.

We're not done yet. Our church community is a dynamic environment that changes all the time. That's why we are encouraging anyone who enters our church to share their observations and suggestions on ways to make the UUCB a more welcoming environment for people with disabilities. If you think you see something that should change in the building or behaviors, please let us know.

There are suggestions forms in the literature racks at both doors, at the welcome table, and from the ushers. Just drop the completed form in the church mailbox across from the office. You can also email your suggestions to the uaim@buffalouu.org. Your name and contact information on the form or the email are essential so that UAIM can follow up if there are questions. Please, use the forms and email address only for suggestions pertaining to welcoming and meeting the needs of people with disabilities and not general church suggestions.



GREAT NEWS: MORE UUCB VOLUNTEERS TO APPRECIATE! Lifespan Faith Development to join UUCB Volunteer of the Year Celebration in 2015.

We're looking forward to our biggest celebration ever, when we hold our combined LFD/UUCB Volunteer of the Year service in March. We plan to honor **all** of the many wonderful people who raise their hands and say 'yes, I will' to meet needs, to move things forward, to do the things that need to be done in and for UUCB.

In past years, Volunteer Appreciation Sunday has honored individuals or groups as a church-wide Volunteer of the Year, while the Religious Education folks had a separate program singling out one RE Person of the Year. But we are one church family, and in acknowledgement of that reality, we are combining the two programs, and awarding special recognition in three categories: UUCB Volunteer of the Year; UUCB Faith Development Person of the Year; and – **new** for 2015 – Child or Youth Volunteer of the Year.

The UUCB **Volunteer of the Year** may be an individual or a group (Team), who has made a significant contribution of service to the church.

The LFD **Person of the Year** may be a teacher, advisor, teaching team, Souper Sunday volunteer, Faith Development Team member, or other volunteer who has had a significant impact on the growth or quality of the program, or on the experience of program participants.

The **Child or Youth Volunteer** should exemplify the values of Unitarian Universalism in their service to UUCB, the larger Buffalo community, or global causes.

So look around you, make a note of those you think may deserve special recognition, and say 'thank you!' Then, submit their name(s) on the Nominations Form (attached), and include your reasons for nominating them. Copies of the form are included in this week's email blast, and inserted in this week's Order of Service., and are also available in the Church office.

Please return your completed form to Josh, our Church Administrator. If you prefer, you can submit your nomination on line as an email attachment, addressed to uucbvolunteer@roadrunner.com. **Completed forms are due January 22.**

When the nominations are in, we'll ask you to choose the 'best of the best.' And then, we'll have a grand Celebration!

– Lifespan Faith Development & Celebrations Teams



Sharing the January Plate with The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service



In keeping with our mission to create a more just and compassionate world, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo shares our weekly collection plate with a local agency, living out our generosity in the Buffalo community. The January Share the Plate recipient will be the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service.

The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service gives daily access of printed matter to thousands of blind and print-handicapped persons throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. Volunteers broadcast daily readings of newspapers, magazines, books and vital information to listeners who are all provided "reading radios". Since 1987 the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service has broadcast 190,000 hours of radio readings. Regarded as one of the nation's finest radio reading services for the blind, and New York State's best radio reading service, the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service has compiled a track record of exemplary efficiency, productivity and excellence.

NFRRS has become a trusted friend to those who face each day without sight, helping them become active members of society, and improving their quality of life. All listeners are provided a special receiver, which looks like a table top model radio. The receivers are tuned only to the NFRRS broadcast signal and provide instant, 24/7 access to a wide variety of printed matter. Donations are used to support a reliable studio recording system and to provide reading radios to persons without sight.



In the Share-the-Plate program, the church donates half the unrestricted donations made during each Sunday's offertory to a designated charity or organization identified by the Social Justice Task Force under policies formulated by the Board of Trustees. Recipients of the UUCB Share-the-Plate program must be either a 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 non-profit organization, and they must do work that is consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles. Any member of the congregation may nominate a recipient organization through the UUCB Social Justice Task Force.

Pledge payments may still be placed in the collection plate, either in a donation envelope or clearly marked "pledge" in the memo line. All undesignated cash goes to Share the Plate. If you wish to donate to Share the Plate by check, or with cash in an envelope, please note "Share the Plate" or just "Share" in the memo line or on the envelope. Envelopes are available from the ushers.

Ongoing efforts by the Social Justice Task force are the collection of non-perishable food donations for the Network of Religious Communities as well as recycling of old cell phones and printer cartridges. Donations can be left in the baskets at both entrances to the sanctuary. The next meeting of the Social Justice Task Force will be January 11, 2015.

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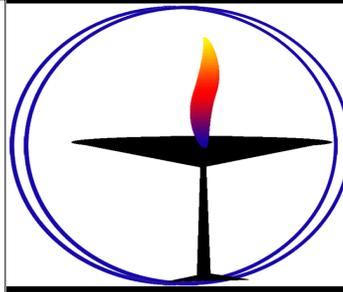
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Happening at the UUCB

Not for Knitters only! **UUCB Yarnbusters**

Happy New Year! The "Not for Knitters Only" group will be meeting on January 13 and 27. Please join us from 6:30ish to 8ish in The Women's Lounge. This is an open group, church membership not required. For more information email me, Sharon Walker, at sharonw447@gmail.com.



Books Glorious Books

The Annual Women's Society Book Sale is scheduled for February 2015 and that seems like a long time in coming. However, life being what it is. And time tending to fly by. This is a reminder that if you plan to donate books, how about bringing them sooner rather than later. That would be a big help to our intrepid sorters. Books may be placed in the area near the stairs at the Elmwood entrance. If you have large amounts and you want to bring them during the week, please call ahead to make sure someone is available to let you into the building. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Kloberdanz at bklober@aol.com and of course, many thanks.

Fun and Fellowship Auction news

It's almost auction time!

January 18, 2015 marks the biggest fun(d)raiser of the year.

We are seeking donations and help with this year's fun and fellowship auction. Can you offer a donation - social events of all kinds are extremely popular - picnics, dinners, cocktail parties, chocolate tasting, wine tasting...? Or perhaps you could teach a skill - jam making, ballroom dancing. It doesn't have to be fancy or exotic - people at UUCB here just love to get together!

Do you want to help but not commit to an event?

There are opportunities to assist with auction events or with the auction itself.

And everyone can bid! There will be no registration fee so we hope EVERYONE will check out the auction offerings before and after church on January 18.

Questions? Ideas? Donations? Contact mariatesta@roadrunner.com

Pulpit Flower Ministry

Happy New Year from Pulpit Flowers! There are only 8 days that remain available in this program year. They are February 15th, April 26th, May 3rd and 31st, June 14th and 28th, and July 5th and 12th. If you are interested in reserving one of these dates, please stop by the flower table on Sunday morning, email us at pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org, or call us at 885-2136 ext.4. The cost is just \$35.00 for the flowers and your text dedication will be included in our Order of **Sunday Service**.

January Schedule

January 4th -Mary Beth Scott

January 11th -Don Shedd

January 18th -Joe Ott

January 25th -Tim & Gretchen Ashton



DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING?: A CELEBRATION OF FOLK MUSIC

Michael Harris, instructor

13 Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., starting

January 7, 2015

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course is \$75 for the full
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Course Syllabus

Session 1 (January 7): Folklore vs. 'Fakelore' --
What is Folk Music?

Session 2 (January 14): Celt-o-mania!: James
MacPherson's Ossian poems and Thomas Moore's
Irish Melodies

Session 3 (January 21): Recovering the English
Folk -- Child Ballads, Cecil Sharp and Ralph
Vaughan Williams

Session 4 (January 28): Northern Songs -- Edvard
Grieg and Nordic Folk Song

Session 5 (February 4): Bela Bartok --
Ethnomusicologist and Composer

Session 6 (February 11): American
Songcatchers 1 -- John and Alan Lomax

Session 7 (February 18): American Songcatchers 2
-- Charles and Ruth Seeger

Session 8 (February 25): Classical Americana --
Copland, Thomson, etc.

Session 9 (March 4): American Troubadours 1 --
Josh White and Burl Ives

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- Woody and Arlo Guthrie

Session 11 (March 18): The Seeger Children --
Pete, Mike and Peggy

Session 12 (March 25): 1950s Best-Selling Folk --
Harry Belafonte, the Kingston Trio

Session 13 (April 1): Traditional into
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