

# The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo

## February 2019 Newsletter

### Gather ~ Inspire ~ Transform



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## Faith Matters: What does it mean to be a People of Trust? Rev. Joan Montagnes



What does it mean to be People of Trust?

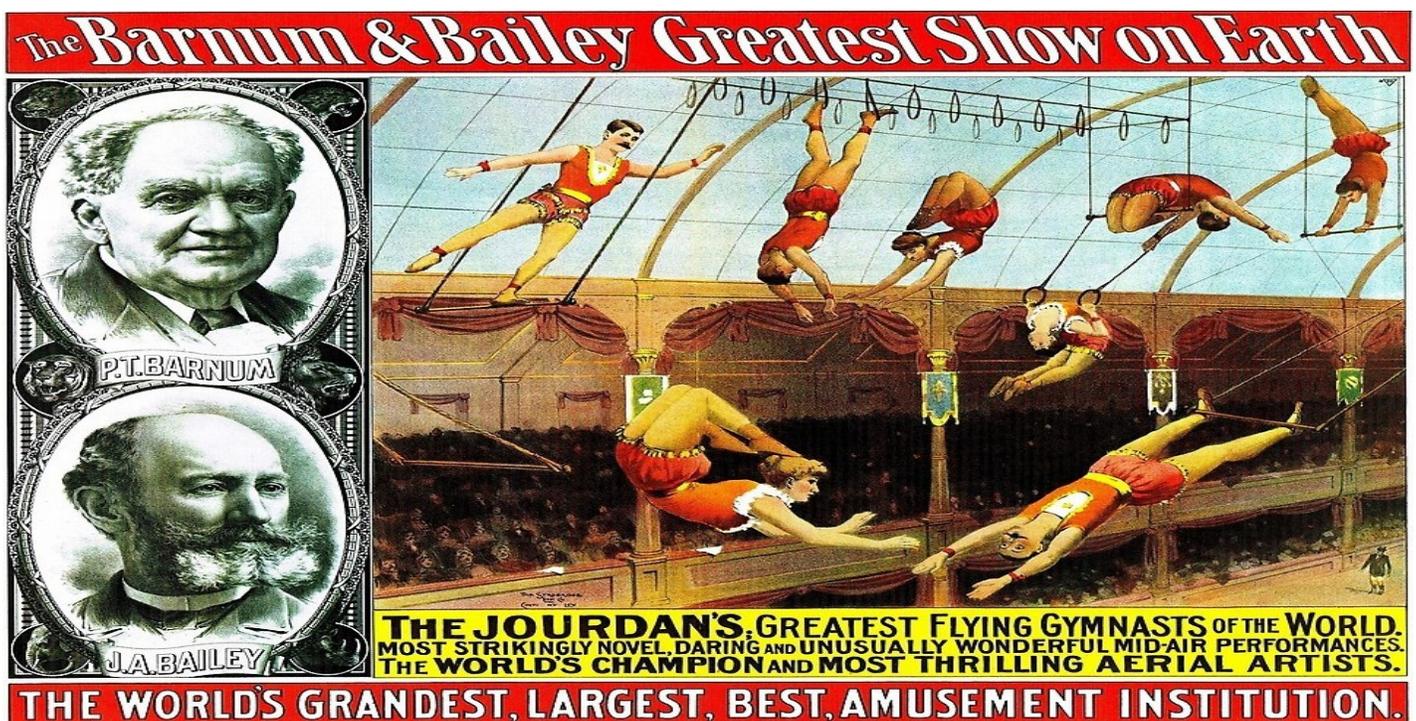
Fun fact: P.T Barnum was a Universalist. He was one of us. He wrote:

The noblest art is that of making others happy, honesty, sobriety, industry, economy, education, good habits, perseverance, cheerfulness, love to God and good will toward men. These are the preminent requisites for securing Health, Independence, or a Happy Life, the respect of Mankind and the special favor of our Father in Heaven.

Barnum was a man of high principle, a philanthropist, and an abolitionist. He wanted to make people happy.

He was also a hypocrite. A self-avowed "showman by profession," he cruelly exploited the circus performers and animals. He also encouraged similar behavior in the public as he took their money. We would do well to remember that, in addition to expounding on the virtues of a good life, he also said, "There is a sucker born every minute."

So, as people of Trust, what do we have to say about P.T. Barnum, our brother in faith? Would you trust him? Was he worthy of trust?



**The Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth**

**P.T. BARNUM**

**J.A. BAILEY**

**THE JOURDAN'S GREATEST FLYING GYMNASTS OF THE WORLD.**  
MOST STRIKINGLY NOVEL, DARING AND UNUSUALLY WONDERFUL MID-AIR PERFORMANCES.  
THE WORLD'S CHAMPION AND MOST THRILLING AERIAL ARTISTS.

**THE WORLD'S GRANDEST, LARGEST, BEST, AMUSEMENT INSTITUTION.**

Let us swing over to a related topic: Barnum was a circus man, circuses have trapeze acts, trapeze artists need, for the sake of their own lives, to be people of trust and trustworthy. There is no room for a “half-way covenant” when you are flying through the air and expecting someone to catch you. None.

If you are a trapeze artist, you and your partner could have had a spat during breakfast, you could be distracted by the crowd, you could be going through a divorce; but none of this can get in the way of trusting and being trustworthy when it counts. The stakes are too high.

This is the truth: as we fly through our days, we are not doing it with the greatest of ease. Life is hard stinking work and the stakes are very high. There are spats, distractions and loss at every turn. There is no safety net. We do not have an option when it comes to being People of Trust. It is a matter of life and death.

But let’s be clear. There is a big difference between being a “sucker” and being a person of trust. Look for consistency and reliability. Ask questions. Be careful about jumping to conclusions. Be compassionate with those aching to re-commit to the covenant of community.

And finally, let’s take a good look at our own vows. How often have we broken our vows and then been called back to a trusting community? I wonder if P.T. Barnum leaves us a notable spiritual legacy not only as a Universalist and abolitionist, but also as a hypocrite who broke his vows to his community. What does it mean to be People of Trust?

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**Bad weather? We are closed when SUNY Buff State is closed.**

Check [Buff State's website for updates](#). You can also [sign up for emergency text alerts from Buff State](#) by texting the phrase "BUFFALOSTATE" to 79516. To opt-out of SMS/text alerts, text the word "STOP" to 79516. **Be safe!**

## Pulpit Previews

### **Feb 3: Just Community, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Every week we begin our worship service by reciting our congregation’s mission statement. “We gather in loving community, inspiring one another to transform ourselves, to create a more just and compassionate world.” But what does that mean? What is a just and compassionate community?

### **Feb 10: You have Ravished My Heart, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Reflections and meditations on the living a life of trust and love.

### **Feb 17: Don’t Go Changin’, Guest Speaker**

How do we navigate the seemingly constant call for our personal growth and transformation with the knowing and affirmation that we have worth and dignity just the way we are? How does the call for transformation of our individual selves inform our larger call to transform the world into one of love and justice?

### **Feb 24: Letting Go, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

If we close our hands too tightly, they become fists. If we hold onto the past, we will never experience the present. If we don’t let go of the trapeze, we will never fly. Have a little trust. Try Letting go.



## February Religious Education News

### Sarah Martin, Director of Religious Education

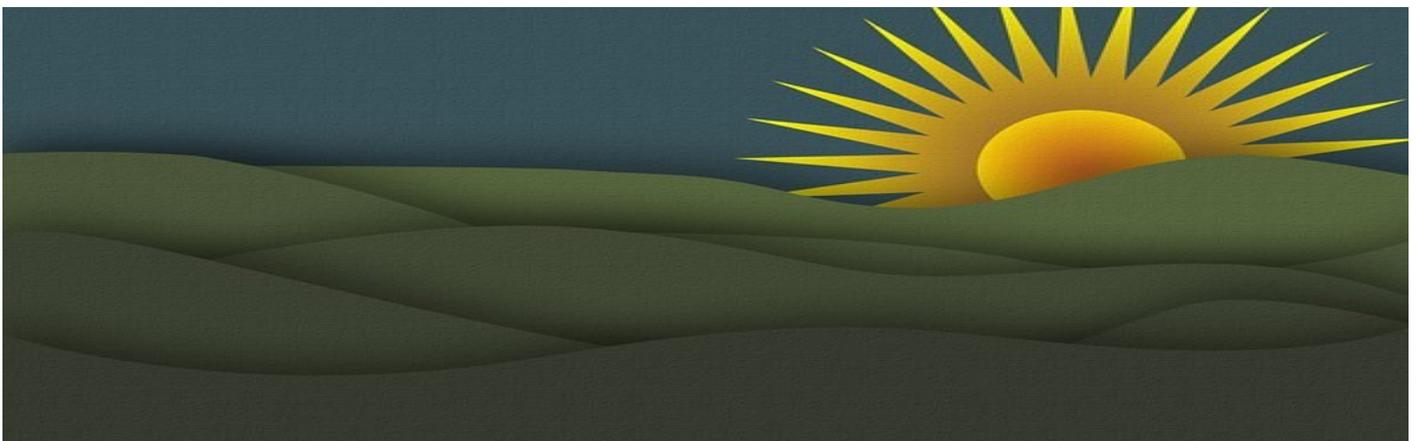
As we enter our month of Trust in February, yet again I find myself revising what I wanted to say in the newsletter to better reflect the state of current events. Though it may be a forgotten news cycle by the time you read this, at the moment, my mind is on the story of the students from Covington Catholic school in Kentucky, and the behavior that made headlines from their trip to Washington D.C. I could summarize the story here, but instead I'll just say that it involved the kind of clash of values that seems all too common lately, made especially poignant by the age of the students exhibiting the behavior.

I can't stop thinking about the story in part because in six short months, I will be accompanying our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Coming of Age class on their heritage trip to Boston. This class will have spent the year examining their personal values, deeply considering what makes them Unitarian Universalists, and exploring what it looks like to live their values in a world that so often challenges them. The year will end with the Boston trip, during which our Coming of Age students will represent their congregation, their values, and their Unitarian Universalist faith. And this is where trust comes in.

The families in our program trust our Religious Education Ministry Team to provide values-based programming that meets the needs of their children and youth while including the entire family in community engagement. In turn, we trust the children and youth in our program to engage in kindness whenever possible, to honor the inherent worth in dignity of all people, and to make choices that respect themselves and the planet. This two-way trust is what bonds us together, it is what makes the covenants we build together strong and meaningful.

Kids are going to make mistakes. Youth are going to step out of covenant with their peers, with their communities, and with the world around them. In those times, when our Unitarian Universalist communities are functioning in a healthy and supportive manner, our adults and the peers of those youth and children are there to call our young people back into covenant. It is within the bounds of our established trust that we are able to speak to one another in a way that promotes both accountability and growth.

I am deeply, deeply grateful for the trust that we share as a faith community at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, for the grace we extend one another to make mistakes and learn from them, and for the responsibility we carry to provide an environment of value-driven programming. I am looking forward to the last weekend in June, and the opportunity to watch our 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders interact with world as ambassadors of their faith.



# Adult Faith Development

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## Weill and Wonderful Wednesdays at UUCB!

**FROM BRECHT TO BROADWAY == THE MUSICAL THEATRE OF KURT WEILL**

**Michael Harris, instructor**

Virgil Thomson called Kurt Weill (1900-1950) the most original workman in the American theatre. After becoming the toast of Berlin's theatre scene, Weill immigrated to America and reinvented the Broadway musical. We'll examine his collaborations with Bertolt Brecht, Ira Gershwin, Alan Jay Lerner and Lotte Lenya – his wife and greatest song interpreter, hear backstage tales about *The Threepenny Opera*, *Lady in the Dark* and *One Touch of Venus*, and savor such hits as "Mack the Knife" and "September Song."

14 sessions -- Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., January 9 to April 10, 2019

Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo

695 Elmwood Avenue; Buffalo, NY (Alliance Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Cost: \$75 for full course, or \$10 per session

For more information, call Church Office at 885-2136.

**Sessions for February are listed below. For the whole syllabus, visit <http://www.buffalouu.org/adult-faith-development.html>**

### **Session Five (February 6)**

Weill/Brecht Musical Comedy in Berlin [*Die Dreigroschenoper*, *Happy End*]

### **Session Six (February 13)**

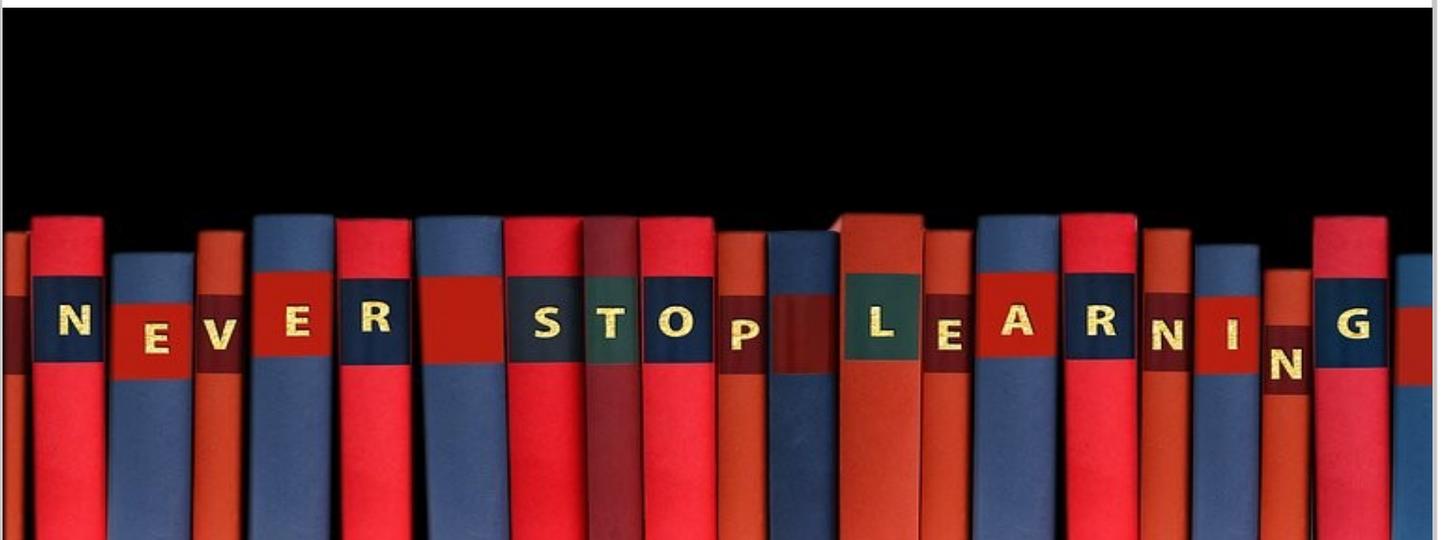
Music for Radio – *Das Berliner Requiem*, *Der Lindberghflug*, *The Ballad of Magna Carta*

### **Session Seven (February 20)**

*Gebrauchtmusik* (Music for Use) – The School Operas [*Der Jasager*, *Down in the Valley*]

### **Session Eight (February 27)**

Goodbye to Berlin – Last German Theatre Works [*Die Bürgschaft*, *Der Silbersee*]



# Music Notes – February 2019

Daniel Bassin, Music Director

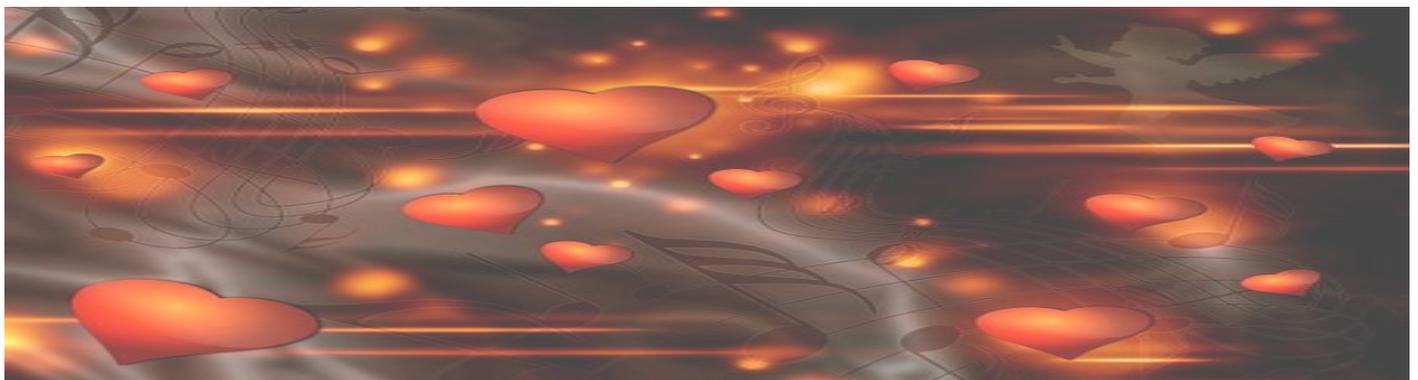


This February we come together to consider the question, *What does it mean to be a community of Trust?* During this busy-yet-short month, we will hold our annual Valentine’s Dinner, a Choir-organized fundraiser for our church taking place on the evening of Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, this month we are also very excited to introduce our new Organist/Choir Accompanist – more on this in our March newsletter!

This month of *Trust* opens with a special SASE Sunday and Rev. Montagnes’s service, *Just Community*. Our service music will include romantic composer, Anton Bruckner’s powerful church motet, *Os justi* (“The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom/and his tongue speaks what is just.”) alongside UU composer, Mark David Buckles’ setting of *The Sixth Principle* “The Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty, and Justice for All.”

Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> marks our celebration of Valentine’s Day, *Love is Love*, and features two contrasting selections by Vancouver-based composer, Stephen Chatman. His austere *You Ravished My Heart* sets sections from The Song of Songs, while his setting of turn-of-the century poet and British Columbia prospector, George Winkler’s *Roses I send to You* is a rich, powerfully-moving love song. Rodgers and Hart’s *My Funny Valentine* will also feature in a Cornette-and-Piano rendition. Our service music on the 17<sup>th</sup> focuses on notions of time, including U2’s *Beautiful Day* and selections from Eugene Bulter’s choral collection, *Three About Time*.

Finally, we close out the month with Rev. Montagnes’s service, *Letting Go*. Our choir will welcome a guest oboist to join us in an arrangement of the spiritual, *Don’t Be Weary, Traveler* as well as the Yiddish Folk Tune, *Song of the Sea*. Vocal soloist, Helen Lowry, will also offer up another of Ralph Vaughan Williams’ settings of William Blake: *A Poison Tree*. We look forward to sharing this music with each of you!



I want to support the church but I've never pledged before...



**Maybe you're new here and you're not quite sure what this pledging thing is about.**

You really feel warmly about this place and want to support the church and all the good things we do but what is a pledge and why do we want one? Our church is supported entirely by the contributions of our members and friends. We are not getting anything from a diocese or any outside organization, in fact, it costs UUCB several thousand dollars each year to belong to the Unitarian Universalist Association. That means it is up to US to raise all of the money necessary to support salaries, building maintenance, music, etc. If we don't raise it, we can't pay for everything we have in our budget (which is approved by vote of the congregation every September). And of course, costs increase every year, so every year we have to raise a little bit more just to keep up.

**A pledge of financial support is a statement of your intention to support the church with a certain amount of money over the coming year.**

By adding up all the pledges, we can estimate whether we will be able to fund our budget. A pledge is not a legal commitment like a contract or a lease. If you lose your job and can't complete your pledge, we understand.

**In addition to the practical reasons for soliciting pledges is the spiritual reason.**

Committing to support this community should be an intentional and meaningful covenantal experience. By pledging, you are affirming that this place matters and that you are a part of it and want to ensure that it succeeds in its mission. All members are expected to make a financial contribution of record each year and we ask all to pledge - but we leave the amount up to you and your conscience. If you are blessed with a good income and financial security, we ask you to be generous since not all are so blessed. We encourage everyone to consider making a Fair Share pledge (based on a percent of your adjusted income) but the most important thing is to make a pledge, of any amount that is comfortable for you, even \$50 if that is all you can do.

**We are still several thousand dollars short of our pledge goal for 2019.**

The Stewardship team is working hard to contact everyone by phone or email so please respond if you get such a call (or email [stewardship@buffalouu.org](mailto:stewardship@buffalouu.org)). No-one is going to "shake you down" for money; we usually end up having a friendly conversation. We sometimes find people who are experiencing financial or health difficulties and we can refer them for pastoral care or practical assistance.

**So if you haven't yet pledged, go ahead and take the plunge!  
It feels good to support this loving community!**

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**You can pay part of your IRA required minimum distribution directly to UUCB as a charitable donation!**



Are you 70 1/2 or older? Did you know that having a portion of your IRA required minimum distribution paid directly from your IRA to UUCB to pay on your pledge or to the Endowment Fund may qualify as a charitable distribution for income tax purposes? Check with your financial advisor to learn if this approach could be advantageous to you.

- Jane Armbruster [janearmbruster@gmail.com](mailto:janearmbruster@gmail.com), Endowment Committee.



## Joys and Sorrows

Our friend Carl Granger is experiencing a new adventure with his health. He is at Canterbury Woods, in the Oxford Village section and would welcome visitors.

We send healing thoughts to Susan Alessi who broke her wrist last month.

Our deepest sympathy is with Joanie Jacobs. Joanie's sister, Jane Ann Critoph passed away in December.

We celebrate with Jenn Filo and Brent Fiore who welcomed baby Sidney Collette into their family on October 9. 9lbs 8oz, 20.5 inches of sweet joy!

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## Is a Covenant Group Just What You've Been Looking For?

At the heart of UUCB's Covenant Group Ministry is our commitment to strengthen the culture of our church as one in which we listen to each other, respect each other, and trust each other. This is a perfect fit with this month's theme of "What Does It Mean To Be a People of Trust?"

Led by trained co-facilitators, monthly Covenant groups create an opportunity to develop relationships, explore our personal values and beliefs, and support and strengthen our community – one small group at a time. It is our time to talk about what really matters to us.

In our groups, we explore topics that ask us to reflect deeply, ever broadening our awareness of our own spirituality and our connection to others. Related to this month's theme of Trust, we offer you the opportunity to consider the following Spiritual Exercise, *adapted from Soul Matters*:

### Tip Toe Toward Trusting Yourself

Facing our fears takes a whole lot of self-trust. Getting over self-doubt can seem an impossible hurdle. A Covenant group is a safe and supportive space to explore our doubts and obstacles. In a circle of caring and encouraging friends who will listen to us, it is easier to reflect not only on our challenges, but also to start to identify those baby steps to overcoming our fears and hesitations.

This exercise is all about those baby steps. Here's your challenge in a nutshell:

***Identify one of your core fears that is keeping you from being the kind of person you would like to be. Find one small way of pushing through the self-doubt and fear.***

Talk about this with a trusted friend, or share your thoughts with your Covenant Group.

Covenant groups are for both church members, as well as those who are considering whether this may become your church home. If you are interested in learning more about our Covenant Group Ministry, please contact us at [covenantgroups@buffalouu.org](mailto:covenantgroups@buffalouu.org)



## February Share-the-Plate: [First Time Last Time](#)

The First Time/Last Time Program of The National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York, Inc. is an effective Alternative to Incarceration program designed to assist young men and women between the ages of 16 - 21 who become involved in the Criminal Justice System for the first time. A countywide program, First Time/Last Time restores young lives through its direct service component and through its established and collaborative widespread referral network. The premise of the program is to reduce the rate of recidivism among the 16 - 21 year old first offender population and to serve as a conduit for the youth to achieve their maximum potential.

### Social Action Sunday Events (SASE) News

Our Share the Plate recipient for February is a program called First Time Last Time. They work with youth 16 to 21 who have had an initial contact with the criminal justice system. While we don't have specific demographics of the individuals the program serves, I believe that many are of a lower socioeconomic status.

When we ask Susan Croglio, the program director, how we might provide congregational assistance she indicated that winter garb like scarves, gloves, and hats would be greatly appreciated. Our project this month will be to collect those winter items so we can donate them to the clients of First Time Last Time.



We are always looking for new members to our SASE team. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Our current team members are Liz Parke, Sharon Walker,



ACCESSIBILITY AND  
INCLUSION MINISTRY  
AIM PROGRAM

*Committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities*

## UAIM NEWS

Andrew Marcum, who spoke at the UAIM service on January 20, is doing an 'Ableism' Workshop on March 16 from 10-noon at our church. What is ableism you ask? **Ableism** is defined as discrimination against people with disabilities, which can include but not limited to expressing hate for people with disabilities, denying them housing, jobs or opportunities that the general population takes for granted. A few examples of **ABLEISM** are expecting everyone to stand and hold hands to be part of a group, or assuming everyone can write to fill out workshop evaluations. **ABLEISM** affects people who do not have a disability but are friends with a person who does. The friends cannot go to see certain plays because the theater is not accessible.

Rev. Theresa Soto has an article in the Winter edition of the "UU WORLD" describing her personal experiences of **Ableism** at General Assembly. She states, "When I try to attend events without cut-outs leaving space for my mobility scooter, I don't feel sad as though exclusion simply hurts my feelings. Rather, I understand that Unitarian Universalists sometimes defaults to a narrative that makes disabled people invisible and troublesome simultaneously. When attendees who want to create disability justice arrive in a space with no cut-outs, I dream that they will go ahead and add them for one simple reason: someone with a disability is coming." For several years, our church has been providing workshops on topics like racism and classism. Discrimination based on a persons disability can be as painful and significant. Please come Saturday March 16 to learn more about **ABLEISM** and how it affects all of us.

## Beyond the Hedge: Denomination and Interfaith Connections

### Sharon Walker

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**February Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition Training:**  
INTRO TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND CONFERENCING TRAINING  
February 26-27.



See flyer on the next pages for more info. You can also learn more at [ecrjc.org](http://ecrjc.org).

#### Ongoing Peace Conference and Peace Circle Practices

*Sponsored by VOICE-Buffalo and the Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition*

Using Restorative Practices to create effective changes in our criminal justice system, Peace Circles build community while Peace Conferences can be used in situations where a harm has occurred that needs repair. With that in mind, you are invited to experience and take part in our monthly Circle and Conference practice sessions that build community and take on real issues.

Peace Circle and Conference Practice, First Thursday of each Month

R Healin Center, 1057 Kensington Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215

February 7, 2019

Registration and refreshments at 5:00 pm

Practice; 5:30-7:30 pm

Peace Circle, Second Tuesday of each month

UU Church of Buffalo, 1st Fl., "Marge Gardner Room", 695 Elmwood Ave.

February 12, 2019

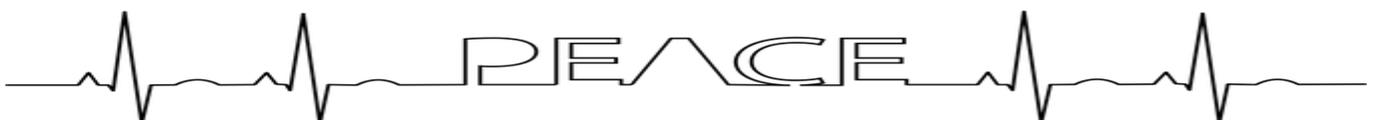
Registration and refreshments at 6:00 pm

Peace Circle Practice; 6:30-8:30 pm

One of our guideline reads "What is said here, stays here. What is learned leaves here." For the past four months we have been meeting and talking, discussing, sharing and opening our hearts on the topics of race, community and gentrification, gender issues, and gratitude. By developing the ability to come together to tackle difficult topics our Circle Practice builds community with the long-term goal of UUCB becoming a community Peace Hub.

For more information on the Peace Circles taking place at UUCB email

[uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com](mailto:uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com).





## Intro to Restorative Justice and Conferencing Training

**Location:**

**Renovation Church  
567 Hertel Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14207**

**Dates: February 26 –  
27, 2019 9 am-3:30 pm**

**FEE: \$100**

Schools that have embraced Restorative Practices are looking to gain the skills and resources needed to effectively facilitate responsive circles and a formal Restorative Conference. Courts are embracing restorative justice practices as an alternative to court sentencing and community members are applying these facilitation skills to resolve community conflict.

**Training will Include:**

- ❖ An Introduction to Restorative Justice
- ❖ Introduction to Conferencing
- ❖ Identify stakeholders necessary for a conference.
- ❖ Skills to plan and coordinate pre-conference.
- ❖ Skills needed to effectively facilitate conferences.
- ❖ Active participation through role-plays
- ❖ Recognizing the benefits of Restorative Conferencing and their positive impact on the community.
  
- ❖ Certificate for Restorative Conferencing
  
- ❖ Next Steps on Restorative Justice in the community

**LEARN MORE @  
[ECRJC.ORG/TRAINING](http://ECRJC.ORG/TRAINING)**



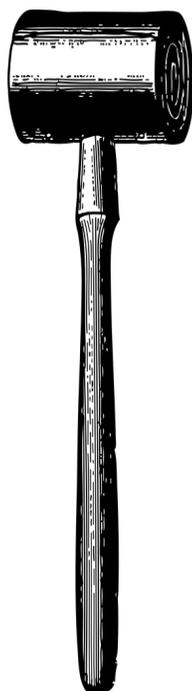
# Choir Valentines Dinner

**Heart and Soul: A Delicious Night of Soul Food Delights!**  
**Saturday, February 9th**

Doors open 5:30 p.m. for appetizers and a cash bar.

Dinner will be served at 6:30.

Gluten-free or vegetarian options will be available upon request. \$35 presale tickets available after the service in the Parish Hall. All money raised will go to the general fund to support the work of our church.



## Fun and Fellowship Auction News!! SAVE THE DATE – March 17, 2019

UUCB fellowship *is* the Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow!

Mark your calendar for the **Fun & Fellowship AUCTION** on **March 17, 2019**, in the Parish Hall, before and after church!

The 2018 Fun and Fellowship Auction was a great success, with over \$14,500 donated to support the work of this church community! Congratulations again to the winning bidders who have had the opportunity to be together in fun and fellowship throughout the year!

**What is a Fun and Fellowship auction?** Unlike standard auctions of “stuff”, we offer our-selves, our time and our talents in the form of picnics, dinners, kayaking, gardening, sewing, yoga classes, historical tours, crafts, hiking and biking, poetry readings, and even home and office design! Stop by the Auction table to pick up a Donor Worksheet, and to talk to members of the Auction Team about your ideas. Don't miss out on the fun! Start planning to **donate, bid and buy!** For more information, contact [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com).

## Widows and Widowers Circle

**A monthly gathering of Women and Men who have lost their partners**



**Our next meeting will be Sunday, Feb 3, at noon in the Marge Gardner Meeting Room.** All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. You are invited to come once, twice or every time we meet. Bring lunch and a friend if you would like.

So far we have talked about our reactions to our loss and adjustment to our new identity as well as our feelings about our own deaths. We are discovering that grieving in a group can be more comforting than grieving alone. In January, we shared funny stories about our significant other to start out the new year with a laugh!

For more information call or text Bonnie Collins at 716 867 9628 who facilitates the group as well as being a widow herself.

## UUCB WOMEN'S SOCIETY'S SPEAKER-LUNCHEON SERIES for February 21:



UUCB WOMEN'S SOCIETY SPEAKER/LUNCHEON SERIES welcomes story teller, KARIMA AMIN. She will use an African tale and African-American tale to illustrate how "OUR STORIES MAKE SENSE OF OUR WORLD."

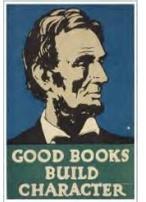
Refreshments at 11 am (\$3 donation); Karima's presentation at 11:30; Prepaid luncheon at 12:30.

Cost: Women's Society members : lunch \$15 - no cost for speaker only; Non-members: lunch \$20 - includes speaker; Non-member: \$5

Paid reservations accepted Feb. 10 and 17 at the Women's Society table in the Parish Hall after the service or, if by mail, we must receive your check by noon on Friday, Feb. 15. Make check payable to "UUCB" and write "WS lunch" on the memo line. Mail to: UUCB Church Office, 695 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222.

## Women's Society Used Book Sale

We look forward to the annual book sale every spring and are now collecting your books, i.e. hardbound and softcover books of all topics, children's and young adult books, art books, puzzles and games, books on CD. Please no reference books, encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines. If you have questions, contact Joyce Bol at [joukjebol@gmail.com](mailto:joukjebol@gmail.com)



## Turn your clutter into clear vision, better hearing, and renewed hope



Your Women's Society maintains a collection bin year-round to receive your un-needed eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids. The bin is located in the Garden Entrance foyer on Sundays and in the Parish Hall during our Thursday luncheons September - April.

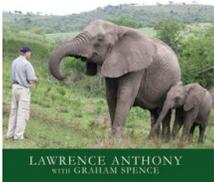
## Non-Perishable Food Items for the Food Pantry

Please Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item for the Food Pantry each time you come to church year-round. The donation box is in the Garden Entrance foyer.



Once again, members of our Women's Society and of our church joined with folks from other churches and charitable organizations to volunteer their time and energy to pack over 2000 holiday gift bags that were distributed to the women in Albion Correctional Facility and to the men in Wende Correctional Facility, as part of the **Annual Peace Prints of WNY Prison Package Project**. This year, our Women's Society donated \$200 to purchase socks for the female prisoners, along with hundreds of books from our annual Book Sale, for the incarcerated men and women. Join us next December 2019, to celebrate the Christmas spirit at Blessed Trinity Church for our 4th Annual Prison Package Project.

THE  
ELEPHANT  
WHISPERER  
*My Life with the Herd in the African Wild*



## UUCB Book Group Meeting, Monday February 25 at 2PM

We'll be discussing ELEPHANT WHISPERER: my life with the herd in the African Wild, by noted South African conservationist and author, Lawrence Anthony. Newcomers who have read the book are always welcome to join us. Everyone who plans to come needs to tell our host-of-the-month, Evelyn (883-7810) so that she may plan for seating and refreshments.

**Looking ahead: March 25 at 7 pm** - THE PEOPLE vs. DEMOCRACY by Yascha Mounk; **April 29** - SING YOU HOME by Jodi Picoult; **May 20** - CITIZENS OF LONDON by Lynne Olsen; **June 24** - NEVER CAUGHT by Erica Armstrong.



*Come out of the cold, we have warmth to spare!*

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