

# The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo



**FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

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## Minister's Column: What does it mean to be People of Resilience?

When I think of resilience, I think of the ability to bounce back from all the obstacles that life throws in our ways.

Throw something at the wall. A plate smashes into a million useless pieces. A wet noodle sticks, maybe, and then falls to the ground lifeless. A ball springs back after the impact, ready for action.

Clearly, we aren't going to spring out of all our challenges unscarred, but we can strive to survive and even thrive in spite of the blows.

We are living in challenging times, no doubt about that. Climate change. A deeply polarized political landscape. Threat of even more never-ending war. The dismantling of our National Parks. Australia on fire. Species extinctions. Habitat eradications. Deadly and systematic racism. The rise of hate everywhere. And all the hundreds of little challenges that plague your health and happiness everyday. One hardly knows how to bounce back with hope.

It is not like me to quote Republican presidents, but why not? Ronald Reagan apparently had a favorite joke about a couple of twin five year-old boys. Worried that the boys had developed extreme personalities – one was a total pessimist, the other a total optimist – their parents took them to a psychiatrist.

First, the psychiatrist tried something with the pessimist. To brighten the boy's outlook, the psychiatrist took him to a room piled to the ceiling with brand-new toys. But instead of yelping with delight, the kid burst into tears. "What's the matter?" the psychiatrist asked, baffled. "Don't you want to play with any of the toys?"

"Yes," the little boy bawled, "but if I did I'd just break them."

Next the psychiatrist tried something with the optimist. In attempts to dampen the boy's sunny outlook, the psychiatrist took him to a room piled to the ceiling with horse manure. But instead of wrinkling his nose in disgust, the boy emitted a yelp of delight. Then he clambered to the top of the pile, dropped to his knees, and began gleefully digging out scoop after scoop with his bare hands. "What are you doing?" the psychiatrist asked, just as baffled by the optimist as he had been by the pessimist.

"With all this horse poop lying around," the little boy replied, beaming, "I figure there must be one heck of a pony in here somewhere!"

That's resilience. It's not just taking lemons and making lemonade; its finding yourself buried in poop up to your neck (or higher) and digging hard and long enough, until you make something good come of it.



In fact, as People of Resilience, it is our sacred task to join together with kith and kin, with neighbor and stranger, even with people we do not like and cannot understand, to find a way to dig ourselves out of the poop that keeps raining down on us. And let us never forget that some of that poop is of our own making.

Have hope my friends. We can make changes that the world has never seen before. Lunch counters are no longer segregated. The Great Lakes have recovered from the ravages of acid rain. Women have the vote. The arc of history is long and often tragic and brutal, but if we endeavor, we can bend that arc of history toward the beloved community of which we dream.

Do not give up. We are not finished. Work hard. There will always be another election, no matter what side of the aisle you sit on. We can, if we try, reverse the trend. Bounce, don't break. And keep digging. Always keep digging.

*Yours in faith and affection, Joan*

## PULPIT PREVIEWS



### **February 2: Pronouns are People Too. Rev. Joan Montagnes**

All of existence is always shifting and moving. Nothing is constantly this or that. We are learning and experiencing a great change in our understanding of gender and identity. How could we ever think that people were only one thing or another?

### **February 9: Strength and Resilience. Rev. Joan Montagnes**

A meditation on personal strengths, flexibility, adaptability and the pressures that can, if we let them, break us.

### **February 16: Why There Are So Many Songs About Rainbows? UUCB Youth Group Service**

Throughout the youth service we will be exploring questions of personal identity, who we are as people, and whether we truly are men or muppets, through the wonderful songs and legacies left to us by the great Jim Henson. Join us as we attempt to answer the foundational question of our time: Why are there so many songs about rainbows?

### **February 23: The Wilderness is Our Normal. Rabbi Jonathan Freirich**

Often, we read our Biblical sources to send the message that "real life" begins when we enter the Promised Land, that our goal is to arrive. Jewish wisdom points instead to the idea that "normal" is in the wilderness - the journey is more important than the arrival.

### **Rev. Joan's Sabbatical**

Rev. Joan will take sabbatical leave from February 15 to March 31. While she is away, the Rev. Lynn Acquafondata of Rochester and the Lay Pastoral Ministers will manage all pastoral needs. Sunday services will be led by our Youth Group, Sarah Martin, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich, and our Worship Associates.

## JOYS and SORROWS



Our deepest sympathies go to Cindy, Jonathan, Bea and Ben Havey and all their family. Hans Reif, Cindy's father, passed away on December 6, just short of his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Hans and his wife Thelma were active members of our congregation. We celebrated Hans' remarkable life on January 11.

We also send heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Carl Granger. Carl, beloved, long-time member of our congregation passed away on December 29. We will celebrate Carl's life in a memorial service on April 4.

We send our deepest sympathies to Donna Evans-Deyermond and her family. Donna's husband Cal, member of our congregation and beloved friend of many, quietly passed away in his sleep on January 22.

We offer our love and support to Leo Mitchell. Leo's brother recently passed away.



### Sarah Martin, Director of Religious Education

There is no R.E. piece for the February newsletter but all the good stuff is coming in March! In the meantime, here's everything we've got coming up in Adult Faith Development.

#### ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

##### **Saturday Salon**

Saturday, February 22, 2-3:30 pm, Alliance Room

While we can't have Gertrude Stein, we can try for the next best thing! Come join us with a quote, poem, thought, statistic, or book you've been reading and would like to share. All are welcome! Let's deepen our connections to one another and cross-pollinate our intellectual curiosity. Facilitated by Nicole Urdang. Email [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org) to RSVP.

##### **UU and You!**

Saturday, March 7, 10am-12pm, Alliance Room

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Have you been coming to the church for years but think you might enjoy a UU refresher? Join us for an exploration of your personal UU journey, a trip through our collective history as Unitarian Universalists, and an exciting exploration of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. This class welcomes potential new members as well as folks who have been around for a long time.

Light breakfast snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. This class is required for membership.

Facilitators: Julie Taylor and Shaun Doyle

Free of charge

To register, email [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org)

##### **UUA Common Read – An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States**

Sunday, March 22, 12:30-2pm, Alliance Room

This year's UUA Common Read is *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. The book is available in both adult and young peoples' editions. We are excited to host a discussion of the book facilitated by Jim Jarvis this March. All are welcome to attend.

To RSVP for the discussion or to order either edition of the book for a discounted price of \$8, please email [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org)

##### **Pathways to Membership**

Saturday, April 4, 9am-11am, Alliance Room

Thinking about becoming a member at the UU Church of Buffalo? Come explore just what that means! You'll learn about our governance structure, the different and exciting ministry teams and committees of our congregation, and the many, many ways you can participate in congregational life here. This class is required for membership.

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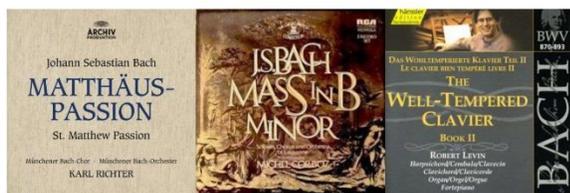
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**REFRESHMENT FOR THE SOUL:  
THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF  
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**

**MICHAEL HARRIS, INSTRUCTOR**



**14 WEDNESDAYS, 9:30-11:30 A.M., JANUARY 8 TO APRIL 8**  
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO**  
**695 ELMWOOD AVENUE AT WEST FERRY STREET**  
**BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14222**  
**COST: \$75 FOR FULL COURSE, OR \$10 PER SESSION**  
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Johann Sebastian Bach's place in the musical firmament is high indeed. For Beethoven, he was "the immortal god of harmony. For Gounod, "Bach is the most comprehensive; he has said all there is to say." And Brahms agreed: "Study Bach -- there you will find everything." This course will look at Bach's encyclopedic musical mind, and show how he summed up the Baroque Age with such masterpieces as the Brandenburg Concertos, The Goldberg Variations, and The St. Matthew Passion, while with his visionary late works like the Mass in B Minor and The Art of the Fugue gave us tantalizing clues to the music of the future. As we listen to this fascinating music, we'll prize, along with Glenn Gould, what "is valuable beyond all its skill and brilliance... its humanity."

**Week-by-Week Syllabus**

- Session One (January 8): The Family Business -- The Like of J.S. Bach and the Bach Family
- Session Two (January 15): Bach the Apprentice -- Teachers, Influences and First Jobs
- Session Three (January 22): Bach the Lutheran -- His Use of Chorale Melodies
- Session Four (January 29): Bach at the Court of Weimar -- Organ works and Cantatas
- Session Five (February 5): The Dance of God -- Bach and the Dance Suite
- Session Six (February 12): The Monophonic Bach [Cello Suites; Violin Partitas]
- Session Seven (February 19): Bach in Cothen -- The Concerto Principle
- Session Eight (February 26): Bach, Master of the Keys -- The Well-Tempered Clavier
- Session Nine (March 4): Bach in Leipzig -- The Church Cantatas
- Session Ten (March 11): Bach the Dramatist -- The St. John Passion and The St. Matthew Passion
- Session Eleven (March 18): Bach the Borrower -- Secular Cantatas and The Christmas Oratorio
- MARCH 21 -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BACH!!**
- Session Twelve (March 25): Bach and the Variation Principle -- Goldberg Variations
- Session Thirteen (April 1): Apotheosis of the Latin Mass -- Mass in B Minor
- Session Fourteen (April 8): Canon Law for the Ages -- the Contrapuntal Bach  
[The Art of the Fugue and The Musical Offering]

## MUSIC NOTES



### Daniel Bassin, Music Director

This second month of the new decade, we join 145 fellow UU congregations in considering the Soul Matters worship theme, *What Does it Mean to Be a People of Resilience?*

**February also marks the observance in the United States and Canada of Black History Month**, and your music program is paying special attention to the cultural and historical legacies of people of color in each of our services. Familiar works by treasured composers of the UUCB Choir repertoire will be featured alongside new, vital offerings of choral, instrumental, solo, and ensemble pieces by composers representing various genres, centuries, and continents.

It all begins on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> with an essential service by Rev. Joan Montagnes, *Pronouns Are People, Too*. **Our musical selections for the service explore themes of identity**, and we are delighted to be joined by vocal soloist - and JazzBuffalo Award-winner - Alexandra McArthur. Alex will offer up an early, confessional Billy Strayhorn (1915-1967) masterpiece, *Lush Life*, alongside the powerful 1966 ballad, *Four Women*, by Nina Simone (1933-2003). Your UUCB Choir will be featured in a repertoire favorite, from the a cappella suite of songs, "Lessons," by Dr. Ysaye Barnwell (b. 1946), *We Are...*

On Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>, we gather for Rev. Montagnes's sermon, *Strength and Resilience*. During this service, **we examine music of praise and defiance** from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912), Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington (1899-1974), Moses Hogan (1957-2003), and once again from *The High Priestess of Soul*, Nina Simone. Your UUCB Choir will offer up another repertoire favorite, Hogan's brilliant setting of *I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart*, as well as an Easter hymn by romantic-era English composer, Samuel Taylor-Coleridge, *The Lord is My Strength*. A special ensemble rendition of Duke Ellington's praise song for Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972), *Come Sunday* will be featured as well as a show-stopping treat from Alto soloist, Helen Lowry – her homage to Nina Simone's immortal 1965 rendition of *Feeling Good*.

**Our Youth Group lead the service on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and your UUCB Choir will be back at the end of the month for Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service, *The Wilderness is Our Normal*.** Soloist, Michael Harris, will share a Florence Price (1887-1953) setting of *Go Down, Moses* on a service which will also include two works by Canadian-American composer, conductor and organist, R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1843). The service will open with Jonathan Vogtle in an organ transcription of the meditation "His Song" from the suite, *In the Bottoms* and will feature a new choral vocalise based on his piano piece, "Desert Interlude," from *8 Bible Vignettes*.

**We look forward to sharing this music with each of you!**

**REMINDER!** Our Choir rehearsal day is now on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:45. If any of you reading this have been unable to participate due to a Thursday conflict, I encourage you to write [music@buffalouu.org](mailto:music@buffalouu.org) for more information – we would love to welcome you to our musical family!



## BEYOND THE HEDGE: Denomination and Interfaith Connections



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### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS



Central East  
Region

#### Join us for this year's UUA-CER winter programs!

We have a wide variety to offer you!

**Winter Institute** is a relaxing weekend gathering for UUs of all ages. There are frosty outdoor activities like sledding, hiking and cross-country skiing. For those who choose to stay in their slippers all weekend, there is a beautiful lodge with its many cozy corners and fireplaces. Join us at Salt Fork State Park in Cambridge, OH February 14-17, 2020 (President's Day Weekend). [Registration is now open.](#)

**Jubilee Anti-Racism Training** helps participants understand what is involved in nurturing a multicultural community and working against racism in all of its forms. The workshop requires a weekend commitment; and it is worth every minute of that commitment. There are several offerings of this training being planned around the region this winter and spring. Current dates are:

March 27-29, 2020, UUs of Delaware County, Media, PA, [Registration is open](#)

April 10-12, 2020, First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY

An additional date in May is currently being considered.

Additional youth trainings, cluster events, Beyond the Binary, the Annual Seaway Gathering and more are being added to [our calendar](#) every day, check it out and see what programs interest you!



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Early Registration Open!** Adult full-time registration is \$400 through March 15.

**NEW! Registration Payment Plan:** With a \$50 down-payment, the cost of registration can be paid over the course several months. Final payment must be received by February 29, 2020.

When the final registration is complete, special consideration for dormitory lodging bundles, [financial aid](#) and [volunteer opportunities](#) will become available. See <https://www.uua.org/ga>

for more info and to register.

**New this year!** General Assembly is a wonderful experience whether you are new to our faith or been involved forever. It is very costly, which deters too many of us from attending. Our Justice Team is researching, planning and developing a scholarship program to assist those you who wish to go but financially can not afford it. More to come in the coming month.

### UUCB INTERFAITH NEWS



#### **VOICE Buffalo our interfaith social justice partner**

Join the UUCB/VOICE Buffalo Peace Hub; 2nd Tuesday of each month; 6:00pm Check-in and Refreshments, 6:30-8:30 Circle, 2nd Fl., Alliance Room.

Supporting our congregation's commitment to social and restorative justice change in our community.

VOICE member organizations have teamed up to offer Peace Circles with the long-term goal of becoming a Community Peace Hub sites. At present, the circles at UUCB are focused on if restorative practice and justice is indeed being implemented and followed in our public schools as mandated by the State. If we are going support these actions, we need to know what restorative practice is and experience it for ourselves. The Tuesday circle attracts many from the Buffalo community and participant feedback has been inspiring. Growing out of these circles, many participants are

now taking place in meetings with Buffalo Board of Education members, teachers, and union leaders. On January 14 we circled with BPS students—It was truly eye opening and moving. Our circle has become a model of the potential of circles. Later this month VOICE Organizer, Rev. Denise Walden, will be meeting with the board of a Buffalo congregation interested in becoming a peace hub and offering circles. If you'd like more information, email [uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com](mailto:uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com). **Better yet. Come and experience our circles for yourself.**

### ***You are invited ...***

**Annual VOICE-Buffalo Membership Meeting:** Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Event is free and meals will be provided. Now more than ever, it's important to unite as a community that is aligned in their purpose to pursue the cause of justice through the sacred work of organized collective action. There will be opportunity for:

- Transformative Training
- Helping to build 2020 campaigns

The location of the event has not yet but determined, but updates will come shortly! Please RSVP by February 19th to [events@voicebuffalo.org](mailto:events@voicebuffalo.org).

## **UAIM – ACCESSABILITY and INCLUSION MINISTRY NEWS**

### **UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION MINISTRY TEAM**

Language like water can be soothing or very hurtful. A soothing bath after a very stressful day or singing the hymn “Come Sing a Song With Me” can be very refreshing. A hurricane like Hurricane Katrina can be very disturbing and hurtful. Language can also be very hurtful and disturbing. Throughout the history of our country, new immigrants have been called by very negative words (WOP, STUPID POLLACK, NIGGER, etc.) GLBTQ people have also been called by very negative words. Once these words are used frequently enough, it is hard to take them out of our vocabulary.



People who have a disability have often been labeled negatively ‘CRAZY, MORON, STUPID, CRIPPLED, DEAF AND DUMB etc.’ Although there are exceptions, most people with disabilities do not like to be described by their disability such as the blind woman, the mentally ill guy. Instead you should reference the person first as the ‘woman who is visually impaired.’ Also a person who uses a wheelchair is NOT CONFINED but uses the chair to be more mobile. If the disability is not relevant to whom the person is then don’t mention it. People who have a disability are just like you, they want to be known for their positive traits or their accomplishments. People who have a disability do not want pity or to be a recipient of charity. The word, ‘handicapped’ has become very offensive because it comes from the image of a person standing on the street with a cap in hand begging for money.

It can sometimes be uncomfortable or difficult for an individual to interact with people who have a disability if s/he has not had a lot of past interaction. People with a disability have the same issues, hang-ups, problems and passions that everyone else does.

### **JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS TABLES**

The Pastoral Care & Support Team would like to remind people that there are two Joys, Sorrows & Concerns tables at Sunday Service (one at the Ferry Street Door and the other near the Parish Hall door). One purpose of these tables is to take a moment to light a candle and reflect on someone or some Joy, Sorrow, or Concern in your life. Another purpose is to fill out a yellow card with a Joy, Concern or Sorrow in your life to be read during the Pastoral Prayer. A member of the Pastoral Care & Support Team stands at the Ferry Door Table to answer any question you may have or need assistance in filling out the card.

## COVENANT GROUP MINISTRY NEWS

The Covenant Group Ministry is thriving and growing. During January and February, we will welcome twenty-one new people into our Covenant groups. These twelve groups are led or co-led by eighteen facilitators. Four facilitators are also members in a second group. In 2019, 94 individuals participated in an ongoing group at some point during the year.

Most of our groups are at capacity, so we are planning to offer a facilitator training session in March to make the creation of new groups possible. If you are currently a UUCB member (or soon will be) and have experience as a Covenant Group member, please consider becoming trained as a facilitator.

Providing service to both UUCB and the larger community is a mission of the Covenant Group Ministry. In 2019 four groups hosted coffee hours. One group donated the “Welcome Back BBQ” to the Fun & Fellowship Auction, which involved working together to create the well-attended lunch, raising \$630 for the work of the church. Another group volunteered as a team for the WGRZ Food2Families Food Drive in December.

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.

If you are new or not-so-new and would like to experience the connection that our model of “deep listening” inspires, please contact us at [covenantgroups@buffalouu.org](mailto:covenantgroups@buffalouu.org), 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.

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*Your UUCB Choir Presents*

### ***Bella Notte***

*our annual Church Fundraiser Valentine's Dinner*

Join us on Saturday evening, February 15<sup>th</sup> for an evening of dining and entertainment, *Bella Notte* – our annual church fundraiser dinner. This year, we bring the *amore* through an unforgettable evening highlight both the elegance and the comforts of Italian cuisine. Tickets will be on sale in the Parish Hall following Sunday services. The fundraiser ticket price of \$35 includes appetizers/antipasti, main course and dessert, plus exclusive basket raffles and other fun ways to support our church.

A cash bar will be available, and the evening entertainment will move from cocktail hour and cabaret to dancing and celebration of the *beautiful night*. We look forward to seeing you there!

## SHARE THE PLATE



### February Share the Plate: [River Rising](#)

River Rising is the Central East Region's summer youth immersive program. These times of change and uncertainty call for a certain kind of UU leadership. A leadership that is rooted in our Unitarian, Universalist and Unitarian Universalist history but is also ready to re-examine and question old narratives and ways of being. At River Rising, youth will spend a week creating community and learning to care for that community spiritually, pastorally and physically. Help support our congregation's youth and other UU youth in the region by giving generously.

## PULPIT FLOWER MINISTRY



### The Pulpit Flower Ministry, February, 2020

#### Schedule:

February 2-	Jeanne Gunby
February 9-	Linda Corder
February 16-	Tom Petrocelli & Maria Testa
February 23-	Nancy Thomas

The next available flower dates are March 15 , April 26, May 24 and 31. Please stop by the Flower table after most Sunday services, email us at [pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org](mailto:pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org), or call us at (716) 885-2136X4 if you are interested in participating in this wonderful ministry by sponsoring some love flowers for one of our upcoming services. The donation to the Church is just \$35.00 for the cost of the flowers, you will have your desired text dedication printed in the eblast and the Order of Sunday Services, and you may choose to take the flowers with you after the service or donate them to a charity.



## UUCB ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

### STEWARDSHIP NEWS

#### The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is Done!

What a celebration! We want to thank each and every one of you for your generosity. This year the pledge drive was a stupendous success by every measure. We raised more funds than ever before (\$398,623), faster than ever before (from October 27 to December 31), and came closer to our goal than we have in years (less than \$2K short). And the best part is that our 2020 budget is, for the first time in who knows how long, balanced. We have no intention or any need to run a deficit this year.



Thank you all for your generosity and your vision for our congregation, not just for the church in 2020, but of the church of our children and our children's children.

## WOMENS SOCIETY NEWS – February 20 Speaker/Luncheon NIAGARA FALLS UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HERITAGE CENTER



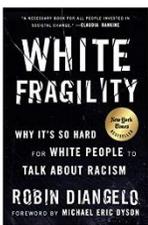
Caitlin Blue from the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center will speak on the Center's mission to reveal authentic stories of Underground Railroad freedom seekers and the abolitionists from Niagara Falls and elsewhere who assisted their escape to Canada.

Refreshments: 11 a.m. (\$3 donation); 11:30 a.m. Caitlin Blue's presentation; 12:30 Prepaid luncheon. Pay for the luncheon after the service on Feb. 9 or 16 in the Parish Hall after the service (Women's Society members - \$15, non-members - \$20). To pay by mail, send your check to Church Office, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Buffalo, 695 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222. Make your check payable to UUCB; write Wmn's Soc. Lunch in the memo line; CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOON ON FRIDAY, FEB. 14. For the presentation only (no lunch), the cost is \$5 at the door (free to Wms's Soc. Members). No reservations necessary.

### TRIP TO THE SHAW FESTIVAL

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 16 - TICKETS FOR "GYPSY" ON SALE FEB. 9 and 16

Tickets go on sale at the Women's Society table on February 9 and 16 after the service for the Tuesday, June 16 matinee performance of GYPSY, the beloved Stephen Sondheim musical at the SHAW FESTIVAL, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Based on the life of Gypsy Rose Lee, the show includes the hits "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses." Tickets are \$45 and include a pre-performance talk.



**UUCB BOOK GROUP MEETING:** on Monday, Feb 24 at 2 p.m. We will be discussing WHITE FRAGILITY by Robin de Angelo. Everyone who has read the book is welcome to join us. Please call or e-mail our host-of-the-month, Sandy (628-5945 or [sandyvanevery@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyvanevery@yahoo.com)) to let her know that you are coming so that she may plan for seating and refreshments. Looking ahead: March 30 at 7 p.m., THE HELLO GIRLS by Elizabeth Cobbs; April 27 at 7 p.m., MADAME FOURCADE'S SECRET WAR by Lynne Olson.

### WIDOWS and WIDOWERS CIRCLE



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

Our Widow and Widowers Circle meets the first Sunday of every month at noon in the Marge Gardner Room. All widows and Widowers are invited. We use the time to share our grieving process and help each other adjust to the transition. You may bring a lunch and/or a friend.

For more information contact Bonnie Collins via email at [collinsb@buffalo.edu](mailto:collinsb@buffalo.edu) or by phone and/or text at 716-867-9628.



**Love one another**

**We gather in loving community, inspiring one another, to transform ourselves, to create a more just and compassionate world**

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**A sanctuary on the National Registry of Historic Places**

