

# The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo



**JULY-AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER**

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## Minister's Column: What Does it mean to be People of Simplicity and Resistance?

**Rev. Joan Montagnes**



I asked a friend, "What do you think of when you think of simplicity and resistance?"

He thought for a beat and said, "Rubber band."

I'm sure it didn't take an Einstein to invent the rubber band. It's not rocket science. It's a simple thing. And yet they are everywhere – holding a bunch of asparagus together, and your mail, and being snapped across the classroom at substitute teachers (Sorry teachers, but you know its true. We've all been there; at one end of the rubber band or the other.).



The beauty, the elegance, the genius of the rubber band is that it is supremely simple. What raises the rubber band from simply helpful to simply indispensable, the reason the rubber band has replaced mere pieces of random string, is its phenomenal property of stretchiness. Stretchiness: to be pulled past a point of tension while always resisting the pull.

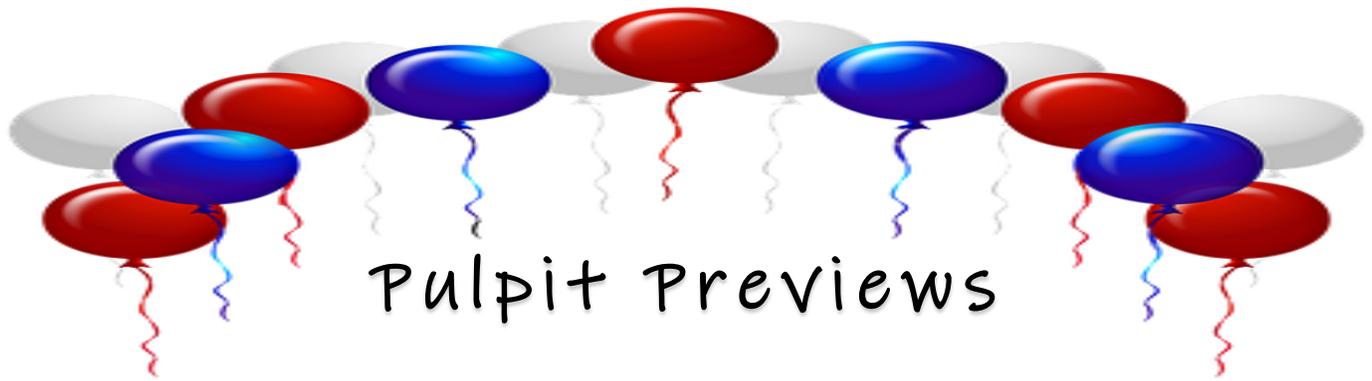
Sure, a rubber band stretched far enough will snap. So will we all. But snapping is not the rubber band's purpose. Neither is it ours; not if we are to survive. If we want to survive, we must be able to stretch into the tension.

These are anxious times. Be the rubber band. Find peace and grace in simplicity. Resist without snapping.

Simplicity and resistance; together these could be the secret to happiness and the strength behind persistent social change.

Have a great summer. You deserve it.

***Yours in faith and affection, Rev. Joan Montagnes***



## **JULY**

### **July 7: Love is the Doctrine of Our Church**

**Rev. Joan Montagnes**

We are often asked: "What do you Unitarian Universalists believe anyway?" We have a single, simple answer: "Every day we ask what Love requires of us."

### **July 14: Practicing Simplicity**

**Rachel Clark**

Frequently, summer is idealized as a period of relaxation, reflection, and connection with both nature and loved ones. However, being a part of the interconnected web of existence is anything but simple. We recognize the many problems in our community, and we work to solve these ills. Can we incorporate simplicity and acceptance into our spiritual practice? What would that look like?

### **July 21: The Conflicted Samaritan**

**Donna Evans-Dryermond**

Being compassionate, caring and generous seems like a simple matter when we read about it in the Biblical parable of the good Samaritan, or in Shel Silverstein's book, *The Giving Tree*. But it is not a simple matter. The Samaritan in the parable, for example, was called to help a Jew, a person from an ethnic group that his own tribe despised. Silverstein's book is about giving until you have nothing left to give.

### **July 28: Simple Abundance**

**Rev. Rita Capezzi**

Albert Einstein said, "It can scarcely be denied that the supreme goal of all theory is to make the irreducible basic elements as simple and as few as possible without having to surrender the adequate representation of a single datum of experience." Yes! And many of us know this idea through the simpler version, "Everything should be as simple as it can be, but not simpler." What exactly is simple enough and yet more than enough?

## **AUGUST**

### **Aug 4: Got god?**

**Julie Taylor**

Got milk? The advertisement beckons, influencing the masses to thoughtlessly pick up a gallon and put it in the shopping cart. Is it that easy? And should we be so easily influenced? In a turbulent time of god-getters body checking humanists and the like away from the god display in the loss leader aisle of your grocery store, advocating for god becomes an act of resistance for liberal theology.

**Aug 11: Those Meddling Kids!****Rev. Fran Manly and Doug Yeomans**

The young people from Margery Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL, have done what nobody of any age has managed to do before: turn yet another instance of senseless gun violence into a national movement that goes far beyond just school shootings and is actually beginning to see results. Now other young people are building an international movement to address climate change. The times, they are a-changing, friends. Are we ready to change with them?

**Aug 18: Roots and Wings****Kristina Church**

The early history of Unitarian Universalism is intertwined with a small region of Romania known as Transylvania. Nestled in the Carpathian mountain range, this region is home to a small but vibrant religious community of ethnically and linguistically Hungarian people, who continue to practice an ancient Unitarian tradition. Kristina Church recently traveled to Transylvania in order to learn more about our connections to the Hungarian Unitarian Church. During this service she'll share some epiphanies, memories, and reflections from this soul-stirring journey.

**Aug 25: Pushing the Envelope****Rev. Joan Montagnes**

A reflective service exploring resistance and how it plays out in our lives. The Dalai Lama reminds us, "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." Begin just by thinking of something to resist, or not resist.

**Joys and Sorrows**

We send healing thoughts to John Segman who broke his wrist last month.

We also send our love to Kaitlyn Steinberg. Kaitlyn is living at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center and would welcome cards and visitors. Please speak to Rev. Joan if you are planning a visit.

We send our condolences to John Marohn and his family. John's brother-in-law passed away last month.

Felicitations to Sara Metcalf and Harvey Palmer who were married at our church on June 1 in the morning.

And felicitations again to Tess Helliwell and Nathan Santiago who were married at our church on June 1 in the afternoon!

Congratulations to Wren Martin who received the Silver Girl Scout award from her troop.

**Minister's Vacation!**

Rev. Joan will be on vacation from July 12 to August 20. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact one of our Lay Pastoral Ministers; Karen Jarvis, Bobbie Baker, Lynn Mancuso or John Marohn. The Church Office knows how to contact Rev. Joan in case of emergency.



## July-August Religious Education News Sarah Martin, Director of Religious Education

### Summer Religious Education at UUCB: What to Expect

Our summer programming at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo runs very differently than our school year programming. There is no Time for All Ages in the service during the summer, so children in grades PreK through 5 are invited to go straight to the Alliance Room at the second church bell at 10:30. There, we will gather with a chalice lighting and check in, then choose from games, activities, and sometimes even movies. Summers in RE are all about building community, making multi-age connections, and learning more about one another.

This year we will be instituting several new policies for the nursery and our religious education programs. The first one went into effect on Sunday, June 23. During the service (roughly 10:15 to 11:45 am), the nursery is only available for children three years of age and younger. Older children may join us in the Alliance Room for all ages programming or join their families in the service. If an older child needs childcare before (choir, meetings, etc...) or after (covenant groups, congregational meetings, etc...) the service, arrangements must be made in advance with our nursery caregiver. You can make childcare arrangements by emailing Sarah Martin at [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org).

We hope that adding new, more explicit policies to our programming helps us fall more in line with safe congregations standards and allows us to better serve our children and youth.

### Fall/Winter/Spring Religious Education at UUCB: What Does Classroom Choice Mean?

Continuing the shift we began two years ago, we are going to expand classroom choice in our program to include all of our K-8 programming. Offering our children and youth a choice helps to give them autonomy over their experience at UUCB. It allows them to be active participants in their faith formation, and to pick how and where they are best served by our programs. Choice allows students to find the classroom that fits their needs rather than demanding that students fit the needs of our classrooms. It disrupts the structure of artificial age segregation and creates a more inclusive, responsive environment in which our students can engage with Unitarian Universalism. The following choices will be offered in our K-8 programming.

**Spirit Play (Kindergarten – Grade 2)** – This Montessori-based class is very popular. Lessons revolve around a story told with engaging visuals followed by a working time where students choose how they would like to process the lesson.

**Workshop Class (Kindergarten – Grade 5)** – Our workshop classroom is designed for students who may need to get up and move during class time, or just want to take a break with a book in a quiet corner. Students are free to move about the classroom during the lesson, taking advantage of the low balance beam, rocker board, or pillow corner, or using any of the available fidgets, while they engage in lessons on art, music, science, and social justice. Each week is a different workshop engaging with our monthly ministry theme!

**UU Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 4 – 8)** – Join us for a one-of-a-kind adventure! Each week, the group will

engage in an exciting campaign through worlds familiar to D&D players, encountering numerous opportunities to test and strengthen their Unitarian Universalist values.

**My UU Experience (Grades 3 – 8)** – This classroom will be focused on experiential learning. Our children and youth will engage in hands-on activities that teach them about Unitarian Universalism’s past and present, explore what it means to be a person of faith in the world today, and connect with and support local groups that are effecting change in our community.

Our beloved PreK class will still be available for children 3-5 years-old, and our senior high youth group (grades 9-12) will meet weekly as usual.

Please register your children and youth if they plan on attending our programs for the 2019-2020 year! Registration helps us plan for adequate supervision and materials, gives us important contact information for families, and allows us to better meet the needs of your child! Last year about 75% of our regular attendees registered. Let’s try to make it to 100% this year. (You may notice that there is no place to enter medical information on this year’s registration form. Medical forms will go out separately in September.)

You can register your children and youth for our program through the following link: <https://forms.gle/ev2K8xkUFPVCWxZ2A>

Have a beautiful summer, UUCB families! And if we don’t see you at summer programming, we hope to see you in the fall!

## Adult Faith Development

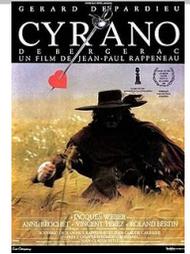
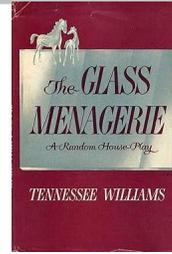
### Reusable Bag Totes Workshop

The U.S. uses 100 BILLION plastic bags per year. (The equivalent of driving 7 billion miles using gasoline). Soon our oceans will have more plastic than fish. Please join us on **Sunday July 21st**, in the Priestly Room after services for a workshop to sew small clip-on bag totes to distribute to the congregation and friends. These can hold up to two rolled up REUSE plastic bags. If we re-use each bag even three times, we cut our consumption by %75! Machine and hand sewers welcome. I will supply materials and machines. We can potluck lunch. – Contact Teal Postula for further information, at 645-558-6171

### Joint Trip to Chautauqua with Westminster Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal

Once again we have been invited by Westminster and Trinity to participate in a joint trip to Chautauqua Institute this summer. This year the trip will be on August 6 to see Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor discuss her book, "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others." The plan is to leave the Westminster parking lot at 10:30 am, bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy a picnic upon arrival, attend the lecture, then gather for a brief reception with refreshments before returning to Buffalo. To sign up for this trip or get more information, please contact Sarah Martin at [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org).





## Wednesday Mornings with Michael

Michael Harris, instructor

### Sex & Violence (and George Bernard Shaw) – A Preview of the 2019 Shaw Festival

*Learn about all the plays this season --*

*great preparation for your theatre trip !!*

If it's true that sex and violence are the basic subjects of drama, then the 2019 Shaw Festival falls squarely in line. Mae West's lurid melodrama Sex got her arrested and got her nationwide attention. On the violent side is the thriller Rope which opens with a corpse onstage, while the black farce The Ladykillers concludes with five nasty characters meeting their mortal doom. George Bernard Shaw is represented by his very adult views on divorce in Getting Married, and his revolutionary take on male-female relations in the epic Man and Superman. Balanced with more 'G-rated' fare like the Narnia adventure The Horse and His Boy, the romantic musical Brigadoon, Tennessee Williams' memory play The Glass Menagerie, and the swashbuckling classic Cyrano de Bergerac, this year's Shaw Fest has other theatres beat by a nose – a long nose! We offer playgoers well-informed (and parental) guidance!

12 sessions in the UUCB Alliance Room; Wednesdays, 9:30 am – 11:30 am, from May 8 to July 31 (No class session on June 26). Registration: \$70 for course, or \$10 per session; make check payable to UUCB. To register or for more information, call Church Office at 885-2136.

### Week-by-Week Syllabus

Session One (May 8):	The Alternative Worlds of C.S. Lewis – <u>The Horse and His Boy</u>
Session Two (May 15):	The Perfect Crime and Its Discontents – <u>Rope</u> by Patrick Hamilton
Session Three (May 22):	Love Songs in the Scottish Highlands – <u>Brigadoon</u> by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe
Session Four (May 29):	Family Memories Transmuted to Art – <u>The Glass Menagerie</u> by Tennessee Williams
Session Six (June 12):	Shaw's Creative Evolution about Marriage – <u>Getting Married</u> by Bernard Shaw
Session Seven (June 19):	The Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight – <u>The Ladykillers</u> , by Graham Linehan
<b>No Class on June 26!</b>	
Session Eight (July 3):	New Ways to Say 'I Love You' – <u>The Russian Play</u> by Hannah Moscovitch
Session Nine (July 10):	Goodness Had Nothing to Do with It – <u>Sex</u> by Mae West
Session Ten (July 17):	Shaw Workshop and Shaw Winter – <u>Mahabharata: Origins, A Christmas Carol and Holiday Inn</u>
Session Eleven (July 24):	Revising Rostand's Romanticism – <u>Cyrano de Bergerac</u> , by Edmond Rostand.
Session Twelve (July 31):	The Messy Side of the English Restoration – <u>Victory</u> by Howard Barker

# Music Notes – July-August 2019

## Daniel Bassin, Music Director



Our beloved UUCB Choir and soloists take their well-earned summer vacation at the conclusion of our church year, however the music is very much alive during our summer services! And, those of you who caught our last two June services have already had the opportunity to experience the artistry of our summer keyboardist/accompanist, Jonathan Vogtle – read more about Jonathan, below.

In addition to Jonathan's work along with your Music Director, musical guests and highlights for this summer will include contributions by multi-talented UUCB Choir member, Leslie Nickerson – who many of you have heard playing reels during our St. Patrick's Day service, earlier this year. Leslie will take up her violin in classical and fiddle applications, as well as the haunting accompanimental instrument of Appalachian folks music, the mountain dulcimer, on several services this summer. Last year we celebrated the ordination of Rev. Dr. Rita Capezzi, who now serves the UU Fellowship of Mankato, MN. Rita is also the mother of our dynamic Alto Soloist/Section Leader, Helen Lowry, and wife of UUCB Choir bass, Jeff Lowry – Helen, Jeff and Rita have been cooking up a rich complement of music and message for her service on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Another regular summer musical treat will be the return of guitarist/songleader, Doug Yeomans, whose service alongside Rev. Fran Manly on August 11<sup>th</sup> is not-to-be-missed. Kristina Church, longtime UUCB Choir member and currently a seminarian, will lead a service on August 18<sup>th</sup>, "Roots and Wings." As Kristina explores the early history of Unitarian Universalism, Jonathan and Leslie will treat us to some music by one of the most important composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Hungarian, Béla Bartók, who converted to Unitarianism following an ethnomusicological journey to Transylvania to study the Székely people.

The summer is bookended by services by our minister, Rev. Joan Montagnes. Her July 7<sup>th</sup> service, "Love is the Doctrine of our Church" will feature music by UU composers, including Elizabeth Norton's round, *There is a Love*, which was featured on our Spring Music Sunday service. Our soloists will return for a special summer engagement for Joan's August 25<sup>th</sup> service, "Pushing the Envelope" in a reflective service of music, readings, and meditation.

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### Introducing our Summer Keyboardist, Jonathan Vogtle!

Jonathan Vogtle is a graduate student in the Audiology program at the University of Buffalo. Previously, he has collaborated with several choirs, both liturgically and academically. Such groups have included the Ithaca College Chorus (2013-2016), St. Paul's Church Choir (2010-2017), and Caroline Center Church Chorus (2015-2016). Additionally, he has collaborated with both solo vocalists and instrumentalists, performing works such as Paul Hindemith's *Trombone Sonata*, Gerald Finzi's *A Young Man's Exhortation*, Johannes Brahms's *Piano Quartet in G Minor* (Op. 25), and George Crumb's *Vox Balaenae*. Jonathan studied under Dr. Gary Fisher while in high school, and under Dr. Jennifer Hayghe during his undergraduate education. He received his Bachelor of Music from Ithaca College in May of 2016.

### And - for the first time, (re)introducing your UUCB Music Ministry Professional Staff:

**Jessie Downs** is a vocalist, composer, and teaching artist with a passion for combining tradition and experimentation. She holds a BMus from Oberlin Conservatory and is currently pursuing a PhD in Composition at UB. She performs regularly as a classical concert soloist, teaches private voice lessons, and directs the Sotto Voce Vocal Collective. Until recently, she worked as a TA at UB, teaching music to undergraduates. She is now ABD and will be spending most of the upcoming year working on her dissertation, a new opera entitled *The Second Sight*. Her vocal training has involved both long-term tutelage under master bel canto pedagogue Franco Bertacci and guidance from vocal innovators like Jeffrey Gavett and Juliet Fraser. She has performed many partial canonical operatic roles, as

well as premiered roles in several new operas, and hopes to continue pursuing similar work at a higher level after completing her degree.

**Helen Lowry** is a mezzo soprano from Buffalo NY. From 2009-2012 she attended the buffalo academy for the visual and performing arts, where she studied voice under Frank Scinta and George Davis, participating in the select choir and the Resonance Vocal Jazz Ensemble. As a high school junior, she attended the NYSSSA school of choral studies in 2011. It was there that she was inspired to further her musical education and decided to go to school for voice at SUNY Fredonia. While at Fredonia, from 2012-2016, she studied vocal performance under Dr. Patricia J. Coron, and was a member of the college, masterworks, and chamber choirs, directed by Dr. Gerald Gray. During college, she also started an alt-rock band, for which she was the lead singer. After graduating with a BA in voice and a minor in Italian studies, she studied abroad twice in Italy. Once to explore renaissance art in Florence and Rome, then again to study chamber music and opera at the Brancaloni International Music Festival in the small mountain town of Piobbico. She now lives in buffalo and works for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and as the alto soloist and section leader of the choir at the Unitarian Universalist Church of a buffalo.

**Matthew Spaulding** is a Tenor from Oswego NY. From 2011-2015 he attended the Oswego High School, where he studied voice under Robert Dumas, was a member of the Oswego Chamber Singers select choir. As a high school senior, he attended the NYSSMA Conference and sang under the baton of Dr. Joe Miller in 2015. It was there that he was inspired to further his musical education and decided to attend school for voice at SUNY Fredonia and currently studies voice under Lisa Layman. He now lives in Fredonia and works as the Tenor soloist and section leader of the choir at the Unitarian Universalist Church of a buffalo.

**Michael Harris** has been singing with the UUCB Choir since 1988, with previous sacred music collaborations with Buffalo's First Presbyterian Church and Saint Paul's Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys. He has performed in shows with the Kavinoky Theatre, Musicallyfare, Lancaster Opera House and Niagara Falls' Western Door Playhouse. He has done children's theatre through Young Audiences of Western New York, historical popular songs with the Hutchinson Family Revival, and opera with the Artpark Opera Chorus. Mr. Harris currently is the program annotator for the Harmonia Chamber Singers and is a member of the High Holy Days Choir for Congregation Shir Shalom. His Wednesday morning courses at UUCB include his ongoing survey of the 2019 Shaw Festival and the upcoming Fall 2019 "Hot Docs -- Writings that Have Made History." When the spirit moves him, he enjoys writing the occasional show tune!

#### **Daniel Bassin, Conductor**

Daniel Bassin is an active conductor, composer, trumpeter and educator living in Buffalo, NY. In addition to serving as Music Director of Buffalo's historic Unitarian Universalist Church since 2013, Dr. Bassin has recently joined the faculty of Canisius High School. Previous posts include Artistic Director of the Buffalo Master Chorale, 2017-2019; Orchestra Director for the University at Buffalo, 2010-2016, and Buffalo State College 2015-2017; Orchestra Librarian of the American Symphony Orchestra, 2005-2010; and Assistant Conductor for the Fall 2008 tour of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. He performs regularly as a trumpeter with the Clarence Summer Orchestra; Buffalo Brass Quintet; and Anderson Big Band, in addition to work as a soloist and clinician. Daniel received his initial training from Long Island public schools and at the Juilliard Pre-College, followed by the New England Conservatory and Bard College. He holds a PhD in Composition from the University at Buffalo.



## SASE News (Sunday Action Social Events)



The theme of the month for July is Simplicity. The idea of perhaps trying to simplify our lives can mean many different things to many different people. Sue Wishart has put together a list of thoughts and activities around the idea of simplifying our collective lives. The SASE team hopes that this list will give you something to consider during July in your personal thoughts about simplicity. **Enjoy your summer!**

### ***SIMPLE IDEAS TO HELP OUR WORLD:***

- try using produce bags, buy fruits and vegetables not wrapped in plastic
- look for products not packaged in excessive plastic
- buy local, saving transportation energy expenditures
- buy package free soaps (shampoos being developed now)
- bike or walk to run local errands, combine trips, carpool more
- use containers with lids or waxed paper to store items in your fridge
- make a pot of coffee, give up the pods
- bring your own take out container to restaurants you know will always have leftovers for you.

## UAIM News



This month we lost a dear friend in the local self advocacy movement when she was hit by a truck crossing the street from the grocery store to her apartment. She was an active person with many friends, and her death affected many people deeply.

Though many people think that having intellectual and physical disabilities, as she did, keeps you from getting married, working, or living independently did all of these things with determination. It was crossing the street to her apartment that she was killed.

In the wake of this tragic event, I found myself doubting the wisdom of independent living.

It's true that there are some problems with independent living, mostly with a lack of community and caring that afflicts our entire society. It seems that the choice is between "a room of one's own" and the help of others. Does this have to be? Not really. We could give people living in assisted living situations more autonomy and respect. We could give folks a hand who are living on their own, for the joy of giving or being in community together. We could let them give to us as well, rather than seeing them as only needing. We could see disability as diversity rather than affliction.

People make choices based on what is important to them. The freedom to leave your home when you feel like it might be more important to some than being 100% certain that you will be safe in the world. For others, the equation is the opposite.

Some of us get called stubborn at our funerals because we refuse to let others define us, or to let a world that is set against us stop us from doing what we want to do.

After her death, we learned that she had written a petition to get a crosswalk and light put in at her apartment building. Through my doubts, I've come to the conclusion that I want the world to change so that it is safer and more caring for all of us. I want pedestrian friendly streets and caring communities, not more restriction for people with disabilities. Clearly, this is what she wanted too.

# Beyond the Hedge: Denomination and Interfaith News

Sharon Walker

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## VOICE Buffalo, Peace Hubs, Peace Circles and UUCB



The circle practice at our church is growing. We do have a focus of ensuring restorative practices are indeed being implemented and followed in our public schools. In June we had many members from a variety of westside congregations participate and engage. We shared our personal involvement in social justice, and our congregation's commitment to social/restorative justice change in Buffalo. (How would you answer these questions?) We also came up with future actions.



I wish to invite all who are interested in this work to attend our next circle. No experience necessary. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 838-3716

**Tuesday, July 9 and August 13 Peace Circles; 6:00 pm Registration and Refreshments, 6:30-8:30 circle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Alliance Room**

## Buffalo LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) Program

The program is expected to be enacted by the end of the year. At present all parties are on board, memos of understanding are being drawn and only how best to roll this out remains.

This has taken over three years of hard and sometimes frustrating work by the Criminal Justice Task Force of VOICE Buffalo.

The community support shown in our postcards was also a contributing factor. Our SASE event inspired other congregations to do the same and all were taken and delivered last winter.

Our church is designated as a community Peace Hub that will be a part of LEAD and where restorative justice can take place. We are poised to be a part of reforming criminal justice in Buffalo and breaking the school to prison pipeline.

**SAVE THE DATE: October 5, 2019, 9:00 am-Noon; Intro to Restorative Practices with Andrew Prinzing of Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition.**



## July Share-the-Plate: [Summer Camp at the Delaware Family YMCA](#)



Summer camp at the Delaware Family YMCA gives young people experiences that last a lifetime, inspiring them for years to come. Whether it's splashing in the pool, exploring nature, learning a new skill, or going on fun field trips, summer camp at the Delaware YMCA provides an opportunity for children to build meaningful relationships and gain important life skills, such as learning the importance of being caring, honest, respectful, and responsible individuals.

The Delaware YMCA does not turn away anyone due to an inability to pay. Each year, YMCA Buffalo Niagara sends over 500 kids to camp through our financial assistance program, thanks to the generosity of our community.

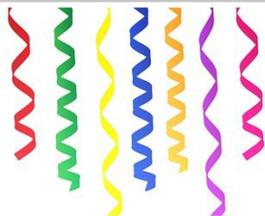
## August Share-the-Plate: [Family Promise of Western New York](#)



All emergency shelters provide a meal and a place to sleep. Because Family Promise of WNY runs a small-scale program, **we are able to offer guests an array of services that are above and beyond what typical, bigger shelters can provide:**

- The ability to keep families together** which include fathers and teenage sons.
- Intensive case management** that feels personal and tailored specifically to each family in order to help guests meet their goals.
- A home-like environment** where guests are encouraged to get to know one another and where our staff and volunteers know every one of our guests by name.
- A clean and secure building** located in a quiet, residential neighborhood that is close to bus lines 1, 2, 15 and 18 and in walking distance of downtown Buffalo.
- A fully-equipped Day Center** where guests can receive mail and which includes internet, telephone, laundry facilities, showers, TV equipped with video games and DVDs and private spaces in which each family can relax and keep their belongings secure.
- A hot, nutritious home-cooked dinner** every night that includes fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Overnight accommodations** at a local congregation.
- Assistance getting children to school** upon entrance to our program while school buses are getting rerouted to the Day Center.
- Personal space in our shared kitchen** to store and cook food.
- An array of baby items** to borrow, such as cribs, strollers, etc.
- Security Deposit Assistance** on a case-by-case basis for families whose only impediment to permanent housing is covering initial rental costs.
- 1 year of graduate support** when families exit our program
- An amazing hospitality network** of hundreds of volunteers from our community who serve over 18,000 volunteer hours annually.





**Lowry and Capezzi Farewell Reception** A farewell reception honoring Jeff Lowry and Rita Capezzi is planned for Sunday, July 21st from 5:30-8:30. Reservations are to be made in the church hall after services; for other questions contact Louise Yots, event chair, at [Louiseyots@gmail.com](mailto:Louiseyots@gmail.com). *Free event* | RSVP by 7/14 | Food donations for event gratefully accepted

**2019 Fun & Fellowship Auction: Auction Items Still Available!!!**

Auction Items are still available for you to place your bids and join in the fun & fellowship. Contact Maria Testa ([marialtesta@gmail.com](mailto:marialtesta@gmail.com)) or Juli Van Woert ([jvw61@aol.com](mailto:jvw61@aol.com)) if you are interested in one or more of the Auction Items listed below. Additional information will also be available at the Auction Table after Sunday Service.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Slots Avail.</u>
E-122	7/20/19	S'mores & Sing-along	\$ 5	15
D-159	7/27/19	Kayaking the Buffalo River	\$30	3
E-162	7/27/19	Bee Amazed II	\$30	1
E-158	8/3/19	Pancake Breakfast & Playdate	\$10	7
D-125	8/17/19	Country Picnic in the Boston Hills II	\$35	2
E-152	8/18/19	Pigeon Encounter	\$10	5
D-102	9/8/19	A Polish Feast	\$35	1
D-112	9/15/19	Welcome Back BBQ	\$10	unlimited
D-134	9/28/19	Chili Dinner For All	\$15	unlimited
E-164	rescheduling in October	Intro to Ayurvedic Self-Care	\$15	8
E-135	11/15/19	An Evening of Wine, Dessert & Poetry	\$25	13
S-142	TBD	Evening or Overnight Childcare	TBD	1
D-153	TBD	Adult Cross-country Ski Lesson and Lunch	\$35	3

## Widows and Widowers Circle

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



The Widow and Widowers Circle will meet Sunday, July 7th and Sunday Aug 4th at noon after church in the Gardner Room. For More Info contact Bonnie Collins at [Collinsb@buffalo.edu](mailto:Collinsb@buffalo.edu) or by phone or text at 716 867 9628. Please bring a friend, a lunch if you want, and quotes that are meaningful to your grief work if you have any.

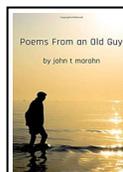
**EYEGGLASS COLLECTION PROJECT.** The Women's Society invites you to donate un-needed eyeglasses and sunglasses. Place them in the collection box in the Garden Entrance foyer.



**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS** are gratefully accepted year round in the donation box located in the Garden Entrance foyer.



**UUCB Craft Show** The UUCB Summer Arts and Crafts Show will be August 24 & 25. [uu-craftshow@gmail.com](mailto:uu-craftshow@gmail.com)



John Marohn's new collection of poems, "Poems From an Old Guy" is now available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).



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

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