

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo



OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Minister's Column: What Does it Mean to be People of Belonging?



Belonging is something to celebrate and it's time to celebrate!



We barely began the regular church year, and September was already over. Not to worry, October is a great month to take stock and celebrate the truly fabulous church that we are and the church that we are becoming.

And we have a lot to be proud of:

- One hundred kids in our children and youth ministry
- Abundant adult faith development opportunities to lift the spirit and stimulate the intellect
- The best darned church choir in Western New York
- Partnerships with local social justice agencies through Share the Plate, VOICE-Buffalo, Food not Bombs, and Family Promise
- A facility that welcomes all kinds of community groups from Girl Scout Troops, to recovery groups, to the Dyke March organizers
- Five, count 'em, five kinds of pastoral care ministry teams to look after you when you are celebrating in joy or suffering in sorrow
- A garden that is so lovely that the public strolls through it in amazement and happiness
- Twelve Covenant Groups ministering to over ninety participants (that's, like, over a third of the congregation)
- Fifty-two Sunday morning worship services, as well as Veteran's Day, Trans Day of Awareness, Blue Christmas, two Christmas Eve, and Maundy Thursday services
- And a sanctuary that is so drop-dead gorgeous it takes your breath away ...

This October let's celebrate the community of memory, caring and hope that we provide one another. Let's

celebrate that we have built a church where we can enjoy each other's company, take a peaceful break from the hubbub of the world, and make a real difference in the society. Let's celebrate all that we are and all that we are becoming!

Let's celebrate all our blessings with generosity.

Generosity is a form of care for our community of love and mutual respect. Giving from the heart furthers our individual and collective spiritual journeys. Your gifts support our all our burgeoning ministries. Joyful stewardship of all our resources sets us free to raise our children with spirit, grow in beauty, spark our minds, and transform the world.

The Holy resides within you and the Holy resides within our community. You bring greater wealth to our congregation not only with your gifts of passion, energy and thought, but also with your gifts of funds. All that you are and all that you contribute to our gathering enriches and ennobles the whole and give us all more power to care for each other and the world.

My friends, the best and most fun worship service of the year will be held on Sunday, October 27 when we will celebrate our congregation in joy, music, play and generosity. It's going to be great! During the service, you will be asked to fill in your pledge card for our annual stewardship drive and hand it in. We ask that you be prepared to do so.

Come to church that morning having already had the conversation with yourself and your family about what the church means to you and how you wish to generously support its many ministries within the limits of your budget. Don't give till it hurts. Give that stretch gift that feels soooooooo good.

I realize this is a little different from the way we usually do things. Usually, a small troop of devoted souls spend all fall and part of the winter calling and begging you for your pledge. I believe we can do better than that.

You love our church. You know our church is supported primarily by your donations. You know we are going to ask you for a pledge of support. Stewardship need not be a painful experience. Giving to something we love is joyful! Giving is worth celebrating! So, let's pull out all the stops this October and celebrate!

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



Pulpit Previews



October 6: Restoring Community

Rev. Joan Montagnes

We are called to heal and not to harm, to heal and not to hinder, to bless and not to curse. And yet, the world is broken and imperfect. Our task is to restore community.

October 13: The Shared World

Rev. Joan Montagnes

A reflective service of music and poetry to meditate on the value of belonging.

October 20: Gather, Inspire, Transform!

Julie Carter, Kathleen Powers, Robbie Butler

Our congregation created and adopted new Vision and Mission Statements last spring. Explore what it means to belong to our community in all its tenderness and power.

October 27: Celebration Sunday!

Rev. Joan Montagnes

The most fun you will ever have in a Sunday Service! How are we going to manage that, you ask? Easy. We will be celebrating you, our congregation in all its glory! How could that not be fun? Remember, be prepared to make your pledge commitment to the operating budget of the church during the service. We are planning to wrap this Stewardship Drive up in a big, beautiful bow!

JOYS and SORROWS



Our hearts are with Georgia Pooley, her daughter Gigi Helliwell and their family. Georgia's sister passed away in September.

We send healing thoughts to Ron Houk. Ron is recovering well at home after major surgery.

We celebrate with Ashley Mountcastle and her family. The Mountcastle family grew by one bouncing baby girl named Audrey last month.



October Religious Education News

Sarah Martin, Director of Religious Education

Our religious education year has begun in spectacular fashion. I gratefully and whole-heartedly welcome our many, many new families to our program, to our congregation, and to our church community. We are so glad you're here. I look forward to getting to know each one of you in the coming year.

As we enter our month of Belonging, I've been contemplating what that word means to our programming for children, youth, their families, and the entire congregation. A spiritual community is a place of belonging in the deepest sense. It is the place where we choose to belong to one another because of our shared values and vision, the place where we all commit to belonging to something bigger than ourselves. In our religious education program, we work to create an environment in which every child, every youth, every family can feel like they belong. In turn, our church in all its ministries and programs, belongs to the people who invest so much of their time, talent, energy, and resources.

We are blessedly able to provide exceptional programming for children, youth, and families, including the award-winning and life-saving Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education Curriculum, to over 100 children and youth each year because of the outstanding generosity of those who belong to this congregation. I am entering my fifth year as Director of Religious Education at UUCB, and each year I have been humbled and overwhelmed at the enthusiasm and support that greets this program every time the congregation votes to pass a budget which covers the costs of running and maintaining a program of this size.

As we enter into a month of stewardship conversations, I want to say thank you, from the deepest places in my heart, for allowing me to do this work that I love, fostering the faith formation of Unitarian Universalists. Thank you for supporting our children and youth in their spiritual journeys, as they define the values that shape them, and the beliefs that will guide them. Thank you for allowing us to serve families across the socio-economic spectrum as we build a program that allows us to experience the connection we feel when we understand that we all belong to one another.

What's Coming Up in Religious Education

Friday, October 25 - Halloween Party, 6-8 pm

Join us in the Parish Hall for a potluck meal, games, music, and our annual haunted basement. Bring a dish to pass and wear a costume if you wish! All are welcome!

Saturday, November 2 - Lantern Walk, 5:30 pm, Delaware Park, weather permitting

Meet by the rose garden (between the Albright-Knox and Hoyt Lake) and bring a lantern from home or borrow one of ours. We'll enjoy a lantern walk through the park while singing simple songs, and return to the church for some snacks and hot cider upstairs in the Harper Room.

Adult Faith Development

You can register for any of our Adult Faith Development offerings by emailing lifespan@buffalouu.org or at the Religious Education Table on Sunday mornings.

Pathways to Membership

Saturday, October 26, from 10am-12pm in the Alliance Room.

Thinking about becoming a member at the UU Church of Buffalo? The Pathways to Membership class will now be on Saturday, October 26, from 10am-12pm in the Alliance Room. The Pathways to Membership class will now be on Saturday, October 26, from 10am-12pm in the Alliance Room. 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. Free of charge.

To register, email lifespan@buffalouu.org

Culinary Properties of Medicinal Herbs

Saturday, October 26, 1:30 – 3 pm, Alliance Room

Though the American cook may use culinary herbs for flavor alone, every culinary herb and spice possesses medicinal properties. In this class, herbalist Sarah Sorci will share research-based information about how the plants in our spice cabinet or herb garden can support our health. Stories, traditions, and samples will also be shared.

Donation of \$10 suggested. To register, call 716-882-0848.

About the facilitator: Holistic herbalist Sarah Sorci is the owner of Sweet Flag Herbs in Hamburg. She offers wellness and property consultations, educational workshops, therapeutic horticulture sessions, and writing. Sarah is co-coordinator of the WNY chapter of Herbalists Without Borders. www.sweetflagherbs.com

Michael Lays Down the Law!! HOT DOCS! WRITINGS THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY Michael Harris, Instructor

This course will examine some of these key formative documents that, for better or worse, have changed our country and the world at large.

14 Wednesdays: September 11 to December 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo; Alliance Room on 2nd Floor

695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. Cost: \$75 for course, or \$10 per session

For more information, call Church Office at 885-2136, or email office@buffalouu.org

Week-by-Week Syllabus

Session Four (October 2): *Ententes Cordiales* -- The Imperfect Art of the Treaty

NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 9 -- YOM KIPPUR

Session Five (October 16): Creeds, Papal Bulls, Councils and 95 Theses -- Key Documents in Christian History

Session Six (October 23): Britannia Rules -- From Absolute to Limited Monarchy

Session Seven (October 30): Enlightenment Ideals and Colonial Grievances -- Thomas Jefferson and the Road to The Declaration of Independence

Session Eight (November 6): Uniting the States -- from The Articles of Confederation to The United States Constitution

Session Nine (November 13): Selling The Constitution -- Hamilton, Madison, Jay and The Federalist Papers

Session Ten (November 20): Revolutionary Rallying Cries of 1848 -- The Communist Manifesto and The Declaration of Sentiments

Session Eleven (November 27): "With Malice toward None" -- Writings of Abraham Lincoln

Session Twelve (December 4): Civil Rights (and Wrongs) -- Key Decisions of the Supreme Court

Session Thirteen (December 11): Franklin Delano Roosevelt/Winston Churchill -- The Art of the Speech

Session Fourteen (December 18): Our Living Document -- The Bill of Rights and Other Constitutional Amendments

Music Notes – October 2019

Daniel Bassin, Music Director



This October we are called to ask the question, *What Does it Mean to be a People of **Belonging***? A few months into the seventh year of my music directorship, with the privilege of leading a dynamic and wondrously-gifted staff serving your Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo Choir, at this point I think I can speak about how it *feels* to belong to this community – and it feels wonderful! The ‘fit’ of our Music Program within our vibrant and engaged community at UUCB is something truly special: we’re fortunate that so many members of our community have found that they belong in our wonderful Choir; that such talented, dedicated program staff have found their Sunday musical homes in our church; and that the people of UUCB have found their belonging in a church where they gather, inspire, and transform through worship, music, and community.

This month’s service music will feature a blend of classical and pop, choral, solo, and ensemble, familiar favorites, and welcome surprises. It all begins on Sunday, October 6th with the service, *Restoring Community*. Falling amid the Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur your UUCB Choir and Soloists will offer up a perennial favorite, composer Ben Steinberg’s anthemic setting, *Oseh shalom*. This service will also feature a brand-new vocal rendition of a Beatles classic.

Rev. Montagnes takes us through her sermon, *The Shared World*, on October 13th on a service that will feature a modern choral classic, Franck Ticheli’s *Earth Song*. Your in-house brass-and-keys duo will start that service with a piano four-hands version of the Overture to Darius Milhaud’s *La Création du Monde*, and conclude things on Cornette and Piano with Louis Armstrong’s *What a Wonderful World*. On our *Gather, Inspire, Transform!* service on October 20th, Helen Lowry will offer up her version of a modern pop anthem by Adele, *Hometown Glory*, as the choir debuts their version of Bob Dylan’s *The Times They Are A-Changin’*.”

Finally, the month concludes with an extra-special service celebrating *belonging* and the best of everything we can achieve as a community. In this tour-de-force Stewardship Sunday service, your Music Program staff and volunteers will pull out all the stops, with joyous hymns, inspiring anthems, Beethoven piano pieces, Verdi opera arias, and one or two surprises. We look forward to sharing the music with you, and we look forward to sharing this sacred space with you. Your UUCB Choir friends and neighbors will also spend the month gearing-up for our **November 24th** Music Sunday Service celebrating the genius of women composers. Fanny (Mendelssohn) Hensel’s cantata, *For the Feast of St. Cecilia* will showcase the Choir and Soloists’ expertise in classical and romantic-era styles, while Florence Beatrice Price’s *Communion Service in F-Major* forms the structure of our first-ever Thanksgiving Music Sunday worship service. Listen out for selected works by both of these composers throughout this and next month, leading up to this unforgettable Sunday.



Let's celebrate our generosity! The abundant ministries of our congregation are supported by donors like you. Three quarters of the church income comes from our annual Stewardship Drive. On Sunday, October 27 we will invite you to come prepared to make a financial commitment to the 2020 church year. If you are wondering what amount to pledge, please see the Unitarian Universalist Association's Fair Share Giving Guide below. Please note, we understand that this Guide may suggest pledges that are beyond your budget. Take care of yourself. Please give out of love, not out of guilt. If you would like to discuss your pledge with the minister, please call Rev. Joan at 716-885-2136, or email at minister@buffalouu.org



Living Your Values!	Supporter 2-6% of Income			Sustainer 3-7% of Income			Visionary 5-9% of Income			Transformer 10% of Income		
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Approx. Adjusted Annual Income												
\$12,000	2%	\$240	\$20	3%	\$360	\$30	5%	\$600	\$50	10%	\$1,200	\$100
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\$200,000	4%	\$8,000	\$667	6%	\$12,000	\$1,000	7%	\$14,000	\$1,167	10%	\$20,000	\$1,667

Annual Pledge amount is the total amount of your contribution for the year. **Monthly Payment Plan Amount** is your total contribution in 12 monthly payments.

Monthly amounts shown here may be rounded up or down by a few cents to eliminate fractions.

October Share-the-Plate: [Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition](#)



Formed in 2013, The Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition is a coming together of people from across our county who believe that conflicts are often best resolved by the people involved. By creating a safe space where all individuals involved in a conflict can come together and discuss what happened, who was harmed, and who bears the responsibility for repairing the harm, ECRJC facilitators are helping to change the way our community addresses conflict and crime.

We are an ever-expanding group of individuals who share a desire to improve our community through the use of Restorative Justice in resolving interpersonal conflict and addressing criminal cases. We host regular trainings in Community Conferencing and Talking Circles, and work diligently to get the word out about Restorative Justice and its many uses.

We from ECRJC thank UUCB in advance for your continued support of our work to bring restorative practices to schools, our court system, and neighborhoods, including yours! Come experience the power and grace of a circle here on the 2nd Tuesday of each month!



Sharon Walker
uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com

UUCB Introduction to Restorative Practice Workshop

Saturday, October 5, 2019, Parish Hall. 9:00 am – Noon.

Presenter, Dina Thompson with the Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition (This month's share the plate recipient).

Our over-arching theme for the upcoming year is Restorative Practice/Justice. We in many ways already embrace this. When we talk of the beloved community, being a covenantal faith, participate in our covenant groups; this is restorative practice.

This workshop is being offered for free to our congregants. I especially encourage our UUCB RE teachers/advisors, parents, committee and team members to attend.

This workshop is also an introduction to our peace circles that are taking place every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Please register for the workshop and any need for childcare with me, Sharon Walker, at uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com

Join with our interfaith social justice partner, VOICE Buffalo!



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

Our organizations have teamed up to offer Peace Circles with the goal of UUCB becoming a Community Peace Hub site. Our focus is to ensure restorative practice are indeed being implemented and followed in our public schools and supporting our congregation's commitment to social and restorative justice change in Buffalo. For more information email Sharon Walker at uucb.wny.specevents@gmail.com

MONTHLY PEACE CIRCLE PRACTICE

2nd Tues. of Each Month | 6:00-8:30PM
UU Church of Buffalo | 695 Elmwood Ave.

Registration and Refreshments at 6:00PM - Circle 6:30-8:30PM



PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

**New York State Convention of Universalists
193rd Annual Meeting/Conference
October 25-26, 2019**

Keynote Speaker

**Rev. Susan
Frederick-Gray**

**President of the
Unitarian Universalist Association**

The Rev. Frederick-Gray is the ninth president of the UUA. She was elected in June 2017 to a six-year term. She acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the UUA. Susan brings a strong focus on mission and strategic planning to her leadership at the UUA as it works to dismantle systems of white supremacy.

As president, Susan has emphasized that this is no time for a casual faith and no time to go it alone. She represented the UUA in the 2017 Charlottesville protests against white nationalist violence, worked in conjunction with the Poor Peoples Campaign on issues of poverty, witnessed at the US-Mexico border for immigrant justice, and partnered with local advocates to expand voting rights in Florida.



**“Universalist Theology and
the Beloved Community”**

**First Universalist Church of Rochester
150 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14604**

All Unitarian Universalists and friends are warmly invited to attend.
Registration information will be posted at nyscu.org.



There are several sets of Pews in the Sanctuary that are shorter so that anyone using a walker, wheelchair or scooter is able to comfortably participate and sit with their family and friends. These pews are open to everyone, however please consider others who may need them.

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.

Coming November 9th and 10th!

Special concert and sermon with the beloved musician Gaelynn Lea.

Get tickets at the UAIM table after Sunday Service on October 27 & November 3.

See Poster on the next page!

Gaelynn Lea won NPR Music's [Tiny Desk Contest](#) in 2016, and she's been on the road ever since playing her unique mix of haunting original songs and traditional fiddle tunes. So far the singer-songwriter and violinist has appeared in 43 states and 7 countries – she's graced the stage of renowned venues like Nashville's Music City Roots, The Kennedy Center, House of Blues and even BBC World News. In addition to performing and recording, Gaelynn also does speaking engagements about disability rights, finding inner freedom, and accessibility in the arts. In recent years, she has used her music as a platform to advocate for people with disabilities and to promote positive social change.

The UAIM is excited to welcome her for a ticketed concert (\$10 suggested donation, \$5 for children) on Saturday November 9th at 7pm and to speak during the service on November 10th. Music lovers (Gaelynn is a classically trained violinist), disability rights advocates, youth with and without disabilities, and just about anyone will enjoy this opportunity to spend time with this delightful, spirited, and talented young woman. We highly recommend listening to her music, watching her speak, or reading her writings, which can all be found at <https://violinscratches.com/>



GAELYNN LEA: NPR MUSIC'S 2016 TINY DESK CONTEST WINNER
NEW ALBUM OUT NOW: WWW.VIOLINSCRATCHES.COM/ALBUM

GAELYNN LEA
learning how to stay



GAELYNN LEA
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Buffalo
November 9th, 2019
7:00pm • All-Ages
\$10 Suggested Donation
Wheelchair Accessible

TICKET LINKS & FULL TOUR SCHEDULE: WWW.VIOLINSCRATCHES.COM/SHOWS

Get tickets at the UAIM table after Sunday Service on October 27 & November 3.

Fixed Assets Committee Update: Roof Repairs to begin in September

In early September you may have noticed a large, orange manlift in the church parking lot or staged outside the West Ferry entrance doors. This equipment will be used by Grove Roofing to make necessary roof repairs and do additional roof inspections. In late 2018, roofing inspection revealed that the Bell Tower roof needs to be replaced. Originally installed sometime during 1990 -1992, this EPDM rubber roof (located above the church organ!!) has deteriorated and needs replacement before it starts leaking. In addition, many areas of slate roofing and the copper roof above the Garden Entrance need repair. During the past 12 months there have been many leaks into the Garden Entrance foyer (from copper roofing above) and leaks into a classroom near the Garden Entrance area (from slate roofing above). Visual inspection reveals several locations with missing or loose slate. As a result, the Fixed Assets Committee recommended, and the Board of Trustees approved, proceeding with a project to address roof repair and replacement needs. Grove Roofing was subsequently bid and contracted to do this work.

Grove Roofing will also be using the manlift to inspect additional areas of the roof that are not easily accessed or visible from the ground. This includes a large area of bitumen roofing located above the Alliance Room and at the cruciform of the Sanctuary. It is unknown when the bitumen roofing was installed, or when it was last inspected. Recommendations and timing for potential additional roof repairs will be determined based on the outcomes of additional inspections.

All of this work is weather dependent, and plans are to complete currently contracted work during September. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact David Quackenbush (Project Coordinator) or any other member of the Fixed Assets Committee.

Roofing Repairs – 2019:
Use of manlift to move men and materials for Bell Tower roof replacement.



Basement Dehumidification - It's Working !

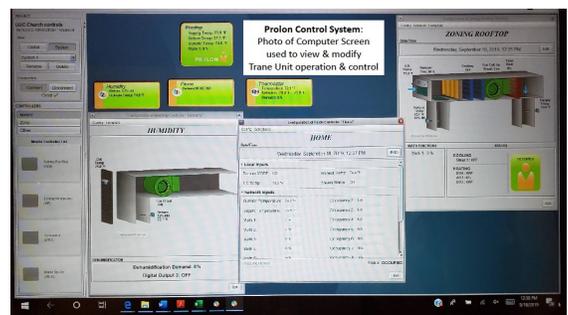
As part of the 2000 Capital Campaign, a new HVAC system (known as the Trane Unit) was installed to dehumidify, heat, cool and provide fresh outside-air for rooms in the church basement. At that time, it was recognized that high humidity was contributing to mold and poor air quality in the basement.

Unfortunately, since its original installation in 2001, the Trane Unit deteriorated and became non-functional due to lack of UUCB knowledge of how (and why) to operate and maintain it. As a result, during high-humidity Spring and Summer month, UUCB basement rooms were stagnant, damp and musty-smelling, with mold evident.

During the 2016 Boiler Replacement Project the non-functional condition of the Trane Unit was “discovered” by the Quackenbush Co. Subsequent reviews and assessments resulted in a late-2018 Fixed Asset Committee recommendation and Board of Trustees approval of a project to install a new control system to restore “originally intended” capability of the Trane Unit, especially dehumidification.

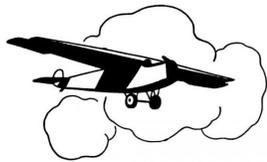
After a few months of “learning” the new control system and monitoring actual performance of the Trane Unit, the new controls have been working since June to dehumidify basement rooms. Much thanks to the Quackenbush Co. and the Prolon technical support team for their efforts to install, start-up and troubleshoot the system. And to John Petrocelli for his efforts to set-up and troubleshoot connecting the new Prolon Control System with the UUCB computer system.

Efforts are in progress to “optimize” electricity usage for Trane Unit dehumidification. Next steps will include training others at UUCB about the Trane Unit and how to use the new control system. If you have questions or comments, or are interested in learning more about the Trane Unit, please see Tom Muka (Project Coordinator) or any of the other members of the Fixed Assets Committee.



For more in-depth information on our projects, click [here](#) for our webpage.

UUCB WOMEN'S SOCIETY'S SPEAKER-LUNCHEON SERIES for October 17:



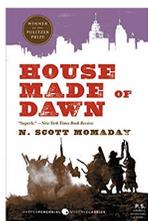
The UUCB Women's Society is pleased to present DENISE REICHARD, in character as the pioneering pilot AMELIA EARHART, on Thursday, October 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Ms. Reichard is well known to WNY audiences and beyond for bringing to life great women of our past. She will interpret the complicated life and times of Amelia Earhart for our consideration.

Refreshments will be available from 11-11:30 a.m. Denise will perform at 11:30.

A catered lunch will be served at 12:30. UUCB Women's Society - \$15. Non-members - \$20. For the performance alone, the cost to non-members \$5 at the door, with no reservations necessary.

Lunch reservations may be paid for after the church service on October 6 and 13 at the Women's Society table or by mailing a check payable to UUCB to: Church Office, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Buffalo, 695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. IMPORTANT: write "Women's Soc. lunch" on the check's memo line. The check must be received in the church office by NOON on FRIDAY, OCT. 11.

FOOD BANK: Please bring your donation to the luncheon (and throughout the month) and deposit it in the Food Bank donation box. During the luncheon the box will be in the Parish Hall, at other times it will be in the Garden Entrance foyer.



UUCB BOOK GROUP MEETING Monday, October 28 at 2 p.m. We will be discussing HOUSE MADE OF DAWN by N. Scott Momaday, who will just have spoken in the BABEL writer's series on Oct. 16 at Kleinhans. Everyone who has read his book is welcome to join us. Please call or e-mail our host-of-the-month, Bonnie (883-2078 or bonniebotsford@gmail.com) to let her know you are coming so that she may plan for seating and refreshments. Next month's book??? TBA!

The Pulpit Flower Ministry, October 2019

Pulpit flowers have been a wonderful part of our Sunday services for many years, and a good way for many of us to pay tribute to a special anniversary, birthday, child dedication, a special time, a special cause, gratitude, etc. You may want to consider sponsoring flowers for one of the Sunday services in the 2019 calendar year. The donation for the flowers is \$35.00 and you may choose your personalized text dedication for the eblast and the OSS. Please see us at the flower table after most Sunday services, call us at 716-885-2136, ext.4, or email us at pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org for more information.

October Flower Schedule:

October 6-	Marjorie Girth
October 13-	John Segmen
October 20-	Leonard Mitchell
October 27-	Phil Nicolai



Is Commissioned Lay Ministry for You?



- Are you an active and committed member of this congregation?
- Do you think of your involvement in the congregation as a ministry?
- Would you like to ground your leadership in a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism?
- Do you feel that you could be more helpful to our congregation and our ministry with more study and training?
- Would you like to take your ministry and service here to a deeper level?
- Do you feel drawn to a particular area of ministry where you would like to expand your understanding and improve your skills?

If your answer to some or all of these questions is “yes,” you may be feeling a call to Commissioned Lay Ministry.

Commissioned Lay Ministry (CLM) is a program offered by the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association. It provides an opportunity for committed Unitarian Universalist leaders to deepen their faith while serving their congregations in more significant ways.

You can find information about the program, including application forms and a detailed description of requirements, online at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/ccl>. If you would like to talk with someone about the program, please contact Rev. Fran Manly (franly@mac.com), who is a member of the CLM Council.

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 or by phone and/or text at 716 867 9628.

Choctoberfest is coming October 5 to benefit Family Promise

Family Promise of Western New York Fifth Annual Choctoberfest - a celebration with chocolate and beer at the World of Beer, Walden Galleria Mall, next to Macy's is coming Saturday, October 5, 6-9pm.

For a \$25 donation, guests enjoy an evening of local chocolates, hors d'oeuvres, basket raffles, prizes and more! All proceeds benefit Family Promise. The mission of Family Promise of Western New York is to keep families experiencing homelessness together by offering emergency housing and compassionate support as they work to find their way back home.

Tickets are available through the Family Promise website www.fpwny.org [get tickets here](#)





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to transform ourselves, to create a more just and
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