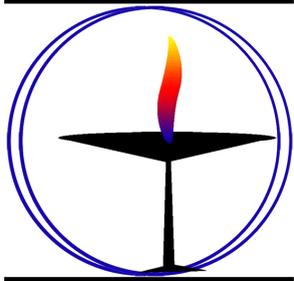


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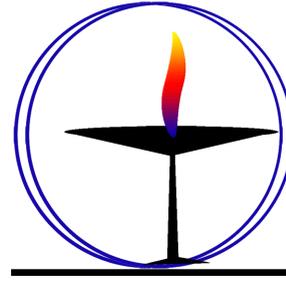
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**November 2, 10:30am**

*Cultivating the Body of the Church*

**Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen**

Our service will honor the idea of the church as “body” and explore the contemporary implications of what we can learn from envisioning a congregational system as organic, living, and therefore vulnerable.



**November 9, 10:30am**

*The Force of Kindness - Rev. Theresa Kime*

What might our lives be like if they were informed by the presence of kindness and good will - to ourselves, others, and the world? What might happen if the practice of kindness became a staple spiritual practice for us individually and as a religious community?

Rev. Terry has been a UU minister for many years, serving congregations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, and New York. She has also served as a Hospice Chaplain.

**November 16, 10:30am**

*Walking Toward Community- The Ministerial Search Team*

As we continue our search for a settled minister, the Ministerial Search Committee will reflect on what you have shared about the loving church community that we are, and who we are yearning to become.

**November 23, 10:30am**

*Out of the Dark - The Universal Access and Inclusion Ministry Team*

Mental illness touches people of all socioeconomic classes, ages and family structures. It is time to shine some light on this important issue and chase away the shadows of stigma that surround it. The Universal Access and Inclusion Ministry Team (UAIM) will engage the congregation in what promises to be a hopeful and uplifting exploration of how we as a congregation connect with people with mental illness in their own or their families lives.

**November 30, 10:30am**

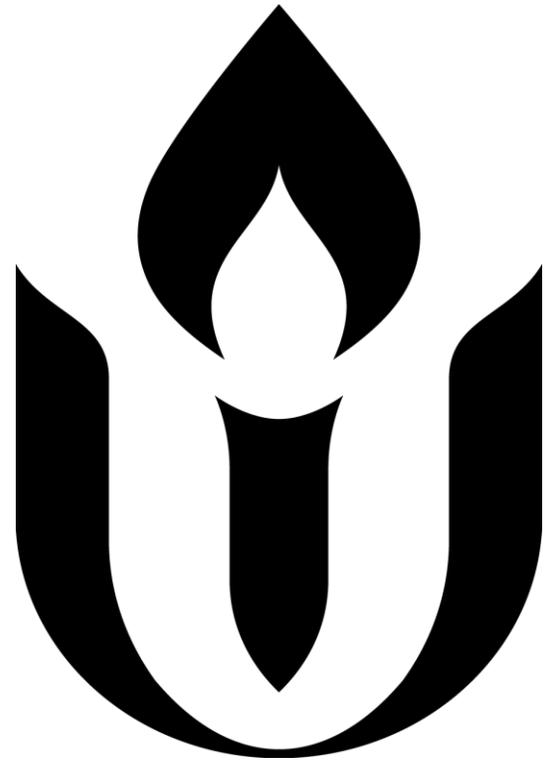
*From You I Receive - Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen*

Beginning with a familiar New Testament story of the Good Samaritan, we will reconsider what might be learned from this artful parable that carries us beyond its common use as a model for compassionate and ethical behavior. Maybe it's really not about the Samaritan...

# All On Board

by Phil Nicolai, UUCB Board of Trustees President

November is a month that gives us an opportunity to give thanks for the many things that have enriched our lives in the past year. We have just celebrated the High Holy Days from our Jewish heritage and we now look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving, a holiday that had its genesis with our Pilgrim ancestors in Plymouth. It's fitting that we also are in a period of acknowledging what our church has meant to us as part of our stewardship campaign. This church has been a lifeline to me in so many ways. It brought me back to the music that I treasured as a child and encouraged me to share my gifts with others through singing and playing the piano. It gave my children a place to learn how they fit into the wider religious fabric of our nation and I suspect that my grandchildren will be given that same gift. It also provided me consolation when my wife, Linda, died. The kindness and support that so many of you offered to me gave meaning to being part of a loving community. So this year I've increased my pledge and am matching it with a similar pledge to socially conscious organizations that I value. I hope you will join me in the spirit of generosity and thankfulness.



This annual period of thanks also prompted me to think of the members of our church community who have contributed to the vitality of UUCB in so many ways this past year and over time. The intentional and purposeful actions of our congregants enable UUCB to carry out its mission and to work towards a healthy and vibrant future.

Our organizational foundation has never been stronger, which will enable us to operate more efficiently and effectively. Through the foresight of the Board and voting members, and in large part, made possible by bequested gifts from cherished members, we have been able to make major improvements in our building. Problems with our elevator have finally been resolved, the sound system in the sanctuary has been greatly improved, and the lighting in our sanctuary will be upgraded significantly, thanks to funds from our endowment that were matched by a generous congregant.

These and other improvements resulting from the sustainable financial footing provided by our planful, forward-looking members allows the church not only to keep pace, but to pursue the progressive programming that keeps us relevant and our voice strong, to support our church and wider communities, and to preserve and enhance our historic physical plant.

I am grateful to members - past and present - for their generosity that enlivens and strengthens our church.

# THE INTERIM COMPASS

by Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen

With November at hand I realize that we will already be entering the fourth month of our time together. Ministry is primarily a relational art. Its quality depends on persons engaging with one another authentically in tasks and activities that will be consequential to the future of the entire community. Interim ministry is no different in this respect, in that it is likewise based fundamentally on covenantal promises, both articulated and implied. Congregations as a whole place trust in the larger organization to offer professional guidance during an extended time of organizational fluidity. Interim Ministers are prepared to understand and to provide encouragement as congregations experience particular strains and opportunities common to this experience.



Often I have thought of this period in the congregation's life as being something like what a "hinge" would be in relation to the opening of a new door that opens to a world unknown. A hinge in and of itself may seem to be an inauspicious perhaps, but absolutely necessary to the function of a properly hung door that opens freely and without screechy noises. The trouble is however, with the "unknown" and the polarities of anticipation and fear that speculation engenders. On the fear side... we might respond with efforts to control, or plans to manage, or fix whatever might need fixing. On the anticipation side... we might instead be enticed to put off dealing with daunting concerns that appear until the magical time when stability is restored in the person of a new Settled Minister. Your Interim Minister is here to counsel balance and to suggest that, while we may need to entertain a wide variety of visitors at the "challenges confronting us" table, in light of our faith and of our acceptance of human imperfection, as humans we are also gifted with the capacity for deliberative choice. Always on the table is the question of how wide to open that door and how can we best steward the gifts that have been given to us.

With this in mind I would like to lift up to your attention the bold persons in this congregation who have taken on roles of leadership this year. In particular, I am thinking of your Board of Trustees, of your Finance Committee, your Stewardship Committee. I suggest to you that November be declared Gratitude and Support for Leadership month. Generous and talented individuals give greatly in terms of the personal investment of their emotions, time, and skill at UUCB. Believe me, they are well acquainted with the "challenges confronting us" when they come together in discernment and for the purpose of decision-making.

The congregation's calendar requires that we are thinking far ahead, even as we navigate a variety of adjustments in keeping with the governance transition in the present. Sometimes the circumstances are uncomfortable. Sometimes tough decisions are necessary in order to move forward. This requires courage! Let November be a time to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes, what it is that makes it all work, and perhaps to better get to know the people whose intelligence, humor, and perseverance combine to strengthen the UUCB community!

Keep the Faith!

Rev. Mary Hnottavange-Telleen

# Faith Development News

Sonja Jensen, CRE

Director of Lifespan Faith Development

This year we will kick off our Guest at Your Table program at the November 9 Souper Sunday rather than in the worship service. We will have a very short announcement and we'll be sharing written materials at the lunch tables.

Each year at this time, friends and families in our congregation participate in Guest at Your Table — a 40-year UU tradition. By bringing home a beautiful Stories of Hope booklet and Guest at Your Table envelope, families and individuals learn about how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee puts our shared values into action. Through a potent combination of advocacy, education, and partnerships with grassroots human rights leaders, UUSC promotes workers' rights, upholds the human right to water, and protects communities at risk.



The UUSC is also the Organization that promoted the 100 Gardens project to promote gardens for Haiti that inspired our UUCB Garden this summer.

Through the Stories of Hope booklet, we connect with leaders throughout the world who are working hard for human rights in partnership with UUSC. Households are invited to share Guest at Your Table materials when family and friends gather together, reflect on the contributions of these "guests" toward justice, and share generously. Each week, we can choose a different story to read, bringing our guests to life and helping celebrate our own rights.

Sharing our blessings through Guest at Your Table ensures that UUSC's human rights work continues. Please consider making contributions throughout the program, to collect enough to be eligible for the matching grant: any donation of \$125 or more is eligible to be matched dollar for dollar, thanks to a generous grant by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, N.Y. This means you could double the impact of your gift!

Please be sure to pick up your Stories of Hope booklet and envelope. If you prefer, you can make your contribution online at [uusc.org/givetoguest](http://uusc.org/givetoguest). Our Guest at Your Table program will run from November 23 until December 24.

Closer to home, Sonja is working with the Universal Access and Inclusion Ministry Team (UAIM) here at UUCB to create an all ages worship service on November 23 to lift up the ways we are all touched by mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety. This is an important topic for adults as well as children and youth.

Our first principle calls us to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Both at home here in the UUCB and across the nation and the world through our support of the UUSC, we can make a difference one person at a time by lifting up and supporting the worth and dignity of the people in our worlds.

In this season of gratitude, let us be thankful for each other, and the ways in which gathering together in loving community transforms our lives and empowers us to make a difference here in Buffalo and all over the world.

# UUCB Music Notes

by Dan Bassin, Music Director

This November we have quite a number of innovative and engaging services scheduled here at UUCB, and in our Music Program we're all too happy to step-up and join in the fun! The Choir will spend the month preparing for our December Music Sunday – Part I of JS Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, which we're excited to share alongside our friends and colleagues from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – but we're also eager to team-up with guest minister Rev. Theresa Kime and our own Ministerial Search Committee and Access/Inclusion Taskforce, in addition to our continuing work providing the best musical complements for Rev. Hnottavange-Telleen's sermons, which will bookend this month.



We begin the month with musical selections including a trumpet-and-piano jazz standard, and also a touching ballad, sung by guest Alto Soloist, Monica Huntz. The Choir will conclude that service with an anthem by Persis Vehir – a composer whose works have been both commissioned by and premiered here at UUCB, and who is Composer-In-Residence at Canisius College. When Rev. Kime presents her *The Force of Kindness* sermon on November 9<sup>th</sup>, the choir will share Joan Szymko's affecting "How Did the Rose" as offertory, and also Ian W. Riddell's deeply moving setting of the Buddhist *Mettā* "Filled With Loving Kindness."

In the middle of the month, we join with two important teams within our church: the Ministerial Search Committee; and our Access and Inclusion Taskforce. On Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>, the *MSC* will lead an emotionally-charged and inspiring service with lots of music and lots of fun – and everyone's invited! The Choir will collaborate in an intergenerational celebration of music, story, and reflection in a service that is not-to-be-missed! Our church has the honor of being only one of ten congregations across the denomination selected for the UU pilot Disability/Ability Action Program. We're honored to provide music for their service, which will include among other things a classic hit by Gloria Estefan!

Finally, we end the month back with Rev. Mary H-T, but also with the following week's Music Sunday in clear view. Our minister will be preaching about the parable of the Good Samaritan, and what can be learned from a different take on this seemingly well-known lesson. With December's Bach forthcoming, we'll turn for this service to the music of another church composer – and the subject of our April Music Sunday service – the Austrian romantic master composer, Anton Bruckner, presenting his hauntingly beautiful *Os justi meditabitur*.

# Questions Raised by New Friends Bring Clarity

by Christine Derby-Cuadrado, Membership Coordinator



I have to thank some new friends I met at the Welcome Table a few weeks ago for presenting me with questions like, “Why does the UUCB have a two step path to membership?” and “And WHAT! Even for people who have belonged to other UU Churches?” It made me realize that even if I understand the answers to these questions, others may not.

Currently, here at the UUCB, we have a two step process to membership. The model that existed when I was hired, and at one time was beneficial, was a single step membership class. This class introduced people to the UU Faith and allowed them to become members all in the same three hours. Looking at the data and exit interviews half the people who attended this class were brand new, not really connected, and only wanted to learn more about the UU Faith. Some felt a kind of pressure to sign the membership book and at the end of class wouldn't be seen again. Others, swept by excitement would hurriedly commit, not having fully processed the information from the class, then realize they made a mistake and disappear.

SO breaking the single class apart into two classes seemed logical to reducing the “revolving door.” In the first class, “Exploring UU,” we discover the UU faith, connect with other people who are new to the UUCB, share personal spiritual journeys, analyze the risk of commitment to community, and then learn all the ways to be connected at the UUCB (what groups exist, who to contact, etc.). Each attendee receives a copy of Peter Morales's book “The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide.” There is no signing the membership book at the end of class allowing time to process and connect while contemplating membership. This class is offered monthly.

The “Exploring UU” class is a pre-requisite to the second step, which is clearly defined as the “Becoming UU Membership Commitment” class.

In the “Becoming UU Membership Commitment” class we delve into UU history, personal theology, what you hope to gain by being in community and what gifts you wish to share. We discuss the meaning and importance of membership commitment including leadership and stewardship. There is no pressure to sign the book, however at the end of class, there is an opportunity to sign and become an official member.

So to answer the final question, “Why do you have to go if you had belonged to another UU church?” The answer is based in our faith and allowance for diversity. UU churches are not ritualized and formulaic. Each UU church is uniquely influenced by its area, history, members and leadership. A UU church located in the “bible belt” may be different than one on the west coast or the east coast. Some UU churches heavily rely on the 7 Principles, while others barely consider them. Due to diversity it is important to get to know this church, the UUCB, in particular to discover if it is your spiritual home.

We have found more success and stronger connection with the two step process, which has now been in place for about a year. I will be taking time during November and December to evaluate the classes and then make some appropriate changes. I will be accomplishing this with some newer research and with some help from Rev. Hnottavange-Telleen, the Welcome and Connection Team plus seminarians Sue Frawley & Bob LaValle. The goal is to have the classes up and running in mid-January 2015. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me, Christine, at [membership@BuffaloUU.org](mailto:membership@BuffaloUU.org) or at 716/885-2136 ext. 8.

Your continued support in creating a meaningful path to membership is fully appreciated.  
Thank you.

# News from the Ministerial Search Committee

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

We have spent the last several months getting to know each other better, deepening our understanding of how we each view the church and the search process. By honestly sharing our thoughts and concerns with each other, we are learning how our differences can make us a stronger committee, better able to serve our congregation in this sacred task.

In this process, we have discovered new ways to interpret the data collected last year, as well as new ways to reach those of you who had not responded to the traditional email-based communications we have used in our church. You may have noticed us button-holing as many folks as possible after services (the MSC members are sporting bright orange nametags, thanks to Membership Coordinator Christine Derby-Cuadrado). We have held brief but extraordinary conversations where we heard the deep yearning for connection and larger purpose many in the congregation feel. The personal, one-on-one exchanges allow for questions, clarifications, and deep explanations of the desire for MORE: more loving connection within the church, more connection to the larger community, more action to create a better world. We will integrate the information from these conversations into the survey data, as well as the results of the cottage meetings and the Beyond Categorical Thinking. Through this, we hope to create a representative portrait of our whole congregation for the Congregational Record.

At the end of October, we completed the first draft of our Congregational Record, a profile of our church and congregation which ministers-in-search read to determine their potential interest in churches. The draft was reviewed by Rev. Craig Schwalenberg, our Ministerial Search Representative, and Interim Minister Rev. Mary, and we will be revising this important statement in preparation for its posting to the UUA Transitions website on November 30. The Committee is also reviewing the Congregational Packet prepared by last year's committee. We anticipate using much of the information already gathered; this material will be shared with interested ministers-in-search later in the year. Once again, we express profound gratitude for the work done by the 2013 Search Committee.

In order to inform the congregation about the search process and to involve everyone in constructing the portrait of the minister we seek, the Search Committee will lead a worship service on November 16. At this time, we will also make our covenant with the congregation. Please spread the word and invite congregants who might not ordinarily read the Newsletter or the Friday email blasts. There is more information about the service in another part of the Newsletter, and we will keep you updated on November 2nd and 9th.



# Women's Society Welcomes Historian Steve Cichon

Join us on Thursday November 20 when Mr. Steve Cichon will speak about "Buffalo Retail" stories of old Buffalo in its prime. Steve Cichon is a local historian and a dynamic speaker.

We start at 11 A.M. with appetizers, drinks and wine. At 11:30 our speaker will begin. Then at 12:30 a wonderful catered lunch will be served.

The fee for the lunch is \$15.00 if paid in advance and \$17, if paid at the door. Payment paid in advance is greatly appreciated as it helps us to give our caterer an accurate head count. Reservations can be made in the parish hall on Sunday November 9 and Sunday November 16 or at [Josettepc50@gmail.com](mailto:Josettepc50@gmail.com). Your check can then be mailed to the church labeled: ATTENTION: Josh Layton. Make it payable to the UUCB and on the memo line write Women's Society Program.

Do come and enjoy an afternoon going down "Memory Lane".



## Training for Covenant Group Facilitators

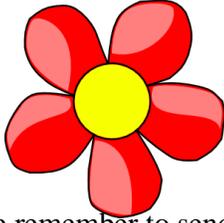
*Training for new covenant group facilitators has been scheduled for two Saturdays – November 15 and 22 - from 9:00 AM to noon. Participation in both training sessions is required.*

Covenant groups are small, supportive sharing groups. We call them “covenant groups” because the central feature of each group is a promise we make to one another to build trust, listen deeply, share openly, and care for one another. The congregation places special trust in its covenant group leadership. Therefore, training and support for each facilitator is essential. In addition to the initial two-session training, covenant leaders meet monthly for peer support and continued training. Even if you are not ready to take on the role of facilitator at this time, we encourage you to consider the training. This will strengthen your participation in your current covenant group, and benefit your other relationships as well.



*If you would like more information, or would like to register for the training, please contact our Facilitator trainer, Liz Parke, at [eparke@me.com](mailto:eparke@me.com).*

# Pulpit Flower Ministry Schedule



## November

2nd: Martha Malkiewicz  
9th: Kathy Kubala  
16th: Andrea Burke-Harris  
23rd: Open  
30th: Open



Please remember to send your check in the amount of \$35.00 to the church office before your reserved Sunday, payable to UUCB with "pulpit flowers" on the memo line, and your text dedication should be sent to [pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org](mailto:pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org). There are open dates that are still available in November, and some Sundays are open in 2015. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this ministry and sponsoring flowers on one of our remaining open dates.

## Social Justice Task Force News

by Ellen Moomaw

- 1) Please join the campaign to create a natural access park on the Outer Harbor, open and available to all people. Let's not build high-priced housing there. We have housing available where there is already infrastructure in place. Email to make your statement: [http://www.change.org/p/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-create-a-park-with-significant-waterfront-access-on-buffalo-s-outer-harbor-based-upon-the-ideas-of-21st-century-on-the-outer-harbor-s-conceptual-rendering?Recruiter=66877335&utm\\_campaign=mailto:link&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=share\\_petition](http://www.change.org/p/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-create-a-park-with-significant-waterfront-access-on-buffalo-s-outer-harbor-based-upon-the-ideas-of-21st-century-on-the-outer-harbor-s-conceptual-rendering?Recruiter=66877335&utm_campaign=mailto:link&utm_medium=email&utm_source=share_petition)
- 2) The Peace Center of Western NY is having their Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Convention Center. Email [annualdinner2014@WNYPeace.org](mailto:annualdinner2014@WNYPeace.org) or phone 332-3904 for information and to reserve your spot.
- 3) Join the Sierra Club Energy Group every first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Alliance Room to learn more about Climate Change and to strategize ways to educate our region about this threat
- 4) Make your own commitment regarding the climate crisis: Change to CFL bulbs, Shop for the most energy efficient electronics and appliances, Shut off equipment and lights when not in use, Ride public transit, Carpool or Bike one or more times per week, Forward a Climate Email Message to 5 friends.
- 5) UU/UNO News: Women's Initiative for Security and Peacebuilding ([uua.org/peace/women](http://uua.org/peace/women)) Commission on the Status of Women – Every year, representatives gather at United Nations in NYC to promote women's empowerment worldwide. The Commission on the Status of Women is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is a global policy-making body dedicated to the advancement of women. In 2014, the UU-UNO hosted two parallel events during the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). One panel focused on the effects of climate change on maternal health and the other on the role of women in post-disaster reconstruction and recovery. 2015 will be an important one for CSW, as Beijing+20 (the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Women's Conference) will be held and showcase the progress and setbacks for women around the world. For more information on this event and to attend, contact [unitednations@uua.org](mailto:unitednations@uua.org).
- 6) Remember to **BUNDLE UP BUFFALO** by bringing children's, women's and men's outgrown or extra outerwear, hats, mittens, boots, etc. to UUCB and put in the bins by either entrance to the sanctuary.
- 7) Next meeting: November 9 in the Community Room at noon.

# Sharing the November Plate with Artfarms Buffalo

In keeping with our mission to create a more just and compassionate world, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo shares our weekly collection plate with a local agency, living out our generosity in the Buffalo community.



The November share-the-plate recipient is Artfarms Buffalo. Artfarms uses an alternative approach to redeveloping vacant places. Its strategy is simple: to develop cultural concepts which are able to underpin private investment by others. Through creative management of vacant land and space, they inspire new discussion about its future potential and elevate vacancy management from a stop gap measure into a place's largest opportunity for reinvention. Artfarms acts as the liaison for a range of diverse and interconnected civic, social, economic and cultural groups.

National grants, private investment, public participation and community outreach have all helped to sustain and grow the project to its current state. Artfarms works in conjunction with the Lt. Matt Urban Human Services Center of W.N.Y. to achieve these goals.

Artfarms Buffalo invites recognized artists to design large format sculptures for Buffalo's East Side urban farms. Used as growth structures for fruits, vegetables and flowers, these large scale planted sculptures create new cultural attractions in vacant urban areas and become a backdrop to attract and support development by others. Artfarms turns the East Side's vacant properties into a new landscape of growing sculpture forming a new perception of the area. One that brings more visitors to the farm produce stores, more positive impressions of the area's future more potential of attracting other small business development. The result is a synergy where ongoing vacant land repurposing efforts are enhanced through their coordination with a larger cultural perspective.

The Michigan Riley Farm is in the Masten Park neighborhood and is run as a combination urban farm and community garden where farmers pledge more of their time and get to share in profits from sales. Gardeners come and go as they wish but get to keep a share of produce on days that they work. This past summer the Michigan Riley Farm provided children's art classes on the newly installed tree table sculpture! The Wilson Street Urban Farm was the first partner farm and has been a masthead for the East Side urban farming movement. It is a family operated urban garden whose goal is to make fresh, local, naturally grown produce readily available to residents on the East side. Community participation is encouraged to help people in the neighborhood reconnect to the environment and to each other.

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

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



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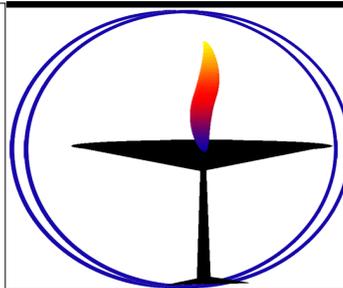
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## Happening at the UUCB

### UUCB Book Group

**November 24 at 7 PM location TBD**

We will be discussing Five Days at Memorial: life and death in a storm-ravaged hospital, by Sheri Fink. Please call our host-of-the-month at 833-3615 to let her know you are coming so that she may plan for refreshments and seating.

Newcomers who have read the book are welcome. (Be sure to call the host to tell her that you are coming). Looking ahead, there is NO meeting in December. On January 26 we will be discussing The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak and Trudy White.

### Advent Spiral

In the deep, dark of winter, we celebrate the return of light. Please join us in the Parish Hall at 5:15pm on Sunday, December 1st to create this year's Advent Spiral. The Spiral will begin in darkness and silence at 5:30, ending with a silent, glowing spiral of light about one hour later. If you have any questions (or would like to help set up the spiral), please contact Liz Parke at 877-4686 or [eparke@me.com](mailto:eparke@me.com).



## Fun and Fellowship Auction news

This year's Fun and Fellowship Auction will be held Sunday January 18, 2015 instead of our usual November date, to avoid conflicting with the many other fall activities at UUCB. We will start officially accepting donations in late November but don't let that stop you from thinking of creative dinners, events, parties, and activities that you might offer...



## Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

As I write this notice, I am looking out the window at a cold and damp day. This certainly puts us in the mood to order our wreaths and poinsettias.



Last year I received this note praising the wreaths, "This year's wreath requires a special communication. It is exceptional! Beautifully made, great fresh branches, and an aromatic scent—the best ever." Our wreaths cost less than most nurseries.

The wreaths are approximately 20 – 22" in diameter. They are trimmed with pinecones and bows, and they are freshly made to our order by Weeks' nursery. The wreaths that are hung outside usually last most of the winter. The poinsettias are in 6 1/2 inch pots and come in red, white, or pink. An order blank is included in this newsletter. All wreaths and poinsettias must be paid for when the order is turned in.

The poinsettias and wreaths will be delivered Sunday, December 7 in the Women's Lounge. Orders will be taken in the Parish Hall during coffee hour on November 16, 23, and 30 or you can turn your order and money in to the church office by December 1. The proceeds will benefit the church. Questions? Call Nancy Thomas 885-8233.

## Compost for sale as long as supplies last

This pure organic product comes from the church yard and gardens. The price is a dirt cheap \$5 for a tall kitchen bag full, about 30 lb. See Tony Keller in the parish hall to order.

## UUCB Yarnbusters

Not for knitters only.

Open to the community; church membership not required. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays of each month in the Women's Lounge from

approximately 6:30 to

8 "or so." Can't make it at 6:30? That's okay. This is not a meeting, drop in when you can. So... Grab your sticks, hooks or needles and join us on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information email me, Sharon Walker, at [sharonw447@gmail.com](mailto:sharonw447@gmail.com).



## Know Canada! -- A Cultural Salute to Our Northern Neighbors

Presented by Michael Harris

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am

In this course, we will look at some of the most notable and influential cultural figures to come out of Canada: musicians, writers and thinkers who have changed the world with their achievements. In our attempt to know Canada better, we'll discover how much our country has been affected and enriched by this people of the 'Great White North'. \$75 for full course or \$10 per session.

### Upcoming Schedule:

November 12: Trudeaumania! -- The Life and Legacy of Pierre Eliot Trudeau

November 19: Separatist Canada -- The Question of Sovereignty for Quebec

December 3: Not Just Folks! -- Leonard Cohen and Joni Mitchell

December 10: Canada's Nobel Prize Storyteller -- Alice Munro

December 17: Canadian Woman of Letters -- Margaret Atwood

