

# The UU Church of Buffalo



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January 2017 Newsletter

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## January's Heart and Soul Question: What does it mean to be a Community of Prophecy?

Rev. Joan Montagnes

**All the prophets of all the ages gone by and all the prophets of the current age  
have one thing in common**

**They tell the truth as they see it and hold us accountable to higher and more moral behavior. They show us the gap between our current behavior and behavior of the Beloved Community. Prophets use the power of their voice to transform society. They call for greater peace, greater justice and greater compassion.**

**Prophets, however, do not have an easy go of it.** Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Amos was exiled. And the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered. Telling the truth is lonely and dangerous business.

**We are called, as a community of faith, to be a prophetic church** regardless of the loneliness or the danger. A prophetic church uses its voice to transform society. We fly banners, march on Washington,

organize letter writing campaigns, and visit legislators all in the name of speaking our truth to power and using our power to transform our wider community.

**Naturally, prophecy is less lonely and less dangerous when we gather** as a congregation and speak with one voice. We will be much harder to shut up or ignore when we speak our truth together. We will also be more effective and powerful in our prophecy.

**The Rev. Mark Morrison Reed reminds us:**

“The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others. Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice.

It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own, but as members of a larger community. The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done. Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed.”

**We are stronger when we join in a congregation speaking truth to power.** We are even stronger when we join with other houses of worship, labor unions and civic organizations to tell the truth and prophesy together.

**Democracy as we have known it has failed the moral test.** Today, if we want decision-makers to be accountable to us and to our hopes for a Beloved Community, they will have to be pressured by the grassroots.

**We, in our church, are not struggling for justice on our own** (and it's a good thing too, because we wouldn't get very far on our own). Even though we are not officially members, we are partnering with VOICE-Buffalo, a grass-roots community organizing network of over fifty religious communities and secular agencies. VOICE makes real change in Erie County – especially in the areas of criminal justice, workforce diversity and development, disability and accessibility, and refugee and immigrant leadership – all current and historical social justice ministries of our congregation.



**On January 29, at our congregational meeting, the Board of Trustees will ask for a vote to affirm our membership in VOICE-Buffalo.** I encourage you to vote "Yes" so we may become a more effective prophetic social justice congregation.

***You are a prophet. Your voice counts. You are never alone.***

Yours in faith and affection, Rev. Joan Montagnes



## Joys and Sorrows



**Nathan Santiago, Tess Helliwell's beau and live in partner attended church only two weeks after brain surgery.** We are jubilant for his recovery.

**Kaitlin Steinberg has had a dreadful autumn, spent mostly in the hospital.** She misses her church community terribly and would appreciate phone calls and cards.

**We send healing wishes to Susan Mann-Dolce** who is recovering from shoulder surgery.



# Pulpit Previews

## December Worship Theme: Presence



**This month, in all our ministries, we ask: What does it mean to be a Community of Prophecy?**

**January 1 “Who Chooses the Chosen One?”** Sarah Martin, DRE, and Daniel Bassin, Music Director

Prophecies are a recurring theme in oral stories and literature. It is always a thrill to ride alongside a character who has been chosen to fulfill a spectacular destiny. What happens when there's room for interpretation in the prophecy? What part does a character play in creating a place in the story? What part do we play?

**January 8 “Three Easy Tips to Survive 2017”** Rev. Joan Montagnes

Step right up, folks! Here is your Field Guide to the Future! All you need is a few simple lessons to make it through the wilds of our brave new world.

**January 15 “Dreaming Boldly”** Rev. Joan Montagnes

This Martin Luther King Jr. weekend we look deep into our dreams to see the future.

**January 22 “Voicing Our Hopes”** Rev. Joan Montagnes

Most Americas are disenchanted with yesterday's democracy. Your voice needs to be heard. Your hopes can be realized. But you can do nothing alone. Discover the power and the possibility of organized change from the grassroots.

**January 29 "Holding Space for the Prophet in Each of Us"** Covenant Group Ministry

Being "prophetic" doesn't have to mean seeing the future, but rather seeing clearly and speaking the truth. Our own truth. In our Covenant groups, we hold each other faithfully in a space where we can listen and be seen and heard as, together, we face life's challenges. There is room for everyone.



December 4 Holiday Music Sunday



# Religious Education and January Events

Sarah Martin, Director of Religious Education

## Religious Education

**We have so many things happening in Religious Education at UUCB this winter!** This January, our grade 4 and 5 class will engage in the Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum. OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education program developed by the UUA and United Church of Christ. The focus of the program is to support and enhance the sexuality education students are getting at home while equipping them with healthy decision-making skills, and accurate, age-appropriate knowledge of sexual health issues. OWL is an integral part of our religious education programming and we are thrilled to offer it at this level.

**Also coming up in January, at our Third Friday Potluck, we will be working alongside the Ministry4Earth team** to launch a program that will help our families reduce their carbon footprint and have fun together at the same time!

**Religious Education volunteers save the date!** On January 28 we will hold a retreat at the church for our volunteer teachers, assistants, and mentors. The focus of the retreat will be building a self-care practice that restores and refreshes us, enabling us to best serve the children and youth in our program.

## Adult Faith Development

**You won't want to miss the exciting classes and events we have planned in Adult Faith Development.** Here's a taste of what's to come this winter! To register for any of our classes, use the following link, or pick up a hard copy registration at the Religious Education table or Welcome table on Sunday morning.

<https://goo.gl/forms/kLBr8FyAB7kCaA8O2>

### Intro to Applied Sufism-Mysticism

**We are so excited to offer this class with Dr. Yunus Kumek**, Religious Studies Coordinator for the Department of Philosophy at SUNY Buffalo State. This

class will be offered in two 8-class sessions. **One session will be held on Sunday afternoons, after coffee hour, and the other on Monday mornings.** Register for one session only, please.

### **Begins Sunday, January 22 or Monday, January 23**

◇ Session 1: Sundays – 12:00 noon - 1:15 pm

◇ Session 2: Mondays – 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Suggested donation: \$30 for all 8 classes

Registration deadline: January 15

### Building Your Own Theology

**What do you believe? No really, what do you believe?**

Begin to articulate your faith in four easy classes.

Describe your spiritual relationship with Ultimate Reality, History, Society, and the Future. The instructor for this class will be Rev. Joan Montagnes.

Saturdays, Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

1-3pm, Alliance Room

Registration deadline: January 27

### The Transcendentalists

**Coming in March, a four-part series on the**

**Transcendentalists.** Join our congregation's very own Ann Rivera in exploring Emerson, Thoreau, Fuller, and Parker, as well as the religious and social history of Transcendentalism.

Suggested donation: \$15

Time and dates TBA

### Storytelling Workshop

**To be rescheduled for March:** Join professional storyteller Julie Rigano for a high energy storytelling workshop. March is our month of "Risk", so step out of your comfort zone and join us for this one-time workshop.

Suggested donation: \$10

Time and date TBA

Also coming up this quarter, a soon-to-be-scheduled Intro to Unitarian Universalism class!

# January 2017 Music Notes

Daniel Bassin, Music Director



**What does it mean to be a ‘community of prophecy?’ And what does that sound like?** As a musician, I spend quite a bit of my time considering how we human beings organize time, and as a church musician, one anticipates a certain soundscape based on events in the church calendar. We all knew to anticipate the richness, unabashed joy, and wonderment of last month’s Christmas and winter season music. The new year, however, can have far more complicated soundscapes. I’ve often considered the proximity of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday with that of Mozart’s – I can’t explain why, but there’s something so potentially hopeful about January.

**As we head into 2017, we find ourselves in a year beginning with political change** after a year or two of at times unbearably political ratcheting. I’m very pleased to speak on behalf of Rev. Montagnes and my colleagues in the UUCB Choir, that we are planning music to look forward to. Throughout the month, our services will feature choral and instrumental complements to a richly diverse, but deeply focused, series of Sunday services.

**We begin the month on New Year’s Day**, and soloists Jennifer Mernitz and Michael Harris will be featured alongside our in-house cornette-and-piano duo in selections which will include a special arrangement of Robert Burns’ immortal, “Auld Lang Syne”.

**Sunday, January 22, Rev. Montagnes delivers ‘Voicing our Hopes’**, and we will hear both Mark David Buckles’ setting of Unitarian Universalism’s Fifth Principle, “*The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large*”, and Dr. Ysaye Barnwell’s rousing “*Hope*”.

**On Sunday, January 8, keyboardist Michael Harris will begin a month-long residency**, filling in for Su Lee (who will return on Sunday, February 12), and accompanying the Choir on two gorgeous anthems: Joan Szymko’s setting of Langston Hughes’s “*I Dream a World*”, and the final selection from Randall Thompson’s *Frostiana*, “*Choose Something Like a Star*”.

**Finally, we end the month on January 29 with a service led by our Covenant Groups**, and the Choir will offer up Duke Ellington’s powerful, “*Come Sunday*”, and Moses Hogan’s ecstatic, “*Elijah Rock*”.

**For the January 15 service, *Dreaming Boldly***, we will feature both a rare choir anthem by jazz piano great, Dave Brubeck – his setting of Langston Hughes’s poem, “*Dreamer*” – and our own Michael Harris’s remarkable setting of “*We Shall Overcome*”.

**We are also continually scheduling community musical events in our wonderful sanctuary – check out the weekly UUCB Email Blasts for updates!**

**We look forward to sharing times of music, worship, and community with each of you!**



## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Liz Clarke, UUCB Board President

**This month we consider what it means to be a community of prophecy.** According to one definition, prophets are called (and call others) to justice, community and action. In other words, prophecy is more than foretelling the future; it is a call to action so that we can create the future that we want for ourselves and for others.

**The Board is planning a very engaging Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 29, following the church service.** We hope to see many of you there. In addition to our standard business (a review of the 2016 finances and the election of two new Board members), we hope to capture your attention and call you to action on two different matters.

**The first, already described in more detail in the December newsletter, is a call for engagement in a congregation-wide effort to create financial stability,** independent from special endowment draws. As our Strategy Committee will help explain at the meeting, we have a five-fold plan for freeing ourselves from reliance on our endowment. I predict that each of you can find a way to participate in a part of this plan that speaks directly to something important to you.

**The second is a call for the congregation to decide whether our church should join VOICE Buffalo.** This is our opportunity to raise our voice in conjunction with other faith communities and social organizations, to engage in conversation with local policy makers and hold them accountable for making better decisions that are in the best interest of the community as a whole. VOICE Buffalo has four active campaigns right now: Criminal Justice, Workforce Diversity and Development, Disability and Accessibility, and Refugee and Immigrant Leadership.

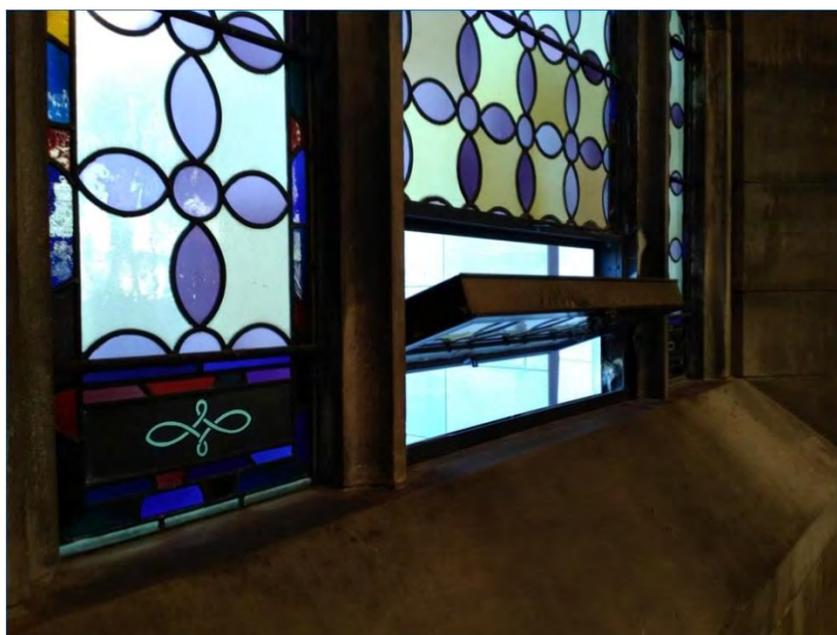
**According to our governance policy, “The Minister shall lead the spiritual, programmatic, and administrative work of the church.”** It would be well within her authority to make this decision on her own.

**But we are a Community, and she has asked the Board to support this decision.** And together, the Board and the Minister have decided that this decision will serve our church best if it has the full support of the Congregation in Meeting.

**And so, I urge you to attend the Congregational Meeting, after service on January 29.** I urge you to step up to your responsibility to vote. And I encourage you to join me, and the rest of the Board, by voting in favor of having our church become a member of VOICE Buffalo.

**Together,** we can become a Community of Prophecy beyond the walls of our building.

**In loving faith and service,  
Liz Parke, Board President**



# UUCB Trustee Election

January 29, 2017, Congregational Meeting

On January 29, 2017, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo winter Congregational Meeting will be held after worship service.

As part of the agenda, active members of the church will elect new UUCB Board members to 3-year terms; the nominees were selected by the Nominating Committee. The UU Church of Buffalo thanks the outgoing members of the Board for their service over the last three years. Below are brief biographies of the nominees put forth by the Nominating Committee.

## Andrea Burke-Harris

has been involved with our UUCB community since 1990. She taught several levels of RE classes when her children Gwyneth and Gavin were growing up. Currently she is a volunteer with Family Promise and sings in our glorious choir. Her husband Gregg is a member of the Fixed Assets Committee. She is excited and feels that she would really like to be a part of the positive energy and growth of UUCB that Rev. Joan is creating. She hopes that she will bring to the Board a willingness to listen, to learn and to act on the congregation's intent. She hopes that our congregation can welcome more people and families to services and events, and that our connections through inter-faith activities will facilitate change in the community.

## Mary Coleman

has been a member of the church since 1984. She and her husband, Mario Nunez, have two sons, Raul and Tomas, who attended RE classes and were members of the Youth Group. Mary was a member of the RE Committee and taught RE. She served on the Nominating Committee and was a member of the New Friends and Members Committee. She has assisted with the Church Auction and Choir Dinner, and is an enthusiastic participant on any team involved in preparation of good food. She is currently a member of the Adventures and Delights Committee. Mary is honored to be allowed to serve as a member of the Board.

## Mary Richert

joined the church via the choir in 1989. Her son John Flaherty is a lifelong member. Mary is a member of the choir, the Music Ministry Team, and the Women's Society. She has served on the Board, the Nominating Committee, the Canvass Campaign, and has helped with tutoring at Vive La Casa, with sleepovers for Family Promise, and with architectural tours of our building. A retired English teacher, Mary says, "three decades of teaching have developed in me strong habits of showing up, paying attention, and seeing people's bright lights." Mary celebrates our church's long history of social justice as a core value, and believes that the good fortune of our placement in the heart of our city can provide us, especially now, with the opportunity to listen with more subtlety to the needs of those around us, to address those needs directly, and to speak clearly to all our neighbors in the Greater Buffalo Community.



# Women's March on Washington

Rev. Joan Montagnes and Elizabeth Parke, Board President



**We are going to Washington, DC, on January 21, 2017  
for the Women's March on Washington**

## **Who wants to come with us?**

**It's not just a march for women. This is a march for everyone.** It is for you. It is a march for those you love. It is a march for your neighbor. It's an opportunity for the spiritual practice of showing up. It's a chance to be present with the vibrant and diverse communities that are the strength of this country.

**The rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened all kinds of people** – women, immigrants, those with diverse religious faiths (particularly Muslims), people who are LGBTQIA, Native and Indigenous people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, the economically impoverished and survivors of sexual assault.

**Who wants to join with us in saying "no" to the demoralizing and violent language of fear, hatred, and oppression?**  
Who wants to join with us in helping the new administration understand their responsibilities to us as a nation?

**Let's join in the spirit of democracy. Let's honor champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us,** by being present in this moment of history. We want to show the new administration our numbers, our diversity, and our beauty.

## **Who wants to come with us?**

**Sign-up sheets will be on the Adult Faith Development Table on Sunday mornings.**

We will hold conversations about carpooling and meet-up spots on dates to be determined soon. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/events/2169332969958991/>

# Covenant Group Ministry News

## Covenant Group Facilitator Training

Training for new Covenant group facilitators has been scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Covenant groups are small, supportive sharing groups of eight to ten people. We call them “covenant groups” because the central feature of the group is a promise we make to one another to build trust, listen deeply, share openly, and care for one another in the highs and lows of our individual lives. The preferred model is for each group to have two trained facilitators. Because covenant groups are not therapy, support or problem solving groups, the facilitator’s role is unique. Good listening abilities and a mature stable personality as well as

warmth and compassion are prerequisites. Facilitators are responsible for preparing and facilitating sessions, as well as being alert to situations which may warrant pastoral care. Even if you are not ready to take on the role of facilitator at this time, we encourage you to consider the training. Current participation in a group is not required. If you would like more information, or would like to register for the training, stop at the Welcome table or e-mail [covenantgroups@buffalouu.org](mailto:covenantgroups@buffalouu.org).

## January 29, 2017 is Covenant Group Ministry Sunday!

**Morning Service: “Holding Space” for each other can be a lot of heart-work.** Join us as we share about the ways that our Covenant groups provide a place for us to grow spiritually. Through deep listening and the creation of a safe sacred space, we can reflect deeply and share openly about what is important to us. “The places in which we are seen and heard are holy places. They remind us of our value as human beings.”

## All-Church Annual Covenant Group Pot Luck

Later on Sunday, Jan. 29, please join us for a pot luck dinner from 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcomed. Members of existing groups, and anyone interested in learning more about these groups, are invited to participate. We will share the warm fellowship of a pot-luck meal, then divide into smaller groups to allow everyone to share in a Covenant group experience. Families are welcomed for the dinner, and child care will be available following the dinner. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will need child care. To sign up for the potluck, stop at the Welcome table in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information about the dinner or would like to learn more about Covenant groups, please e-mail [covenantgroups@buffalouu.org](mailto:covenantgroups@buffalouu.org).

## Coffee Hour Hosts

As a service to the church community, Covenant group members will be your hosts during several coffee hours throughout the year. On December 4 the Wednesday Wild Wymmin group served up delightful French pastries while sporting a dazzling array of berets and scarves. The Sunday Covenant group provided an abundance of goodies on December 11. These social hours will provide a great opportunity for you to chat with group members and learn more about the Covenant groups. We look forward to serving you!



# UUCB Women's Society

## January 19 Program and Luncheon

### [A NEW BUFFALO RIVER, presented by Wendy Paterson of Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper](#)

**At 11:30 am on Thursday, January 19, the UUCB Women's Society will welcome Wendy Paterson, Community Outreach Coordinator for Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeeper.** Wendy will explain Riverkeeper's recently completed removal of toxic material from the water and bed of the Buffalo River.

**She will also describe the current shoreline habitat restoration project** and the role of volunteers in Riverkeeper's work. We can all look forward to enjoying a "new Buffalo River," thanks to Riverkeeper.

**A catered luncheon will follow Wendy's presentation.** Reservations may be made in the Parish Hall after the service on January 1 and 8, or by contacting the Church Office: 885-2136 or [office@buffalouu.org](mailto:office@buffalouu.org). Cost of the luncheon is \$15 for Women's Society members and \$20 for non-members. The presentation alone (without the lunch) is \$5 for non-members.



Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper accepts Thies International Riverprize in New Delhi, India

### [FOOD PANTRY](#)

**During January, the Food Pantry requests donations of macaroni and cheese.** Look for the Food Donation container in the Parish Hall.

### [UUCB WOMEN'S SOCIETY BOOK SALE - APRIL, 2017](#)

**The 2017 Book Sale will be held on the last two weekends in April: April 22, 23, 29 and 30.** Books for the sale are now being accepted. Please leave them in neat piles or in boxes on the steps inside the Elmwood Avenue door.

### [UUCB WOMEN'S SOCIETY January 16 BOARD MEETING](#)

**The Board will meet in the M. Gardner Meeting Room (formerly the Women's Meeting Room) at 11:00 am.** All are welcome.

# Universal Access and Inclusion Ministry Team

## Social Justice Project

**Many people see disability as a medical condition.** We call this the Medical Model of disability, and it's view is that something is wrong with the disabled person.

**Many others see disability as a social condition** and people with disabilities as the largest minority in the United States. **The Social Model of disability perceives diversity in physical, mental and emotional ability as natural, and disability as a condition of the environment and people's perceptions.** The Social Model looks at a set of stairs and says it is disabling to a person who uses a wheelchair, and that the stairs are the thing that needs to change.

**With that in mind, UAIM took on the project of inspecting polling sites for accessibility during this past election.** Along with disability rights activists in the community, members of UAIM surveyed about 40 polling sites. Results were shared with Disability Rights New York, a non-profit watchdog. Additionally, we got pledges from many congregation members who asked to use the Automark (the accessible ballot marking

machine) on election day and are giving feedback on their experience through a brief survey to Disability Rights New York.

**We found the experience to be eye opening.** Some poll workers said that no one had used the Automark since they'd started having them 5 years ago. A few people experienced being discouraged from using the Automark. It is a Catch 22 of accessibility: if the place is not fully welcoming, then people will not make the effort to go there, thus you never see a person with a disability, and so you do not see the need for modifications. Our efforts confirmed that we have come a long way towards being accessible, but we can do more.

**We look forward to organizing small teams to survey again,** and sharing in fellowship on upcoming election days. If you would like to join UAIM, we meet on the second Wednesday every month – on January 11 – at 5:30 pm.



## Fun and Fellowship Auction



Co-chairs: [Juli Van Woert & Charlie Kaars](#)

**Mark your calendar for February 26, 2017!** It's the date of the **Fun and Fellowship Auction** to be held in the Parish Hall before and after Sunday Service.

**At the Fun and Fellowship auction, instead of "stuff", we offer our-selves**, our time, our talents, our expertise, and the things we love doing with others. Like picnics, parties, dinners, hikes, kayaking, cleaning and landscaping services, tailoring, historical tours, or even a beekeeping outing! Anything fun which brings us together in fellowship is a great idea for an auction item. Let your imagination run wild.

**So, say you like to cook vegetarian food, and can fit 8 around your dining room table.** Pick a date and offer a dinner for 7 (you need to sit and eat too). At the auction, church folk will bid on individual seats for your dinner. On the appointed date, all 8 of you will enjoy eating together while getting to know each other. The church raises money and everyone has a great time at events all through the year.

**So start thinking about what you might offer** and start saving for that "Buy Now" bid on something wonderful that you don't want to miss out on!

Contact [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com) with questions.

## UUCB Book Group

January 30, 2:00 pm



**We will be discussing "A God In Ruins" by Kate Atkinson at a member's home.** Newcomers who have read the book are always welcome. Contact our host-of-the-month, Paulette at [paoletta666@gmail.com](mailto:paoletta666@gmail.com) to let her know you are coming so she may plan for seating and refreshments.

**Looking ahead: February 27 at 3:00 pm**  
– **"The Submission"** by Amy Waldman.

## Racial Justice Ministry Team



Barbara Kloberdanz

### Where Are We Going?

"There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done. There are thousands to prophesy failure. There are thousands to point out to you, one by one, the dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in, with a bit of a grin, Just take off your coat and go to it. Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing that cannot be done—and you'll do it." *Edgar A. Guest*

**That seems to describe where we are as our team tries to plan where we are going.** Each month brings countless opportunities for our involvement both as individuals and as a team. Truly we cannot prophesy, we can only act in love and hope as we get out there and show ourselves as caring members of UUCB. We can create the world we want. Not only can we, we must. As we work through our activism we are also creating a marvelous bond with each other as we share our experiences.

**We are coming to a deeper understanding** of the actions that we need to take.

**Are you more of an introvert?** We do not all go to the ramparts. Please try us out and you'll see that there is a place for all of us in this work.

**Let's surprise the world with our successes.** Then later they can say this was their prophecy.

**The next meeting of RJMT is Sunday January 15, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** For any questions contact [bklober@aol.com](mailto:bklober@aol.com)



## 3rd Friday Potluck

January 20, 5:30 pm



**At the Third Friday Potluck, Religious Education will be working alongside the Ministry4Earth team** to launch a program that will help our families reduce their carbon footprint and have fun together at the same time!

## UAIM update



**The Church has recently had installed a tele-coil system for people who have hearing aids.** This system transmits directly from the sanctuary microphone to the hearing aids of parishioners who have a tele-coil setting in their hearing aids. This system is regarded as state-of-the-art. Questions can be referred to Paul Zanolli.

**You might have been wondering where the four black chairs with arms in the Parish Hall came from.** UAIM purchased the chairs for people who have difficulty rising from chairs without arms. Anyone can use the chairs, but please be courteous of people who ask to use the chairs.

## Pulpit Flowers



### JANUARY PULPIT FLOWER SCHEDULE

January 1 – Women's Society

January 8 – Mary Beth Scott

January 15 – Monty Hale

January 22 – Joe and Jean Ott

January 29 – Tim & Gretchen Ashton

**Happy New Year from Pulpit Flowers!** Please send your dedication to [pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org](mailto:pulpitflowers@buffalouu.org) and your donation of \$35.00 to the church office prior to your reserved Sunday. If you pay by check, please write "Pulpit Flowers" on the memo line of your check. There are several open dates for flowers in this program year. If you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry, please see us at the Pulpit Flower table on Sunday, email us, or call 885-2136 ext. 4.

## N4KO:

## "Not for Knitters Only"

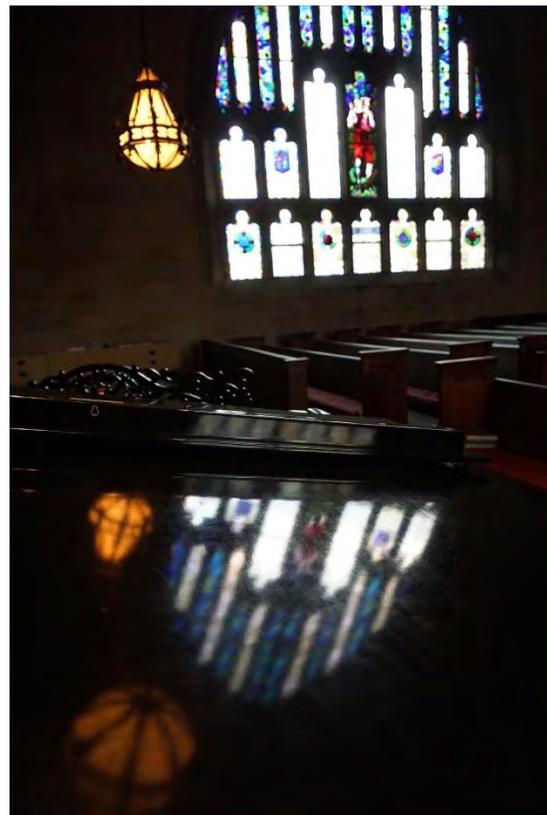


Facilitator: Sharon Walker

**Our "Not for Knitters Only" open group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month** throughout the year from about 6:30 pm to about 8 in the Marge Gardner Meeting Room. **In January, we will be gathering on January 10 and January 24.** Can't make it at 6:30? No problem. This is not a meeting; drop in when you can. Whether you knit, crochet or cross stitch, give us a try. Please forward to any friends or family that may be interested, church membership is not required. For more information email me at [sharonw447@gmail.com](mailto:sharonw447@gmail.com).

### Baby Blankets and Hats for Newborns of UUCB Families

**Knitters and crocheters, looking for a project?** Minister to our families and give the gift of a layette for our newborns and at dedications. For more information email me at [sharonw447@gmail.com](mailto:sharonw447@gmail.com)



Karen Streech



Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Buffalo  
*Great Class for Movie Buffs!*



# Moving Pictures/Moving Music

## The Art of the Film Composer



**Michael Harris, Instructor**

14 Sessions: Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am  
January 11 to April 12, 2017



**695 Elmwood Ave @ West Ferry, Buffalo NY (Alliance Room)**

Telephone: (716) 885-2136 email: [office@buffalouu.org](mailto:office@buffalouu.org)

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

It's no secret that music can contribute enormously to the dramatic power of a motion picture; the simple proof is to run a film scene with music, and then replay it without the music.

Music gives a third dimension to what is essentially a two dimensional art form.

We will celebrate the greatest practitioners of this exacting discipline, starting with the pioneers of the silent film era including **Charlie Chaplin**, and look at the titans of the concert hall who ventured into cinema like **Serge Prokofiev** and **Aaron Copland**. The main spotlight will focus on the composers who invented the cine-musical vocabulary for Hollywood's Golden Age: **Erich Korngold**, **Max Steiner**, **Bernard Herrmann**, **Miklós Rózsa** and more.

We'll observe how great films have been enriched by music, and how this music can be properly judged only when heard alongside the images for which it was created.

# Moving Pictures/Moving Music

## The Art of the Film Composer

**Michael Harris, Instructor**  
week by week syllabus

- Session One (January 11):** Reel Music – What Does Music Contribute to the Movies?
- Session Two (January 18):** Classics Go to the Movies!
- Session Three (January 25):** The Sound of the Silents, Part 1 – The Original Pioneers
- Session Four (February 1):** The Sound of the Silents, Pt. 2 – Modern Composers' Scores
- Session Five (February 8):** Visitors from the Concert Hall, Part 1 – The Russians:  
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- Session Seven (February 22):** A Hollywood Mahler: Max Steiner (1888-1971)
- Session Eight (March 1):** Alfred Newman (1900-1970) and the Newman Dynasty of Film Composers
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- Session Ten (March 15):** From Berlin to Sunset Boulevard – Franz Waxman (1906-1967)
- Session Eleven (March 22):** A Double Life – the Film and Concert Music of Miklós Rózsa (1907-1995)
- Session Twelve (March 29):** Master of Suspense – Bernard Herrmann (1911-1975)
- Session Thirteen (April 5):** Cinema Italiano – Nino Rota (1911-1979) & Ennio Morricone (b. 1928)
- Session Fourteen (April 12):** Reviving the Korngold Tradition – John Williams (b. 1932)



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