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February 2018 Newsletter

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## Faith Matters:

### What does it mean to be People of Perseverance?

Rev. Joan Montagnes

Way back in 1947, black and white bus riders tested the Supreme Court’s **Morgan v. Virginia** decision that declared segregated seating in interstate buses was unconstitutional. But state and local authorities and bus companies ignored the ruling, and continued to segregate passengers. Their bus ride through the southern states was called “**The Journey of Reconciliation**”. Along the way several of the riders were arrested, insulted, and/or dismissed as ineffectual.

Then, twenty years later – after **Emmett Till** was murdered, **Rosa Parks** sat down, Dr. King’s home was bombed, the Little Rock Nine went to school, African Americans occupied lunch counters in Greensboro, and black people continued to risk life and limb for equality, justice and freedom – in 1967 another interracial group of bus riders, **The Freedom Riders**, tested another Supreme Court decision. This time the reactions were more violent.

**Perseverance**  
*Freedom Riders - Anniston, Alabama - 1961*

*per-se-ver-ance* n. 1 steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc., especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

**Two buses travelled through the South. When the first bus arrived in Anniston, Alabama,** an angry mob of about 200 white people chased the bus in automobiles. But buses aren't meant for car chases and the tires on the bus soon blew out. At that moment someone threw a bomb. The Freedom Riders escaped as the bus burst into flames, only to be brutally beaten by members of the surrounding mob.

**The second bus, traveled to Birmingham, Alabama,** and those Riders were also beaten by an angry white mob, many of whom brandished metal pipes. Birmingham Public Safety Commissioner, Bull Connor, said he knew the Freedom Riders were arriving and that violence awaited them, but he said he posted no police protection at the station because it was "Mother's Day".

**After that, there were the Mississippi Riots, Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail", firehoses and attack dogs** used on defenseless children, civil rights leader Medgar Evers' murder, and then, in 1963, the **"I Have a Dream"** speech.

**Needless to say, the protests, violent backlash, and murders continue.** Although liberty has been hard-won again and again, the civil rights movement is not even close to over. The difficulties, obstacles and discouragement continue, but so does the passionate struggle. Most recently, we see the righteous and persistent demand for equality, justice and freedom in the #BlackLivesMatter movement.

**White privilege has many heinous perks,** one of which is the amazing ability to go about our business as if our

neighbors' suffering is not our concern. We can fool ourselves into thinking we have nothing at stake. We can ignore the ways we contribute to a white supremacist society.

**But spiritually, we know better.** We know from our own principles that we are connected in an interdependent web, and from Dr. King's lessons that we exist in an inescapable network of mutuality. **We are part of something much larger than ourselves – something sacred.** When our heart is in a holy place, there is no turning our back on friend, neighbor or stranger. They are us. We have no choice but to be part of the great ride toward reconciliation, no matter the cost. May we be people of persistence.

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



### Joys and Sorrows



**We hold Doris Sipple in our hearts** as she recovers from foot surgery. We send her healing wishes.

**Our sympathies are with Grace Friel.** Her brother, Alex, passed away one year ago last month and grief is fresh.

**Lucy Sloan is recovering from knee surgery.** We wish her a speedy and uneventful period of healing.

## Pulpit Previews

### What does it mean to be a People of Perseverance?

#### Worship Schedule

February 2018



**Feb 4      We Can't Stop Now      Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Crises bring out crowds and draw attention, but an effective movement toward justice depends on local people who know one another and are committed to working together for the long haul. Trust and care are at the heart.

**Feb 11      A Caring Community      Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Happy Valentines' Day! No, not that kind of Valentines' Day. The kind where we begin to understand the vital power of transformative love in community.

**Feb 18      Looking to the Horizon      Rev. Joan Montagnes**

As People of Persistence, we must look to the coming day, to the horizon of our vision, and then... beyond.

**Feb 25      Special Guest - Ken Wiley, Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective**

"White Supremacy: grappling with the human cost not only to people of color but its cost to us all"

# WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

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**OF COLOR    WITH DISABILITIES**  
**OF ALL AND ANY FAITHS**



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## Religious Education and Adult Faith Development

Sarah Martin, Director of Religious Education

### Religious Education for Children and Youth

**We are looking for a few more Youth Advisors for our high school youth group.** If you are at least 25 years of age, and think you might be interested in working with our fabulous youth, please email Sarah Martin at [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org). There is a Fundamentals of Healthy Youth Ministry training in Albany in February and we would love to get a few new folks trained and ready to help facilitate youth group!

**This spring, our youth will help the regional Youth Adult Council host a youth con (short for “convention”) here at the church from March 16 - 18.** We will be looking for adult volunteers to be awake chaperones during the night (we do this in shifts, so no one has to stay up all night long) and to help us provide meals to the youth and their advisors. If you would like to lend us a hand with the youth con, please email Sarah Martin at [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org).



January 21, 2018 : Karen Streech

### Adult Faith Development

**I was recently asked the question, “What is Adult Faith Development?”** I’m so glad someone asked. Adult Faith Development is all of the wonderful adult programming we offer at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo. It’s our classes, discussion groups, special events, and support groups. Our Adult Faith Development programming is open to everyone, even if you’re not a member of the congregation.

**We have a lot of great stuff coming up in Adult Faith Development this February! Register soon!**

To register for any of our AFD classes, pick up a form on Sunday morning at the Religious Education table, or click here: <https://goo.gl/forms/etWwmHI9zrXFK9Bv2>

If you would like to request childcare for any AFD classes, please contact Sarah Martin at [lifespan@buffalouu.org](mailto:lifespan@buffalouu.org).

**Depression Support Group**: We are going to be changing the days and times that this group meets. Stay on the lookout for updates!

### **Spirituality and the Holy**

**Untangle these complicated and loaded terms.** Discover your own personal definitions. Live a more grounded faith.

**Instructor:** Rev. Joan Montagnes

**Registration Deadline:** Sunday, February 4

**Tuesdays, February 6 & 13**

**7-8:30 pm**

**Alliance Room**

**Suggested Donation: \$10**

### **Pathways to Membership**

**Learn about how you can become a member of the UUCB** and meet some of the key people who make our church so special. This fun and dynamic class is required in order to become a UUCB member.

**Instructors:** Shaun Doyle and Julie Taylor

**Registration Deadline:** Sunday, February 4

**Saturday, February 10**

**10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**Alliance Room**

**Free of Charge**

### **Exploring Sufism-Mysticism**

**Please join us for further exploration of Sufism-Mysticism.** This class will be tailored to individual students with readings suggested based on students' prior knowledge. Newcomers, returning students, and friends are welcome to join us.

**This class is offered in two 8-class sessions.** One session will be held on Sundays and the other on Mondays. Register for one session only, please.

**Instructor:** Dr Yunus Kumek, Religious Studies Coordinator for the Philosophy Department, Buffalo State University

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, February 9

**Sundays, beginning February 11, 12:00 -1:15 pm**

**Mondays, beginning February 12, 12:30 - 1:45 pm**

**Community Room**

**Suggested Donation: \$20**

## February 2018 Music Notes

Daniel Bassin, Music Director



**When I first moved to Buffalo, I was excited, but I didn't quite know what to expect.** I was moving for education, and for a job, but I knew that I would need to do the work of building my own community, artistically and socially, while simultaneously assessing the 'lay of the land'. One of my first wonderful musical partnerships in town was with Steve Baczkowski, Music Director for Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, and I still remember his remarks after a long, productive rehearsal one snowy February evening: "I love the winters here, because you can get so much done!" We, the people of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, are a community that understands these cold, dark months as anything but a 'pause' from the rest of the year. We are determined. **We are action-oriented, and we are a *People of Perseverance*.**

**Our service music this month highlights music of challenge, music of change, and music of community.**



**At the start of the month, for Rev. Montagnes's February 4 service, *We Can't Stop Now*, we'll hear two rousing anthems** written nearly a century apart: **Dame Ethel Smyth's 1911 anthem** for the Women's Social and Political Union, "***The March of the Women***", and "***Keep on Moving Forward***", by **Pat Humphries** of the band Emma's Revolution, which was featured at the 2008 Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly.

**Sunday, February 11 is our annual Valentine's Day service, *A Caring Community*.** The UUCB Choir will offer up a beloved seasonal classic, Stephen Chatman's "***Roses I Send to You***", and we'll have a special treat from **Su Lee** on a surprise instrument, as well as an aria from the opera, ***Carmen***, sung by Soprano Soloist **Jessie Downs**.

**On our February 18 service, *Looking to the Horizon*, we'll feature the music of a singular 20th Century voice, the prolific Armenian-American composer Alan Hovhaness.** His prophetic choral psalm settings, "***Out of the Depths***" (from Psalm 130) and "***Unto Thee Will I Cry***" (Psalm 28) are both soulful and almost overwhelmingly powerful. Trumpet-and-Organ compositions will round out the service.

**Finally, at the end of the month on February 25 we welcome Ken Wiley, of the Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective** for his sermon, "***White Supremacy: grappling with the human cost not only to people of color but its cost to us all***". Our Choir will share a serene and sincere "***Kyrie***" by **Felix Mendelssohn**, alongside a choral "***Amen***" arranged especially for this service from **Florence Price's** late organ work, "***Adoration***".



**Annual UUCB Choir fundraiser**  
**Valentines Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 10**

**5:30 doors open ~ 6:00 hors d'oeuvres ~ 7:00 dinner**



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**\$35 ~ reservations are limited**

**Visit our table after Sunday service  
Or call the church 885-2136**

## Beyond the Hedge Denomination and Interfaith Connections

Sharon Walker

**February 24 - 25, 2018**

Participate in our Cluster Event on Saturday (“Diving into Our White Culture to Surface Racial Justice: An Experiential Conference” - see the registration flyer below) then come and hear **Kenny Wiley** at our 10:30 am Sunday service.

**Theme on Sunday:** “White Supremacy: grappling with the human cost not only to people of color but its cost to us all”

**June 20-24, 2018, Kansas City, MO**



### “All Are Called”

**Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, ‘How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?’** The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals. Together, we’ll ask:

**Who and how are we called to be at this time,** individually and collectively?

**How are we called to act** and to live?

**How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us** in living out our mission? In what way does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call?

**The call of our faith has a place for each of us.** Join us in Kansas City to build courageous, collective leadership with tools, skills and connections.” For more information go to <https://www.uua.org/ga>. Registration scheduled to open March 1.



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## Diving into Our White Culture to Surface Racial Justice:

### An Experiential Conference

Racial justice is a spiritual practice. Experience this in a day of stories, dialogue, activities, and song so that we can transform ourselves, our congregations and the world. Kenny Wiley will guide us through what it means to create authentic diverse community.

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, February 24, 2017**

**9am – 4pm**

Cost: Sliding Scale \$25-\$65

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**Kenny Wiley** is a third generation Unitarian Universalist from Houston Texas who lives in Denver, Colorado. Along with being on the **Black Lives of UU Organizing Collective**, he is a *UU World* senior editor and program director for congregational engagement at the **Interfaith Alliance of Colorado**. His writing has appeared in the *Boston Globe*, the *Houston Chronicle*, and *Skyd Magazine*.





## Faithfully Bringing Forth Justice

### 2017 End of the Year Report from the VOICE-Buffalo Team

**2017 has been a year of challenges for many of us, but it has also been a year of growth.** Here at VOICE-Buffalo it has been a year of transitions, full of big changes for our organization as we worked to build opportunities and justice for those who are excluded and marginalized by systemic forces.

#### Some highlights from this year:

- **Our Criminal Justice Task Force gained powerful allies in Criminal Justice Reform.** District Attorney John Flynn made a public commitment to creating a pre-arrest Diversion Program in Erie County, called LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) and VOICE along with partners at Open Buffalo and Partnership for the Public Good, and Evergreen Health Services and Back to Basics, brought the National LEAD Bureau and Albany LEAD to Buffalo to begin conversations around strategically implementing such a progressive program.
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- **In addressing structural racism, barriers between police and community, and systems of oppression,** VOICE and the Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition have organized around Restorative Justice, taking every opportunity to make Buffalo a Circle City. We have since successfully launched a training program to build a community of citizens trained in Peace Circles and Peace Conferencing to develop Peace Hubs in congregations, community centers, and community schools throughout Buffalo.
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- **Together with allies statewide, we lobbied for--and WON--passage of a state law** raising the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18. This allows defendants under 18 to have their cases heard in the more age-appropriate setting of family court and helps ensure that kids in our community won't suffer the permanent harm of a criminal record for youthful mistakes.
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- **Along with leaders from NOAH and BILT, we hosted a local Voter Uprising training** to educate the community about the responsibilities of elected officials and boost voter engagement and turnout in the region.
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- **Our Accessibility Task Force is actively building relationships and strengthening its campaign** to move a satellite of the Developmental Disabilities Regional Office (DDRO) to a more accessible location than the West Seneca Developmental Center.
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- **We welcomed a dynamic, extremely talented new Executive Director, Whitney Walker,** to lead our team as we build power and expand our organizing efforts in 2018 and beyond.

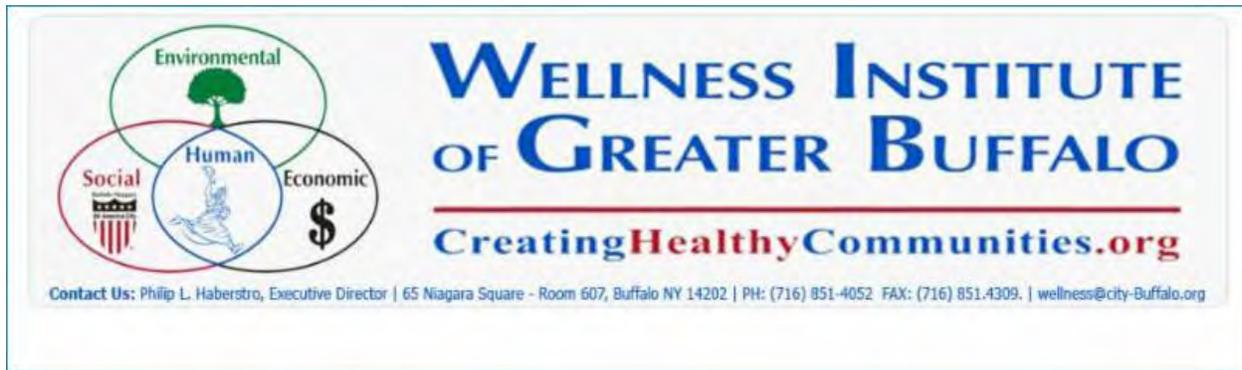
**Of course, we would not be successful in these efforts without YOUR support and hard work.** THANK YOU, from the bottom of our hearts, for all that you do!

**In 2018, we look forward to taking on new issues, including bail reform and fighting gentrification** through grassroots economic development and minority entrepreneurship on the East Side. We hope you will join us in this work.

## Women's Society Luncheon – February 15

### Phil Haberstro - “Creating Healthy Communities” - 11:30 am

**Phil Haberstro, Executive Director of the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo, will speak on “Creating Healthy Communities - a strategic path to improving quality of life”.** Phil will review the Wellness Institute’s 29-year history of work, partnerships, accomplishments and challenges in creating a sustainable culture of environmental, social, human, and economic well-being in our area.



**Before Phil’s talk, refreshments will be available 11:00 - 11:30 am (\$3 donation).**

**Phil will speak from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm with questions/discussion until 12:30 pm** The program is free for Women’s Society members and is \$5 for non-members. No reservations are necessary for just the program.

**A catered lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.** Cost: UUCB Women’s Society members - \$15; non-members - \$20. Lunch may be paid for after the church services on Feb. 4 and 11 or by mailing a check (made out to UUCB) to: Church Office, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Buffalo, 695 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222. Write “Women’s Society Feb. Luncheon” on the check’s memo line. **The check must be received in the Church Office by 12:00 noon on Friday, February 9.**

## February Share the Plate

### Black Lives of UU (BLUU) Organizing Collective

**Formed in the wake of several conversations among Black Unitarian Universalists at the July, 2015, national Movement for Black Lives Convening - the BLUU Organizing Collective is committed to:**

- **Expanding** the power and capacity of Black UUs within our faith
- **Providing support**, information and resources for Black Unitarian Universalists
- **Justice-making and liberation** through our faith

<http://www.blacklivesuu.com/>



## Universal Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry

In early January, the Unitarian Universalist Association announced changing the name of the “Standing on the Side of Love” campaign to “Side with Love”.

Rev. Theresa Soto at UUA’s General Assembly 2017 brought forward a Responsive Resolution asking for a re-imagining of the name. Staff from the UUA with Rev. Soto and leaders from EqUUal Access and other stakeholders worked on changing the name.



The Impetus for changing the name was that many UU with physical disabilities felt left out when proclaiming we are “Standing on the Side of Love”. If you cannot stand, how can you really say this and mean it? When the Accessibility and Inclusion Ministry and our congregation’s UAIM team talk about ‘ableism’ this is a prime example. The definition of *ableism* is discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities. While ableism is often unconscious it can nonetheless be extremely detrimental as people with disabilities go about living their lives.

The popular UU song “*Standing on the Side of Love*”, from which the campaign took its name, has already been rewritten by its composer to “*Answering the Call of Love*”.

If you want to read the article regarding the name change you can find an article at <https://sidewithlove.org/>.

Rev. Helen McFadyen, Administrator of UUA’s national AIM Program writes:

“**This transition harkens to the emergent nature of our tradition.** We lacked awareness, and consultation, and the input of people with disabilities. As leaders and members of our denomination became increasingly aware of the message’s negative impact, we also saw willingness to do something, to change instead of challenge or deny, and agreement to engage key stakeholders in conversations around it.”

This name change is a very significant step of the UUA in acknowledging the power of language. In changing the title of a progressive campaign, they have shown sensitivity and respect for people with disabilities. For that UAIM is pleased and excited.

**Social Action Sunday Events Ministry Team**  
**February Social Action Sunday Events (SASE)**  
**Liz Parke, Chair**

**What wonderful, sassy people we are!** Thank you to all the people and groups who stepped up in January to provide for our friends at Vive Shelter. Your generosity is outstanding and will make such a positive difference to newly arrived refugees in Buffalo. And continued thanks to all who take advantage of the opportunities to write letters and postcards.

**February's Soul Matters theme is Perseverance, and the UUCB SASE Team has planned a lot of opportunities** for you to buckle down and Commit to The Long Haul in support of Black Lives! Since we are halfway through the church year, this is a good time to reflect on all the opportunities provided by the SASE Team to stretch your activist muscles. So far, we have engaged half the congregation. If you have not tried anything yet, this month has a number of different things for you to try.

**We begin the month by inviting you to join us on Saturday, February 3 at 3:00 pm** to view the film *"Selma"*. This will be followed by treats and a discussion, finishing up by dinnertime (6:00 pm).

**The next day, Sunday, February 4, we continue our regular first-Sunday postcarding.** Specifics about the theme and recipients will be available in the Friday blast, but expect something related to the disparate impact of police on black lives.

**The big action for February will happen at the end of the month, as we host the Spring Cluster Conference – "Racial Justice is a Spiritual Practice",** featuring Ken Wiley (who will also be our guest preacher on Sunday). Please see the poster elsewhere in the UUCB Newsletter, and sign up to attend. This is a great opportunity to work with Unitarian Universalists from around the region.

Try one or all of these opportunities!

Liz Parke, SASE Ministry Team Chair



Scene from "Selma"



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# THE SOUNDS OF INTIMACY: THE ART OF CHAMBER MUSIC

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# THE SOUNDS OF INTIMACY: THE ART OF CHAMBER MUSIC

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**If ever the statement “Less is more” were applicable, it would certainly be the case with chamber music.**

Using just a handful of performers, its musical content is often more moving and profound than many works for orchestra – and yet it’s often overshadowed by music written for large ensembles. We will sample the aural delights of duets, piano trios, string quartets and other small-scale groups – musical conversations in which every player and note is important. The course will take special notice of the repertoire performed at the Buffalo Chamber Music Society (Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich) as well as that annual WNY institution, the Slee Beethoven String Quartet Cycle. Armed with fresh musical insights, you’ll feel ready when intimacy comes a-calling!

## Syllabus

Session 1 ♦ <b>January 10</b>	<b>Downsizing</b> ♦ Getting Our Chamber Music Bearings; the Early Ancestors
Session 2 ♦ <b>January 17</b>	<b>The Baroque Sonata in Church and in Chamber</b> ♦ Corelli, Handel and Telemann
Session 3 ♦ <b>January 24</b>	<b>J.S. Bach and the Power of One</b> ♦ the Cello Suites and Solo Violin Works
Session 4 ♦ <b>January 31</b>	<b>Franz Joseph Haydn</b> ♦ Inventing the Classical String Quartet
Session 5 ♦ <b>February 7</b>	<b>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</b> ♦ The <i>Galant</i> , the Jestings and the Dissonant
Session 6 ♦ <b>February 14</b>	<b>Ludwig van Beethoven</b> ♦ The Emergence of the Romantic String Quartet
Session 7 ♦ <b>February 21</b>	<b>A Private Music</b> ♦ Beethoven’s Late String Quartets
Session 8 ♦ <b>February 28</b>	<b>House Music</b> ♦ The Domestic Side of Franz Schubert and Felix Mendelssohn
Session 9 ♦ <b>March 7</b>	<b>Johannes Brahms</b> ♦ Inheriting Beethoven’s Chamber Music Legacy
Session 10 ♦ <b>March 14</b>	<b>Just Plain Folk</b> ♦ Nationalism in Chamber Music
Session 11 ♦ <b>March 21</b>	<b>Chamber Music à la Française</b> ♦ Debussy, Ravel and Poulenc
Session 12 ♦ <b>March 28</b>	<b>Dmitri Shostakovich</b> ♦ Chamber Music as a Composer’s Confessional
Session 13 ♦ <b>April 4</b>	<b>The Kronos Quartet</b> ♦ A String Quartet for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
Session 14 ♦ <b>April 11</b>	<b>Chamber Explorations along the Silk Road</b> ♦ Yo Yo Ma and Friends

## Home Hospitality Program

Marion Reslow

**Would you be interested in helping to organize a UU Bed and Breakfast Program as a fund-raiser?** We could invite people from all over the country to see what Buffalo has to offer (such as the architecture and possibly Niagara Falls). I have been a guest in several B&Bs in various cities (most recently in San Diego) and I hope we might form a committee to brain-storm ideas for how this could be done in Buffalo.

Please contact me at [mreslow295@gmail.com](mailto:mreslow295@gmail.com) if you could help.



## UUCB Book Group Meeting

February 26 at 7:00 pm

**Our group will be discussing a memoir this month, “The End of Your Life Book Club”, by Will Schwalbe.** During the author’s mother’s cancer treatment, he and she spent many hours in medical waiting rooms discussing books they were reading. Once, by chance, they read the same book at the same time - and a very special book club of two was born.

**Newcomers who have read the book are always welcome to join us.** Everyone who plans to come needs to tell our host-of-the-month, Wilma, at [wrc@buffalo.edu](mailto:wrc@buffalo.edu), so that she may plan for seating and refreshments.

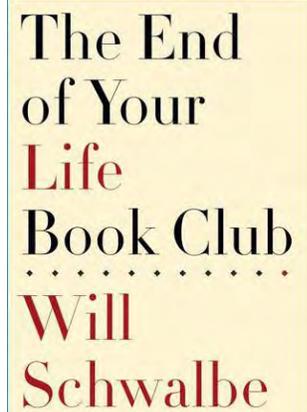
### Looking ahead:

March 26 at 2:00 pm: *“The Little Red Chairs”* by Edna O’Brien

April 30 at 7:00 pm: *“Gateway to Freedom”* by Eric Foner

May 21 at 7:00 pm: *“News of the World”* by Paulette Jiles

June 25 at 5:00 pm: *“Underground Railroad”* by Colson Whitehead



## UUCB Yarnbusters N4KO

Facilitator: Sharon Walker

**Please join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of February at our usual time,** about 6:30 to 8:00 pm, and place, the Marge Gardner Meeting Room. This month we will be meeting on February 13 and February 27. A community event. Church membership not required. For more information, email me at [sharonw447@gmail.com](mailto:sharonw447@gmail.com).

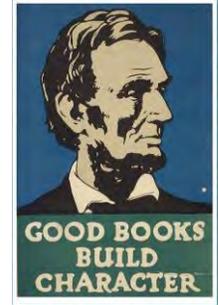
### Baby Blankets and Hats for Newborns of UUCB Families

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



## Women's Society Used Book Sale

UUCB's annual book sale will be held the weekends of April 28 and 29, and May 5 and 6, 2018. We are now collecting your books, i.e. hardbound and softcover books of all topics, children's and young adult books, art books, puzzles and games, books on CD. Please, no reference books or encyclopedias. If you have questions, contact Joyce Bol at [joukjebol@gmail.com](mailto:joukjebol@gmail.com).



## Turn Your Clutter into Clear Vision and Renewed Hope!

Our UUCB Women's Society is requesting donations of eyeglasses and sunglasses in good condition. The lenses may be prescription or non-prescription. Your eyeglasses will be recycled and sent to people in low income communities and to international charitable organizations. Changing lives, one pair at a time!



There is an eyeglass collection bin in the Garden Entrance vestibule next to the Food Pantry collection bin.

Questions? Please contact Paulette Notaro: [paulettenotaro@buffalouu.org](mailto:paulettenotaro@buffalouu.org).

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

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