

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

## February 2022 Newsletter

*Gather - Inspire - Transform*



### **Rev. Joan is on sabbatical leave until March 1.**

Sabbaticals are for rest, recuperation, re-balancing, and re-grounding. While she is away, she will not be answering email, phone calls or texts. Meanwhile we have secured the services of Rev. Lynn Acquafondata as a Pastoral Care Minister. Rev. Lynn's contact information is 585-330-1340 [acquafondatal@gmail.com](mailto:acquafondatal@gmail.com) You may also contact our Lay Pastoral Ministers, Bonnie Collins, Karen Jarvis, Lynn Mancuso and John Marohn. All worship services will be led by our Worship Associates and some wonderful guest speakers. The Board of Trustees and the staff know how to contact Rev. Joan in case of emergency.

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### **Rev. Joan's Identity Used and Abused again!**

Many emails that look like they are from Rev. Joan are not! Rev. Joan will never: Ask you for gift cards via an email or send you an email on an account ending with gmail.com – **trust only her buffalouu.org account.** If you receive one of these emails, block the sender so they will be unable to send you any more requests. Sadly, there is nothing the church can do to stop the emails because they do not come from the church.

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### **Pulpit Previews: Widening the Circle**

We are currently NOT open for in-person services but we are livestreaming them via our YouTube link at <http://live.buffalouu.org>. Services begin at 10:30am.

#### **Feb 6: Love the One You're With, Rev. Rita Capezzi.**

What a beautiful way! To widen the circle of loving and compassionate inclusion—all identities, all beingness, all sexualities. Can we begin our practice by including ourselves, our entire selves, with all of our beauty marks, idiosyncrasies, and growing edges? Have we the loving fortitude both to be and to become, held in the care of this religious community? What might we amplify and expand together, for each of us?

Rev. Capezzi is a minister serving the holy with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, MN.

#### **Feb 13: Delivering the News, Doug Sherman**

The early Universalists were evangelical. They spread the radical concept that God would save all humanity, that humans were not doomed to an everlasting hell. They promoted a doctrine of love that we carry with us today. It is time we share it; it is time we raise our voice. This is how we widen the circle: With deliberate acts of love.

#### **Feb 20: It's the Little Things, Rev. Lisa Peterangelo**

Widening the circle is not always broad stroke initiatives, and institutional change. Sometimes widening the circle is a personal choice that can be practiced in the everyday moments.

#### **Feb 27: Life is a Cabaret, Shaun Doyle**

A cabaret is usually an hour or so of wit, singing and charm. I've been writing an autobiographical cabaret show and have learned so much about myself. What would you include if you were to write a cabaret about your life? What songs would you choose? How would you engage your audience? Most importantly, what story is it that you'd want to tell?

## Religious Education & Faith Development News

Lisa Peterangelo, Acting Director



We continue to plan for the Spirit Play and Coming-of-Age students as we wait out this latest Covid surge. The students in both classes are working on projects. The Youth Group is meeting online.

If you are interested in joining this ministry team, please let Lisa Peterangelo know. We are still in need of volunteers!

**Important Message:** The Nursery will be closed until children ages 1 to 5 are eligible to be vaccinated. This is to keep everyone safe especially when the older children and teachers come back. We are sorry for this necessary inconvenience.

**We will continue looking for a Nursery teacher.** If you or someone you know is interested in the position, we are looking for someone with Infant and Toddler experience. We will train and arrange for Infant/Toddler CPR training. Must be over 21 and willing to go through a background check. The position pays \$15.00 per hour. The job is every Sunday from 9:30 to 1:00 PM. Please contact Lisa Peterangelo with interest and additional questions. [lpeterangelo@buffalouu.org](mailto:lpeterangelo@buffalouu.org)

### In Adult Religious Education News:

**The Café Odyssey meeting will be postponed.** We are hopeful that we can start this creative journey in late February or March. We will be offering an online option as well. Please feel free to contact Lisa to register.



You are invited to the opening of Café Odyssey. Come and start your personal writing journey.

Since 2016, a small group of members of this congregation have bonded over our love of sharing stories. This experience has created sacred space for sharing tender memories and creating gifts for future generations to enjoy. Deep friendships have been established throughout the journey of writing, talking, and creating.

We will be offering a Hybrid option for those who want to join us from home. A link will be sent out. This project is open to everyone ages 14 and up.

To register please email Lisa Peterangelo at [lpeterangelo@buffalouu.org](mailto:lpeterangelo@buffalouu.org) by February 9th.



Youth Group making origami cranes for the 2021 church-wide art project "Peace Begins with Us"

## Adult Education Continued



### IT TAKES A WOMAN ! – TAKE TWO Creativity from a Female Perspective Michael Harris, instructor

Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo, 695 Elmwood Avenue; Buffalo, NY 14222

**14 meetings; Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., January 12 to April 13, 2022, Cost: \$75 for full course, or \$10 per session**

The course will start remotely using the Zoom platform, with the option of moving to in-person meetings at UUCB. To register, send your check, made out to UUCB, to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo; 695 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. (Put 'It Takes a Woman' on memo line of check.) For more information, call 716-885-2136, or email us at [office@buffalouu.org](mailto:office@buffalouu.org).

Following Abigail Adam's advice to "Remember the ladies," we spot-light women's artistic creativity in all its many forms: painting (Georgia O'Keefe), poetry (Emily Dickinson), drama (Theresa Rebeck), novels (George Eliot), photography (Margaret Bourke-White) and film (Dorothy Arzner). Among those profiled will be some illustrious Buffalonians like architect Louise Blanchard Bethune and conductor JoAnn Falletta. We'll see that, in spite of gender-based roadblocks, female creativity will find a way to blossom and thrive.

#### COURSE SYLLABUS

**Session One (January 12):** It Takes a Painter 1 – Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1656) and Mary Cassatt (1844-1926)

**Session Two (January 19):** It Takes a Painter 2 – Georgia O'Keefe (1887-1986) and Tamara de Lempicka 1898-1980)

**Session Three (January 26):** It Takes a Poet 1 – Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672) and Phyllis Wheatley (1753-1784)

**Session Four (February 2):** It Takes a Poet 2 – Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) and Helen Hunt Jackson (1830-1885)

**Session Five (February 9):** It Takes a Photographer – Dorothea Lange (1895-1965) and Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971)

**Session Six (February 16):** It Takes a Playwright 1 – Aphra Behn (1640-1689)

**Session Seven (February 23):** It Takes a Playwright 2 – Theresa Rebeck (b. 1958)

**Session Eight (March 2):** It Takes a Dancer – Ruth St. Denis (1879-1968) and Martha Graham (1894-1991)

**Session Nine (March 9):** It Takes an Architect – Louise Blanchard Bethune (1856-1913) and Julia Morgan (1872-1957)

**Session Ten (March 16):** It Takes a Film-Maker – Dorothy Arzner (1897-1979) and Edith Head (1897-1981)

**Session Eleven (March 23):** It Takes a Novelist – George Sand (1804-76); George Eliot (1819-80)

**Session Twelve (March 30):** It Takes a Storyteller – Eudora Welty (1909-2001) and Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964)

**Session Thirteen (April 6):** It Takes a Composer – Ethel Smyth (1858-1944); and Thea Musgrave (b. 1928)

**Session Fourteen (April 13):** It Takes a Conductor – Marin Alsop (b. 1956) and JoAnn Falletta (b. 1954) Session

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## Folk Dancing

Folk dancing is a fun experience for all ages. Simple dances are taught or reviewed each week. We do walking dances from 9:30-10:15, regular folk dances from 10:15-11 and more complicated dances from 11-11:30. We laugh a lot and get exercise while learning a bit about the world's cultures. No experience or skill is needed! All are welcome! Martha Malkiewicz has taught folk dancing for 6 years at the UU Church. Contact Martha at [martmalk2@mac.com](mailto:martmalk2@mac.com) for schedule.

9:30 am, Parish Hall  
Mondays

\$2.00 per class. Pay at the door.  
Registration not required



## Music Notes

Dr. Jessie Downs, Acting Music Director



In the month of February - in which we both consider ways of “Widening the Circle” and celebrate Valentine’s Day - the UUCB Music Ministry will share a broad selection of love-themed music.

**For Rita Capezzi’s service on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**, a septet of tenors and basses from the UUCB Choir will perform a barbershop arrangement of “Taking a Chance on Love” - a comic tune from 1940 about giving love another shot, despite the odds. We will also hear from Rita’s daughter - our Alto Soloist Helen Lowry - on Steven Stills’s 1970 classic “Love the One You’re With.” An additional folk-rock number from Paul Zanolli and a jazz standard from pianist Jonathan Vogtle will round out this special Sunday.

**Doug Sherman’s Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> service “Delivering the News”** will feature both romantic opera and contemporary musical theatre selections, as well as a folky choral arrangement. Jessie Downs and Leo Mitchell will sing a duet from Giacomo Puccini’s *La Boheme* - the great love story of a poor poet and a sickly seamstress set in 1830s France – while Taryn Goehrig and Liam Allen sing the parallel duet from Jonathan Larson’s *Rent* – a similar love story based on the Puccini but set in 1980s New York during the height of the AIDS epidemic. Another UUCB Choir small group – this time SATB – will share perhaps the most well-known number from *Rent*, “Seasons of Love,” and the full UUCB Choir will kick off its 2022 season with a piece most apropos to this month’s theme – the heart-warming “Draw the Circle Wide.”

**Lisa Peterangelo’s service on the 20<sup>th</sup>** will bring with it an assortment of favorites from our staff - a handful of classical piano miniatures played by Jon, a whimsical musical theatre number sung by Taryn, a contemporary arrangement of an American songbook tune by Liam Allen, and a Michael Harris original – all centered around the impact of “the little things” in life.

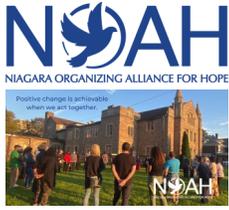
**Also on the second-to-last weekend of the month – Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** - be sure to catch the second installment of the new UUCB Monthly Recital Series: “Songs in the Key of ME!” - a cabaret show presented by Shaun Doyle and accompanied by Michael Hooker. You'll laugh and cry as Shaun tells stories and sings songs that capture the tale of his life thus far.

**Then, for the final service of the month on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>** – Shaun Doyle will bring his love of cabaret to his sermon entitled “Life is a Cabaret.” Shaun will open the service with a tune by Walter Marks and be joined by Jessie and Taryn performing French cabaret-style selections by Poulenc and Weill respectively. We will also hear two pieces from the musical *Cabaret* - “Maybe This Time” sung by Helen, and the title number “Cabaret” sung in an SATB arrangement by the full UUCB Choir.

As always, our staff and volunteers appreciate your appreciation, so we hope to see and hear from you at the services and/or on our YouTube chat!



## February Share-the-Plate: [Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope \(NOAH\)](#)



Niagara Organizing Alliance for Hope (NOAH) is a nonpartisan, inter-faith network of 26 religious communities, labor unions, and community organizations across Niagara County. Through grassroots community organizing, NOAH amplifies the voices of the unheard in situations of injustice and empowers people to create positive social change through direct civic engagement.

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### Home Again Project

At long last - the announcement we have been waiting for! **We're READY!**

We have informed Journeys End that we are ready and they have begun the process of securing an affordable apartment and matching it with a family. When they have finalized both a home and a family, the Moving Day will be scheduled. **It's time to finalize our volunteer teams!**

**We need MOVERS! We need SETTER-UPPERS! What can you do to help?**

Contact Juli Van Woert (982-5922, [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com)) with questions or to volunteer.

**Donate Cash:** Write a check to UUCB with Home Again on the memo line. It would be a true gift if we could pay the first month's rent.

It's not too late to join this life-enhancing project. *In times like these, when the need is so great, we cannot do everything, but we can do something.* Please join us



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### UUCB Fun & Fellowship Rolling Auction



**In these uncertain times, we are re-thinking our date**

In hopes that our Auction will be able to be both on-line and in-person, we will wait a month or so to see where the health of our community stands. **Stay tuned for details.** In the meantime,

**Be a Donor:** It's not too late!

**Be a "Creative Force":** Share your ideas for how to make the 2022 Auction a success! Contact the Auction Team through Juli Van Woert [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com) and Andrea Burke-Harris [aburkeharris@gmail.com](mailto:aburkeharris@gmail.com).

**Don't miss out on the fun! Thank you for your generosity and support**

## An Update from the DRE Search Committee

As busy as the DRE Search Committee has been, we are about to get much busier. The most critical time is at hand for our community's search for a settled DRE. We are all very excited!

Over the past few months, we have conducted a survey of the congregation. The survey was designed to help us hone the job description and inform important, future decisions. While the response has not been what we hoped, it has allowed us to validate many of our assumptions and challenged others. Subsequently, we have been able to finalize the job description and prepare for future interviews.

As we move into January, we will be listing the job on various UU job sites frequented by UU DREs throughout the country. We will also advertise in the UU World magazine. To support those listings, we will be setting up a small website that outlines the expectations and requirements of the job. This will provide prospective candidates with the information they need to apply. We expect to have applications for candidates by March of 2022.

The good news is that we are moving according to schedule. It is our sincere hope that we will have a number of quality candidates to choose from in the coming year.

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## We Got an Upgrade!

Our website has been upgraded to a new hosting platform and received a makeover in the process! Our website address is still: [buffalouu.org](http://buffalouu.org). If you receive an error message while trying to visit the site, please clear your browsing history and try again. Please bear with us while we fine-tune the site. If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns about the new website, please contact: [jdeclene@buffalouu.org](mailto:jdeclene@buffalouu.org).

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## BOARD REPORT

We are looking for people to serve on the **Strategy Advisory Committee**. People on this committee look ahead and state the priorities necessary for the congregation to fulfill its vision and mission. It is similar to a Think Tank for the church. Your input would help the church as we move into the future. Can you help or are you interested in finding out more? Let the Board know: [board@buffalouu.org](mailto:board@buffalouu.org)

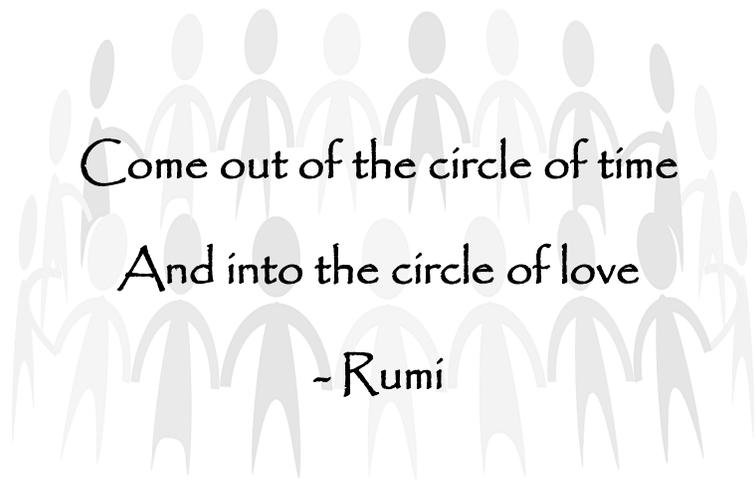
**REMINDER: Town Hall Meeting - February 12 - 10:00 - 11:30 am**

### How to be in touch with your Board of Trustees:

- To reach the Board, email [board@buffalouu.org](mailto:board@buffalouu.org).
- Attend Board meetings (3rd Wed at 7pm in the Alliance Room or via Zoom - <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/367428065>).
- To view Current Board of Trustees members click here: [Board of Trustees](#).



Our sanctuary, December 2021



Come out of the circle of time

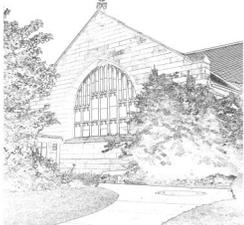
And into the circle of love

- Rumi

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

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