

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

## September 2022 Newsletter

*Gather - Inspire - Transform*



### Minister's Column: What does it mean to be People of Belonging?

Welcome back!

It's so good to be with you again... or maybe this is your first time to enter our doors... or maybe you are just surfing the web and happened upon us.

Doesn't matter to me. I am just jazzed to be with you all after a long summer of adventures.

I don't know about you but the last couple of months involved a lot of precious moments with family, walks in the woods, swimming among frogs, coffee in quiet cafés, hours of luxurious relaxation, and the usual unfounded bouts of useless anxiety. Its so good to be home, and for me, being home means being with all of you.

And home is more than just being together, it's doing together. Yes, all the regular awesomeness – choir, covenant groups, worship, faith development and religious education classes, social justice activities, fellowship hour, Women's Society gatherings, folk dancing, the grief group, and all the rest. Yes, we are back in business; doing all the usual awesomeness, and every year we figure out a few more fabulous ways to be together to transform ourselves and our community. Who wouldn't be jazzed about that?

How's this hitting the ground running?



**Religious Education:** I want to welcome our new Director of Religious Education, Jess Pond! After a year-long, nation-wide search we found Jess living in Long Island and she found us. Jess is an experienced Unitarian Universalist Religious Education Professional. Please come Sunday, September 11, for a special Cake-Filled Fellowship Hour to celebrate her arrival and a new era in Life-Long Faith Development in our congregation. RE classes will begin on September 18, so register your kids for a fantastic year of discovery and exploration.

**Water Communion:** Sunday, September 11. Every year we gather together after our summer adventures with a Water Communion Ceremony. Bring a little bit of symbolic water from a summer experience. And bring one word to describe something about your summer. Don't worry, we don't drink the water.

**Living Green Festival:** September 9-11 at the Amherst UU Church. See details later in this Newsletter.

**Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch:** Here's something new: what about a Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch

from 10am-11am every week? Coffee and tea available at the church. No program, no agenda, just a time to get together with the minister. Java with Rev. Joan. Starts September 13.

**Inter-Church Theological Extravaganza Weekend:** September 17 &18. Westminster Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal, and our church are partnering to bring Rev. David Galston, Executive Director of the Westar Institute (<https://www.westarinstitute.org>) to Buffalo for three different events – a lecture at Trinity on Saturday afternoon, a conversation at Westminster early Sunday morning, and a sermon here at UUCB! See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Who wouldn't get jazzed about all of that?

Being a People of Belonging means three things – Welcoming the Stranger, Feeling like You Belong, and Doing Stuff Together.

Here at our church, you are welcome. We are so glad you are part of our community. Here you will find all kinds of opportunities for learning, growing, giving, serving, hoping, exploring, discovering, and opportunities that challenge you to live from the best part of yourself. Our sanctuary is a sanctuary: a place of comfort and safety. There is so much we can do together to transform ourselves and our world. I can't wait to get started with you.

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

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## Joys and Sorrows

We send birthday wishes to Phil Nicolai who has graced our community and our world for another year. We are so glad you are part of our lives.

Happy birthday also to Don Shed. Don celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth this summer. He is a consummate gentleman, caregiver, and a total joy to be around. Best wishes to you Don!

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Karl "Jake" Jacobs, especially with his wife Joanie. Karl passed away on July 24. He and Joanie were members of both the Amherst and our congregation.

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## A Celebration of Life

A celebration of life for Douglas Bissontz will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 1:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Douglas died in February, 2021. He was a long-time member of our church.

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## Pulpit Previews

### September 4: A Motorcycle Pilgrimage, Bill Parke

In early May, Bill Parke began a solo motorcycle pilgrimage which took seven weeks and brought him through 18 states in the Eastern U.S. and the Canadian province of Ontario. During his travels, he educated himself about the civil rights experience of African Americans. Discover what he learned, during his deep dive into the soul of our country.

### September 11: Making Waves, Jess Pond and Rev. Joan Montagnes

Our annual Ingathering Sunday and Water Communion Ceremony! Celebrate the many streams that meet and merge and join as one to become our beloved congregation. Bring a little water, symbolic of your sum-

mer adventure. Bring one word that captures a summer experience. Don't worry, we don't drink the water.

### **September 18: Belonging Through Inter-Faith Dialogue, Rev. David Galston**

There's nothing new about our need to Belong, but our sense of Belonging is always in need of renewal. And how do we move past our comfort zone to belong to something larger and more meaningful? It's all about giving and receiving, sharing and listening, discovering similarities and celebrating differences. This Sunday Service is part of a three-event weekend brought to you by Westminster Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal and our church. For more information see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

### **September 25: Sweet Beginnings, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

This Sunday is the first of the High Holidays in the Jewish Calendar, Rosh Hashana. Happy New Year! May it be a sweet year full of goodness, beauty, and justice. But before we can move on with carefree clean slate, we need to forgive ourselves and each other. Belonging to the beloved community means always being ready to say you're sorry.

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## **Our Current Masking Status**

Our church is currently open for in-person services, and masks are optional. We do ask that masks continue to be worn should you meet any of the following circumstances:

- You are not fully vaccinated;
- You are moderately-to-severely immunocompromised or have discussed the need to mask with your healthcare provider;
- You feel more comfortable wearing a mask for personal reasons;
- You have had a known COVID-19 exposure within the past ten days; or
- You have left isolation following a COVID-19 infection within the last five days.
- We also ask that if you display any symptoms of COVID-19, please join us virtually until your symptoms subside, regardless of a negative COVID-19 test.

Our **VIRTUAL YouTube link** is <http://live.buffalouu.org>. Sunday services start at 10:30am. Past services can also be found at the YouTube link.



**UUCB House Band and Choir performing at the Elmwood Arts Festival, August 27!**

## Religious Education & Faith Development News

Jessica Pond, Director of Religious Education and Lifelong Faith Development



### Hello UUCB!

I am so excited and thankful to be joining this wonderful community here at the UU Church of Buffalo! As a lifelong UU, I have always had a strong passion for our principles of respect and dignity for all, advocating for social justice and anti-racism, and caring for our environment. I am very much looking forward to working together to deepen our understandings of Unitarian Universalism, and to help new generations and new folks discover the message of our UU values.

Our RE year will be starting off on September 11 with the multi-generational Water Communion service, and RE classes will be beginning on September 18 with a preschool class for the youngest students, Spirit Play for elementary-aged kids, and Youth Group for the eldest. To register your child for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/4LzWAX73L8vwNQWV6>

We are also eager and excited to bring back an Our Whole Lives (OWL) class for students in kindergarten to second grade! With a holistic approach, OWL provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality. Our Whole Lives helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their relationships, sexual health and behavior. Please contact me directly at [jpond@buffalouu.org](mailto:jpond@buffalouu.org) or at 716-885-2136 x202 if you're interested in your K-2 child participating in OWL!

Please also contact me if you have any interest in participating in the Lifelong RE Program for any age group, if you have any questions, or just to say hi! I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks as I settle into Buffalo!

Bright blessings,

DRE Jess

### Important Message: Stay tuned for future plans for our nursery.

**We will need a Nursery teacher for our Infants and Toddlers.** We are looking for someone with Infant/Toddler experience who is willing to work Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 1:00 PM. The position pays \$15.00 per hour. We will train the candidate and arrange for CPR training.

## Adult Education News!

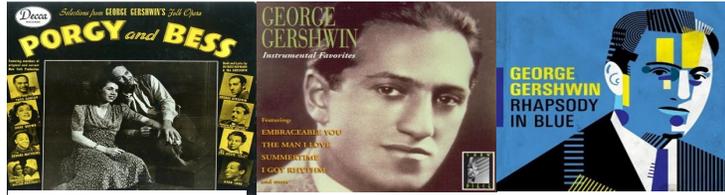
### Folk Dancing

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) to confirm schedule.**

**Mondays, 9:30 am, Parish Hall, \$2.00 per class. Pay at the door.**

**Registration not required**





**‘S WONDERFUL, ‘S MARVELOUS,  
‘S GERSHWIN!  
THE MAN AND HIS MUSIC**

**Michael Harris, instructor**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo  
695 Elmwood Avenue; Buffalo, NY 14222  
14 meetings; Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
September 7 to December 14, 2022  
Cost: \$75 for full course, or \$10 per session

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

“I like a Gershwin tune, how about you?” Music lovers have been saying that for a century and ‘that certain feeling’ should continue into the next one. George Gershwin was our first great cross-over artist, with his feet in Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, Hollywood, the concert hall and opera – doing them all supremely well. We’ll trace his career from early hits like “Swanee” and “Stairway to Paradise,” to Broadway standards like “The Man I Love” and “I Got Rhythm,” to concert works like Rhapsody in Blue and An American in Paris, crowned by his unique opera Porgy and Bess. With George’s sophisticated music and brother Ira’s witty lyrics, “who could ask for anything more?”!

**Course Syllabus**

Session One (Sept. 7): “Swanee” – Young Gershwin on Tin Pan Alley

Session Two (Sept. 14): “Kickin’ the Clouds Away” – First Musical Comedies

Session Three (Sept. 21): “Stairway to Paradise” – Gershwin’s Musical Revues

Session Four (Sept. 28): Classical George 1 [Rhapsody in Blue, Concerto in F]

**October 5 is Yom Kippur – No Class Session!**

Session Five (Oct. 12): “Fascinating Rhythm” – George & Ira on Broadway 1 [Lady, Be Good!, Oh, Kay!, Tip-Toes, Funny Face]

Session Six (Oct. 19): “I’ve Got a Crush on You” – George & Ira on Broadway 2 [Rosalie, Treasure Girl, Show Girl, Girl Crazy]

Session Seven (Oct. 26): “There’s a War to Be Won” – Strike up the Band

Session Eight (Nov. 2): “Wintergreen for President” – The Political Satires [Of Thee I Sing, Let ‘em Eat Cake]

Session Nine (Nov. 9): “Hang on to Me” – Gershwin and Friends

Session Ten (Nov. 16): Classical Gershwin 2 [Second Rhapsody, Cuban Overture]

Session Eleven (Nov. 23): The Road to Catfish Row – Porgy and Bess

Session Twelve (Nov. 30): “Oh Lord, I’m on My Way” – The Afterlife of Porgy

Session Thirteen (Dec. 7): “Love Is Here to Stay” – Hollywood and Last Works

Session Fourteen (Dec. 14): “They Can’t Take that Away from Me” – Posthumous Gershwin Broadway Musicals [My One and Only, Crazy for You, Nice Work If You Can Get It, An American in Paris]

## Music Notes

### Dr. Jessie Downs, Music Director



September marks the restart of the church year, which for the Music Ministry means the restart of the choir year! Our first rehearsal will be on WEDNESDAY September 7<sup>th</sup>, with rehearsals continuing weekly on THURSDAY evenings, always 7:30-9:30pm. If you've ever thought of joining us or have sung with us before but not in some time, consider joining us this fall!

Service music throughout the month will involve not only the UUCB choir, but our hard-working music staff and talented congregational volunteers. There will also be other opportunities to make and hear music together – including a fireside sing-along at the Amherst UU's *Living Green Festival* and a concert of new works presented through our ongoing *Casual Concert Series* at UUCB.

**The service on September 4<sup>th</sup>** will feature congregation member Bruce Pfeffer on piano, as well as the vocal leadership of Bass Soloist Michael Harris. Bruce will share with us three Bach keyboard sinfonias and will join Mr. Harris in a “musical commercial” for his fall course on George Gershwin. The pair will also offer up "The Vagabond" from Ralph Vaughan Williams *Travelers Songs* to partner with that Sunday's theme of *A Motorcycle Pilgrimage*.

**On Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>**, the UU Church of Amherst is hosting its inaugural *Living Green Festival*. That evening, UUCB musicians Helen Lowry, Jessie Downs, and Paul Zanolli will help lead a campfire singalong. Come join us in making some new UU friends.

**On our September 11<sup>th</sup> Water Communion service**, the choir will make their first appearance of the new church year, joined by our house bluegrass group - The Stringitarians.

**On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>**, consider expanding your musical horizons with a presentation of experimental sound and video works presented by multi-media artist Alex Huddleston. His hour-long set will feature the world premiere of five original pieces for various instruments and media.

**That Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>**, the soloists will share song choices inspired by interfaith dialogue.

**On the final Sunday of the month**, the choir will perform a number of Hebrew songs in celebration of Rosh Hashanah.



## September Share-the-Plate: [Justice for Migrant Families](#)

Justice for Migrant Families provides support to individuals in the federal immigrant detention facility in Batavia through many different programs like a hotline, legal connections and a book program, information and resources to immigrant families in the community, and advocacy both within and beyond the local community. JFMF organizes at a local and statewide level for systemic changes to current immigration policies such as for the Green Light NY law that provides undocumented members of our community access to drivers licenses and works to build a more just world in which all people are treated with dignity.



## UAIM NEWS



### UUAIM Hosts a Community Conversation on LGBTQ+ and Disability

UUAIM has been convening people from the disability community, people from the LGBTQ+ community, and people who identify with both communities, to talk about the experiences people have had in Buffalo being both disabled and LGBTQ+.

**You are invited to join in this conversation on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3:30 pm in the Sanctuary and Livestreamed on You Tube.** UUAIM, together with the Center for Self-Advocacy, GLYS, People Inc Prideability, the Self-Advocacy Association of NYS, and the Buffalo Niagara LGBTQ History project, will host a community conversation led by a panel of people who are both LGBTQ+ and disabled, and leaders in organizations that serve the community.

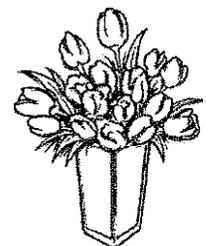
- How can we build more inclusivity and accessibility in the gay community: agencies, services, venues and events?
- What is the experience of people who are LGBTQ+ and disabled?
- What are the ways in which ableism affects LGBTQ+ people, stigmatizing and pathologizing what is natural in human diversity?

Historically, both LGBTQ+ people and people with disabilities have been told there is something wrong with them. We have at times been seen through a medical model which labels anything that appears different from a limited standard of norm as deviant or in need of a cure. In many ways that has changed and is changing. How can we be a part of that change, heal the wounds caused by exclusion and oppression, and move in the direction of a society that recognizes the dignity and worth of all people? Join us to explore these and other questions, build relationships and broaden perspectives.

ASL interpretation is available upon request. Please send your request to [western@sanys.org](mailto:western@sanys.org) by October 1, 2022 to ensure the availability of an interpreter.

## Pulpit Flowers

Would you like to honor a loved one with flowers? Anniversary, birthday, dearly departed. If you would like to sponsor the pulpit flowers for a Sunday service, please contact Sandra Bissontz [smp1127@yahoo.com](mailto:smp1127@yahoo.com) to inquire or place an order.



**Alas, pulpit flowers have succumbed to the effects of inflation.** We were not aware that our supplier would tack on a \$10 delivery fee, so we are forced to raise our price to \$50. Hopefully, this will not deter future requests for pulpit bouquets for the upcoming fall season. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and of course, generosity.

## Notice from the Board — Changing Seasons and Helping Hands

By Bobby Withrow, Member of the Board of Trustees

I love this time of year: the start of school, fall, and pumpkin spice. It also means that my favorite time of year of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and winter in general is coming up fast. The changing of the seasons brings me joy each year.

September also means the start of the church year. Ingathering brings us in and reminds us that we are a community of those who seek truth, who seek love, who seek understanding, compassion, justice, and equity. Ingathering reminds me of my beliefs and of the Seven Principles. It also reminds me of the need out for us to espouse Unitarian Universalism; to spread the gospel of radical love. It's time for us to use our talents to help others.

There are so many ways to do this. Some are outside the church walls and others are within. What speaks to you? Is it singing in the choir? Is it joining an Advisory Committee (we have seven of them)? Is it getting involved in Social Justice work? Or is it helping us to raise the money so others can do the work? For me, I like being behind the scenes helping to raise money or direct people to the work they are passionate about. That is where I fit in with the church.

### What's your fit?

I challenge all of us to ask ourselves that question and answer the call of love.

### 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/97736244745>.
- To view Current Board of Trustees members click here: [Board of Trustees](#).

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### Sponsor a UUCB Underwriter Spot on WBFO!



One of the most popular choices in our Spring Survey was advertising on WBFO. Well the time has come! This is Church shopping season. Let's give the people a wonderful choice! Join with fellow church members and friends in bringing our beloved congregation to the air waves. Let the world know about our fabulous music program, our uplifting worship, our deep care for children, and our inspiring ministry to one another.

Our local NPR Station will work with us to create four wonderful weeks of community outreach. Gather more! Inspire more! Transform more! Maybe you already donate to WBFO. Consider channeling your donation through our Underwriter project. WBFO will still receive your support, and the church will benefit from spreading the word. Twice as much bang for your buck!

Become a sponsor. Help GROW our church! Drop your contribution, marked WBFO Promotion, in the plate on Sunday or drop it off in the church office or donate on our website using the blue Donate button.

However you choose, the main thing is to just do it! Thanks!

## Living Green Festival September 9-11 at the UU Church of Amherst

UU Church of Amherst Green Justice Team is hosting its inaugural Living Green Festival Friday, September 9 through Sunday, September 11 focusing on living a life that respects the earth. There will be fun for all ages!

The Green Justice Team is proud to bring back the beloved goats from [Let's Goat Buffalo](#) to continue their work clearing brush and invasive plants they started last September. The festival kicks off Friday evening with a guided labyrinth walk at 5pm, followed by our keynote speaker, Petra Page-Mann from [Fruition Seeds](#), Naples NY, at 6pm and a bonfire and music. Saturday's activities, from 9am to 10pm, will include:

- Nature meditation and Intro to Sit Spot Practice with Mark Chaffin
- Storytelling from the Onondagas with Perry Ground
- Folk dancing with Martha Malkiewicz
- Music concert by Local Americana / Western Swing band The Skiffle Minstrels
- Vendor row featuring many local businesses and organizations who can help you to live green
- Reduce & Reuse Basket Raffle
- Food truck and more!

All activities are at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst 6320 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14221.

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## The Great Pumpkin Hunt: October 8



**Mark your Calendars for the Second Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt.** This multigenerational field trip is fun for all ages. Bring your family and friends. We'll head off to Badding Bros. Farm Market where their pumpkin fields offer a beautiful selection of different sizes and shapes, perfect for carving, cooking, and painting. Grab a wagon and pick out your perfect pumpkin; orange, warty, blue, or striped, they have unique options to delight everyone in the family. Gourds also come in all different shapes and sizes; ranging from elegant to spooky, find perfect options for fall decor or crafting. Halloween and thanksgiving decorations, fabulous farm animals, delicious produce, and an autumnally themed playground. We'll meet at the church for carpooling at 10am.

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## The Western New York Refugee Film Festival!

### Dear Friends of the WNY Refugee Film Festival,

Our next film, "[Accept The Call](#)," will be on **Thursday, September 29th, at 7pm**. The screening will be followed by a talkback with director Eunice Lau and film subject Yusuf Abdurahman. This film promises to be one of the more heartrending, thought-provoking films of our season! If you have an Ambassador Pass or have otherwise already registered just for this film, be on the lookout 2 days before the screening for Zoom access instructions. For those who have not registered and would like to attend, please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yz4vehpn>

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## Outdoor Family Movie Nights - with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy

We are co-hosting two free **Outdoor Family Movie Nights** - with the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Frederick Law Olmstead. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and picnic basket and join us! Fun for all ages!

**September 16, Cazenovia Park, approx. 7:30pm - Academy-award nominee "The Breadwinner"**

**September 23, Riverside Park, approx. 7:30pm - Marvel superhero blockbuster "Shang-Chi and the Legend of The Ten Rings"**

## Territorial Acknowledgement, Art, and Re-Empowerment

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo acknowledges that the ground upon which we meet rests on the traditional territory of the Hodinöhsö:ni' people, original nations of this land who continue to call for justice and self-determination. We encourage you to deepen your relationship to the indigenous people of this area by visiting the exhibit at the Buffalo History Museum and the Ganondagan State Historic Site, see below.

### Hodinöhsö:ni' Resurgence: Marie Watt, Calling Back, Calling Forward

**The Buffalo History Museum | July 13 - October 30, 2022**

Renowned Seneca artist Marie Watt and a co-creative team are testing the possibilities of Indigenous "resurgence," the action of reestablishing Indigenous power and presence, at our museum. At the center of the exhibit are a selection from Watt's diverse beadworks, textile works, and sculpture, as well as important objects from Seneca history. The exhibit will ask guests to consider the relationship of the museum to Indigenous communities and seek to facilitate indigenous re-empowerment. We can't wait to see you for this groundbreaking exhibit.

### Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site

7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road) Victor, NY 14564

585-924-5848, Website: [ganondagan.org](http://ganondagan.org)



#### Seneca Art & Culture Center

Wednesday - Saturday 9am- 4 pm

#### Bark Longhouse - Open for the Summer Season

Open from May 1- October 31

#### Hiking Trails

Open year-round - Dusk to dawn, weather permitting

#### Closed Sunday- Tuesday and the following holidays:

Independence Day, (July 4), Veteran's Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day (November 28), Christmas Day (December 25), New Year's Day (January 1)

*The Seneca Art & Culture Center closes annually for one month for Winter Maintenance/Dates determined annually and will be posted once determined*

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## Donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) year-round!

**The Women's Society has set up a corral for your donation in the Garden entrance foyer!**



Please continue to donate new, twin-size cloth mattress pads, sheet sets, comforters, blankets, and pillows. Just as there is always a need for food donations 365 days a year, there continues to be a year-round need for bedding and bunk beds for the children of the Greater Buffalo area. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. The kids and their parents really appreciate your gifts. **"No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in our Town"**

## Always be aware that Rev. Joan's Identity can be Used and Abused!

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](http://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.

# THE WESTAR INSTITUTE COMES TO BUFFALO!

WITH DAVID GALSTON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2022

Westar Institute is an international member-supported nonprofit research and education organization that bridges the gap between scholarship about religion and the perception of religion in popular culture. It pursues rigorous inquiry on the origins and cultural implications of the Christian tradition through critical, collaborative, and cumulative scholarship.

Westar is home of the famous Jesus Seminar & prominent scholars like John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, and Bishop John Shelby Spong.



A LECTURE WITH Q&A

*"The Westar Challenge  
to the  
Future of Religion"*

TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
(MAIN SANCTUARY)

SEPT. 17 • 3:30PM



A CONVERSATION

*"How to Read the Bible  
Effectively: Finding  
Common Ground between  
Tradition & Scholarship"*

WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
(CASE LIBRARY)

SEPT. 18 • 9:00AM



A SERMON

*"Belonging Through  
Inter-Faith Dialogue:  
Not New But Always  
In Need of Renewal"*

BUFFALO UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
(MAIN SANCTUARY)

SEPT. 18 • 10:30AM

**David Galston** is the Executive Director of Westar. He received his M.Div. from the Vancouver School of Theology and Ph.D. from McGill University. He served as Westar's Academic Director (2014-2019), an Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Ecumenical Chaplain at Brock University (2007-2020), and Principal of Iona College in Windsor. He was a Chaplain at McGill University and is the Executive Director of the Quest Learning Centre for Religious Literacy in Hamilton, Ontario.

**FREE & Open to the Public!**

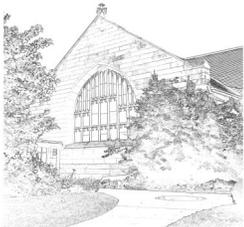
Sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Buffalo Unitarian Universalist Church. For more information, contact Jerry Kelly at 716-839-9533 or [Gerald@geraldkelly.com](mailto:Gerald@geraldkelly.com).



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

## The Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo

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**A chalice alit since 1831**

**A sanctuary on the National Registry of Historic Places**

