

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

## October 2022 Newsletter

*Gather - Inspire - Transform*



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

If the question is, "Are you afraid or are you courageous?" The only honest answer is, "Yes."

How could anyone be anything but afraid what with climate change, the scourge of war, increasing hate crimes, increasing polarization in civil discourse, and a pandemic that seems like it will never leave us. And let's plop on top of all those terrifying realities, the whole concept of the UNKNOWN that slaps us in the face as we turn the corner of every passing moment. How could any person honestly say they were not afraid?



Brené Brown is a researcher and storyteller who's spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy. She writes:

"The root of the word courage is *cor*—the Latin word for heart. In one of its earliest forms, the word courage had a very different definition than it does today. Courage originally meant "To speak one's mind by telling all one's heart." Over time, this definition has changed, and, today, courage is more synonymous with being heroic. Heroics is important and we certainly need heroes, but I think we've lost touch with the idea that speaking honestly and openly about who we are, about what we're feeling, and about our experiences (good and bad) is the definition of courage. Heroics is often about putting our life on the line. Ordinary courage is about putting our vulnerability on the line."

If courage is putting our vulnerability on the line in this age of fear (and every age is an age of fear), then just facing each new day is an act of courage. Facing each new moment of the unknown is an act of courage. You may be afraid (who wouldn't be?) but you are also courageous.

Every week four 12-Step Recovery groups meet in our church building. These groups are transformative, brave circles in which real people tell all that is in their heart. The other night, one of the groups stopped me as I passed through the Parish Hall on my way out the door. They were wrapping up for the night and invited me to join their circle for the closing prayer. They offered up a prayer for the life and health of all struggling addicts, said the serenity prayer and then they all went around hugging each other. They invited me into their circle of vulnerability, healing and their wide arms of embrace. The work these people do in our church is not only courageous, it is truly heroic. They are making themselves vulnerable to some serious demons for the sake of healing themselves and all the people who know and love them. They are building their lives into

lives of resilience, so they have the capacity to give back to their community. Each member of each of these groups blesses our sanctuary.

I can think of countless times when I did not want to face the new day. I can think of countless times when I was asked to be vulnerable and I shrank back from the opportunity. I can think of countless times when I could have opened myself to vulnerability and instead, I got angry and defensive. Maybe you can too, but before you start calling yourself nasty names, like “coward” or “weak,” do me a couple of favors:

Recall three times when you spoke your mind by telling all your heart to someone.

Recall one time when you opened yourself to vulnerability and you became more resilient as a result – perhaps not immediately, but over time.

You don’t get to choose whether to be afraid or courageous. Both are realities of life. You can choose what to do with those feelings and how to use them in your journey.

Maybe being a People of Courage means owning our collective fears and vulnerabilities; our own failures and defensiveness; and our own continuing transformation through courageous choices. When has our congregation, our city, our state, our nation come to terms with its own need to heal by searching the soul of the people? Surly, exciting and frightening as it may be, this is the work we are called to do.

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

---

## Joys and Sorrows

Our hearts are with Ed and Robin Harris. Ed is incarcerated in the Erie County Holding Center. We know the Holding Center does not treat its inmates with fairness or human decency. We send Ed our love and strength to get through this ordeal and we recommit ourselves to the work for justice reform.

Our thoughts are with Ken Manly and his family as they mourn the death of Ken’s brother.

We send healing thoughts to Linda Cohen as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

And send best wishes to Tom Yots as he recovers from foot surgery.

---

## Pulpit Previews

### **Oct 2: Re-Creating Community, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Being a People of Courage, means being a people who wildly, boldly dive into relationship. The last two years were filled with misunderstanding, hurt, and isolation. Let’s dare to reach out to each other, reconnect and grow into the community we dream to become.

### **Oct 9: Our Haunted Church, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Being a People of Courage can mean leaning into the discomfort accountability and atonement. Being a People of Courage means confronting our ghosts. We know that Indigenous children are being discovered and exhumed from boarding school sites all across the continent. What we may not yet understand is that Unitarians participated in and advocated for the abduction and re-education of Indigenous children. It is time to have the courage to own our past.

### **Oct 16: Love Means Saying You're Sorry, Rev. Kristina Church**

Unitarian Universalists base our faith on covenant-- being in loving relationship with each other. But what

happens when it all goes wrong? When things get messy, how can we find the courage, the humility, and the skill to make meaningful amends?

**Oct 23: What have We got to Lose?, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

Being a People of Courage means leaning into change. Rev. Leslie Ahuvah Fails asks, “What have we got to lose? Our fear of failure? Our mistrust of our own talents? What have we got to lose? A poverty of the spirit? The lie that we are alone?” Maybe it’s time to try something new.

**Oct 30: Courage Credo, Rev. Joan Montagnes**

The original meaning of the word “courage” is to “tell all one’s heart.” This Halloween Sunday, Sharon Walker, Jessica Murphy, Dave Batt, and Tim Renzoni will speak from their hearts, sharing with us what courage means to them.



**Tuesday Coffee Klatch**

Join Rev. Joan for a cup of joe (or tea, or cocoa) Tuesday mornings 10am-11am in the parish hall. No program, no agenda, just fellowship and good company. All welcome! omeone might even bring cookies!

---

**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.



## Religious Education & Faith Development News



**Greetings from the Religious Education Ministry!**

**Jess Pond, Director of Religious Education**

The Religious Education year is off to a wonderful start, with over 40 students registered, more than 15 volunteers, and so much love and excitement to be together for another year!

It's never too late to register! Please complete this form if you would like to register your child for Religious Education classes: <https://forms.gle/4LzWAX73L8vwNQWV6>

Check out the RE Calendar here: <https://rb.gy/hxvmju>

Here's a little bit of background about what our classes are doing this year.

**Pre-K & Kindergarten:** Consistent with Unitarian Universalist Principles, in Pre-K we will learn about loving and respecting ourselves, our families, our church, our community, the earth, and the world around us.

**Grades 1-3, Spirit Play:** Spirit Play is a Unitarian Universalist program of religious education that evolved from a long line of Montessori-based religious education programming that seeks to engage children in the existential questions about life within the context of the Unitarian Universalist faith.

**Grades 4-6, In the Middle:** This curriculum aligns with the monthly themes in our Worship Services, encouraging the students to reflect on the topic of the month through age-appropriate stories, open discussion, and fun activities.

**Grades 7 & 8, Heeding the Call:** This series of workshops offers a unique opportunity to engage youth in the critical work of developing skills as Unitarian Universalists committed to social justice. The workshops encourage youth to reflect on their own lives while also making connections to the lives lived by others.

**Grades 9-12, Youth Group:** High school students are encouraged to explore living into Unitarian Universalist beliefs with each other, engaging in their own searches for what they believe is right and true in life. Youth develop leadership skills through participation in a youth-led, covenant-based environment.

If you are interested in any of the classes, projects, or other groups that we are starting, including Adult Faith Development, please contact me at [jpond@buffalouu.org](mailto:jpond@buffalouu.org).

Bright blessings,

Jess



## Adult Education News!

### Announcing the UUCB Banned Book Club!



The new UUCBBBC (Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo Banned Book Club) is looking for members!

We will be reading and discussing selected books. Our first selection will be Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*, which regularly makes it to "Top Ten Most Challenged Books" lists for containing "controversial issues" including child sexual abuse, incest, and sexual explicitness. Copies of the book are available at the Talking Leaves bookstore – mention that it's for the UUCB Banned

Book Club!

Sharon Walker and Mary Louise Hill will facilitate four bi-weekly one and a half hour sessions, beginning Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm in the Marge Gardner room. (Subsequent meetings: 10/19; 11/2; 11/16) Limited to ten members (for now). We would like to meet in person, though Zoom attendance may be possible. Group discussions will be supplemented by a private shared blog. Contact DRE Jess at [jpond@buffalouu.org](mailto:jpond@buffalouu.org) to join the group, or for more information.

---

### 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  
Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$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

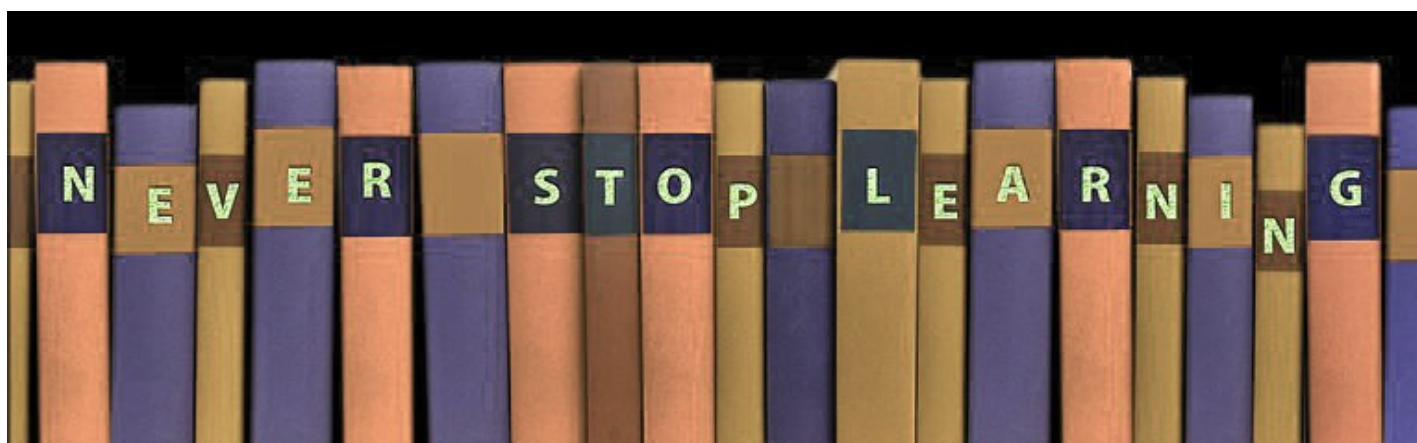
Session Ten (Nov. 16): Classical Gershwin 2 [Second Rhapsody, Cuban Overture]

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



This October brings a rich musical harvest to UUCB – from string player and guitarist guests, choral numbers to solo songs, Beethoven and Bizet to Elton John and Fiona Apple.

**On the month's first service**, guest teaching artists from October's Share the Plate Recipients and Casual Concert guests - Buffalo String Works - will share with us an eclectic selection of offerings for violin, viola, and contrabass trio. Beethoven's jubilant "Menuetto in C Major" will serve as the Prelude. At the Offertory, the ensemble will perform a version of the traditional German folk tune "Now Found is the Fairest of Roses." "Silence" by Charlie Haden will serve as a jazzy Reflection and David Bowie's "Life on Mars" will close out the service with a bit of rock n' roll flare.

**On October 9<sup>th</sup>**, guest guitarist Doug Yeomans will team up with the UUCB Choir to present two new arrangements of "Daylight Again / Find the Cost of Freedom" - as sung by Crosby, Stills, and Nash - and "Draw the Circle Wide" - a UU choral favorite. Doug will also provide a mournful Prelude and Postlude for this service as we face the reality of the injustices committed against the native peoples of this land.

**On Saturday October 15 at 2pm**, Buffalo String Works will present musical performances by their wonderful students as a part of our Casual Concerts series. BSW serves a diverse body of students on the West Side through the universal language of music. Through intensive and thoughtful programming both in the classroom and on stage, BSW seeks to transform the Western New York Community by offering a sense of belonging to new Americans.

**On October 16<sup>th</sup>**, guest speaker Kristina Church will be preaching about the difficulty and importance of saying you're sorry, and our soloists have picked out a selection of songs that deal with this topic. At the start of the service, Jessie and Helen will share a rendition of Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright," illustrating a relationship torn apart by an inability to face and talk about problems. At the Offertory, Michael Harris will share Elton John's immortal "Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word," and as a Reflection, Jessie Downs will sing Tracy Chapman's "Baby Can I Hold You Tonight," which also laments the difficulty of asking for forgiveness. Finally, Liam Allen will share the more optimistic "Here Comes a Thought" by Steven Universe, that encourages us to "Take a moment to think of just flexibility, love, and trust," rather than becoming overwhelmed by feelings of anger or guilt.

**On October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the soloists will offer another diverse selection of tunes, this time around the month's theme of Courage. Michael will kick things off with the musical theatre number "Everybody Says Don't," and at the Offertory, Helen will sing Fiona Apple's "Extraordinary Machine" - both songs about overcoming what is expected of you. As the Reflection, Jessie will share Micaela's aria from the opera Carmen, a song about facing your fears, even if you don't feel very courageous about doing so. Lastly, Liam will share "Corner of the Sky" from Pippin, a song about having the courage to be yourself.

**Finally, on October 30<sup>th</sup>**, Mike, the choir, and Chris will each offer spooky numbers in celebration of Halloween, while Taryn will share a setting of the Serenity Prayer, building on the theme of Courage.

**Looking ahead, mark your calendars for November 13<sup>th</sup>**, as this will be the UUCB Choir's fall "Musical Sunday." This service will feature both the music of Robert Schumann and Director Jessie Downs and will explore the spiritual power of vocal practice.



## October Share-the-Plate: [Buffalo String Works](#)



BSW opened our doors in September 2014 to 17 violin students. Now as we enter our 9th year, we anticipate serving 165 students through 3 program sites: our new home on Niagara Street and 2 in-school locations at the Charter School of Inquiry and NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo. To learn more about our organization, please visit us at [buffalostringworks.org](http://buffalostringworks.org)



## 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 YouTube.** 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?

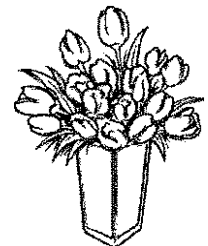
Historically, both LGBTQ+ people and people with disabilities have been told there is something wrong with them. We have at times been seen through a medical model which labels anything that appears different from a limited standard of norm as deviant or in need of a cure. In many ways that has changed 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

To remember a loved one, or recognize the hard work and efforts of our UU family, flowers make a perfect tribute. Many thanks to all those who shared their beautiful floral bouquets with our congregation. Let's keep this lovely tradition going for future worship occasions.



Only December 11, 2022 is available in this calendar year. If you would like to honor someone, we are happy to schedule a date in 2023. Please contact Sandra Bissontz at [smp1127@yahoo.com](mailto:smp1127@yahoo.com) to inquire or place an order. Cost is \$50.



## Women's Society Luncheon – October 20th

The Women's Society will kick off their first luncheon on October 20th with speaker Jackie Albarella. Jackie will give us a talk based on her recent Burchfield exhibit at the Buffalo History Museum. Tickets will be sold after the services on October 9th and 16th for \$20. We will have appetizers before her talk at 12 and serve lunch at 1. Hope to see you there!

---

## Notice from the Board - Fall Congregational Meeting!

The Fall Congregational meeting will take place at noon on October 2nd, 2022. We will vote to approve the proposed 2023 annual budget as well as vote on bylaws changes ([Bylaws Amendment](#)) relating to voting electronically\* and ratifying past votes. The Finance Committee as well as Governance will be on hand to answer all your questions. Here is the [Zoom link](#) for remote viewing. Come and be involved and learn about what's in store!

\*Because the Congregation will be voting to explicitly authorize electronic meetings, the Fall 2022 Congregational Meeting will be broadcast over zoom, but only those present in the sanctuary will be able to vote.

### 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](#).

## 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!

## RECREATING COMMUNITY - Stewardship for 2023

October is the month to Recreate Community here at UUCB. It feels SO GOOD to be connecting with one another again. Come to church, join on Zoom, reach out to others and when someone calls to chat, have that chat! The Stewardship Team has been busy asking people to be our visiting stewards and people have been saying YES. Of course, the more, the merrier!

Offer to be a visiting steward. After a training session, you will be ready to visit 4 or 5 people this month. To join the visiting stewards, contact Martha at [martmalk2@mac.com](mailto:martmalk2@mac.com)).

When you receive a call from a visiting steward, find a time to meet with them and have a conversation. We all know how important our liberal voice is in the world today. Share with one another - what drew you to this faith? this church? What is important to you?

And yes, Stewardship is also about financial support of our church, so take time to think about the financial support you can give for 2023.

The Stewardship Team is looking forward to hearing from everyone! Watch the eBlasts for weekly pieces of stewardship information.

- Martha Malkiewicz, Shaun Doyle, Peter Sloan, Bob Klick, Maria Testa, Dave Batt.



### **The Great Pumpkin Hunt: October 8**

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.

## 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*

---

## 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.



**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

695 Elmwood Ave. Buffalo New York 14222  
716-885-2136 [www.buffalouu.org](http://www.buffalouu.org)

<b>Minister:</b> Rev. Joan Montagnes <a href="mailto:minister@buffalouu.org">minister@buffalouu.org</a>	<b>Administrator of Facilities and Communication:</b> Kaylan Ruiz <a href="mailto:office@buffalouu.org">office@buffalouu.org</a>	<b>Director of Religious Education:</b> Jessica Pond <a href="mailto:jpond@buffalouu.org">jpond@buffalouu.org</a>	<b>Music Director:</b> Dr. Jessie Downs <a href="mailto:jdowns@buffalouu.org">jdowns@buffalouu.org</a>
<b>Care Network:</b> Ginny Vaughan 716-768-1077 <a href="mailto:wixsonsg@gmail.com">wixsonsg@gmail.com</a>	<b>Gatekeeper:</b> Sara Kirkland <a href="mailto:office@buffalouu.org">office@buffalouu.org</a>	<b>Administrator for Finance:</b> Donna Sentz <a href="mailto:donnasentz@buffalouu.org">donnasentz@buffalouu.org</a>	<b>Organist/ Accompanist:</b> Chris Sierzchula
<b>Nursery Care Coordinator:</b> TBH		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Newsletter</b> (submissions due by the 15th) <a href="mailto:newsletter@buffalouu.org">newsletter@buffalouu.org</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weekly Announcements (E-Blast)</b> (submissions due by NOON Wednesday) <a href="mailto:announcements@buffalouu.org">announcements@buffalouu.org</a></p>	



**A chalice alit since 1831**

A sanctuary on the National Registry of Historic Places

