

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

June 2023 Newsletter

Gather - Inspire - Transform



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

It has been a true delight to serve you as minister for the last eight years. I am filled with gratitude. UUCB is a wonderful congregation of leaders, planters, activists, friends, welcomers, and folks who play well together. So many happy memories. So much of which to be proud.

An Installation Ceremony replete with celebratory pomp and circumstance
The bus to Washington D.C. for the Women's March
Delicious Souper Sundays
The 2016 election night vigil
Our children growing and growing and growing
Meaningful relationship building in Covenant Groups
Our Youth bridging into young adults
The magnificence of our sanctuary
Our neighbors enjoying our glorious garden
The incredible pivot to online services during the pandemic
Daily lunch-bunch check-in online during the pandemic
Outdoor Vesper services during the pandemic
Our joyful re-opening and reunion after lockdown
Women's Society Book Sales and Luncheons
Sharing our offering plate with dozens of anti-racist anti-oppressive organizations
So many baby dedications!
Two operas, lovely Casual Concerts, sublime Christmas Eve services of candlelight and music, and
Musical Fundraisers
Potluck dinner with Buffalo's Turkish Community
Pride Parades!
Endless generosity of wisdom, talent, time, and energy of incredible volunteers and staff
Gratitude!!!!!!!

Serving you as minister has truly been an honor and a privilege. I am delighted to be part of your story.

But the time has come for us to begin our goodbyes as I let go of active ministry and you look toward the beginning of a new chapter as a vibrant faith community.

As I say goodbye, I am obliged to inform you of my professional ethical guidelines about our interactions when I am no longer your minister. The future well-being of a congregation is best assured by a fully effective departure of a minister whose service to that institution has ended. In other words, when I leave you, I need to really leave.

Beginning August 1, 2023, you and I will have no intentional contact with any of you... at least for a reasonable amount of time. You need to begin a new relationship with a new minister, and I need to live into retirement. That means we won't be scheduling any "playdates" together. No dinners, coffees, outings etc. and no exceptions. I will not cross the street to avoid you, in fact I'll wave madly and give you a big hug and ask after the family. But we can't make any plans together and we cannot talk about church. Not for a couple of years.

I don't like it either, but its for the best. These guidelines are put in place to protect both ministers and congregations during that tender time of transition when careless decisions can easily create big problems.

We have done a great job of shared ministry and bringing our mission and vision to life. Speaking for myself, you have transformed me. I am a better minister and a better person because of you. You have shown me how to faithfully do the work that needs to be done to make the world a better place. You have shown me how to give and receive compassion and forgiveness. You have taught me about humility, vulnerability, pride, and strength. For this, and so much more, I love you and always will.

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



Joys and Concerns

Congratulations go to the Rev. Kristina Church a remote member of our congregation who was installed as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, PA on May 6.

Our condolences are with the family and friends of Janet Sciolino, long-time member of our congregation. Janet passed away on January 18. We laid her cremains to rest in the church memorial garden on May 27.

A native species Redbud tree was recently planted in the southeast corner of the UU campus in memory of long-time UU member Doug Bissontz. Doug passed away in February, 2021. Bridget Evans generously offered to prepare the site, plant the tree and stake it for support. Doug's family is so grateful for Bridget's hard work.



Pulpit Previews

June 4: Proud and Loud, Rev. Joan Montagnes

Its Pride Sunday! Rainbows! Parades! And Equal Rights! Who says the Revolution can't be fun?

June 11: De-lightful, De-licious, De-Lovely, Rev. Joan Montagnes

Cole Porter really knew how to write a clever, funny song to capture our hearts and get our toes tapping. Lights up the brain and puts a smile on your face. He wrote it in the middle of the Great Depression. These are also challenging times. We will not get through them without a little delight.

June 18: Forever Flowering, Rev. Joan Montagnes and DRE Jess Pond

This Flower Communion Ceremony Sunday is a humdinger of transformation and blossoming. Our Youth will bridge into Young Adulthood. Rev. Joan will preach last sermon before she ventures into a life of retirement. And it's the 100th anniversary of the Flower Communion Ceremony. So, bring a flower to church and share in the celebrations! (Don't worry, we don't eat the flowers.)

June 25: Relationships and Organizing, Rabbi Jonathan Freirich

VOICE Buffalo organizes for racial equity and justice. Rabbi Jonathan will share some of the principles that guide community organizing for VOICE. Using real-life examples and traditional sources, Rabbi Jonathan will explore with us how we can all use our power for change in the oppressive systems all around us.

Summer Sunday Services: Calling all Preachers!

Our marvelous Tech Team, Worship Associates and Musicians have created an easy way for you to offer your thoughts and spirit to your beloved congregation. We make it easy to put on a show. We want to hear your voice, see your face, share in your wisdom, and soar on your inspiration. And because you are a Unitarian Universalist, we know you have something interesting to say about something.

If you are interested in offering a Summer Sunday service, you will be assigned a Worship Associate who will partner with you all the way from Prelude to Postlude and everything in between. You can take on as much or as little of the service design as you like.

The Worship Ministry welcomes your submission. Just send Rev. Joan an email about your proposed service with:

- Your name
- Possible dates for your service – June 26 - September 4
- Sermon title
- A 10-50 word blurb describing your service
- A 50 word biography
- And if you like, an outline of your sermon so we know where you are headed.

Send your information to minister@buffalouu.org We would love to hear from you!



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!

Religious Education & Faith Development News



Greetings from the Religious Education Ministry!

Jess Pond, Director of Religious Education

Hello UUCB!

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the end of the Religious Education year with us on RE Sunday! The volunteers, the families, and the support of this congregation are all crucial parts of the foundation of this RE Ministry – thank you, thank you, thank you!

Have you ever wanted to teach a religious education class, volunteer in the nursery, or join an adult faith development ministry team? Now is your chance! We will need at least twenty volunteer teachers, youth advisors, and a few additional nursery volunteers in the upcoming year, as our religious education program and attendance continue to grow!



I am also working on forming two ministry teams for next year: Adult Faith Development, and Religious Education for children, youth, and parents. Would you like to see more faith development programming for adults? Talk to me about joining the Adult Faith Development Ministry Team! Would you like to help with special programming for kids and parents, including potlucks and party planning? Talk to me about the Religious Education Ministry Team!

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or thoughts about Religious Education for any age group at jpond@buffalouu.org.

I look forward to cheering on the Pride Parade with you all on June 4, and bridging our graduating seniors and celebrating Flower Communion on June 18! If you are or if you know a graduating senior or a young adult who would like to participate in the Bridging Ceremony on June 18, please let me know!

Bright blessings,

Jess

It's never too late to register for Religious Education! 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>

NURSERY IS OPEN! Our nursery will now be open for our littlest members on Sunday mornings, 9:30-12:30. Parents are welcome to bring infants, toddlers, and pre-k children to the nursery immediately upon arrival on Sunday mornings, or after the Time for All Ages when the children leave the service for RE classes. There will be a sign-in sheet in the nursery that you will be asked to fill out during drop-off.

VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY: In addition to our childcare supervisor, I will be building a list of volunteers to act as the second adult in the nursery for best safety practices. Listen to the streamed worship service while serving the young

families in our community! If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery or for childcare for special events, please email me at jpond@buffalouu.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) CLASSES! 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.

It is my hope that we will be able to provide an abbreviated series of workshops for the K-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade groups in June or July this summer, with 5 or 6 trained volunteers. There is an online training in May with seven sessions, and all sessions are mandatory to be considered fully trained. Registration for the training is due by March 27. All costs for the training will be covered by the RE budget. If you are already trained in OWL and you would like to help out with workshops this summer, or if you would like to sign up for the training in May to be able to volunteer, please email me at jpond@buffalouu.org ASAP! Let's bring OWL back!

Adult Education Offerings

SHAW GOOD TO BE BACK! A Preview (and Review) of the 2023 SHAW FESTIVAL



Michael Harris, instructor

Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo
695 Elmwood Avenue; Buffalo, NY 14222
11 meetings; Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
May 10 to July 26, 2023
Cost: \$70 for 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 'Shaw Fest 2023' on memo line of check.] For information, call 716-885-2136, or email us at office@buffalouu.org.



SHAW GOOD TO BE BACK! – A PREVIEW (AND REVIEW) OF THE 2023 SHAW FESTIVAL

“Curtain up! Light the lights!” Now that the pandemic is receding, it's a great time to return to the Shaw Festival, and this course is your handy guide to its upcoming season. Anchored by the classic show-biz musical *Gypsy*, the playbill features two premieres of legends: the Hindu epic *Mahabharata* and the C.S. Lewis Narnian tale *Prince Caspian*. Bernard Shaw is represented by the witty comedies *The Apple Cart* and *Village Wooing*, plus his Irish compatriot J.M. Synge by *The Playboy of the Western World*. Novelists James Baldwin (*The Amen Corner*) and Edith Wharton (*Shadow of a Doubt*) provide gripping drama, while Tom Stoppard (*On the Razzle*) and Noël Coward (*Blithe Spirit*) leave 'em laughing. In short, let Shaw entertain you, and you'll have a real good time, yessir!

Course Syllabus

- Session One (May 10): *Karma, Dharma* and the Gods – *Mahabharata* (2023) by Philip Akin and Miriam Fernandes, after the Sanskrit epic poem
- Session Two (May 17): Shaw Returns to Narnia – *Prince Caspian* (2023) by Damian Atkins, based on the C.S. Lewis novel.
- Session Three (May 24): A Spree in Vienna – *On the Razzle* (1981) by Tom Stoppard, based on a farce by Johann Nestroy.
- Session Four (May 31): The Ultimate Stage Mother – *Gypsy* (1959) by Arthur Laurents, Julie Styne and Stephen Sondheim, after the memoir by Gypsy Rose Lee.
- Session Five (June 7): Getting His Irish Up – *The Playboy of the Western World* (1907), by John Millington Synge.
- Session Six (June 14): Love from A to Z – *Village Wooing* (1933) by Bernard Shaw; In the *Spiegel* tent (A Game of Love and Chance and Mother, Daughter)
- Session Seven (June 21): Governing the King – *The Apple Cart* (1928) by Bernard Shaw
- Session Eight (June 28): Putting the Irish Down – *The Clearing* (1993) by Helen Edmundson

NO CLASS ON JULY 5

- Session Nine (July 12): Unsettled Minister – *The Amen Corner* (1954) by James Baldwin
- Session Ten (July 19): Woman with a Past – *The Shadow of a Doubt* (1901) by Edith Wharton.
- Session Eleven (July 26): Ghost of a Chance – *Blithe Spirit* (1941) by Noël Coward



Banned Book Club with Mary Lou and Sharon

“Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us”

The club is now on summer break but we will be returning the first week in October in celebrating “Banned Book Week” for 2023. Check out the July newsletter for our picks for the fall. If you’re looking for new summer reads check out ALA's list for 2022: <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10>

All are welcome and you can join us at any time. For more information, contact Mary Lou Hill and Sharon Walker at ucbbbc@buffalouu.org or Jess Pond at jpond@buffalouu.org.

INTRO TO SUFISM - The class will take place on Sundays 12:30-1:30 pm in the Marge Gardner room. The registration fee is \$5/session. Please register by emailing Jess at jpond@buffalouu.org.



Save the Date! Join us July 9th as we bid a fond farewell to our beloved Rev. Joan!

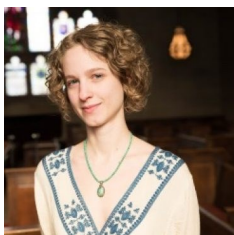
We are sending our beloved Reverend Joan off with a big celebration on Sunday July 9th after our Church Services! Let's

make this party special! There will be an opportunity to speak at the celebration as well as other roles for setting up and cleaning up. We will have a Peter Sloan card to sign and a message book for your well wishes. We will need folks to bring desserts and salads. (Subs will be provided). We are still looking for more photos of Joan during her tenure as our Minister. Email photos to bae812@gmail.com or bring print photos to church and give them to Sandra Van Every or Bridget Evans. Thanks to everyone so far! There are lots of ways to participate! Sign up sheets and more info will be available in the Parish Hall 6/11, 6/25 and 7/2. Let's show Joan how much she has meant to OUR Congregation over these 8 years of service and fellowship!



Music Notes

Dr. Jessie Downs, Music Director



Although the church year proper is winding down for the summer, we still have some exciting musical offerings in store for the month of June!

June 4th is Pride Sunday, and just as last year, our staff soloists and Chris will be joined by guitarist Paul Zanolli, drummer Steve Rao, and vocalist Shaun Doyle for some rockin' numbers that will help get the Pride party started! As the Prelude, Jessie and the band will offer a special tribute to recently departed "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll" Tina Turner with the fortuitously named "*Proud Mary*" (it will certainly be both "*loud and proud*"). As the Centering, Taryn and Michael will share the heartfelt "No one is Alone" from Stephen Sondheim's musical *Into the Woods*. As the Offertory, Shaun, Taryn, and Helen will perform "The Origin of Love" from Stephen Trask's rock musical *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* – an anthemic tune that playfully recounts a myth from Plato's symposium about why we search for our "other half." As the Reflection, Board President and guest vocalist Bobby Withrow will share his rendition of "Boys in the Street" - a recent pop tune that recounts a man's experience of coming out to, being rejected by, and then ultimately becoming accepted by his father. Finally, the vocal soloists, Shaun, and the band will share the triumphant gospel inspired "Coming Out of the Dark."

The title of the June 11th service is "Delight," and the UUCB Choir – joined by special guest vocalist Alex McArthur – will share several pieces that explore this theme. As the Prelude, the choir will sing "In These Delightful, Pleasant Groves" by the composer of *Dido and Aeneas*, Henry Purcell. At the Offertory, they will present another short choral gem, "Oh Taste and See" by Ralph Vaughn Williams. As the Reflection, the choir and Chris will bring to life the rich, delightful harmonies of Randall Thompson's setting of Robert Frost's "Choose Something Like a Star." Finally, Alex will share her rendition of "It's De-Lovely" from Cole Porter's musical *Red, Hot and Blue*.

On Saturday June 17th, join The Bitter Nasties for their 2pm Casual Concert, featuring performances by our very own Helen Lowry and Paul Zanolli. The Bitter Nasties are an eclectic folk rock amalgamation. The groups write original, thought-provoking and quirky music and offer fresh takes on pop classics.

For this Flower Communion (June 18th) on which we are celebrating Joan's ministry at UUCB, the music team will be sharing a variety of special offerings. Chris will begin the service with the stunning "Lilacs" by Sergei Rachmaninoff. At the Offertory, The Bitter Nasties will perform a special request from Joan, "(Nothing but) Flowers" by The Talking Heads. The Choir will pay their tribute to Joan with the Reflection "A Rose Touched By the Sun's Warm Rays" by Jean Berger. Finally, the soloists and the band will sing "The Sound" by Dr. Dog. This song about delight, change, and the power of sound will feature lead vocals by Lia Allen, who will be leaving the UUCB Music Staff after this performance.

For the last Sunday of the month, Chris and Jessie will be on call to support Rabbi Jonathan Freirich's service on social justice.



Welcome to our new Interim Minister Rev. Dr. Cathy Harrington!

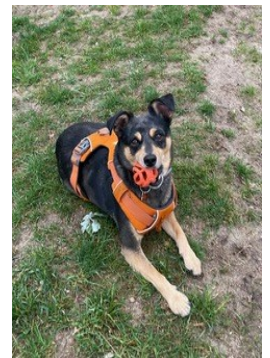


Rev. Dr. Cathy Harrington is an Accredited Interim Minister who has successfully served UU congregations through their time of transition in Michigan, Florida, Tennessee and North Carolina. She also served as a settled minister for nine years.

She is no stranger to cold and snowy winters: Her home base is Ludington, Mich., and she owned a bakery/cafe in Seward, Alaska.

Cathy will be moving to Buffalo from Asheville, N.C., with her 6-year-old dog, Zoey, while her husband, Jim, patiently holds down the fort in their Ludington home. He is fully supportive of her call to ministry.

Prior to becoming a minister, Cathy was an award-winning hairdresser for 25 years and owned Miller's Daughter Bakery/Cafe in Seward, Alaska, which is where she recognized that her call to feed people was a call to ministry. She drove the Al-Can Highway to Berkeley, Calif., where she spent five years (including a one-year internship in Austin, Texas) to study at Starr King School for the Ministry.



While in seminary and beyond, Cathy's ministry has been deeply informed and creatively shaped by her involvement with the Faithful Fools Street Ministry in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco.

She believes that transitional ministry should be joyful and fun as well as a time of deep discernment and exploration.

Since ordination, Cathy has dreamed of serving a church that "looks like a church" and is thrilled to be coming to UUCB.



From the Board

How to be in touch with your Board of Trustees:

- To reach the Board, email 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: [Governance](#).

June Share-the-Plate: [GLYS WNY](#)



The June Share the Plate recipient is GLYS WNY. GLYS WNY builds affirming cultures and supportive communities for youth of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. GLYS provides a safe and positive environment for LGBTQ+ youth to learn more about themselves through peer interaction and educational experiences. The organization creates opportunities for emotional growth and community awareness. Through GLYS outreach, other agencies learn about and increase their sensitivity to the needs of gender and sexual minority youth. GLYS provides LGBTQ+ youth with positive role models and a safe space, while promoting positive self-esteem and the integration of these youth into the larger community. GLYS can also assist youth and their families by providing resources and referrals.



Respectful (Right) Relations Team and our Church Covenant

At the beginning of the year Reverend Joan and Board leadership heard about a training that is put on by the UUA and is called "Tending Covenant: Training for Right Relationship Teams". Five members of the congregation (Sharon Walker, Ginny Vaughan, Chris Slocum, Liz Parke, Steve Wixson) are currently taking this training and would like to give you a sense of our experience. While this work is called "Right "Relationship training, we would like to consider our team as a Respectful Relationship team and we will use that term going forward.

The purpose of Respectful Relationship teams is to provide congregational members with a place to deal with conflicts that might arise between individuals. We are learning that in order to function as a caring and respectful congregation we need to know how to hold each other in covenant. We need to be a congregation that understands and tries to live by its values.

We have learned some specific techniques around the restorative practices/ listening circle concept. Our role is not to solve problems but to allow each individual to be heard in fact and emotions. We are neither responsible to the Board or to the Minister.

What we have learned the most, or become much more aware of, is that UUCB does not have a real Congregational Covenant. We recite our vision statement at the beginning of Service, that does not give us specifics on how we want to be in this religious community. We are a sacred organization made up of imperfect human beings. It is our hope that working with our interim minister, the board, and the larger congregational community we can create a document that not only identifies our values but gives us specifics about how we can treat each other in community. As a Respectful Relations team we will help to hold this community in covenant. Our team will be offering the Worship Service on August 27. If you have questions about our work, please contact any of us.

Respectfully - *Sharon Walker, Ginny Vaughan, Chris Slocum, Liz Parke and Steve Wixson*



Pulpit Flowers



To remember a loved one or recognize the hard work and efforts of our UU family, flowers make a perfect tribute. Lots of Sundays are available for ordering Pulpit Flowers. Please consider reserving a date to schedule your floral tribute soon. For \$50 you can share beautiful fresh flowers with the congregation and take home a fragrant arrangement.

We are asking those who purchase flowers to consider NOT taking home the plastic pot the arrangement is in. After the service, the flowers will be removed from the pot and placed in a large plastic bag. This will make it easier to carry the flowers home. The florist will re-use the pots, cutting down on our consumption of plastic. If you purchased flowers in the past, you could return the pot(s) to Sandra Bissontz or Ted Bieniek. If you still want to take home the entire arrangement, pot and all, that's OK too. We will ask you after that particular service if you would like to return the pot for re-use. Just contact Sandra Bissontz at smp1127@yahoo.com to place your order, or if you have any questions .

Announcements, Events and Opportunities, Oh My!

Witness to Injustice: Unraveling Historic Native and U.S. Relations

We are excited to host Buffalo Nekanehsakt to facilitate a KAIROS Blanket Exercise on Saturday June 10, 2023 from 12pm to 3pm in UUCB's Parish Hall at 695 Elmwood Avenue. Everyone is welcome!

Reconciliation through education and understanding: this is a participatory history lesson that fosters truth, understanding and respect among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. Participants walk on blankets representing the land and explore the role of First Nations peoples by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcome as they literally 'walk' through situations that include pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. We engage in a conversation about the European colonization of Turtle Island (the Western Hemisphere) in order to deepen our understanding of the denial of Indigenous peoples' nationhood throughout U.S. History. There is a sliding scale of \$10-\$30 to support our indigenous facilitators. Our workshop will be similar to the one shown here <https://vimeo.com/129161339> Please RSVP to Hy Carrel at hcarrel@gmail.com or (716) 259-2725.

Ready to play?



Member and art educator Julie Carter is hosting the Buffalo Collage Club at our Church! Be ready to use varied materials and play with shapes, textures and colors to create a unique collage each month. Julie will provide guidance and a changing theme. No experience necessary. All you need is a playful attitude and she will direct the activity. Feel free to bring any materials you'd like to use or simply work with what is provided. This class is free of charge. **We meet at Church on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.** See you there!



The Western New York Refugee Film Festival continues! This season has a bit of everything: from an unlikely friendship between a Syrian Kurdish refugee and former member of the KKK, to a gay refugee from Uganda now living in Canada and grappling with his new-found freedom during the pandemic, to an Afghan filmmaker documenting on his cell phone the flight of his family on foot to Europe, and much more. **Please see trailers and bookmark the schedule page here:** www.wnyrff.org Our film festival is still **virtual and FREE!** If you are able to give, **donations** towards the vital work of Journey's End and to help us cover the costs of the festival are most welcome (suggested donation: \$100). Three films remaining: September, October, December!



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PITTSBURGH • JUNE 21 - 25, 2023

**Represent OUR Congregation this summer at
the General Assembly!**

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. The dates are June 21 - 25, 2023 online or in-person in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Our congregation can send up to 7 delegates. Please consider attending on-line or in person! Pittsburgh is an easy drive from Buffalo! More info from Rev. Joan or check UUA.org.

Communicating and Connecting at UUCB!

A list with descriptions of our communication channels. Check them out!

PUBLICATIONS

The E-Blast. E-mailed every week, usually on Friday, and provides brief, current news, announcements, and updates.

Submissions due by NOON on Wednesday. Send to office@buffalouu.org.

The Monthly Newsletter. More in-depth, published every month of the year. Here you'll find Rev. Joan's letter to the congregation, what's coming up in R.E./Adult Ed, and Music, along with news, events, announcements for the coming month (and beyond!).

Submissions due by the 15th of the preceding month (with some leeway, please let us know if you will be late). Send to newsletter@buffalouu.org.

To sign up for our newsletters above, go to <https://buffalouu.org/sign-up>

THE UUCB WEBSITE

- Learn about [who we are as UUs](#), and find answers to [FAQs](#).
- Read about our [Accessibility and UAIM Program](#), and who to contact for more info.
- [The current E-Blast](#), which includes the Order of Service. Posted on Friday evenings.
- [The Monthly Newsletter](#) (plus links to past Newsletters)
- Info on [Religious Education and Adult R.E.](#), how to [get involved](#), and become a [member and pay your pledge](#).
- [Sermons and Services](#) archive.

Please note: The tabs on the homepage contain info, make sure you click on them (not just the subtabs)

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Email us at website@buffalouu.org

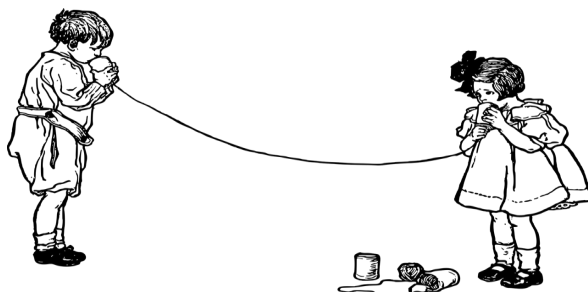
OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT

Board of Trustees - You can be in touch with the BoT via email, attend board meetings in person or via Zoom, and see the Current Board of Trustees members on the website [HERE](#).

We have a **Religious Education/Welcome Table** in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

Announcements are made near the beginning of the church service on Sundays.


Facebook Pages for our Church in general [HERE](#), for Religious Education [HERE](#).



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



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A chalice alit since 1831

A sanctuary on the National Registry of Historic Places

