

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

EBLAST



04/13/2025: MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ACHIEVED

Calling a new minister for our Church can be a joy-filled time...full of enthusiasm. It is a difficult process to match a minister to our unique needs. Take this journey with your ministerial search team.

Livestream link: <http://live.buffalouu.org>

GET INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH

Click [here](#) to join one of our committees and make a difference in our community.

MAKE A DONATION

Click [here](#) to make a monetary donation to our church.

WELCOME TABLE

I am seeking volunteers to help work the welcome table on Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:30am. See Mike Shanahan and stop by the table to sign up for the date you are interested in helping. - Mike

Also, if you are new or just want to learn more about our congregation, look for the folks with the green mugs. They will be happy to chat with you!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE UPDATE

Please keep our dear congregants in your thoughts:

- Kate is now at Garden Gate Rehab (2365 Union, Cheektowaga) and would love to have visitors check in on her after 3pm.
- Marilyn is at Suburban Safire Care Center in Williamsville, and we send her our warmest wishes.
- Kathleen Ludwig is at Buffalo General and has been moved out of the ICU to a regular room. She is improving, but her daughter asks that she not receive visitors just yet.

Let's surround them with love, support, and healing thoughts. ❤️

SHARE THE PLATE



This month's recipient is: Justice for Migrant Families. Click [here](#) for more information.

Order of Service

April 13, 2025

Ringling of the bell

Prelude "Day By Day" from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz
UUCB Soloists ft. Taryn Goehrig - vocals, Su Lee -piano

Welcome and announcements

Charlene Montgomery

*Greet your neighbor

Call to worship

*Chalice lighting

We gather in loving community
Inspiring one another
To transform ourselves
To create a more just and compassionate world

***Hymn** #361 Enter Rejoice and Come In

Story for all ages Hope In A Jar by Deborah Marcerro

Blessing the Children

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Offering

Andrea Burke Harris

Musical offering "All For The Best" from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz
Shaun Doyle + Michael Harris - vocals, Su Lee -piano

Reflection 1 Diversity is greater than what you can see. Julie Taylor

Pastoral Prayer

Rachel Clark

Musical reflection "By My Side" from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz
UUCB Soloists ft. Taryn Goehrig - vocals, Su Lee -piano

Reflection 2 When is it necessary to say that the right choice is a failed search? Julie Taylor

Reading Who Is A Unitarian Universalist Minister? By Jack Mendelsohn Maria Testa

Reflection 3 The vision of the church belongs to the congregation. Julie Taylor

***Hymn** #1028 Fire of Commitment

*Extinguishing the chalice

As we extinguish the flame of this chalice,
may we carry its light with us into the world,
in the power of peace, faith, justice and love.

***Benediction** "Benediction" an adaptation by Susan Manker-Sewell

Postlude "Bless the Lord" from Godspell by Stephen Schwartz
UUCB Soloists ft. Taryn Goehrig - vocals, Su Lee -piano



Andrea Burke Harris

Rachel Clark

Julie Taylor

Maria Testa

Julie Taylor

Pulpit Flowers

*The Ministerial Search Team -
Andrea, Charlene, Julie, Maria,
Rachel, Simon and Renee*

NEW WAY TO ORDER PULPIT FLOWERS:

If you intend to order fresh flowers, please use the church's website buffalouu.org. On the home page, you will see six boxes with photos. There is a box labeled "Pulpit Flowers" which is the portal to place your order. Just fill in the information and pay with a credit card using Zeffy. There are links to guide you. If you have any questions, please email Sandy Bissontz at smp1127@yahoo.com.

The next available Sundays are May 4th and May 25th. Please reserve the date you want. The flower chart posted in the Parish Hall shows all the open Sundays for reservations. Thanks, Everyone, for participating in this new venture. We are here to serve you.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY BOOK SALE

This is the last weekend for the Book Sale. It's all over on the 13th. Make sure you check it out before it's gone!

JOHN REX WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE

His address is 7960 Center St. Apt 223 Mentor, Ohio 44060.

UUCB BANNED BOOK CLUB SATURDAY, APRIL 26 AT 10:00 AM IN THE MARGE GARDINER ROOM TO DISCUSS THE HANDMAID'S TALE BY MARGARET ATWOOD



Atwood's classic dystopian novel has been removed from schools across the United States because of "human sexuality," "material that may discomfort students," and "the discussion of feminism and extremism" (Charger Press). Indeed, in the U.S.A. in 2025, it causes discomfort to readers of every age. Read or re-read it, if you dare, and join us to discuss that sinking feeling it produces in your gut.

This month, we'll meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 26. Coffee and coffee cake provided, or bring your own snacks. Contact Mary Louise Hill or Sharon Walker at uucbbbc@buffalouu.org or Jess Pond at jpond@buffalouu.org for more information.

GARDEN NEWS

Monday April 14 at 4 PM is a go for turning and bagging compost. If we get enough volunteers, we will have a second crew trimming and raking the rain garden by the parking lot. New volunteers are welcome. Contact: kelleranthony290@gmail.com

HOW TO BRING EASTER EGG HUNT FUN TO FAMILY PROMISE SHELTER KIDS

It's almost time for our annual easter egg hunt, and we have LOTS of eggs but no treats to fill them. We are looking for any small chocolates, candies, or little trinkets to fill our eggs.

Any donations are due by April 17, and can be delivered to the Family Promise Center on the SS Colomba-Brigid RC church campus, 75 Hickory St. at Clinton, or contact Nancy Wilkins at nlaurienwilkins@yahoo.com to arrange collection.

FOOD MINISTRY - "ACE OF CUPS"

In respect for the Women's Society Annual Book Sale, this week's selections will all be served in tiny cups. With no rhyme and without reason, there will be an array of tiny cups, filled with a unique goodie, to help facilitate book browsing. So get out and browse!

A MILESTONE CELEBRATION!

On April 26th, our beloved long-time member, Evelyn Herr, will celebrate her 100th birthday! Let's join together in wishing her a very happy birthday and celebrating this incredible milestone.

Feel free to send her your warm wishes and joy!

A-MAY-ZING UUCB FUN & FELLOWSHIP AUCTION (IN-PERSON AND ON-LINE) SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

We've set the date: The auction will be both on-line and in-person. The in-person event will be on Sunday, May 18th, before and after church. Stay tuned for details.

Be a Donor: Deadline for donations is Sunday, May 4th

Be a "Creative Force": Share your ideas for how to make the 2025 Auction a success! Contact the Auction Team through Juli Van Woert JVW61@aol.com and Andrea Burke-Harris aburkeharris@gmail.com.

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

AUDREY MANG AND BILL NOWAK IN CONVERSATION
MONDAY, APRIL 14 AT 7:00 PM FREE
TALKING LEAVES...BOOKS & HALLWALLS CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER PRESENT

Please join Talking Leaves and Hallwalls at Hallwalls on Monday, April 14 at 7 pm for a conversation between longtime Buffalo activists Audrey Mang and Bill Nowak about Audrey's recently released memoir, *Nothing's Easy, Audrey and Jim Mang: Faithful Peacemakers* (NFB Publishing). In our current turbulent moment of political upheaval and democratic crisis, and our need for a strong community of resistance, we can learn a great deal from the lifelong activism and spiritual faith of a Buffalo couple who devoted their lives to social, racial, and economic justice and peace.

Nothing's Easy is Audrey Mang's heartwarming and unequivocal chronicle of the truth of her husband Jim's belief that "... it is love, in faith, in doubt, in risk that community is built." Whether through conflict with the Church, strategizing with worldwide activists for nuclear disarmament, raising awareness of economic injustice in Buffalo, NY, executing risky acts of civil disobedience, or celebrating the joys and navigating the challenges of their family life, Jim and Audrey's unwavering commitment to unity, peace, and justice continues to impart love, courage, and vision to the communities they have so selflessly served.

This event is free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing from Talking Leaves.

BUFFALO NIAGARA WATERKEEPER'S (BNW) SPRING SWEEP

UUs are gathering to join Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper's (BNW) Spring Sweep which happens Saturday, April 26th from 10:00am-Noon. Participants need to wear shoes and clothes appropriate for walking on rocks and around shrubs.

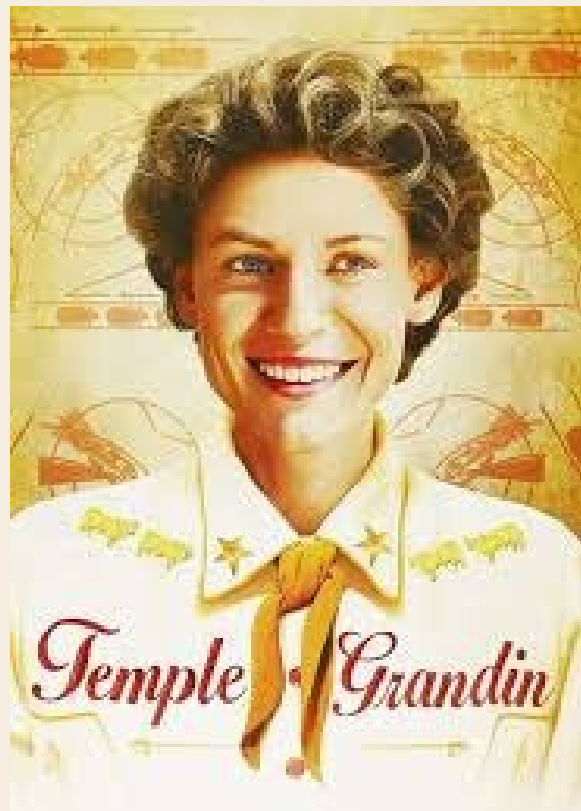
BNW supplies gloves and bags to participants. Because BNW needs to manage headcount per site, we must sign up individually. UUCB asks you to join the "Tops along Scajaquada" site linked below. Sign up ASAP as some sites are already full! Hope to see you there!

Jim Sheibley asks you to message him so he knows who is joining or contact him with questions. (715)-459-9132 or Jmsheibley@charter.net



UUCB Universal Access and Inclusion Ministry Movie Series

Join us for our
kick-off screening:
Temple Grandin (2010)
Saturday, April 26
695 Elmwood Avenue
(NE corner of Elmwood
and W. Ferry)
Introduction and Screening | 1-3PM
Refreshments and Discussion | 3-4PM



Join us for the inaugural screening of the UUCB Universal Access and Inclusion Ministry Movie Series! Each film has been selected for its social justice focus, and will conclude with refreshments and discussion. This event is FREE and open to the public.

We hope to see you there!



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ACCESSIBILITY AND
INCLUSION MINISTRY
AIM PROGRAM

Committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities

CLICK THE LINKS BELOW:

[RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR RE CLASSES](#)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

We will have Religious Education classes for children and youth ages 3-18 on April 13.

The nursery is available every Sunday, 9:30-12:30, and infants and toddlers under 3 are welcome to stay in the nursery during Religious Education time.

OWL Teacher Training! If you are interested in being trained for the high school levels of OWL, there is an online training happening soon! The classes for teachers for grades 7-9 & 10-12 will be on Monday and Thursday evenings in June: registration is open April 14-28. Please contact me for more information or to be registered at jpond@buffalouu.org.

Don't forget to email me at jpond@buffalouu.org to register for the Spiritual Practice series for adults! Join Rev. Cathy and me on Tuesdays through April 22, 7:00-8:00pm in the Alliance Room.

New Member Class and Pizza Dinner! If you would like to become a voting member of the UUCB congregation, join Rev. Cathy and I for pizza and the New Member Class on Tuesday, May 6, 5:30-7:30 in the Parish Hall!

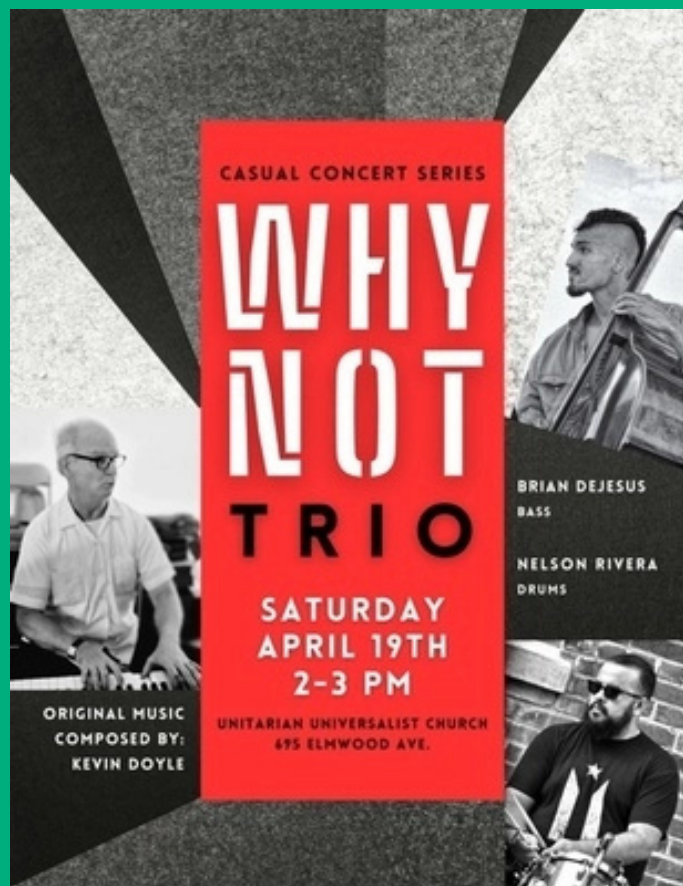
CHOIR


Contact Jessie Downs at jdowns@buffalouu.org to join the choir! We meet Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:45.

FROM JESSIE:

This Sunday, April 13th, is Palm Sunday, and the Music Ministry will celebrate with selections from Stephen Schwartz's musical, *Godspell*. As the Prelude, Reflection, and Postlude, Taryn Goehrig will lead the UUCB Soloists in the inspirational "Day By Day," reflective "By My Side," and jubilant "Bless the Lord." As the Offertory, Shaun Doyle and Michael Harris will reprise their 2024 Cabaret showstopper, "All For the Best."

Next Saturday, April 19th at 2pm, we welcome "Why Not?" into our sanctuary for a Casual Concert. The group features Kevin Doyle on piano, Brian DeJesus on bass, and Jamie Sunshine on drums, performing original jazz and Latin music.





UU WOMEN'S SOCIETY

RICH NEWBERG IS TAKING A VICTORY LAP

April 17 • 11am

\$20 members / \$25 non-members

Please join us on April 17 at 11 am when Rich Newberg presents an enthralling, thoughtful and lively program highlighting his decades of reporting consequential stories for Channel 4 TV!

His stories of Racial strife in Buffalo, Love Canal and so many others were of the caliber that national news broadcasts used then as pillars of their own shows! We promise great conversations, and a talented reprise of the stories that shaped our future! Reservations after church on Sundays April 6, and 13 and by contacting sandyvanevery@yahoo.com.

Lunch reservations are \$25/\$20.

Please join us for this intriguing program!

CALENDAR OF RECURRING EVENTS

WEEKLY

Ecstatic Dance Sundays 2:00pm-5:00pm *
Folk Dancing Mondays 9:00am-12:00 pm *
AA Women's Group Mondays 11:00am-12:00am
AA Journey Group Mondays 6:00pm-8:30pm
Coffee Klatch Tuesdays 10:00am-11:00am
Peaceful Hearts Meditation Group 6:30pm-8:00pm
AA Working Group Thursdays 10:00am-11:00am
NA Meeting Thursdays 12:30pm-2:00pm
Adult Children of Alcoholics Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
Choir Practice Thursdays 7:30pm-9:45pm
Al-Anon Meeting Fridays 12:00pm-1:30pm
Women's AA Group Saturdays 5:30pm-7:30pm

MONTHLY

Gathering of Grievors 2nd Sunday 12:00pm-1:30pm
Queen City Contra Dance 2nd Saturday 7:00pm-10:00pm
Recovery Group 2nd Tuesday 5:30pm-7:30pm
Collage Club 2nd Wednesday 7:00pm-8:30pm
Casual Concerts 3rd Saturday 1:00pm-4:00pm
Dance Alive 3rd Saturday 7:00pm-10:00pm
Lumpy Buttons Craft Group 3rd Tuesday 5:00pm-8:00pm
Banned Book Club 4th Saturday 10:00am-11:30am

CHECK OUT ALL LISTINGS AT:
WWW.BUFFALOUU.ORG/CALENDAR

**= Check calendar for availability*