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The Foreword

The Newsletter of the
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We challenge ourselves and the community to foster more compassion and justice in the world.

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH AT 10:30am

Sundays in March: The Soul Matters theme for this month is JOURNEY. From cradle to grave, each of us is on the journey that we call 'life.'

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Feels Like Home to Me

Rev. Michelle Buhite

What is it about our quest to find our people, our home, that is so compelling?

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A Journey of One Inch

Rev. Michelle Buhite

"And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch..." Wendell Berry

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Eat, Pray, Love

Rev. Michelle Buhite

"To journey and be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim."
Mark Nepo

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Renewal

Professor John Snodgrass

Whether we are more spiritual or natural in our beliefs, spring can be a time of awakening and renewal. We'll examine ancient legends and rituals celebrating rebirth and rejuvenation, and see how these have been shaped by natural processes of emerging from winter. Professor Snodgrass teaches Religious Studies at Buffalo State, and Native American Religions at Canisius college. He is the author of "Genesis and the Rise of Civilization," "Romancing the Minotaur: Sex and Sacrifice and some Greek Mythology," and other books. He has been a freelance Unitarian preacher for six years, and lives in Buffalo with his wife and their four children.

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A Heart for Justice

Rev. Michelle Buhite

This all-ages worship service will highlight the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. A special 'share-the-plate' offering will benefit the work of UUSC. Please make checks payable to UUCA with "UUSC" in the memo line.

UUCA Covenant

Together we promise:

To gather in compassionate community,

To celebrate diversity of thought and unity of spirit;

And to seek wholeness for ourselves, our

MINISTER'S CORNER



Ah, March. My least favorite month.

Maybe it just seems so long after February's 28 days – but March just seems to go on and on and on. Here in WNY it is the Cliff's Notes of seasons – a little bit of everything... snow, sleet, mud, and precious little sunshine. Even when Les and I lived in the south, March was trying... with everything covered with a gummy yellow layer of pollen.

With all of its changeable weather and unpredictable moods, March is also a turning point. We may still see snow and frost into April, but it is the exception rather than the rule. March is the gateway between winter and spring. Perhaps if we approach this unruly season in the spirit of internet sensation and queen of tidiness, Marie Kondo, we can consider and bless each unpredictable moment and take note of the things that spark joy in us. I'm willing to give it a try.

In faith and affection,
Rev. Michelle



The 5th Sunday = Social Justice Sunday!

Come Join us on **Sunday March 31st** at 9:15 am in Emerson Room as we help the Amherst Little Free Pantry.

We will be preparing lists and take-home bags for pantry donations. Chat with friends as you help with this important project!



Welcome to our newest members Anarkali Morrill, Jean Strait and Joyce Strait. Glad you are here!



Fragrance Free Zone

Chemical Sensitivities: Please refrain from wearing scented products (perfume, cologne, etc.) on Sunday mornings. We have several people for whom these scents cause headaches and other allergic reactions. Thank you for helping make our beloved community welcoming to all.



Faith Development Updates

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This month's theme is 'Journey'. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who travel together with me as we journey from Nursery to Spirit Play to Senior Youth to Young Adults and beyond here in Faith Development.

Spring is approaching with many exciting opportunities to share!

Coming of Age Classes meet March 3, and 10 at 12:30 in Bulfinch

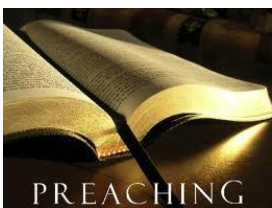
Young Adults meet every Sunday after services in Whitney Young Room

March 17th— Special FD Day with showing of special documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor" honoring Mr. Rogers. Parents invited to watch with us that day during regular Faith Development time. FD classes will run until 12:30pm so we can view the entire film.

March 22th—Poetry Slam! For all ages in the Emerson Room starting at 7pm. Break out your best poems to share. More information to come.

March 29th –31st: UNY Youth Conference in Schenectady for 9th-12th grade youth. More at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/youth/districtyouth> or contact Zoe.

April 7th— Save the Date for a Spaghetti Lunch after services, sponsored by our Coming of Age group to raise funds for our annual trip to Boston.



Preaching by Parishioners has started planning sessions. This unique UUCA program helps lay leaders write a sermon and lead a summer worship service. Our objective, in the UU philosophy is to not 'train' you, but help you deliver the very best message you can - whatever that message is. The participants in our workshop this year have a range of experience - novice to decades of practice.

Check out our website page at <http://www.uuamherst.org/preaching-by-parishioners-pxp/>

You are welcome to Join Us! No Experience Necessary! We meet Sundays in March at noon in the chapel.

Contact Jerry Kent or Yvonne Stocker for more information.



I've been writing about Unitarian Universalist spiritual practices this year. Since it's pledging season, I now consider the practice of financial generosity. "Generosity is based in knowing what you are capable of giving, and going just a little beyond that." -Lodro Rinzler

Generosity is a sort of spiritual weightlifting program; it helps us find the edge where giving takes effort, but doesn't harm our fiscal (or physical!) fitness.

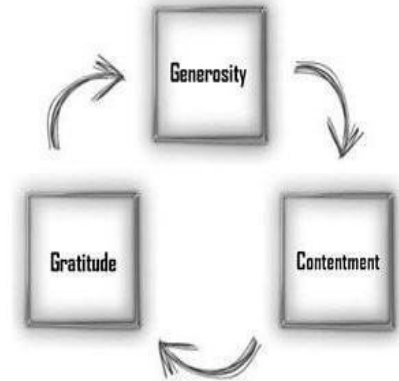
Financial situations vary; some budgets have absolutely no wiggle room, but often we can find ways to contribute to organizations that are important to us. Just as exercise helps us know our own bodies better, we can better understand our financial health when we give intentionally and consistently, resisting comparing ourselves to others.

Building generosity takes focused, mindful effort by tracking spiritual inputs and outputs. Become aware of life's abundance with a gratitude journal, or some other way of recognizing your many blessings. Like in-breaths and out-breaths, gratitude and generosity form a natural cycle, so gratefulness brings a desire to give back. A regular giving regimen will yield the results we're seeking. And as with physical exertion, rest and recuperation are sometimes required. When there are setbacks or new circumstances, expectations may need to change.

Making and keeping a pledge supports our beloved community and also transforms and empowers us: it changes our relationship to money, to stuff, and to the delicate balance between getting and giving. It transforms our relationship to the congregation, too, as we go from being passive consumers to supporters, or even pillars. It can be the difference between saying I go to church and knowing I am the church.

I hope you'll commit to a pledge of consistent support to UUCA. Thanks to all who contribute to our community. Your practice of generosity makes a difference!

~Kristina Church, UUCA Ministerial Intern



CULTURAL LITERACY FOR RELIGION: EVERYTHING THE WELL-EDUCATED PERSON SHOULD KNOW:

This is the end of these informative sessions. Drop ins welcome for these last videos and discussions.

Topic: Religion & Law in America and Religion Today: Trends

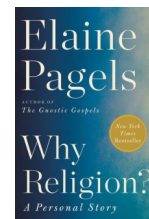
Monday 03/04 at 7 pm in Bulfinch
Thursday 3/7 at 1pm in Emerson

Adult Faith Development



Women's Afternoon Study Group-Tuesday, February 26 and Tuesday March 5th at 1:30 pm in the Living Room. We will discuss articles in the Winter Edition of the UU World.

Thursday Night Book Club: Thursday, March 7th – 7pm in the Living Room. We are reading “Why, Religion” by Elaine Pagels; author of “The Gnostic Gospels”. Contact Chris Barry



Current Events Discussion and Lunch: Tuesday, February 12th at 12:30 p.m. Meet in the Emerson Room to have lunch and discuss current events.

Poetry as Practice: Sunday March 10th at noon in Reeb Room. Marcia Scott presents poems with the theme of “Journey”

Women's Afternoon Study Group-Tuesday, March 26th at 1:30 pm in the Living Room. Meet in the Living Room for a discussion of White Supremacy from an article in a recent Southern Poverty Law Center publication.

UUCA Theater Lovers with Marie Evans

1.) By Feb. 24, anyone wishing to see TALLEY'S FOLLY at Jewish Repertory Theatre should have their tickets ordered through Sophia Veffer. Contact me by noon on Friday, March 1, if you're attending the performance at 2 pm on Sunday, March 3, and wish to go to dinner afterward at Lebro's with UUCA's group.



2.) I'll need a count for Second Generation Theatre Company on Friday, March 1, for those interested in attending the 2 pm show and talk-back on Sunday, March 10, of ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART ONE. Plan to carpool from church at 12:45 pm to go to Shea's Smith Theatre, downtown. Tickets will be \$20-22 each. Be prepared! The show's running time is about 3 and 1/2 hours (with 2 intermissions), plus 20-30 minutes for the talk-back afterwards.



SECOND GENERATION
THEATRE COMPANY

~Marie Evans

Be a Coffee Hero!

Sign up to help with coffee hour after services.

Put your name on the sheet by the coffee pot on Sundays or contact Margot Shoemaker or Eileen McCallister.



BOARD NOTES

Dear members and friends,

You have started to hear about significant changes in UUCA's methods of financial support. We are encouraging year round giving as a preferred method for helping inform our annual budget as well as having a more consistent cash flow throughout the year. We recognize that all will not give this way, and appreciate any way you would like to participate in congregational life with your gifts of treasure, time, and talent to this beloved community.



Unitarian Universalist churches, unlike other denominations, are independent and self-sustaining. Rather than receiving funding from a national organization, we contribute to the national Association, which in turn provides media visibility, curricula, and regional support staff to congregations. Like most churches, UUCA depends upon the contributions of its Members and Friends to sustain the physical buildings and grounds as well as the ministries and activities of the congregation.

Over the years UUCA has adopted and adapted methods and structures for raising the funds to keep our church vital. We are the beneficiaries of decades of visionary and generous folks who have supported this oasis of reasoned faith and radical inclusion.

By now you should have received a mailing asking you to contribute to UUCA's financial continuity. If you did not get a mailing please contact the office.

We become our best selves through spiritual practices, and generous and faithful giving is an important practice that ripples out and touches the lives of others. Together we make a world of difference. **Board members will be available again on Sunday, March 3rd in the Emerson Room to answer questions after services.**

Thank you for all you do for UUCA!

Pledge Season Update:

Many thanks to the early-bird pledgers! You've already helped us reach 25% of our goal of \$250,000!

With monthly pledge amounts from \$1 to \$1,000, we represent a wide span of financial resources - but we all give generously to realize our mission of bringing more compassion and justice to the world. For those with beginning pledge levels, we hope you will strive to reach the average of this wide span (\$150 per month). For those giving at leadership levels, we hope you will continue and perhaps increase to help boost the combined efforts of those who may not have as many resources. For all, remember that it takes all of us, stretching to give of our best, to keep UUCA walking the walk and talking the talk! Thank you!

The BOT would like to thank long time leader of Green Sanctuary programming Carol Wells for her generous service over the years. We encourage participation of our members in Social Justice at our church and in the wider community. The Social Justice team meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 in the Living Room.

We would also like to acknowledge the active work of our Nominating Committee, Ros Sulaiman, Hella Jacob, Marie Evans, and Joe Rautenstrauch. They have taken initiated leadership development through VOICE Buffalo, one of the Social Justice organizations our church supports. We also thank them for accepting and encouraging applications to Governance Leadership roles in our congregation. If you are interested in participating this way, it is never a wrong time to contact a BOT or Nominating Committee member. (<http://www.uuamherst.org/volunteer-form/>)

Thank you for all you do for UUCA!

~Angela Warren, on behalf of the BOT: Dave Kofke, Doreen Park, Randy Kent, Wendy Scott, Jim Hartz, and Scott Harrigan.



HAND IN HAND

Stone by Stone

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Visit our website www.uuamherst.org/gving-3-2/



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
Women's History Month 10:30am - Church Service 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WV) 12pm - Little Free Pantry (LR) 12:30pm - Coming of Age (Bul) 12:30pm - Preaching by Parishioners (DR) 1:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir	1pm - Photography Update Day (Em) 6pm - AA (LR) 7pm - Mankind Project (Reeb) 7pm - World Religions (Bul) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR) 7:30pm - Buffalo Recorder (Chapel)	10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 1:30pm - Wesley's Altarpiece (Em) 6pm - Blue Mtn. Potluck (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn. (Reeb) 7pm - Board of Trustees (Em)	Ash Wednesday 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 4:30pm - set up 5pm - John Newman Mission Ash (Em) 7pm - Life Ring Group (Reeb) 7pm - Santosha Holistic Center (Chapel)	12pm - ROMEIO's Lunch @ Buffalo Brew Pub (Lr, FD Wing) 1pm - World Religions (Em) 7pm - Thursday Night Book Club (Lr)	4pm - Private Party (Em) 7pm - Cocktails and Conversation (offsite)	Kitchen Cleaning 9am - Website Crew (LR/DR/Em) 6pm - Buffalo Belles (LR)
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Daylight Saving Time starts 10:30am - Church Service 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WV) 12pm - Equal Exchange coffee (Em) 12pm - Poetry as Practice (Reeb) 12:30pm - Coming of Age Meeting (Bul) 12:30pm - Preaching by Parishioners (LR) 12:30pm - The Environment, the Future and you (Em) 2:30pm - John Newman (Bul) 2:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir	6pm - AA (LR) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR)	10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 12:30pm - Current Events/Lunch (Em) 6pm - Blue Mtn. Potluck (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn. (Reeb) 7pm - Board of Trustees Meeting (Em)	12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 7pm - Life Ring Group (Reeb) 7pm - Ministry Council meeting (Em)	12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing)	7pm - Movie Night AE (Em)	Deadline for Newsletter 4:30pm - set up for dinner 6pm - Fireside Dinner AE (Em &
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
St. Patrick's Day 9am - FD Ministry meeting (Bul) 10:30am - Church Service 10:30am - Extended FD Day (WV) 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WV) 12pm - Nominating Committee (Bul) 12:30pm - Preaching by Parishioners (LR) 12:30pm - St. Patrick's Day (AE-offsite) 1:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir 7:30pm - AA (LR)	6pm - AA (LR) 7pm - Mankind Project (Reeb) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR) 7:30pm - Buffalo Recorder (Em)	10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 12:30pm - Women's Lunch (Em) 1:30pm - Caring for Ourselves Another (Em) 6pm - Blue Mtn. Potluck (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn. (Reeb)	12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 1:30pm - Social Justice meeting (Lr or Em) 7pm - Life Ring Group (Reeb)	12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 3pm - Grief and Loss Support (LR)	7pm - Poetry Slant All Ages (Chapel & Em)	9:30am - car pool for Youth 10am - Santosha Circle Woman's Special Event (Chapel & Em)
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AA = Alcoholic Anonymous
 AE= Auction Event
 ACOA = Adult Children of Alcoholics
 Bul = Thomas Bulfinch Room
 Ch= Chapel
 DR = Dining Room
 Em = Emerson Room
 FD = Faith Development Wing
 LR = Living Room
 Reeb = Reeb Room
 WV = Whitney Young Room
 * = tentative

UUCA Book Club—

Meetings on the last Sunday of the month at noon in the Dining Room.

March 31st: Topic is “mystery”. Come share what you have been reading.

April 28th: “What the Eyes Don't See," by Mona Hanna-Attisha Grace.

Remember, when ordering books online, if you use smile.amazon.com and select UUCA Endowment as your charity, a percentage of the sale goes toward the Endowment Trust!



Be part of our Photo Directory!

Photographs will be taken: Monday, March 4, 2019 from 1pm to 8pm

- Sign-up on-line at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y8bvegg6/>
Only a few spots remaining!
- If you can't make March 4th, call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281 to schedule a session at a nearby location at a time that works for you. You can still have your photo in the directory!
- To volunteer at the Welcome Desk on March 4th, contact Jaime in the office at 716-634-3010 x101



Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOb):
Thursday, March 7th at noon at Buffalo
Brew Pub.

Women's Lunch: Tuesday, March 19th - 12:30 p.m. Meet in Emerson Room for lunch and socializing.



Equal Exchange Chocolate, Coffee & Tea

March 10th @ 11:30 am in the Emerson Room. Support small farmers, and the environment, and get a delicious coffee, tea or chocolate. Everyone wins!

MOVIES OF THE COLD WAR

Refreshments will be served, including wine and popcorn. “The Death of Stalin”(2018)

Dates: Friday 3/8/19 in Emerson Room

Cost: \$7 Donated by Randy and Kimberly Kent



The Environment, the Future, and You

Light Refreshments will be served. *Nuclear Power: Is It A Part of Our Carbon-Free Future?*

Date/Time: March 10th, Emerson Room at 12:30 pm

Cost: \$5

Host: Scott Harrigan

Sunday Young Adult Meet up (18-35 year old's): Sundays at 11:45 AM - meet in the Emerson Room for snacks & fellowship. At Noon, go to the Whitney Young Room on the 2nd floor of the Faith Development wing for discussion, fun, connection, and spiritual growth. Questions? Contact Director of Faith Development, Zoe Bell-Schwede at dfd@uuamherst.org



UUCA GET COOKIN'!

With Christine Boczarska & Faith Pham, Caring For One Another Committee



MIZERIA (Polish cucumber salad)

It's easy and vegetarian and always popular.

- 1 cucumber peeled and sliced thinly on a mandoline
- 1 cup of sour cream
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion (optional)
- 1 teaspoon sugar



To wilt the cucumber, pour boiling water over the sliced cucumber to cover, stir and let stand for 5 minutes. Drain, rinse in cold water and drain again. Add the vinegar, sugar, green onion, if using, and a dash of salt and pepper to the sour cream and mix until the sugar is melted. Add the mixture to the cooled cucumber and stir well. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Serve.



2019 VOICE-BUFFALO ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

APRIL 11 FROM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

BUFFALO-NIAGARA CONVENTION CENTER

JOIN US IN HONORING LOCAL LEADERS IN SOCIAL JUSTICE

This is Voice's major annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$55-\$60/person. We are trying to get a table (10 people) together for the event. Contact Margot Shoemaker or Pat Burke to sign up.



Coming This April—In Home Potlucks

This is a fun evening of good food and conversation in the homes of UUCA friends.

To make this a success, we depend on some to volunteer to host a dinner. As host, you specify the number of guests, if it is kid-friendly and if it is

vegetarian, vegan or meat. The host prepares the main course and assign sides and desserts to guests.

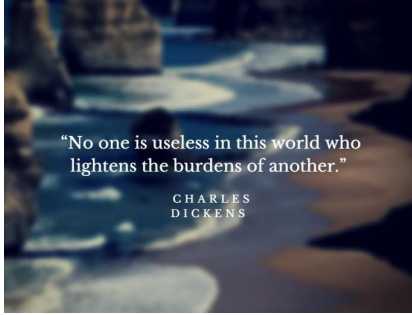
Date will be finalized by mid-March and Sign-up will start in April.

If you have any questions, contact Lauraine Marcus, Jackie Senders, Karen Kuhn or any other Member of the Welcome Team.

When is it again?

Visit our website for the calendar, news and event information.
www.uuamherst.org

AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY UPDATE



Thanks to all the recent and ongoing volunteers who make the pantry succeed. A shout out to Ms. Stofli's Brownie Troop as well as Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein and Congregation Shir-Shalom for their generous donations.

Due to the extreme cold, we have built an insulated box inside the pantry for items that can freeze (canned items). Thanks to Katherine Czechowski, Marie Evans, and Chris Barry for their help with this project.

We could really use:

- ◆ kid's individual juice/milk boxes,
- ◆ cereal
- ◆ laundry detergent
- ◆ dish detergent
- ◆ toilet paper
- ◆ deodorant
- ◆ toothpaste.
- ◆ granola bars,
- ◆ fruit
- ◆ tuna
- ◆ soup

The Little Free Pantry Group meets the first Sunday of the month after services. Our Next meeting is Sunday, March 3 at noon in the Living Room. All are welcome to come hear about latest pantry developments and share their ideas.

On March 31st at 9:15am in Emerson Room, we will be preparing lists and take-home bags for pantry donations as part of the 5th Sunday Social Justice Hour. This will make pantry giving more convenient. See you there!

Thank you for your continued support. For questions or comments please contact Maria Ceraulo at amhestlittlefreepantry@uuamherst.org



Looking for Videos from New Day Rising?

Many have asked the Central East Region for the videos of the congregational sharing at New Day Rising in January. You can find those presentations on the CER website both as one full 2 hour presentation or each presentation separately. Find it here: <https://www.uua.org/central-east/blog/better-together/video-new-day-rising-conference>

Central East
Region

Are you a Chalice Lighter?

A chalice lighter is an individual who contributes three times a year to calls to support congregations engaged with growth or expansion projects. Anyone can be a chalice lighter and help grow Unitarian Universalism! Learn more about the program and sign up at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/programs/chalicelighter>

UUCA Governance Re-Structuring – Update

In last month's newsletter, we shared that as part of fulfilling the Strategic Plan, UUCA is moving into a 'policy-based' governance model, in which the primary responsibility of the Board is to provide leadership to the minister, staff, and congregation through a clearly articulated and coherent mission, vision, outcomes, and policies. The policy-based governance model that the Board is using divides all of the committees and teams of the church into either **Governance** or **Ministry**, with most of the programs, activities, and day-to-day responsibilities falling in the category of Ministry and supervised by the minister. A true governing board has only a few committees, including Finance, Personnel, Nominating, and Governance. These committees advise the Board in accomplishing their work.



On January 24th there was a Full Council information session where committee chairs and other church leaders had an opportunity to ask questions and begin thinking about how this structural change can enhance our shared ministries and focus the work of the Board. The main takeaways were:

The language of 'committees' is reserved for those groups that advise the Board.

There are four Ministry 'teams' that are made up of related task groups.

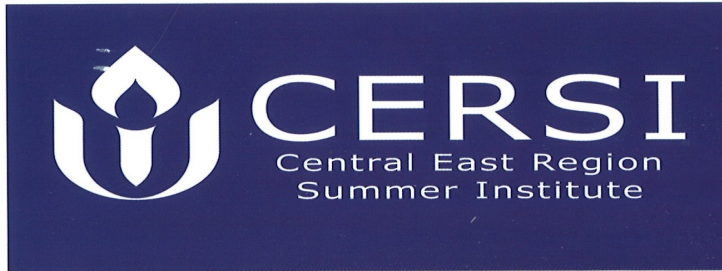
The purpose of Ministry teams is to foster greater communication and collaboration among related task groups.

Ministries Council meetings will be held on a regular basis, made up of representatives from the teams and task groups.

Although the terminology has changed and the accountability made more transparent, the Ministry Teams are not so different from the Council structure that was initiated a decade or so ago. The primary changes have been to the focus and work of the Board and the committees that inform its work. In the coming months the Board will be reviewing and revising the Policy Handbook as well as the Bylaws to make the necessary adaptations to be consistent with policy-based governance.

Stay tuned!

Celebrating 40 years of SI Magic 1979-2019



July 7-13, 2019

Oberlin College, Oberlin Ohio

Intergenerational Unitarian Universalist Camp

www.cersiuu.org

Registration Opens March 15, 2019

Fast Facts about CERSI

- ◆ All –inclusive intentional community-
Registration fee covers housing, dining and programming.
- ◆ Scholarships available! Apply by May 31st .
- ◆ Vegan, Vegetarian & GF friendly options at meals in the cafeteria.
- ◆ Multigenerational activities each afternoon and evening.
- ◆ Adult only programing in the late evenings.
- ◆ Child Care Co-Op organized by parents for parents.
- ◆ Flexible housing options– Townhouses that fit 4-8,
AC and NonAC Dorms.
- ◆ Walkable campus.
- ◆ Bike friendly campus (pack your helmet).
- ◆ Accessibility highlights include t-loop for services, golf cart shuttles
& scooter rentals (additional fee) (scholarships available).
- ◆ Multiple learning opportunities through out the week.
- ◆ Creative space for arts and music every day.
- ◆ Worship twice a day—Morning Intergenerational Services and
Evening Vespers. (optional childcare available during vespers)
- ◆ Connect with UUs from the region and beyond.
- ◆ Young Adult Program for adults 18-35.
- ◆ Less than 30 minutes from the Cleveland Airport (CLE).



is now



New name but creating magic since 1979

Caring For One Another

We have a group of dedicated volunteers willing and ready to serve our church community by:

- ♥ Visiting church members in hospitals, assisted living, and individual homes
- ♥ Doing phone check-ins
- ♥ Sending cards for various occasions
- ♥ Providing rides to Sunday service
- ♥ Delivering meals

Help be our eyes and ears in regard to members who are in need.

You may call on behalf of another church member by contacting Ron Palmere at caring@uuamherst.org. We will try to be there to let members know they are part of a Loving Community.

Finally, if you would like to be a part of this wonderful, active committee, or have any questions about what we do, please contact Ron Palmere.



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