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The Foreword



The Newsletter of the

Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst

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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 MAY AT 10:30am

The Soul Matters theme for this month is CURIOSITY. The listed sermon titles, descriptions, and speakers are offered below, not as an ala carte menu, but as tantalizing tidbits to stir your curiosity as you join the gathered community each week.

5 *Family Promise* Luanne Firestone, guest

Luanne Firestone is the Executive Director of Family Promise and she will tell us about its mission. This organization is one of 2 shelters in WNY that keeps families together. Family Promise achieves its mission with only 2 full time employees and generous volunteers who provide food, shelter, donations, labor, outreach and hospitality. On Sunday, May 5th, come and learn about this wonderful program and how we can contribute. There will be a special plate collection; all cash and designated checks will be given to Family Promise. Please make checks out to UUCA with 'Family Promise' in the memo line.

12 *Mother Wove the Morning* Rev. Michelle & Friends

This special service will include dramatic readings from Carol Pearson's play of the same title. Hear the voices of women through the ages as they share their longings, fears, and joys.

19 *Flower Communion* Rev. Michelle

Bring a flower (or a few) to share as we celebrate this beloved Unitarian Universalist rite that memorializes the life and ministry of Rev. Dr. Norbert Capek and honors the beauty and diversity of our gathered community.

26 *Curiouser and Curiouser* Rev. Michelle

Curious about what this means? I guess you'll just need to come and find out!

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

children, and our world.

MINISTER'S CORNER



Minister's Corner:

"The message of our faith is not simply "Be curious!" It's "Be curious until there are consequences!" (Rev. Scott Taylor, Soul Matters Team Lead)

We UUs pride ourselves on our intellectual curiosity. I'd even go so far to say that, if we had a list of 'deadly sins,' a lack of curiosity would be close to the top of the list. But I wonder, where does our curiosity get us? Hopefully not like the cat of homespun wisdom where curiosity is a fatal flaw.

When I happened on the observation above from Scott Taylor, it challenged me to think about curiosity in the light of white supremacist culture, as well as from my own conviction that we are drawn to novelty, with little tolerance for repetition; it feels like they are woven into a culture of privilege. What good do we do if we are only mildly curious about the experience of the marginalized, and if we are not compelled to act upon what we learn? Is it not a sin to be so caught up in our own lofty thoughts that we fail to notice (or care) about the suffering of others or the impact of humanity's carelessness on the Earth?

Curiosity comes naturally to us. Channeling that curiosity and acting upon what we find is not nearly so intuitive or easy. Maybe that's Reason #625 To Come to Church; to gather in community to help one another notice, to care, and to join our resources in order to make a difference – for our curiosity to have consequences.

See you in church!
Rev. Michelle



Bring a flower (or a few) to share as we celebrate this beloved Unitarian Universalist rite.

The Flower Ceremony, sometimes referred to as Flower Communion or Flower Festival, is an annual ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community.

Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Maya Capek, Norbert's widow.

In this ceremony, everyone in the congregation brings a flower. Each person places a flower on the altar or in a shared vase. The congregation and minister bless the flowers, and they're redistributed. Each person brings home a different flower than the one they brought.

More at: <https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/flower-ceremony>

It's HERE!

UUCA ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 3rd: 5pm - 9pm
\$3.00 admission fee

Saturday, May 4th:

9am - 11:30am: \$3.00 admission fee
11:30 - noon: closed for lunch,
12 noon- 2:30pm: Bag Sale, \$3.00/bag

Volunteers pay no admission fee!

Volunteers needed all week starting April 29th.
Contact Pam or Jerry Kent to help (688-0403)

Please do not bring your rummage sale donations to church until the week of April 28th. We need to keep the Donation Center clear for the Amherst Little Free Pantry

See you at the Sale!



Hello again! I recently returned from Chicago, where I took more coursework at my seminary, Meadville Lombard Theological School. One of my classes this year was called “Spiritual Practice”. I picked up a handy rubric for thinking about one's own life practices (which could be defined as the activities we regularly and intentionally engage in for self-improvement, balance, and/or happiness).

Basically, the creators of the “integral transformative practices” model, Leonard, Murphy, and Wilber, define four different areas of intentional life practice. Here are the categories, with a partial list of activities included within each (with the realization that some activities could fit in more than one category):

Mind practices: Book groups, reading and study, discussion and debate, writing, pursuing academic or professional degrees, continuing education classes, learning a new language.

Heart practices: Dream work, psychotherapy, art or music therapy, journaling, volunteer work, philanthropy, couples counseling, twelve-step programs, covenant groups, spending time with friends.

Body practices: Running, hiking, strength training, yoga, balanced diet and conscious eating, knitting, crafting, T'ai Chi, martial arts, folk dancing, any kind of sport.

Spiritual practices: Meditation, prayer, yoga, chanting, worship and congregational life, personal and group rituals, spiritual direction, spiritual retreats.

According to the authors, we can take an appraising look at our own lives by noticing what kinds of activities tend to occupy our time. Is there a good distribution among the four categories, or are we devoting the majority of our time to only one or two of them? Has something in our life circumstances tipped the balance, or prevented us from engaging in all kinds of healthy human functioning?

Not surprisingly, I found that as a student, I am spending a good deal of my time engaging in mind practices, while (ironically, for a minister in training) my heart, body, and spiritual practices have fallen off rather steeply. I need to step away from the schoolwork more often in order to connect with friends and family, practice my yoga, take a walk in the woods, or meditate.

While each of us will tend to have a preferred area, all of us will find that we thrive best when we devote some of our time and energy to practices in each of these domains. I hope you'll find this self-assessment tool as useful as I did!

~Kristina Church, Ministerial Intern

NRC 39th ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER JUNE 13, 2019

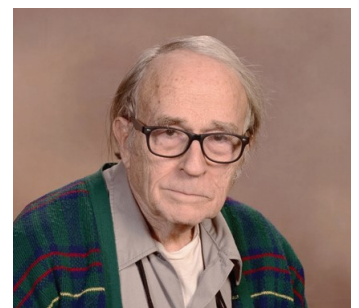
The 39th Annual Appreciation Dinner of the Network of Religious Communities will be held 6:00 PM Thursday June 13, 2019 at Samuel's Grand Manor, 8720 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221.

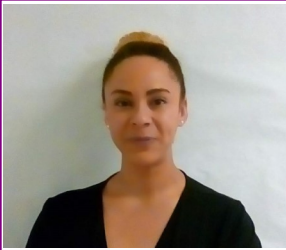
The appreciation dinner provides an opportunity for houses of worship and religious organizations to honor together “community saints” who have served their organization and the wider community. It is also an opportunity for members of the various religious communities of Western New York to experience and celebrate the religious diversity of Western New York.

Our speaker of the evening will be Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D. She holds master's degrees from Duquesne University and St. Bonaventure University and her doctorate was awarded by the Franciscan University of Rome “Antonianum.”

Our Board of Trustees has nominated Roger Keeney as this year's UUCA Volunteer.

Join us to celebrate. Tickets are \$45 contact Yvonne Stocker for a ticket by May 26th.





Faith Development Updates

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Thank you to Jeanine Moyer, Jim Hartz and everyone in FD who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success.

We had many smiles from the children who were delighted to see the Easter Bunny as well.

On May 5th, there is a Facilitator's Meeting in the Bulfinch room at 9am. This is for all Faith Development teachers and volunteers. Coming of Age meets this day at 12:30 in Bulfinch room.

There will be a Children's Chapel for all youth, K-12th, on May 12th for Mother's Day located in the Channing Chapel, and I'm looking for a few father's to help facilitate programming that day.

On May 19th, children and youth remain in the chapel for a multi-generational celebration of Flower Communion.

On May 26th, there are regular FD classes.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping FD in any way.



Adult Faith Development

Women's Afternoon Study Group-Tuesday, April 30th No Meeting due to preparations for the Rummage Sale —contact Pam Kent to volunteer or just stop in today for an hour or two and help with set up! Many hands needed!

Current Events Discussion and Lunch: Tuesday, May 14th at 12:30 p.m. May 14th - 12:30 p.m. - Meet in the Emerson Room for a discussion of current events. Bring along your lunch from home.

Poetry as Practice: Sunday May 12th at noon in Reeb Room with Jackie Senders as presenter

Women's Afternoon Study Group-Tuesday, May 7th at 1:30 pm in the Living Room. Meet in the Living Room to discuss the articles in the UU World Spring Issue (with the hands on the cover)

Women's Afternoon Study Group-Tuesday, May 28th at 1:30 pm in the Living Room. Meet in the Living Room to discuss the articles in the UU World Spring Issue (with the hands on the cover)



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MAY 2019

AA = Alcoholic Anonymous
 AE= Auction Event
 ACOA = Adult Children of Alcoholics
 BU = Thomas Buffinch Room
 CH = Chapel
 DR = Dining Room
 Em = Emerson Room
 FD = Faith Development Wing
 LR = Living Room
 Reeb = Reeb Room
 WY = Whitney Young Room
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<p>Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>9am - FD Facilitator's meeting 10:30am - Church Service 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WY) 12pm - "Justice on Earth" - Next 12pm - Little Free Pantry (LR) 12pm - Preaching by Parishioners (chapel) 12:30pm - Coming of Age 1:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir 2pm - Commitment Ceremony 7:30pm - AA (LR)</p>	<p>5pm - set up for concert 6pm - AA (LR) 6:30pm - GBYSO Concert (Chapel) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR) 7:30pm - Buffalo Recorder (Em)</p>	<p>10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 1:30pm - Women's Afternoon 5pm - Garden Fresh Foodie 6pm - Blue Mtn.Potluck (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn.(Reeb) 7pm - Board of Trustees (Em)</p>	<p>12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 7pm - Santosha Circle (Chapel)</p>	<p>12pm - ROMEO's Lunch @ Buffalo (Buffalo) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing)</p>	<p>12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 7:30pm - Havurah Music Service</p>	<p>10am - Indoor/Outdoor Clean up 6pm - Buffalo Belles (LR)</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 9am - Rummage Sale (closed for Seaway Gathering, Ithaca, NY) 5pm - Rummage Sale 7pm - Cocktails and Conversation (offsite)</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 9am - Rummage Sale (closed for Seaway Gathering, Ithaca, NY) 5pm - Rummage Sale 7pm - Cocktails and Conversation (offsite)</p>	<p>Rummage Sale 9am - Rummage Sale (closed for Seaway Gathering, Ithaca, NY) 5pm - Rummage Sale 7pm - Cocktails and Conversation (offsite)</p>	<p>9am - Website Crew (LR&DR) 9am - Carpool to Tift Farm for 4:30pm - Voice Lessons (Choir) 7:30pm - Havurah Chapel & Em</p>	<p>2:30pm - set up for wedding 4:30pm - Pollard Wedding</p>	<p>Kitchen Cleaning 2pm - set up for party 7:30pm - Private party (Em)</p>																
<p>Mother's Day</p> <p>10:30am - Church Service 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WY) 12pm - Equal Exchange coffee 12pm - Poetry as Practice (Reeb) 12pm - Preaching by Parishioners (chapel) 1:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir 7:30pm - AA (LR)</p>	<p>6pm - AA (LR) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR)</p>	<p>10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 1:30pm - Current Events Lunch (Em) 5pm - Garden Fresh Foodie 6pm - Blue Mtn.Potluck (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn.(Reeb) 7pm - Board of Trustees Meeting (Em) 7pm - Movie Night Outing to "A"</p>	<p>12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 1:30pm - Social Justice meeting (LR or Em)</p>	<p>Deadline for Newsletter 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 3pm - Grief and Loss Support (LR)</p>	<p>9am - Carpool to Tift Farm for 4:30pm - Voice Lessons (Choir) 7:30pm - Havurah Chapel & Em</p>	<p>2:30pm - set up for wedding 4:30pm - Pollard Wedding</p>	<p>Flower Communion</p> <p>10:30am - Church Service 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WY) 12pm - Budget Discussion for Chapel 12pm - Preaching by Parishioners (chapel) 1:30pm - UUUA Theatre Lovers 1:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir 7:30pm - AA (LR)</p>	<p>6pm - AA (LR) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR) 7:30pm - Buffalo Recorder (Em)</p>	<p>10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 1:30pm - Women's Lunch (Em) 5pm - Garden Fresh Foodie (Em) 6pm - Blue Mtn.Potluck (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn.(Reeb) 7pm - Board of Trustees (Em)</p>	<p>12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 6pm - AA District Meeting (LR)</p>	<p>5:30pm - wedding rehearsal 6pm - AA District Meeting (LR)</p>	<p>4pm - set up for party 6pm - Private Party (Em)</p>																
<p>10:30am - Church Service 11:45am - Young Adult Meet-Up (WY) 12pm - Meet and Greet: David Bondrow (LR) 12pm - Preaching by Parishioners (chapel) 12pm - UUUA Book Club (DR) 1:30pm - Voice Lessons/Choir 7pm - Divine Grace (Chapel) 7:30pm - AA (LR)</p>	<p>Memorial Day 6pm - AA (LR) 7:30pm - ACOA (LR)</p>	<p>10am - ACOA(LR) 12:15pm - AA (LR, FD wing) 1:30pm - Women's Afternoon Study Group(LR) 5pm - Garden Fresh Foodie (Bul) 6pm - Blue Mtn.Potluck (Reeb) 6:30pm - WNY Holistic Nurses (LR) 7pm - Blue Mtn.(Reeb)</p>	<p>12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 7pm - Snowbirds (Em)</p>	<p>12:15pm - AA (LR, FD Wing) 6pm - AA District Meeting (LR)</p>	<p>9am - set up for party 4pm - Private Party (Em)</p>	<p>Kitchen Cleaning 2pm - set up for party 7:30pm - Private party (Em)</p>																						



UUCA Book Club—

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

The UUCA Book Club will be meeting on Sunday, April 28th at 12 noon in the church's dining room. We will be discussing the book, "What the Eyes Don't See."

The topic for May is "Poetry."

The book we will be reading for July is "Becoming," by Michelle Obama.



Equal Exchange Chocolate, Coffee & Tea on Sale in Emerson Room

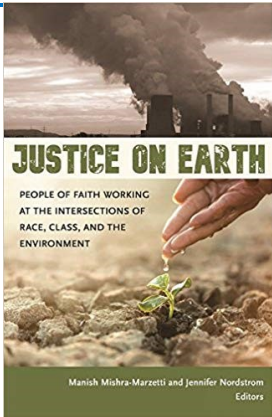
May 12th @ 11:30 am . Just in time for Mother's Day —get her a gift that helps others.



Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOS):

Thursday, May 2nd at noon at Buffalo Brew Pub.

Women's Lunch: Tuesday, May 21st at 12:30 p.m. Meet in the Emerson Room to chat and laugh with your friends.



"Justice on Earth" is the UU Common Read for 2018/19. It's a fabulous collection of essays, many of them by UU ministers and activists, about people doing justice work on the borders of our society.

For some of us, it may be a new way of looking at climate work, and a new way of looking at social justice.

Most importantly, it's a thought-provoking and inspiring read!

Sunday, May 5th at noon in the Living Room, join Ministerial Intern Kristina Church for a book discussion.

You do not need to have the book, or have read the book, to participate.

More at : <https://www.uua.org/environment/called-intersections-justice>



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@uamherst.org

BOARD NOTES

Dear members and friends,

“Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!” - Sitting Bull, Native American Statesperson

Dear members and friends,

Spring is not often an easy time, but its multi-layered sights and sounds always call us out of hiding, drawing us closer to our full Earth community, beyond the walls of our homes and indoor workspace. The urgency of keeping up with the ever expanding colorfulness can be daunting.

As we approach the end of our church program and fiscal year, our individual and group to do lists need to have more items crossed off, perhaps at a more rapid rate than comfortable. As we do this, let us remember we are allowed to be imperfect, and that if something we wanted to accomplish has not happened, it is important to discern if it is something that can be let go of or if it needs to be handed to another community member. Maybe we want to hang on to it ourselves. Maybe it is time to ask for help.

UUCA members and friends will have many opportunities in the near future to communicate and collaborate about where we have come from and where we are going.

- In home potlucks on Saturday, April 27th. Sign up by calling Lauraine Marcus or ask a Membership / Connection team member for more information.
- On May 11th we will be having an Indoor / Outdoor spring cleanup event on campus. Lunch will be provided. Sign up online <http://www.uuamherst.org/volunteer-form2/> , or contact Reverend Michelle or myself for more information.
- On May 19th after service, the Board of Trustees will be hosting a Town Hall budget discussion in anticipation for our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 9th.
- June 9th - Congregational Meeting - We will vote on our 2019-2020 Budget, on bylaw changes as outlined in this newsletter, and on our new BOT and Nominating and Leadership Development Committee candidates. An Annual Report will be shared. If you are in charge of a UUCA group (a committee, task force, or team), please consider submitting a report to the office by **Friday, May 24th**.

At present, we do not have a date for our spring church picnic. Traditionally it has been on Father's Day, June 16 this year. Since this is always so close to the Congregational Meeting, is it possible for the two be combined as a trial? Or have it on our “last Sunday” of this UUCA programming cycle, June 23rd? Do you have opinions about the day of the picnic? Contact myself or Lauraine Marcus to weigh in as soon as possible.

As we continue to be open to different ways of continuing the life of our congregation, let us all take May's theme of curiosity to heart. How do we efficiently move forward? Can we make little changes that will produce big results? I am curious. How about you?

Respectfully yours, Angela Warren, BOT chair

Welcome to our New Office Administrator

Please join me in welcoming our new office administrator, Jaime Geracci. I promise, having the name 'Jaime' was not one of the qualifications! We have been so blessed to have Jaime Sheridan with us for 3.5 years, and I look forward to growing with the 'new' Jaime.

Jaime comes to us from Brookdale Senior Living where she was a Business Office Manager. She enjoys the outdoors and spending time with her family. Jaime is at 634-3010 x101 or administrator@uuamherst.org



Annual Congregation Meeting

Save the Date!
Sunday, June 9th
After Services
Child care will be available

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held following worship on **Sunday, June 9**.
Plan to attend!

Members in good standing (those who have signed the Membership book 60 days before the meeting, have made a financial contribution, and a pledge of sustaining financial support) are eligible to vote. Voting will be on next year's budget as well as proposed changes to the church Bylaws. There will also be votes for new Board Members and Nominating Committee Members.

The nominating committee has submitted to the Board a slate of candidates consisting of the following candidates for the 3-year terms on the Board of Trustees:

Nancy Faery, Karen (Kuhn) Thompson, Don Tucker with Alternate Katherine Czechowski

as well as the following three candidates for a two year term on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee:

Randy Kent, Marcia Scott, Angela Warren

And to continue for a second year on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee:

Marie Evans, Hella Jacob.

The Endowment Trust officially approved **Elaine Cusker** as the nominee for a five year term on Endowment at their April 16th meeting.

According to our bylaws, "members of the congregation may make further nominations for trustee or member of the nominating committee by securing a petition signed by at least ten (10) voting members, providing that the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Such additional nominations must be received by the Board of Trustees no later than the 15th day of May and shall be incorporated alphabetically into the slate which shall be again published at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting."

2019-2020 Canvass Campaign

Goal Amount: \$250,000

Amount Needed for Balanced Budget: \$199,000

Total Amount Pledged to Date: \$185,574

Number of Pledging Households to Date: 115

Total expected Pledges: 150



Join the Board of Trustees on **May 19th at noon in the Chapel for a Budget Discussion**

Your Pledge Matters! Please fill out a pledge form or contact the office to make a pledge (716-634-3010 x101 or administrator@uamherst.org)

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees is proposing the following Bylaw Changes to be voted on at the June 9, 2019 Congregational Meeting.

- The name of the Committee will be changed to Nominating and Leadership Development Committee
- Members of the Committee will be elected for staggered two year terms
- Number of Committee members will be 6, including one appointed from Board of Trustees
- Committee shall give a report to the Board in April each year (current bylaws states by first week of April)

Specific language changes are given below.

<u>CURRENT LANGUAGE</u>	PROPOSED CHANGES <u>IN BLUE</u>
<p>ARTICLE V. MEETINGS Section A. The corporation shall hold its annual meeting in June in each year at such time and place as may be decided by the Board of Trustees and stated in the notice of the meeting. The annual meeting shall: 1) Elect trustees for three (3) year terms as needed to replace trustees whose terms have expired and fill vacancies with unexpired terms; 2) Elect three (3) members of the nominating committee; 3) Elect one (1) trustee for each new term or vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst Endowment Trust 4) Transact such other business as may be properly brought before it.</p>	<p>ARTICLE V. MEETINGS Section A. The corporation shall hold its annual meeting in June in each year at such time and place as may be decided by the Board of Trustees and stated in the notice of the meeting. The annual meeting shall: 1) Elect trustees for three (3) year terms as needed to replace trustees whose terms have expired and fill vacancies with unexpired terms; 2) Elect <u>members of the nominating & leadership development committee for two (2) year terms as needed to replace members whose terms are expired and to fill vacancies with unexpired terms;</u> 3) Elect one (1) trustee for each new term or vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst Endowment Trust 4) Transact such other business as may be properly brought before it.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section A. There shall be a nominating committee of five (5) members, three (3) of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting. The chairperson of the retiring nominating committee shall be the fourth member. The Board of Trustees shall appoint the additional member at its first regular meeting following the annual meeting. The nominee of the Board of Trustees shall not be eligible to become chairperson of the nominating committee.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section A. There shall be a <u>nominating & leadership development committee of six (6) members, one of whom shall be appointed annually from the Board of Trustees at its first regular meeting following the annual meeting. The remaining members shall be elected at an annual meeting to staggered two (2) year terms.</u> The nominee of the Board of Trustees shall not be eligible to become chairperson of the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee.</p>
<p>Section B. No later than July 31st of each year, the Board of Trustees shall charge the nominating committee to meet for the purpose of selecting its chairperson from the three newly elected members and to review the duties of the committee.</p>	<p>Section B. No later than July 31st of each year, the Board of Trustees shall charge the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee to meet for the purpose of selecting its chairperson from the <u>continuing</u> members and to review the duties of the committee.</p>

<p>Section C. No later than the first day in April of each year, the nominating committee shall submit to the Board of Trustees a slate consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a sufficient number of candidates for three (3) year terms on the Board of Trustees as needed due to expired terms, as well as at least one (1) candidate for each vacancy for its unexpired term on the Board of Trustees. 2) At least three (3) candidates for the succeeding nominating committee; 3) At least one (1) candidate for each new term or vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst Endowment Trust 	<p>Section C. No later than the first day in April of each year, the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee shall submit to the Board of Trustees a slate consisting of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a sufficient number of candidates for three (3) year terms on the Board of Trustees as needed due to expired terms, as well as at least one (1) candidate for each vacancy for its unexpired term on the Board of Trustees. 2) <u>a sufficient number of candidates for two (2) year terms on the nominating & leadership development committee;</u> 3) At least one (1) candidate for each new term or vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian
<p>Section D. On request of the Board of Trustees, the nominating committee shall submit its suggestions for the filling of the interim vacancies on the Board of Trustees and the nominating committee itself.</p>	<p>Section D. On request of the Board of Trustees, the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee shall submit its suggestions for the filling of the interim vacancies on the Board of Trustees and the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee itself.</p>
<p>Section E. Any voting member of the corporation may send suggestions for nominations to the nominating committee. Notice of this provision shall be published during the month of February.</p>	<p>Section E. Any voting member of the corporation may send suggestions for nominations to the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee. Notice of this provision shall be published during the month of February.</p>
<p>Section F. The report of the nominating committee shall be published during the first week in April. Members of the congregation may make further nominations for trustee or member of the nominating committee by securing a petition signed by at least ten (10) voting members, providing that the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Such additional nominations must be received by the Board of Trustees no later than the 15th day of May, and shall be incorporated alphabetically into the slate which shall be again published at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting.</p>	<p>Section F. The report of the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee shall be published <u>in April.</u> Members of the congregation may make further nominations for trustee or member of the <u>nominating & leadership development</u> committee by securing a petition signed by at least ten (10) voting members, providing that the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Such additional nominations must be received by the Board of Trustees no later than the 15th day of May, and shall be incorporated alphabetically into the slate which shall be again published at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting.</p>
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UUCA GET COOKIN'!



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

Asian Greens with Mushroom Oyster Sauce By Wegmans

- 1/2 cup unsalted roasted cashews
- 1/2 Tbsp trimmed chopped green onion
- 1/2 tsp + 1/2 Tbsp toasted sesame oil
- 4 oz Baby Bella mushrooms, washed
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 Tbsp chopped garlic
- 1/3 cup organic chicken broth
- 1/4 cup oyster sauce
- 1 lb. petite baby book choy, washed, drained well and halved



Add mushrooms, green onions and 1/2 tsp sesame oil to small bowl; stir to combine. Set aside

Heat 12 in cast iron skillet on HIGH, add mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, 3 min. Add 1/2 Tbsp olive oil and garlic; cook stirring 15 sec. Add chicken broth and oyster sauce; stir to combine. Cook 4 min. Add remaining sesame oil and stir to combine. Remove from heat.

Add remaining olive oil to stockpot of boiling, salted water. Add baby book choy and blanch 1 1/2 to 3 min until tender. Drain well.

Transfer to serving platter. Top with cashew mixture and drizzle with mushroom mixture.

Serves 6. Time 25 min.

Vegetable stock and vegetable oyster sauce can be used to make this vegetarian/vegan.



Movie Night: We will meet at the Eastern Hills Dipson theatre on May 14th for a 7:30pm presentation of "A Prayer For Compassion"

The film follows Thomas Jackson on a quest that crisscrosses America and takes him to Morocco for the UN Climate Conference and throughout the Indian subcontinent to ask the question, "Can compassion grow to include all beings?"

Tickets at <https://www.tugg.com/events/a-prayer-for-compassion?fbclid=IwAR0MNYVbOMvVPYnpxz0dRPF8hoO3k1NNHAvII31d-cPjEkdGez-vPvcWuo4>

Contact Vanessa Dawson for more information.

AMHERST LITTLE FREE PANTRY UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who participated in the TAKE A SACK AND BRING IT BACK event on March 31st. We had a great time making up our new lobby display. There you will find paper bags with a list attached of items needed for the pantry. Thank you to Trader Joe's for donating the paper bags.

Please feel free to TAKE A SACK AND BRING IT BACK!
Donations especially needed at this time:

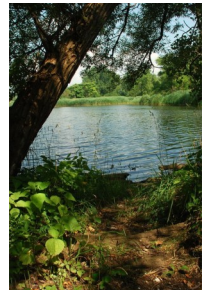
- ♥ Canned ham
- ♥ Canned tuna
- ♥ Pasta
- ♥ Mac n' cheese
- ♥ Pasta sauce (no glass)

The Little Free Pantry Group meets the first Sunday of the month after services. Our Next meeting is Sunday, May 5 at 12 noon in the Living Room. All are welcome to come hear about latest pantry developments and share their ideas.

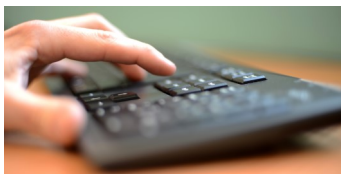
Thank you for your continued support. For questions or comments please contact Maria Ceraulo at amherstlittlefreepantry@uuamherst.org

Let's enjoy Spring together!

UUCA Green Sanctuary and Social Justice teams are sponsoring a nature walk at beautiful Tifft Farm on Friday, May 17. This date should be a good time to see migrating birds and budding plants and to enjoy the breezes off the lake. We will meet at the Church at 9:00am to carpool to the park. Bring a sandwich for a picnic lunch. The committee will supply drinks, chips and cookies. Dress for the weather and wear flat shoes. Rain date will be Saturday, May 18.



Sign up by calling Carol Wells.



When is it again?

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

www.uuamherst.org



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.



Do you Write Checks? Just a friendly reminder to please write the entire fiscal year on your pledge checks. This helps the office process your check more accurately and quickly. On payments for *current* fiscal year (which ends June 30th), please write '2018-2019' in the memo line. Please write '2019-2020' in the memo line for payments on pledges for the *next* fiscal year (7/1/19 to 6/30/20) . ~Thank you, Hella Jacob, UUCA Treasurer



Just a reminder to save your Dash's receipts and put them in the collection box in the Donation Center (in lobby). Proceeds from collecting these go to the Global African Village. More at



<http://www.globalafricanvillage.org/index.html>



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**With Keynote Speaker
Dr. Ysaye Barnwell**



July 7-13, 2019, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

Details at www.cersiuu.org

Are you excited about Building a Vocal community this July?

Registration is now open for CERSI - the Central East Region Summer Institute, July 7-13 at Oberlin College, OH. Our amazing theme speaker is Dr. Ysaye Barnwell speaking on Building the Vocal Community. Workshop options cover a range of topics and the week includes time for sharing, listening, singing, and playing. Scholarships are available! Deadline to apply is May 31. [Learn more at www.cersiuu.org](http://www.cersiuu.org)



Tired of Writing Checks Use online 'egiving' instead. Go to www.uuamherst.org and click on the 'Giving' tab in the top right corner to get to our online giving page or go directly to www.uuamherst.org/gving-3-2/

There are resources and directions to get you started. You can make payments through a credit card or directly from your bank account. Call Camilla Lee in the office (634-3010 x103) if you have questions.



Governance & Ministry Update

Have you checked out the display on the glass wall in the lobby? If you're curious about the structure of the new direction the church is taking, the display may answer a few questions and prompt new ones.



Saturday, May 11th, 10 am—2 pm. Indoors and outdoors. Lunch Provided. Sign up at: <http://www.uuamherst.org/volunteer-form2/> or contact Angela Warren.

UUCA Theater Lovers



Jewish Repertory Theatre's season-ending show is a world premier! **Looking through Glass**, by Ken Kaisser, is directed by Saul Elkin, and stars Arin Lee Dandes, Angelo J. Heimowitz, Thomas Loughlin, Tina Rausa, and Nick Stevens. It runs May 9 through June 2.

Synopsis: *After going against the wishes of her heart and marrying a man just to please her parents, Leah is possessed by the soul of her true love. Can an exorcism untangle their souls, or will they be forever entwined for the rest of eternity? A haunting and romantic modern-day rendition of the Jewish Classic "The Dybbuk" by S. Ansky that reminds us love is a destiny that can't be escaped.*

Discount ticket order forms for weekend performances are available in the church lobby, in the manila folder at the bottom of the Church Life bulletin board. (If you'd prefer to go to a Thursday evening show, call Sophia Veffer at 631-3228, and she can make arrangements). Checks for the play tickets must be received eight days before the performance date. Our cost is \$25 each. (Regular box office price is \$38).

On **Sunday, May 19**, a UUCA group will meet at the Maxine & Robert Seller Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center, 2640 N. Forest, Getzville, to attend the **2 pm** presentation, then go to Lebro's Italian restaurant for dinner afterward (Dutch treat). Order your tickets through Sophia, and contact me by noon on Friday, May 17, to be included in the dinner reservation

~Marie Evans



Easter memories being made at UUCA



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