

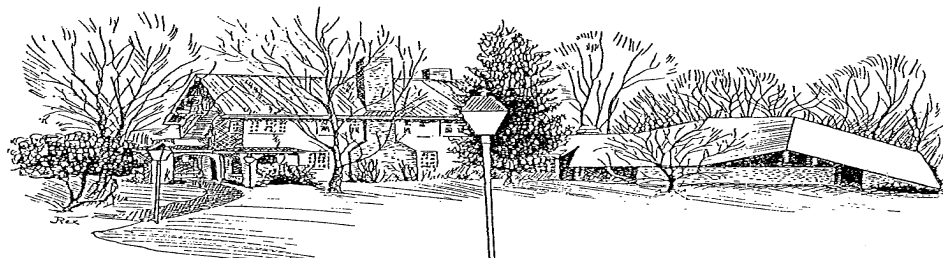
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The Foreword

SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY AT 10:30AM

- 1** *“Holocaust Remembrance: Where Was God?”*
by Rev. Michelle Buhite.
- 8** *“In a rut? Or just going through a stage?”*
by Rev. Michelle Buhite. Exploring James Fowler’s Stages of Faith Development. NEW MEMBER SUNDAY.
- 15** TBA
- 22** *“UU Source 6: Earth Centered Traditions”*
by Rev. Michelle Buhite.
- 29** *“Memorial Day: Soldiers’ Letters Home”*
by Rev. Michelle Buhite & Les Buhite.

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Tuesday through
Friday**

The Nominating Committee presents this slate of candidates:

For the Board of Trustees for a 3-year term ending 2019

Steven Kemp
Gemma Lanthier
Angela Warren

For the Nominating Committee:

Tom Dibble
Marge Marcille
Margot Shoemaker
Taylor Parrack

THE UUCA ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON **SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016** AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

In order to vote, you must be a member for at least 60 days and be a member in good standing, meaning you have honored your pledge from last year and have made a pledge for this coming year.

(All reports are due to the church office by Monday June 6th)

UUCA Proposed 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



Rev. Michelle Buhite

Are we living in an echo chamber? A bubble? Is UUCA on Sundays at 10:30am your full experience of Unitarian Universalism? There is so much more to our faith than this one experience and expression of it! Why only dip your toes in when the water is *wonderful*? You need to get out more! UUCA needs you to get out more – to gain perspective, to deepen your faith, to know we are not alone.

On Saturday, May 21, UUCA is hosting a workshop, *The Once & Future Church*, to get informed and get the tools to be the intercultural solution to the 'Chicken Little' hysteria about the future of church. Sign up today!

General Assembly, the annual gathering of UU's from all across North America is June 22-26 in Columbus, OH. That's driving distance, folks! You want to know what it's like to worship with 4,000 other UU's or have a voice and a vote in our movement? General Assembly ("GA") will blow your mind!

www.uua.org/ga

With the shift to regions, we are all invited to attend *Summer Institute* ("SI"), hosted by the Ohio-Meadville District. SI is 500+ UU's from NY, PA, OH, and WV – coming together to have fun, make music, learn, worship, connect families, and so much more. I have attended SI since 2003 – and it is the highlight of my year. I love connecting with the friends I've made and making new ones. I love the beauty and the challenge of living for a week in intentional, multi-generational community. SI is in Oberlin, OH, July 17-23. www.omdsi.org

See you in church AND out & about!

Rev. Michelle



Attention! Attention!

Annual Budget Drive wrap up—as usual, about 50 of our friends and members are operating on "UUCA time" and have not made their financial commitment for the coming year. The new church year starts July 1st and the board will be making decisions about next year's mission and operations in May for presentation at the Annual Meeting in June. ***The UUCA is a democratic institution and members in good standing are eligible for elected leadership positions and to vote in decisions of the congregation.***

Do not delay! Please mail or call in your pledge as soon as possible. If you have misplaced or not received a card or just have a question, call Lauraine Marcus at 725-8819 or Jaime our office assistant at 634-3010.

Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed



Our church is pleased to partner with Hearts and Hands, an interfaith not-for-profit, neighborhood-helping-neighbor organization. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation and support for older and physically-challenged adults. Volunteers assist care receivers so they can get to important doctor appointments, get their groceries, and do essential errands. This means that these neighbors can remain independent and in the homes and communities they love. Volunteers not only help care receivers, but also support their families and our community. Volunteers can choose to do the activities that they feel comfortable doing. No one person is asked to do it all. Also, you can choose where to volunteer. Hearts and Hands serves many communities throughout Western NY.

If you are looking for a way to have a positive impact in your neighborhood, Hearts and Hands needs you as a volunteer. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Hearts and Hands: Faith In Action at (716) 406-8311 or visit their website at <https://hnhcares.org>.

Ron Palmere and Eveline Hartz are the liaison volunteers connecting our church with Hearts and Hands. Hearts & Hands is a program under the Social Justice Committee.

MAY DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, May 1
RE Classes 10:30 am

Sunday, May 8th
Chapel 10:30 am

Sunday, May 15th
RE committee Meeting 9am in Bulfinch
Youth Bridging 10:30 am

Sunday, May 22nd
RE Classes 10:30 am

Sunday, May 29th
No RE Classes

The Once & Future Church or, "Chicken Little Goes to Church"!

Saturday, May 21, 9:30-4, UUCA.

Have you heard??? The Church is in decline! Nobody goes to church anymore! The 'millennial' generation just doesn't care about religion! Everything the elder generation has built up is bound for ruin!

Or not. Get the facts and find out how we can be the solution!

\$5 at the door, includes lunch. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online:

<https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/s1xg7vqy0m5sqy4/>

Co-hosted by the UU Church of Buffalo and the Central East Region of the UUA.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

We continue to sell *TOPS cards* after the service and we can now get amounts other than \$25, \$50, or \$100. If you need a card with a value of "\$0.01 to \$500", give me a call and I can arrange it. We make 5% on each *TOPS card* sold.

The Kentucky Derby Party is almost here! Join us for food and fun on May 7, 2016. Don't miss this exciting event. Sign up now!

We are planning a *"Tea"* for mid June. Contact me to sponsor a table. Table sponsors will be responsible for decorating their table, supplying fancy dishes (if you want) and selling tickets to 7 of your friends for \$10 a piece. We will serve tea, tea sandwiches, and finger desserts. Exact date and time will be announced soon. We will also need some helpers to make sandwiches and finger desserts. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a small basket raffle at the tea. Introduce your non-UU friends to the UUCA in this fun and easy fundraiser.

A *Chicken BBQ* is being planned for the fall. We are still in the early stages. We will need all sorts of help. Contact me so I can put your talents to use.

GoodShop and *GoodSearch* are still available for your fundraising dollars. If you use the internet, use these sites to raise money for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst.

Anyone who wants to have a church party/dinner can arrange it through Dining for Dollars.

Event sign-up sheets can be found near the *TOPS cards* on Sunday morning.

~ Barbara Gauger Kent (bgturbo944@hotmail.com)

Membership Committee News

The R.E. Teacher and Volunteer Recognition Brunch on April 10th was a wonderful way to express our appreciation to those who have embraced the mission of bringing our UU values and beliefs to the youth and children of our congregation. After service, about 20 teachers and volunteers were served quiche, strata, fruit, coffee and juice by the children and youth. The smiles on everyone's faces said it all. Representatives from various church committees helped with the shopping, cooking set-up and clean-up. Special thanks to Karen Kuhn who coordinated this event.

New Member Recognition—On **Sunday May 8th**, new members who signed the membership book since January will be formally welcomed during the church service. If you are ready to make a full commitment to membership, please contact Rev. Michelle or any representative of the Membership Committee (Jackie Senders, Karen Kuhn, Joann Shafer, Scott Mulder, Darlene Digati, Laurie Kasnicki, Debbie Berg, Lauraine Marcus).



GREEN TIPS:

Spring is here and we all start thinking about the yearly clean up, both inside and outside of the home. So when you come across those old cell phones please continue to donate them to Haven House. They may be placed in the labeled basket in the first coatroom. Haven House is a shelter for battered women in Buffalo. The money they collect, from the sale of these phones, is used to help transition their clients from the shelter into their own living space. Such a nice, easy way to work in our community and for the environment. Thank you!

Are you in the market for a new washer? Switch to a front-loader from a top loader. In a recent GHRI test of front loaders, it was found that they use less than half the water traditionally used by a top loader for a full load. With the money you save on your water bill you can buy the slightly higher priced organic fruits and vegetables which are grown without the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. A win-win situation!



~Bunny Malone and Anne Gayley for the Green Sanctuary Committee

BOARD NOTES:



Spring has finally arrived! I know this because I rode my motorcycle to church on April 17th ;)

Speaking of April, it was a very productive month in leadership! Your Board of Trustees gathered several times over dinner for a leadership development workshop where we participated in an online UU leadership course and then engaged in lively discussion and reflection. I'm never disappointed with how dedicated the leaders of UUCA are! The board meeting on the 13th was long but productive. We voted on several issues, including the adoption of policies regarding the protection of children in our congregation. In the interest of safety for all involved we voted to hire someone to remove the tree behind the Carriage House. Thank you, Angela Warren, for arranging this oh-so-necessary service! In an effort to support our Developmental Ministry with Rev. Michelle, we are looking at the possibility of holding a Mission Workshop in the not so distant future. Keep your eyes open for announcements. Thank you, Nikki Hitchcock, for your assistance on this worthy project! So many exciting things happening at UUCA!

If you'd like to see what else was discussed/voted on, be advised that the minutes of the Board meetings are posted on the bulletin board next to the mailbox in the foyer as soon as they're approved.

In faith and service,
Ivy Yapelli ~ Board Chair, UUCA



Movie with the Minister

Thursday, May 5, 6:45pm in the Emerson Room during Love Feast Thursday

As part of our observance of Yom

Hasho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance), we will watch the film, *Two Who Dared: The Sharps' War*. This film, released independently in 2013, chronicles the lives of Unitarian minister, Waitstill Sharp, and his wife Martha, who left behind the safety of their home in Wellesley, MA and flew to war-torn Europe (1939). They risked their lives to help feed, shelter, and rescue thousands of refugees, including anti-Nazi dissidents and Jews. For their work in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia and Vichy France, the Sharps have been recognized as 'Righteous Among the Nations' at Yad Vashem – the highest recognition accorded by the state of Israel to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during WW2. They are two of only three Americans to be so honored.

ENDOWMENT TRUST

Submitted by Endowment Treasurer Doug Funke for
Endowment Trustees Dennis Bihl, Nan Cosbey,
Jerry Kent, and Lauraine Marcus

The DECLARATION OF TRUST, adopted by the UUCA Board of Trustees on January 10, 1989, established the Endowment Trust. The DECLARATION OF TRUST was amended on February 2, 1992. This updated document serves as the legal foundational document for the Trust. The document states that the purpose of the Trust "shall be to invest and manage gifts and testamentary bequests made to the Church ... The primary objective of this Trust shall be to accumulate and increase the principal of the Trust, thereby creating a principal fund which will generate income which may be used to assist the Church in meeting special expenses without relying exclusively on annual fund raising."

Since its founding by church visionaries in 1989, the Trust has successfully grown its assets over the years. As of the end of 2015 the Trust has total assets of \$741,921 with an Income Account of \$41,933. The Income Account contains the money earned from interest and dividends that can be made available to the church to supplement normal church budgets. The Trust has provided support to the church in a wide variety of ways. For example, during 2015 the trust helped pay for the new chapel roof and paving the parking lot, and paid the moving expenses of Reverend Michelle.

The Trust is an important asset for the church. It is important that we make sure it keeps growing. In 2012 we hired a financial advisor to help us manage the Fund. He helps guide our investments in a way that minimizes risk while maximizing long-term growth. With his guidance our principal has continued to grow. In order to ensure continued growth it is also important for church members to continue to contribute through bequests and memorial gifts. During 2015 bequests and donations totaled \$53,740. Our gifts and bequests are an important component of the Trust's growth over the years. It is one of the best ways we can, as individual church members, make our gifts to the church count for the long term.

It's that time of year again!

Time to get out your Derby Hat and Enjoy Friends
and Fun at the

UUCA Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday, May 7th, 2016

4:30 to 7:30 pm

The Greatest 2 Minutes in Sports!

All are welcome to attend this fundraiser!

Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar

50/50 Derby Raffle

A little birdie is hinting the door prize will be Barbara's Beaumont Inn Derby Pie

\$25 per person, all proceeds benefit the UUCA

Menu will include vegetarian and gluten free options

Sign-up sheet available in the Emerson Room after
Sunday service

Friends Welcome

HEALTH AWARENESS for MAY **ALCOHOL AWARENESS: Part 2**

~Suzanne Christ, RN, Faith Community Nurse,
Caring For One Another

Alcohol energy drinks or Caffeinated alcoholic beverages are premixed beverages containing not only alcohol but caffeine and other stimulants. Sold in tall, narrow cans similar to non-alcoholic energy drinks, they are very popular among young people and are regularly consumed by 31% of 12- to 17-year-olds and 34% of 18- to 24-year-olds. They carry teen-friendly names and contain a lot of sugar and flavoring. A typical can has about as much caffeine as a large cup of coffee, along with additives like guarana (a plant whose seeds are an effective stimulant containing about twice the concentration of caffeine found in coffee seeds) and ginseng that can speed up the central nervous system.

Drinking alcohol and energy drinks together has become trendy, but it can also be risky. Marketed to kids, often through "new media" marketing campaigns and "grassroots" strategies using youth-oriented imagery and slogans, the new alcohol energy drinks have high alcohol content, sometimes as high as 12% as compared with 5% for a typical can of beer. A major concern is that mixing energy drinks with alcohol can lead to "wide-awake drunkenness," where caffeine masks the feeling of drunkenness but does not decrease actual alcohol-related impairment. As a result, you feel less drunk than you really are, which can lead to consumption of even more alcohol or engaging in risky activities like drunk driving.

There have been numerous health problems reported and research has shown the dangers of adding caffeine to alcoholic drinks. The Food and Drug Administration has warned companies that the caffeine added to some of their alcoholic beverages makes the products unsafe and, as a result, some products have been removed from the market, while other companies have agreed not to make the beverages in the future. However, there is still no regulation on the amount of caffeine in energy drinks, and no requirements related to the labeling of contents or possible health risks. The caffeine content in these beverages is usually not listed on the can.

Researchers from Wake Forest University School of Medicine found that students who mixed alcohol and energy drinks had double the risk of being hurt or injured, requiring medical attention, driving with an intoxicated driver, being taken advantage of sexually, or taking advantage of another sexually. A lead researcher explained, "Students whose motor skills, visual reaction times, and judgment are impaired by alcohol may not perceive that they are intoxicated as readily when they're also ingesting a stimulant."

Additionally, in 2015, investigators from Dartmouth's Norris Cotton Cancer Center found teens aged 15-17 years old who mixed alcohol with energy drinks were four times more likely to meet the criteria for alcohol use disorder than a teen who had tried alcohol but never mixed it with an energy drink. "Abusive alcohol use among adolescents is a dangerous behavior that can lead to injury, chronic alcohol use and abuse, and even death," said one of the lead authors of the study. "Identifying those most at risk for alcohol use is critical. Given that this is a sensitive issue, it's possible that clinicians, parents, and educators might open dialogues about alcohol use with adolescents by starting the discussion on the topic of energy drinks."

SUMMER INSTITUTE

See: omdsi.org

July 17-23, 2016,

Oberlin College, Ohio

Since 2003 I have attended Summer Institute, hosted by the Ohio-Meadville District of the UUA. Summer Institute (SI) is a week long family camp experience that provides programming for all ages, opportunities to connect with 500+ other UUUs, music making, art making, deep thinking, joyful celebration... *It's amazing.* I have only missed one year, due to seminary obligations. The link is above – and I've posted information on the Religious Education bulletin board in the main lobby. **Scholarships are available – as are opportunities to work in exchange for 'camperships'.**

I KNOW that SI can transform your life – and I truly believe that if we could get a dozen or more to experience it, we would absolutely transform this church into the vital, thriving community we all want it to be.

Please, please, please... even if you only have 1 week of summer vacation – consider Summer Institute for that week. I'll be there, offering a morning workshop. It is the highlight of my summer. Feel free to contact me with questions!

~Rev. Michelle Buhite



Do You Need Help?

Do you need help with transportation for medical appointments, shopping, a hair appointment..., or help with light

housework, respite services, minor home repair...?

Hearts and Hands: Faith In Action may be able to help you at no charge, regardless of age, income, race or religion.

Our church is officially part of this wonderful program. A large number of volunteers are available to provide the help you need. Some of these volunteers are from our church, but many are from other faith based communities in our area.

Our Caring For One Another committee does a terrific job of helping members within our congregation. But sometimes a person needs help with more than just a visitation or ride to a church activity. For these other needs, Hearts and Hands may be able to help.

If you are in need of help, or have any questions, call Hearts and Hands at 406-8311 or visit their website at <https://hnhcares.org>. Ron Palmere and Eveline Hartz are the liaison volunteers connecting our church with Hearts and Hands. Hearts and Hands is a program of the Social Justice Committee.



CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION/LUNCH

Tuesday, May 10th -

12:30 p.m. - Meet in the Emerson Room with your lunch from home to discuss events in the news.

Women's Lunch

Tuesday, May 17 - 12:30 p.m. - We will have lunch together in the Emerson Room. There is no agenda, just laughing and chatting with like-minded women.



DOMINOES

We meet, play, bring something edible to share, chat and just have fun! This is a very relaxing time, although we do discuss issues (we're Unitarians!) We've gotten to know each other which is another way to group cohesiveness. You may join us at any time on Mondays at 1:30pm in the Emerson Room.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

On the first Thursday of every month, all men are invited to get together for lunch at Buffalo Brewpub, 6861 Main Street (at Transit Road). The ROME-OS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) have great conversations over lunch. There is no agenda, but we are never at a loss for words. Come join in our sharing of ideas; neither retirement nor old age is a strict requirement for participation!

Bridge Club

Sundays, after service - We play almost every Sunday after church in the Emerson Room. Want to join us as a table or as a sub? Give me a call--Joann Shafer 688-3502.



We will be selling coffee, tea, hot chocolate and candy bars on **Sunday, May 1st** after the service. Stop by the table and help support the farmers in various parts of Central America.

~ Jim & Doreen Park

Women's Afternoon Study Group

Tuesday, May 3rd - 1:30 p.m. Meet in the Living Room - Although it is 10 years old, this talk by Rev. Sinkford at Chautauqua is relevant today. He addresses Moral Politics - marriage equality, abortion, economic justice and environmental degradation. This former President of the UUA offers suggestions about dealing with these topics and the somewhat unlikely allies UUism has with other religious traditions.

Tuesday, May 24th - 1:30 p.m. in the Living Room. Rev. Michelle Buhite will be with us today. She will relate the daunting route to the ministry, tell us the difference between covenant group and small group ministry and generally answer other questions we may have. Please make sure to join us.

Tuesday, May 31st - 1:30 p.m. in the Living Room - Eric Schneiderman, NYS Attorney General, releases a newsletter on various subjects. The Civil Rights Bureau of his office issued information on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace and the resources that NY State has available to complainants. In light of the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill controversy, this is a timely subject.



Mark your calendars! The **Cheektowaga Chorale** is performing at our church on **Friday, May 20th** at 7pm. It is a 30+ member choral group directed by Andrea Shurtliffe. This year's theme is 'traveling music'. Two UUCA members will be performing with the Chorus. See Grace Little on Sundays for tickets: \$12, \$10 for seniors, children under 12 free. Tickets will also be available at the door.



Did something in a sermon grab you? Do you have questions or concerns that the minister might respond to? Join a group chat at church on the second Tuesday of the month, **(May 10th)** 11:00 a.m. in the Reeb Room. "Come, let us reason together!" ~ Rev. Michelle

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Our committee accepts requests to provide assistance for our church community. We have a group of dedicated volunteers who are willing, ready and able to serve their church community by:

- Visiting hospitals, nursing homes, and individual homes; or doing phone check-ins.
- Sending cards.
- Providing rides to Sunday church services.
- Caring Health Awareness information by our Faith Community Nurse
- Transportation to Special Events at Church
- Pet Therapy

You may call us or ask on behalf of another member by contacting

Suzanne Christ: phone 716-632-6920 or email

magicalme1@verizon.net OR caring@uuamherst.org.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 11am in the Emerson Room for all members and any newly interested persons



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION May 6th

Are you looking for an affordable night out with old friends and maybe some new ones? Then this is the place for you! Come unwind and relax with fellow UU's for cocktails and conversation on the first Friday of the month at 7:00PM. All people age 21+ are welcome. **May's location is GFY Bar** located at 1866 Colvin Blvd, Tonawanda, NY 14150. See you there!

-Ivy Yapelli (questions? txt/call) [254-338-8248](tel:254-338-8248)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fair Trade Coffee 9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30 Church service/RE 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 2pm: Jacobsen Memorial Service (Chapel) 7:30pm AA (LR)	2 1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6pm AA (LR) 7:30 pm ACOA (LR)	3 10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR) 1:30 Women's Study Group (LR) 7pm Blue Mtn. (Reeb)	4 12:15 AA (LR) 7:30 Ministry Council (Em) 7:30 Preaching by Parishioners (LR)	5 11am Caring For One Another (Em) 12pm ROMEO's Lunch 12:15 AA (LR) 6pm Love Feast (Chapel & Em) 6:45pm Movie with the Minister (Em)	6 7pm Cocktails and Conversation 7:30pm SOS (Reeb) 7:30 Goodwill Memorial Service (Chapel)	7 4:30-7:30 Kentucky Derby Party (Em)
8 Mother's Day New Member Sunday 9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30 Church service/Chapel/ 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 12: Worship committee (Reeb) 7:30pm AA (LR)	9 1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6pm AA (LR) 7:15 Finance Council (Em) 7:30pm ACOA (LR) 7:30 Mankind Project (Reeb)	10 10am ACOA (LR) 11am Talk Back (Reeb) 12:15 AA (LR) 12:30 Current Events/Lunch (Em) 6:30 Havurah Board (Em) 7pm Blue Mtn. (Reeb) 7pm Membership Comm. (LR)	11 12:15 AA (LR) 6:30 BOT Meeting (Em)	12 12:15 AA (LR) 6pm Love Feast (Chapel & Em) 7pm Newman Board (Bul)	13 7:30pm SOS (Reeb)	14 12pm: Hoffman Memorial Service 7pm Buffalo Belles <i>Deadline for Newsletter</i>
15 9am RE Committee (Bul) 9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30 Church service/Youth Bridging Sunday 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 1pm Guest Speaker on Mother Mary (Chapel & Emerson) 7:30 AA (LR)	16 1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6pm AA (LR) 7:30 ACOA (LR)	17 10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR) 12:30 Women's Lunch (Em) 7pm Blue Mtn. (Reeb) 7pm Calendar Planning (DR)	18 12:15 AA (LR) 7:00 Social Justice (Reeb) 7pm CC Rehearsal (Chapel & LR) 7pm: Social Justice (Reeb) 7:30 Preaching by Parishioners (Bul)	19 12:15 AA (LR) 6pm Love Feast (Chapel & Em)	20 7pm Cheektowaga Chorale Concert (Chapel & Em) 7:30pm Humanist Reading Group (Bulfinch) 7:30pm SOS (Reeb)	21 9:30am: Once and Future Church Event
22 9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30 Church service/RE 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 7:30 AA (LR)	23 1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6pm AA (LR) 7pm Green Cuisine (Em) 7:30pm ACOA (LR) 7:30 Mankind Project (Reeb)	24 10am ACOA (LR) 10am Covenant Group (Em) 12:15 AA (LR) 1:30 Women's Study Group (LR) 7pm Blue Mtn. (Reeb) 7pm Chinmaya Mission (Bul)	25 12:15 AA (LR) 6pm Snowbirds (Em) 7:30 Preaching by Parishioners (LR)	26 12:15 AA (LR) 6pm Love Feast (Chapel & Em)	27 6pm Havurah (Chapel & Em) 7:30pm SOS (Reeb)	28
29 9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30 Church service/No RE 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 12pm UUCA Bookclub (DR) 7:30 AA (LR)	30 Memorial Day 1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6pm AA (LR) 7:30 ACOA (LR)	31 10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR) 1:30 Women's Study Group (LR) 7pm Blue Mtn. (Reeb)	KEY: AA- Alcoholic Anon. ACOA - Adult Children of Alcoholics Bul = Bulfinch Room DR = Dining Room Em = Emerson Room LR = Living Room SOS = Non-religious sobriety group			

U.U.-U.N. NEWS

In a recent issue of the *UN Chronicle*, there is an excellent article. It was written by Anne-Marie Carlson and it is entitled “Is it still necessary to teach about the United Nations?” This is, of course, a rhetorical question and the answer is: Teaching about the United Nations in all our educational institutions is absolutely essential if the scourge of war is to be eliminated and world peace is to prevail. Anne-Marie Carlson is the Chairperson of the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations.

Most schools, colleges and universities throughout our interdependent world are not providing their students with a first-rate liberal education. There is too much emphasis on chauvinistic nationalism, athletics and socializing and not enough emphasis on learning to think independently, critically and creatively through mastering the essential subjects: science, mathematics, history, languages, art and music. Business controls what goes on in the world’s schools and the emphasis is on teaching the younger generation to be successful as they struggle to pursue careers in highly competitive societies.

According to Ms. Carlson, the need to educate young people about the U.N. throughout our interdependent world represents a challenge that cannot go unheeded. If the U.N. is to remain true to its Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the world’s educational institutions must emphatically teach about the U.N. to every generation. Unless students learn about the role of the U.N. in our interdependent world, far too many of humanity’s failures will simply be repeated.

Unless students understand the nature of the global issues that confront the U.N. and its 193 Member States, they will not be able to use their creativity to solve the grave problems facing humanity—human rights violations, poverty, social injustice, failure to implement the Millennium Development Goals, human exploitation, war, destruction of the Earth’s ecosystem, militarism, literacy, terrorism, the need for universal disarmament and sustainable development, among many others.

Students also need to learn about the U.N. itself—the Security Council, the 193 member General Assembly, the Secretariat, the Economic and Social Council, the International Court of Justice, the Trusteeship Council, the U.N.’s Secretary-General, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, etc. The younger generation is humanity’s future. If they are not educated to be committed to the U.N., the future of humanity is bleak, indeed.

At present, the U.N. Charter and the U.N.’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights have not been fully implemented. The primary purpose of the U.N. is to eliminate the scourge of war and promote human rights. Also, at present, the U.N. does not possess the power to keep the peace through an effective system of collective security. The future of humanity depends on an effective United Nations. The younger generation needs to be taught to be committed to the goals of the United Nations if humanity is to have a peaceful future: otherwise, human civilization will ultimately vanish. This must not be allowed to happen. The time for unequivocal action is now.

~ David Slive, U.N. Envoy



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