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The Foreword



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The Newsletter of the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst**

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER AT 10:30AM

4 *The Fruits of Our Labor*
Rev. Michelle Buhite We carry on the work and vision of our spiritual ancestors.

11 *Water Communion & Ingathering*
Rev. Michelle Buhite
Intergenerational Service – Bring waters from your summer travels (physical & spiritual) as we return to the home of our soul. *Share-The-Plate Offering for Minister's Discretionary Fund*

18 *The Last of All Days*
Rev. Michelle Buhite There is one experience we all share that no one talks about, so let's talk about Death. Followed by workshop

25 *Layers of Faith* Rev. Lisa Peterangelo has been utilizing some sort of faith, belief system, and spiritual compass most of her life. In today's sermon, she will share her story of spiritual development and how all of her experiences both spiritual and secular have made her the person she is today. Come and get to know your Ministerial Intern.

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



I have always loved September. I love the beginning of a new academic and church year and I love the transition to autumn; mostly, I love to make plans! Let me share with you some of the plans that will create the context for our second year together.

Last church year the overarching focus for the year was Source & Symbols. We explored symbolic language, particularly around the language of reverence – and we focused on the six sources that inform Unitarian Universalism. This year we will focus on History & Heroes, learning more about our religious ancestors and how we can aspire to become worthy ancestors. To guide us on this journey, each month we will engage a theological concept; and this month it is VISION.

This year, our first task as a congregation will be to explore the ideas of mission and vision, and I hope that many of you will participate in the workshop to be held on 9/17 where we will engage the work of determining UUCA's mission and vision. Read more about that in this issue. We have an exciting year before us! See you in church!

Faithfully,
Rev. Michelle

UUCA Office News

- ◆ As part of our 'office makeover', we have implemented new email addresses for our staff. You can now email staff using the '@uuamherst.org' extensions listed on the front page of this newsletter. Please do not use uuamherst@roadrunner.com. This email will disappear in December.
- ◆ Please continue to write '2016-2017 pledge' on all pledge checks to the office. Remember too that you can now Pledge Online with PAY PAL at www.uuamherst.org/donate
- ◆ Thanks again to everyone for their patience and support during this time of change. Our last major office change will be an upgrade of the phone systems late in the fall. Let us know if you have any questions. We are here to help!
~Jaime Sheridan, office administrator, administrator@uuamherst.org



Have you been coming to UUCA church services regularly (or maybe not so regularly) for the past several weeks/months? Are you interested finding out how you can **get more connected** with others and involved in the life of the church? Join the welcoming team for lunch in the Emerson Room right after service **Sunday September 25th**. Contact Lauraine Marcus for more information.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Share-the-Plate Offering

This month our special offering will be taken at our Ingathering service on the 11th, and will benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This fund is available to members and friends who need financial assistance on a limited basis. Checks should be made out to UUCA with "minister fund" in the memo line. This is a very tangible way that we can help one another. Any requests for assistance should be made directly to Rev. Michelle.

Looking Ahead

Sat, 10/8 Animal Blessing (Waterhouse Pavilion) 10am

Bring your fur family and/or pictures and mementos of beloved pets as we recognize our connection to the creatures who have blessed our lives. Outdoors – dress accordingly. The pavilion is in the Debbie Waterhouse Nature Preserve at the back of the property; follow the trail beyond the parking lot.

Christmas Eve

Plan ahead! Mark your calendars!

5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Family Friendly Candlelight Service

(contact Rev. Michelle if you wish to have a child dedication; not limited to infants)

10:00 pm – Christmas Eve Vigil and Candlelight Service (choir to sing)

Love Feast Thursdays

To be held on 3rd Thursday of the month, beginning Sept. 15.

6pm – Light Dinner 6:30pm – Family Friendly Vespers 7:00pm – Drumming

(Children & Youth encouraged to participate in readings/music – contact Rev. Michelle)

Choir 2.0

The UUCA choir is starting up again for the 2016-17 church year! Open to adult and youth singers. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Choir Room (Classroom Wing). Interested? Contact Music Director Fran Landis (music@uuamherst.org) to let her know your availability.

Singing Dates: 9/25 (rehearse 9/18 & 9/25),

10/23 (rehearse 10/16 & 10/23),

11/20 (rehearse 11/13 & 11/20),

12/24 (10 pm) (rehearse 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18)

Mission & Vision Workshop

Why are we (UUCA) here? What are we to do in the world? What makes us different from the church across the street? How can we live into our potential as a UU congregation? You are invited to participate in a workshop to help UUCA articulate a mission and vision. Saturday, 9/17, 10am-3pm, childcare available and lunch provided. RSVP required to the church office: administrator@uuamherst.org or 634-3010, or sign up in the lobby..

Covenant Groups Forming

Do you yearn for more meaningful connection? Are you interested in creating deeper relationships and talking about 'big' topics? You may enjoy a Covenant Group! Groups are forming now! Indicate your interest by signing up at the Welcome Desk or contacting Rev. Michelle (minister@uuamherst.org or leave a note in her mailbox near the Living Room).



Faith Development

Introducing Our Interim Director of Faith Development

My name is Karen LoBracco, and I am delighted to be joining the UUCA staff team for two years as your Interim Director of Faith Development. I grew up in the Town of Tonawanda and graduated from Cardinal O'Hara HS, so in many ways this feels like coming home. Brockport is where I currently live with my husband Bernie and cats Daisy and Blue. I am blessed with a son Neil in Manhattan and a daughter Christina who lives in Atlanta with her husband and almost 3-year-old daughter.

I have worked in UU religious education/faith development since 1996 – as a settled religious educator, as a consultant at the district level, and in an interim capacity for congregations in Birmingham, AL and Kent, OH. I love the work, which allows me to use my mind for high level systems work, feeds my soul with opportunities learn and worship upstairs and downstairs, plus gives me excuses to play on the floor and act silly. What could be better? And because the job is half time, I have space to serve as Treasurer of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and be engaged in community activities.

My work as an interim is a balancing act – “taking care” of the present but always with an eye on the future. You will hear me asking lots of “why” questions – not only so that I can understand how things work, but also so that together we can discern whether the present answer will allow you to be all that you strive to be in the future. I can really use your help in getting to know people, so I look forward to having lunch or coffee with you. I'm serious – please mail me at dfd@uuamherst.org or call my cell phone at (585) 730-0686. And I so appreciate it when you wear a nametag!

With anticipation,

Karen

GREEN TIPS:



School = Kids + Buses

Have you ever seen all those school buses lined up in front of school with the engines running? Do your kids and the environment a favor and ask school officials to adopt a no-idling policy. Idling school buses waste fuel and pollute the air. Children are especially sensitive to diesel exhaust, which causes respiratory problems and worsens allergies and asthma.

~ Something doable from your Green Sanctuary Committee.

Faith Development News

Registration Time is NOW

School is starting, the evenings sometimes have a bit of a chill, and NOW is the time to register your children/grandchildren who will be participating in Nursery Care or our Faith Development programs. This is a task you can do online or using a paper form – available Labor Day or before! Thanks!

Gatherings for Junior and Senior Youth Leaders on Sept. 11

Adult leaders of our Faith Development group for Junior Youth (Middle School) and Senior Youth (High School) will be meeting September 11 to plan out the next few months with team members and our Interim Director of Faith Development. The Senior Youth team meets at 9am and the Junior Youth at 11:45am. If you want to be included but did not receive an invitation contact Karen LoBracco at dfd@uuamherst.org.

Coming Soon – Our Whole Lives for Grades 7-9

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a lifespan sexuality education program that was jointly developed by the UUA and the United Church of Christ. It is comprehensive and based on values like honesty, respect, communication, inclusion, self-determination and diversity. In late September (tentatively Sept. 18) the 3 trained leaders will offer a parent meeting for families who are interested in either getting more information or enrolling their youth. Even if your children participated previously, attendance is required because the program was recently updated. This comprehensive program consists of 25 sessions, and they will be held on either Saturdays or Sundays throughout the church year. Watch for additional information in September, and/or contact Interim Director of Faith Development Karen LoBracco.

Defying the Nazis: The Sharp's War - September 20, 9pm on PBS

This 90-minute film tells the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who left their children behind in the care of their parish and boldly committed to multiple life-threatening missions in Europe. Over two dangerous years they helped to save hundreds of imperiled political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation across Europe. Watch with others, then talk it over!



SPIRIT PLAY – the inside story

On August 20 a group of enthusiastic volunteers gathered to learn a new way to explore “Big Questions” with children with the creator of Spirit Play, Rev. Dr. Nita Penfold. This approach draws from Montessori: trained teachers guiding children in a prepared environment, as well as incorporating elements from Godly Play: circle with story told using concrete materials followed by wondering and art response - the morning as worship.

Spirit Play is a proven educational method whose values support Unitarian Universalism • Encourages independent thinking through wondering questions • Gives children real choices within the structure of the morning • Creates community of children in classrooms of mixed ages • Develops an underlying sense of the spiritual and the mystery of life • Supports congregational polity through choice of lessons • Volunteers were found to value the program as part of their own spiritual process.

Experienced religious education leader Lynne Sabourin says: *The children quickly step into the routine of being greeted by the doorkeeper and entering the classroom in anticipation of their time together. The sacred space that has been created allows for creative wondering and an opportunity to explore the stories personally through re-telling or through art materials provided. The manipulative materials allow the children to remember and connect to the stories and to independently work with them.*

Which brings me to how YOU can support this new offering for our children in Elementary school. Each story relies on manipulatives and figurines to tell the story which the children can then reenact. Especially valuable are objects crafted of wood, but plastic is OK too. If you have small (2-8”) objects that might work, we in Faith Development would love to include them in our “stash of stuff”. And if any of you do woodworking and might be willing to be occasionally called upon, the Spirit Play team would be forever grateful! **Donations can be left off anytime outside of the Faith Development office.** And THANK YOU!

IT'S BACK: UUCA ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER!

All you can eat
Spaghetti & Meatball
Dinner and Basket Raffle

vegetarian & gluten free options available while supplies last!

Saturday, Sept. 24th
3:00pm - 8:00pm

\$8 Presale
\$10 Day of Event
\$4 Kids Under 12
Under 5 is Free

price includes unlimited salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread and beverage

full service restaurant-style dinner!

Takeout Available

Costanzo's BAKERY 716.634.3010 **Rosina**

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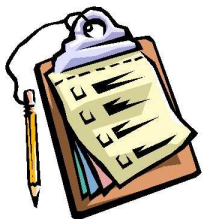
Saturday September 24th at 3pm.

Prep work begins Friday Sept. 23rd

Contact Ivy Yapelli for tickets and to volunteer to help. Many hands are needed!

Go online to volunteer [here](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aaa922abfa7-uuca) (http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aaa922abfa7-uuca)

All are welcome! Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available while supplies last. Bring your family and friends for a delicious meal! All proceeds will benefit the church.



BOARD NOTES:

Hi again, from your Board of Trustees. First of all, I have some news – we have a *new member joining the Board in September* – Anne Hibbert has been appointed to complete the term vacated by Lisa Mulder’s move to Denver. Anne has served the church in many capacities including DRE for many years. Welcome to the Board Anne!

As we begin our new church year *the Board will be working to simplify our operations* and help us all focus on what we need to do. We need to simplify and consolidate procedures and get on with what we are about. We have no preconceived notions of how we might do this *and I invite, encourage, you all to consider how we might work more smoothly together*. I will listen as will any other Board member – talk to us. In the ongoing effort to seek truth and meaning a very special event **“Mission and Vision Workshop” will be help on September 17** to help us really understand what it is we need to do – you are all not only invited but also encouraged to participate!

We are *making improvements – most of which you can’t see* – which make life better for our employees and all our members, friends and quests. The unified fire alarm system is now complete and functioning. The Nursery must conduct a Fire drill once a month – which they do. It is not mandated that the church conduct fire drills but it would be prudent to do so at least once and perhaps annually. Although we are mostly ‘grownups’ it is a good idea to be prepared and work out any wrinkles before we have a crisis – which we hope will never happen. The Board is considering how and when we will conduct such a test.

Another invisible advance is on our *use of technology*. We now have all the office computers at the latest version of software – all the same this included replacing two processors – for our administrator and treasurer and bookkeeper we also added separate machine, in the Reeb Room which is the same as the others and is intended for any member who needs to use it while at church and also as a development site for Web Site improvements and testing. If you need to use this machine – ask Jaime. Also in this endeavor we have re-

placed the *office printer* with one that is smaller, faster, greener and cheaper. Finally, our finances are implemented with *new software, with a new bank and new credit card processing*. Our goal again is to simplify and automate wherever possible and to resolve lingering ancient accounting errors.

Our new half time Interim *Director of Faith Development*, Karen LoBracco was officially introduced at the church service on Sunday August 21 – welcome Karen!

Once again – I extend to all members and friends – and those not yet officially in our community the **invitation to speak to board members about any issue, concern or idea**. Remember please, that any member is invited to attend and listen at any board meeting. If you wish to present an idea or raise an issue with the Board, please consult the Board Chair a least the day before the meeting. Board meetings are held regularly each month on the second Wednesday starting at 7:00pm in the Emerson Room.

If I can help in any way – ask me – Yvonne Stocker



Music Notes with Wendy Scott

Sept9th: Coffeehouse in the chapel with Kathy Moriarty

Gerry Timlin will return to UUCA this fall for an evening concert.

Fall Upcoming Events at the Lancaster Opera House (<http://www.lancopera.org>) include:

September 9-25th: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

September 30th: *The Story of Rock ‘n’ Roll*



End of Life Series

Sponsored by Caring for Each Other Committee

Back in April I wrote:

“Many of us have left the comfortable realm of “middle age” behind and are now eligible for those “senior” discounts. For better or worse this has brought us one giant step closer to “End of Life” decision making. Those that are still young or middle age may have elderly parents or loved ones for whom’s care they will be (or take) responsible for at some point in the future. In either situation it is prudent to be familiar with the legalities, language, healthcare, nursing home/assisted living options, and funeral/memorial service options. These are not easy topics to talk or even think about. Yet talking about them while everyone is healthy and well is far easier than at the moment a decision has to be made. Having discussions about these topics with our parents and children before a crisis arrives helps everyone negotiate through difficult steps, smooths out, prevents further upset and helps sidestep unnecessary legal & financial entanglements.”

The ‘End of Life’ Series will be given over several months and cover topics such as Hospice, Elder Law, Living Will & other forms, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Options, and Funeral/Memorial options.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the series. Fortunately, the new starting date is just around the corner. **Sunday, September 18 at noon, in the sanctuary**, Lynn Riker will lead off this series with an introduction of end of life options, palliative care, misconceptions about Hospice and an introduction to forms such as health care proxy, MOLST form, etc.. Ms Riker is a Registered Nurse & manager at Hospice Buffalo Outreach Program.

Additional dates (all Sundays, at noon, in the Sanctuary):

October 30 - Funeral/Memorial Service options

November 6 - End of Life Forms (we will be filling them out.)

December 4 - Elder Law

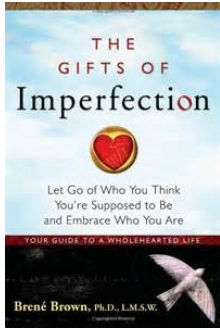
January 8 - Nursing Homes and Assisted Living options

February 5 - What Matters to me!

The December, January & February programs will have 10 minute skits by Brainstormers to stimulate discussion and perhaps look at some options in a different light.

For more information/questions or suggestions:

Eveline Hartz



Join the Journey (Alternate title: Not your grandmother's book club.)

A new a book/video/ activity group for self-reflection and self- discovery will begin this fall. This 6 - week course will be based on the book, *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Author, and lecturer Brené Brown, Ph.D., will guide us through the journey of becoming our true selves. Using her curriculum guide we will actively pursue a new understanding of ourselves and how we interact with the world. Sessions will be held on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. **Dates: September 8th & 22nd, October 6th & 20th, and November 10th & 17th** Ministerial Intern Rev. Lisa Peterangelo (revlisa@uamherst.org) will be facilitating.

UUCA Theater Lovers

Jewish Repertory Theatre's "A Season of Amy Herzog" begins October 27, with **4000 MILES**.



After suffering a major loss on a cross-country bike trip, 21 year old Leo seeks solace from his feisty 91 year old grandmother, Vera, in her West Village apartment. While Leo seeks support, Vera finds companionship in another person for the first time since the loss of her husband, Joe. A finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize in Drama, **4000 MILES** is a compassionate, intimate, and frequently funny play that examines the love of the family we can choose, the family we can't, and the healing power of trust. Winner of the 2012 Obie Award for Best New Play, 2012 NY Times Outstanding Playwright Award, and Time Magazine #1 Play or Musical of 2012. Directed by Saul Elkin.

Dr. Elkin will be at church on Sunday, October 16 to talk about the season in general and this play in particular. Please join us in the Living Room, at noon.

Discount ticket order forms are available in the church lobby, in the plastic stand on the table to the right of the Welcome Desk. Selected Saturday and Sunday performance tickets may be purchased for \$25 each (regular box office price is \$38 per ticket). *Checks must be received eight (8) days prior to performance you wish to attend.* Contact Sophia Veffler at 631-3228 with ticket questions. Plays are presented at the Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre, inside the Jewish Community Center, 2640 N. Forest Road, Getzville.

I am organizing a **group dinner after the 2 pm performance on Sunday, November 6**. We will share a table and split the check at Lebro's, 330 Campbell Blvd. Please RSVP to me by noon on Saturday, Nov. 5, so I can make the reservation.
~Marie Evans

VOICE-Buffalo Public Meeting

**Come out and address Racial Justice with candidates
for Erie County District Attorney**

When : Thursday, Sept 8, 7:00 Pm

Where: Elim Christian Fellowship

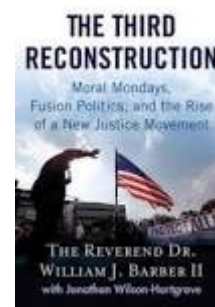
70 Chalmers Ave, Buffalo, NY 14214, Light supper 5:00 Pm

Car pooling provided. See Margot Shoemaker or Pat Burke

The candidates will be encouraged to support programs that identify the needs of non-violent offenders and those with mental illness, as well as improving the training of police officers to improve the quality of community policing. Primaries for the DA race will take place on September 13th.

Join us as we participate in the UUA Common Read

The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement, by The Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove (Beacon, 2016), has been chosen as the 2016-17 Unitarian Universalist Common Read. The Black Lives Matter Taskforce in conjunction with the Social Justice Committee is endorsing this book and is offering a reading group to discuss the book. *The Third Reconstruction* offers helpful, practical guidance for engaging with justice movements born in response to local experiences of larger injustices. Drawing on the prophetic traditions of the Jewish and Christian scriptures, while making room for other sources of truth, the book challenges us to ground our justice work in moral dissent, even when there is no reasonable expectation of political success, and to do the hard work of coalition building in a society that is fractured and polarized.



We will have our first meeting on [Thursday, September 29, at 7:30pm in the Living Room.](#)

Here are the links for the book. We suggest you get it from our UUA bookstore, InSpirit, to support them.

<http://www.uuabookstore.org/The-Third-Reconstruction -P17781.aspx>

If you would like to purchase the book for your e-reader:

Kindle: https://www.amazon.com/Third-Reconstruction-Mondays-Politics-Movement-ebook/dp/B00WCY4YK4/ref=la_B010MSH8M2_1_1_twi_kin_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1471742371&sr=1-1

Nook, etc.: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-third-reconstruction-rev-william-barber-ii/1121772828?ean=9780807083628>



Read any good books this summer? The **book exchange corner** would appreciate your sharing of books when you are finished with them. I'm getting rave reviews of books that have been donated!

~Thanks, Ellen Doyno



Autumn Auction Planning is Underway! Offers are being accepted until September 25th. Use the form on the next page or go to: <http://www.uuamherst.org/auction-offers-and-volunteers/> To sign up as a helper or enter an auction offer. The Auction will take place Sunday, October 2nd after service.



THE UUCA AUTUMN AUCTION!



SUNDAY, October 2, 2016 after the church service

\$5.00 bagel brunch to precede the auction.

Price includes a bidding placard.

Attending and/or participating is a great way for newcomers to get to know others within our spiritual community in a fun way!!

Suggestions for auction offers: Dinners, prepared dinners for our senior members, theme parties, holiday parties, picnics, hikes, workshops, presentations, cooking classes, services, travelogues, computer help, movies, outdoor activities, card parties, game nights, casino nights, sleepovers, goodies and higher priced items. Gatherings can be as grand as a party in the Emerson Room or as simple as wine, hor d'oeuvres and conversation in your living room. Think about using businesses that already have classes, offer tickets to concerts, sports events, movie theaters and plays, etc. Contributions by local businesses are very much appreciated. Department store or mall gift certificates are a good idea.

If you have a talent or a skill, share it with us.
We will try to help you find co-sponsors if you have an auction offer idea.
Many events can be offered collaboratively and held at the church.
(Don't forget about our nature conservancy "backyard")

*As always, we get by with a lot of help from our friends to make the Auction a success.
Please start thinking about ways you can participate.*

Questions or suggestions, Contact Carol Joyce (634-7604 or carol.joyce77@yahoo.com) OR Marge Marcille (634-3669 or memarcille@gmail.com)

DEADLINE FOR OFFERS IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH after the church service

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

I can help in the following way(s): Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute a theme basket to the live auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up after the auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact local businesses to contribute items | <input type="checkbox"/> Register people before the auction & collect lunch money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help in the kitchen with the lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a cashier at the conclusion of the auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make a dessert | <input type="checkbox"/> Do childcare, if needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up the Emerson Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Do Whatever Else Needs To Be Done |

Describe your offer _____

Date/Time: _____ Value: _____ Minimum Bid: _____ Maximum Number of People: _____

Describe your offer _____

Date/Time: _____ Value: _____ Minimum Bid: _____ Maximum Number of People: _____

Please give completed form to Carol Joyce OR Marge Marcille or place it in the Church Administrator's mailbox (#45).

BRIDGE CLUB

We will meet in September!

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.



CREATIVE INTERCHANGE

We begin meeting again on Sundays starting September 11th at 9:30am. All are welcome to this free flow, unstructured current events discussion group held each Sunday before services.

DOMINOES



Bring something edible to share, chat and just have fun! This is a very relaxing time, although we do discuss issues (we're Unitarians!). You may join us at any time on Mondays at 1:30pm in the Emerson Room.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION/LUNCH

Tuesday, September 13 - 12:30 p.m. - We will resume our discussion of topics in the news today, not that we stopped over the summer! Meet in the Emerson Room.



WOMEN'S LUNCH

Tuesday, September 20 - 12:30 p.m. - We will have lunch together in the Emerson Room. No agenda, just laughing and chatting with like-minded women

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 ROMEOS (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!

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.
- Providing 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 Ron Palmere or Evelyn Hartz by emailing either at caring@uuamherst.org

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 11am in the Emerson Room for all members and any newly interested persons.

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

Friday, Sept. 2 we will meet at Parings Wine Bar located at 5893 Main St. Williamsville. All those over 21 welcome for a night out!

-Ivy Yapelli (questions? txt/call)



Women's Afternoon Study Group

Tuesday, August 30th - 12:30 p.m. - This will be our last Summer Lunch in the Emerson Room.

Tuesday, September 6th - 1:30 p.m. - We will be resuming our programming this week with a discussion of the books we have been reading over the summer. We'll meet in the Living Room today. Bring title and author and a list will be compiled and e-mailed to you after the meeting.

Save your Fall issue of the UU World which we will be discussing in late September.

~ Marge Marcille, facilitator



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>10:30am Church Service 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 2pm Magorian Memorial (Em&Chapel) 7:30pm AA (Liv. Rm.)</p>	<p>5 LABOR DAY</p> <p>1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6:00pm AA (LR) 7pm Mankind Project (Reeb) 7:30pm ACOA (LR)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR) 1:30 Women's Afternoon Study Group (LR) 7:00 Blue Mountain (Reeb)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:15 AA (LR) 1:30 Green Sanctuary (LR) 7pm Ministry Council (LR)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:15pm AA (LR) 5pm: Social Justice Dinner (Em) 7pm Book Discussion (LR)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm: Coffeehouse night (chapel) 7:30pm SOS (Reeb)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10am: Multi-cultural Fair at Daemen College 7pm Buffalo Belles (LR)</p>
<p>11 Water Ingathering/ 2nd Sunday Potluck</p> <p>9am: Senior Youth Adult Leaders Meeting (Bul) 9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30am Church Service 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 11:45 Junior Youth Adult Leaders Meeting (LR) 1:30 pm Chinmaya Mission (FD Wing) 5pm: Community Singles Group (LR) 7:30pm AA (Liv. Rm.)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6:00pm AA (LR) 7:15 Finance Committee (Em) 7:30pm ACOA (LR)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR) 12:30 Current Events Lunch (Em) 7:00 Blue Mountain (Reeb) 7pm Membership (LR)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:15 AA (LR) 6pm BOT 'Brown Bag' (Em) 7pm BOT meeting (Em) 7:30 Chinmaya Study Group (Reeb)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:15pm AA (LR) 6pm Love Feast Thursday (Chapel & Em)</p>	<p>16 Deadline for Newsletter</p> <p>7:30pm SOS (Reeb) 7:30 Humanist Reading Group (LR)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10am Mission and Vision (Em)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30am Church Service 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 11:45pm Junior OWL Parent meeting (FD Wing/LR) 12pm "End of Life" Series (Chapel) 1:30 Chinmaya Mission (FD Wing) 7:30pm AA (Liv. Rm.)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6:00pm AA (LR) 7pm: Mankind Project (Reeb) 7:30pm ACOA (LR)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR) 12:30 Women's Lunch (Em) 7:00 Blue Mountain (Reeb)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:15 AA (LR) 7pm Social Justice 7:30pm Chinmaya Study Group (Reeb)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:15pm AA (LR) 6pm Prep for Spaghetti Dinner (Em/Kitchen) 7pm Book Discussion (LR)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5pm Spaghetti Dinner (Em&Kitchen) 6pm Faith Development Start-up (FD Wing, LR) 7:30pm SOS (Reeb)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4pm Spaghetti Dinner (Em) 8pm Clean up</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30 Creative Interchange (LR) 10:30am Church Service 11:30 Bridge Club (Em) 12pm: New Members Lunch (Em) 1:30 Chinmaya Mission (FD Wing) 5pm: Community Singles Group (LR) 7:30pm AA (Liv. Rm.)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 Dominoes (Em) 6:00pm AA (LR) 7pm Green Cuisine (Em) 7:30pm ACOA (LR)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am ACOA (LR) 12:15 AA (LR, RE Wing) 1:30 Women's Afternoon Study Group (LR) 7:00 Blue Mountain (Reeb)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:15 AA (LR) 6pm Snowbirds (Em) 7:30pm Chinmaya Study Group (Reeb)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:15pm AA (LR) 7:30pm Black Lives Matter and Social Justice Book Discussion (LR)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30pm SOS (Reeb)</p>	<p>KEY: AA- Alcoholic Anonymous ACOA - Adult Children of Alcoholics Bul = Bullfinch Room DR = Dining Room Em = Emerson Room FD= Faith Development/RE Wing LR = Living Room SOS = Non-religious sobriety group</p>

U.U.-U.N. NEWS

A recent issue of the *UNChronicle*, "Water" contains an excellent article. It is entitled "Towards the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013". It was written by Sirodjidin Aslov. Mr. Aslov is the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations. 2013 was the U.N.'s International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC) and 22 March 2013 was World Water Day. Water is the basis of life. If it is contaminated by pollutants, the human family will ultimately be rendered extinct. Here are a few basic facts: 97.5 per cent of all water on Earth is salt water; 2.5 per cent is freshwater; less than one per cent of the world's freshwater is accessible for human use; seventy percent of all freshwater is used irrigation and twenty-two per cent for industry; 1.8 billion people will be living in U.N. Members States or regions with absolute water scarcity by 2025. Two million tons of human waste are disposed of in the world's water supply every day. Thus, the world's water is in the process of being rendered lethal and antithetical to the future of all life on Earth. This process must be immediately halted.

Humanity is currently faced with numerous global challenges: poverty, hunger, unnecessary wars, human rights violations, social injustice, climate change and water contamination. As a result, water scarcity and the deterioration of water quality are becoming increasing by urgent. In the modern world,

water has become the key element for addressing food security, energy security and environmental sustainability. Given this sad state of affairs the world cannot achieve today's global development goals without establishing global water governance. The International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC) attempted to increase awareness of humanity's freshwater problems and promote ways to resolve them.

The United Nations is calling on all 193 U.N. Member States and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to implement the IYWC goals as quickly as possible. The United Nations believes that today's freshwater problems are not the result of a lack of international agreements and recommendations. Rather, the real problem is the lack of political will to implement them. Time is running out for the human family. The destruction of the world's water supply must be halted if the human family is to have a future. Nearly all 193 U.N. "Member States are culpable and must terminate their anti-environmental practices. Humanity needs clean freshwater to survive. If humanity does not change its irrational ways, Albert Schweitzer's prescient prediction will be realized: Human beings will terminate their existence by destroying the Earth. Human beings must use their brains and not allow this to happen.

~ David Slive, U.N. Envoy



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. 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 from social justice committee are the liaison volunteers connecting our church with Hearts and Hands.

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 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>.

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