



**November 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>: Being a Grace-Filled Guest**

**Rev. Joan Montagnes**

It's our Thanksgiving Service! This year we'll give and receive. A food drive for the Amherst Unitarian Universalist Church Food Pantry and a covid-safe Communion of Blessings. A time to be both a gracious host and guest. See details about the food drive later in this email.

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Every month our congregation joins over 200 Unitarian Universalist Congregations in exploring a single spiritual theme. For the month of November, we are asking:

**"What does it mean to be People Holding History?"**

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## **Welcome Home!**

Welcome home! We are now worshiping in person in our beloved sanctuary. To protect the health of our most vulnerable, we ask everyone continue to wear your mask over your nose and mouth at all times in the building, seated or standing or singing. Masks are available at the greeter desks. Please sit in household pods six feet from your neighbors. Sit where the seat cushions are down, not where the seat cushions are tilted up. The nursery is professionally staffed during worship services for babies and toddlers ages 0-3 We regret that we are not yet able to offer in-person programming or childcare for older children for safety reasons, but

children are always welcome to join their parents in the worship service. There are materials to occupy children in the pews at the RE Table in the Parish Hall and children are welcome to bring their own book, quiet toy, or simple craft material. Fellowship Time will be held outside. No refreshments will be served. Please, if you have any reason to think you may have been exposed or are feeling unwell stay home. The service will be livestreamed so you can participate from the comfort of your home

Everyone is welcome to multigenerational bring-your-own picnics every Sunday 12:30-2:30 in the church garden. Masks on except when eating while seated. Every child must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.

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### Zooming to Church goes to YouTube

As of Sunday, Nov. 7 we will stop live broadcasting our Sunday services over Zoom and start live-broadcasting our Sunday worship services over YouTube in addition to the live, in-person services at the church. The YouTube link will be <http://live.buffalouu.org>. It can also be found by searching for “Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo” in the YouTube search box. We are making this change to improve our online presentation. Enjoy! Past services can also be found at the YouTube link.

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo - ORDER OF SERVICE - 11/21/2021

**Prelude** *Polonaise Op. 1 No. 2* by Clara Schumann  
Jonathan Vogtle, piano

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Joan Montagnes

**Call to Worship**

Chalene Montgomery

**Chalice Lighting**

We gather in loving community,  
Inspiring one another,

To transform ourselves  
To create a more just and compassionate world

**Story for all Ages** I know an Old Lady...

### **Offering**

**Musical Offering** *March from "For the Love of Three Oranges"* by Sergei Prokofiev  
Jonathan Vogtle, piano

**Reading** "Let Us Give Thanks" by Max Coats

**Musical Reflection** *Wedding Day at Troldhaugen* by Edvard Grieg  
Jonathan Vogtle, piano

### **Reflection**

**Hymn #407** We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

### **A Thanksgiving Celebration**

**Hymn #1010** We Give Thanks

### **Extinguishing the Chalice**

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

**Choral Benediction** "One Love" by Bob Marley

Paul Zanolli, guitar and voice, Jessie Downs and Helen Lowry, backup vocals,  
Jonathan Vogtle, piano

### **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Plenty to Be Thankful for" by Irving Berlin

Michael Harris, voice, Paul Zanolli, bass guitar, Jonathan Vogtle, piano



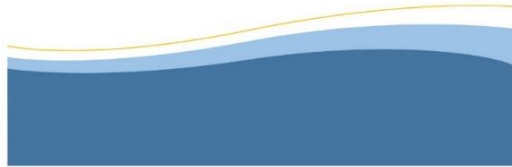
*You can share an offering with the church through the following methods:*

Donate via the church's Paypal account by going to [www.buffalouu.org](http://www.buffalouu.org) and clicking on the blue Donate! button.

OR

Send a check to the church by mail:  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo  
695 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222

Please write "Pledge" or "Share the Plate" on the memo line.



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## **Share the Plate Recipient November 2021: Our Mommie Village**

Our Mommie Village supports community moms in Buffalo before, during and after their baby has arrived. We serve as a hub of resources and services that aid in healthy recovery and a smooth transition into motherhood. Our Mommie Village is addressing the mostly preventable deaths of black and brown mothers by providing a more holistic approach to prenatal care and beyond. We meet weekly with moms to discuss how they are feeling, to provide education, and to prepare a healthy meal that they can easily recreate at home. Here are some items urgently needed by the new mothers whom Our Mommie Village serves. Items can be dropped off at the church all month: winter gear, pack and play, strollers, and bassinets.

<https://www.ourmommievillagecommunity.com/>

### **Nominations for Share the Plate**

Share the Plate welcomes nominations for recipients for the 2021-2022 church year. Please send your ideas to Steve Wixson [wixsonsg@gmail.com](mailto:wixsonsg@gmail.com)

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**Tech Notice:** We had a small techie problem during our 11/14 service and the illustrations from Kwame Alexander's book, "Undeclared" (read by Tracey Kassman) were not projected. You can see them at the following link in a program where the book is read by the author: [Kwame Alexander reads The Undeclared](#). Illustrations are by Kadir Nelson.

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## Music Ministry

This week, the Music Ministry will serve up some jubilant tunes in preparation for the festivities of Thanksgiving. Jonathan Vogtle's celebratory selections feature the Romantic Era composers Clara Schumann and Edvard Grieg, in addition to a piano transcription of a march from Sergei Prokofiev's surreal comic opera "For the Love of Three Oranges." Guitarist and vocalist Paul Zanolli will share Bob Marley's "One Love" - the classic reggae tune about radical unity - with a supporting cast of Jessie, Helen, and Jon. Michael Harris will then send us on the way to our 'welcome tables' with the Irving Berlin classic, "Plenty to be Thankful For," with Paul and Jon joining him on bass guitar and keys.

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## Religious Education and Adult Faith Development News

Coming of Age is coming back in January of 2022!

To make this possible we need adult volunteers to teach and mentor the students through this process of faith development. **We will offer training and planning sessions starting November 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:00 noon.** The class will run from January through May for ages 12 through 13. If you are interested, please contact the DRE at [lpeterangelo@buffalouu.org](mailto:lpeterangelo@buffalouu.org)

## RE Peace Begins with Us Project

To complete this project, we need 315 cranes. Please turn in your crane as you make them. If you need more take-home kits just stop by the table after Sunday service. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the installation.

We are looking for people to complete the questionnaire so that the responses can be part of the installation.

Also, committees and ministry teams are being invited to create a crane to represent each member in their group. Stop by the tables and pick a group color.

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"We are searching for a new DRE and would like input from the entire congregation. We are interested in the perspectives of everyone. We hope to use the survey results to guide us in the search process as we develop a job description and look for a settled DRE. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. Thank you in advance for your participation."

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAIAAAAAAAAAEbh0xBR59UREwxS0dXTIhQNFE0VVpJUU9JNIIJUUJDNS4u>

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### Thanksgiving Food Drive

Every year we celebrate the holidays with generosity. During our **Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov 21** we will not only celebrate a covid-safe communion, we will also collect the following items for the Amherst Unitarian Universalist Church Food Pantry:



- Chef Boyardee canned beef ravioli and spaghetti and meatballs
- Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic jars (no glass please)
- granola bars

- oatmeal
- boxed cereal
- Instant hot oatmeal packets
- hot chocolate packets
- canned meats especially chicken, ham and salmon
- soups, especially the “chunky” varieties
- baby and toddler foods
- shelf-stable milks both quart size and single serving
- Bottled apple and orange juice, especially single serving size.
- gluten free products
- Personal care items including soap, shampoo, deodorant, tampons and dental care
- Baby diapers

## **Mitten Tree and Holiday Gift Card Holder Crafting**



In early December we decorate our Mitten Tree with warm hats, scarves, mitts and socks for new immigrants to Buffalo through Journey’s End Refugee Services. This year we will also be collecting gift cards to Target, Save A Lot, and Tops.

Holiday Gift Card Holders distributed at our Thanksgiving service: Sunday, Nov 21

Mitten Tree service, gift cards, mittens, hats, scarves, and socks: Sunday, Dec 12

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## UUCB Fun & Fellowship Rolling Auction



Sunday

January 30, 2022

**We've set the date:** To avoid the holiday rush, we've decided on an early 2022 date. In keeping with the times, the auction will be both on-line and in-person. The in-person event will be on **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** before and after church. Stay tuned for details.

**Be a Donor:** It's not too late! **Deadline for donations will be Sunday January 16, 2022.**

**Be a "Creative Force":** Share your ideas for how to make the 2022 Auction a success! Contact the Auction Team through Juli Van Woert [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com) and Andrea Burke-Harris [aburkeharris@gmail.com](mailto:aburkeharris@gmail.com).

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

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### ***Covenant Group Ministry News***

A Covenant Group

May Be Just What You Are Searching For

Our Covenant Group Ministry has been transformed, and we now offer in-person, virtual and hybrid groups. *We are holding space for you.* Participation in a Covenant group has been a way that many of us have developed even deeper connections during this time when we were apart.



Covenant groups are for both church members, as well as those who are considering whether UUCB may become their church home. Meeting once every month, our groups offer an opportunity to explore our congregation's monthly ministry theme in more depth. Each group consists of 8 committed members, with two trained facilitators.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Juli Van Woert at [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com).

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## ***With your help, we can make a house a home*** **Join us for the Home Again Project**

We're off to a great start! We've set our READY date! – **January 16, 2022**

That is our target date to complete the gathering of items and prepare teams for moving, cleaning, setting up and decorating the apartment on Moving Day. That day will be determined by Journeys End when they know we are ready.

We are developing a roster of teams dedicated to gathering furnishings, household goods and all things necessary to establish a safe and comfortable living space. We need space for storage of large items; trucks and teams of volunteers to help transport goods to the apartment; crews for cleaning, set-up and decorating, and grocery shopping. There is a role for everyone. Sign up in the Parish Hall after church or obtain the list of opportunities by e-mailing [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com).

### **What else can I do?**

- \* Join in the fun at the mitten-making workshops this weekend for JERS donations!
- \* Collect and donate gift cards to fill the mittens! (Especially Target & Walmart for boots! Price Rite & Save a Lot & Tops, Dollar stores)
- \* Greet Kathy Spillman from Journeys End on December 5<sup>th</sup> when she joins us as our December Share-the-Plate recipient!

It's not too late to join this life-enhancing project. For more information, to volunteer to captain a team of volunteers, or to offer your assistance wherever it is needed, please e-mail Juli Van Woert ([JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com)). *In times like these, when the need is so great, we cannot do everything, but we can do something.* Please join us.



***The 3rd Annual Journeys End WNY Refugee Film Festival is virtual and free!***  
***For more info, visit: [www.wnyrff.org](http://www.wnyrff.org)***

Please join us for our next film on **Thursday, December 9 at 7pm EST**, the Buffalo premier of

"The Music of Strangers: Yoyo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble."

Register here: [www.tinyurl.com/MusicOfStrangers7](http://www.tinyurl.com/MusicOfStrangers7)

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## "NANCY'S GARDEN"



The center point of UUCB's gardens, lovingly tended for decades by Master Gardener Nancy Thomas and a cadre of dedicated volunteers, are the brilliant red Dahlias. Carefully unearthed in Fall and stored for the winter, the Dahlias are reintroduced to the garden each Spring.

As a gift to the church each year, and a donation to the Fun and Fellowship Auction, Peter Sloan creates an original linoleum block print representing a revered aspect of UUCB life. This print, entitled "Nancy's Garden," captures the beauty of the Dahlias and their rich green foliage.

You have the opportunity to purchase this print, to honor not only the long-held place of our beloved church in beautifying the Elmwood Village, but the countless hours that UUCB's volunteers devote in service to the church and the community. Made-to order and shipped in a cardboard mailing tube after payment is received, prints may be purchased for \$25.00 which includes handling and postage.

Pick up an order form after church or place your order via e-mail to [JVW61@aol.com](mailto:JVW61@aol.com). Include **the number of prints, the complete name and address to whom they should be mailed, and your phone number**. Send a check (write PRINT

on the memo line) to UUCB, 695 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222. To pay by credit card, **go to:**

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=TBYBC2NA5ZH54&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=TBYBC2NA5ZH54&source=url)



### **Family Promise Update**

Thanks to your volunteer support and generosity to Family Promise homeless shelter families are helped, given hope and find and a permanent home. Your gift laundry baskets filled with cleaning supplies helped departing families set up housekeeping. Other ways you can help? Donating a gently used small appliance, creating a basket full of startup items like cleaning products and paper towels, grocery gift cards, or by dropping off the (uncooked) components for a meal at 75 Hickory Street, off Clinton. More details are available at the Family Promise website [fpwny.org](http://fpwny.org). UU Family Promise volunteers are fabulous!

If you contributed to Share the Plate in December, or made a meal, or have ever helped Family Promise, thank you! We no longer host in our

church, but the two full time staff at FP depend upon us and other churches to sustain the program which succeeds in placing families in permanent homes in less than seven weeks. Family Promise works!

The need is growing....Covid-19 has resulted in more unemployment, family violence, evictions, and stress, resulting in more families with young children being "unhoused". Thank you! Family Promise volunteers are fabulous! -Nancy Wilkins



### **Donations Sought for Food Not Bombs**

Buffalo Food Not Bombs is seeking donations of folding tables, bike carts, and food storage bins- if able to donate any of these, please speak with a participating UUCB member or [reach out to them through their Facebook page](#).



The Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for Western New York have joined forces to become FeedMore WNY! FeedMore WNY offers dignity, hope and a brighter future by providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training to its Western New York neighbors in need. [FeedMore WNY](#).

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**Click on the flyers and links below to read more about other upcoming events in the community**



## Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst

UUCA is located at 6320 Main Street in Williamsville.

[Read about their upcoming events and more in their newsletter](#)



[UUA News & Updates](#)

[UU World Blog](#)

### **⚠ Updated Resources for Action in Our Communities and Beyond ⚠**

This is by no means a complete list but is instead a starting point for ways we can live our faith and our UU values by supporting the communities we value.

#### **Resources to Support the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community**

Free Bystander Trainings: <https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>

Asian Americans Advancing Justice: <https://www.advancingjustice-aajc.org/>

Self Evident: Asian American Stories Podcast: <https://selfevidentshow.com/>

Asian Mental Health Collective: <https://www.asianmhc.org/>

#### **Resources in Support of Black Lives**

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism: <https://blacklivesuu.org/>

Donate in Support of Black Lives: <https://nymag.com/strategist/article/where-to-donate-for-black-lives-matter.html>

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund: <https://naacpldf.org/>

#### **Resources to Support Indigenous Communities**

Women Empowering Women for Indigenous Nations: <http://www.wewin04.org/>

Native American Disability Law Center: <https://www.nativedisabilitylaw.org/>

UN's page on Covid-19 and Indigenous Peoples: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/covid-19.html>

#### **Resources to Support Latinx and Hispanic Communities**

United We Dream (protection for immigrants): <https://unitedwedream.org/>

Naleo Educational Fund: <https://naleo.org/>

UnidosUS: <https://www.unidosus.org/>

DEADLINES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND THE NEWSLETTER

### **Weekly Announcements**

eBlast and Order of Service announcements should be sent to **[announcements@buffalouu.org](mailto:announcements@buffalouu.org)** by NOON on Wednesday. Full announcements are published in the eBlast; please send a 50 word/2-3 line version for the Order of Service. eBlast is sent out every Saturday at noon.

### **Monthly Newsletter**

Please send any announcements for the newsletter to **[newsletter@buffalouu.org](mailto:newsletter@buffalouu.org)** by the 15th of the month.

Email any UUCB-related photos to **[office@buffalouu.org](mailto:office@buffalouu.org)** to be featured in future eBlasts!

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