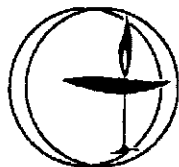


**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**  
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Mike Stewart, Maggie Smith, Mike Hart, Barbara Brooks  
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**Newsletter:** Charles Wightman <cwytman@verizon.net>  
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The mission of this church is to support and encourage:  
Personal inspiration for spiritual and intellectual growth,  
The active and ongoing search for truth,  
The embracing of diversity and freedom of belief,  
Outreach and engagement in our neighborhood and community,  
A vital and nurturing congregational life for all.

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## SUNDAY PROGRAMS, MAY 2011

<<<See Inside for Program Descriptions>>>

Times are Eastern Daylight Saving Time

- May 1; 10:30 AM; Religious Education\***  
10:30 AM; "Cross Cultural Communication" ---May Shogan  
Service Leader: Barb Brooks
- May 8; 10:30 AM; Religious Education\***  
10:30 AM; "US/Afghanistan Policy" ---Anthony Agnello  
Service Leader: Joan Herold
- May 15; 10:30 AM; RE Program for Younger Children, Upstairs**  
10:30 AM-- Promptly; "Ripples of Hope" ---Drew Beiter  
<<<<ANNUAL MEETING>>>>
- May 22; 10:30 AM; Religious Education\***  
10:30 AM; "Exceptionalism" ---Rev. John Rex  
Service Leader: Diane Hart
- May 29; 10:30 AM; Religious Education\***  
10:30 AM; "Memorial Days" ---Rev. Don Reidell  
Service Leader: Peg Christensen

\*Note: Young People Meet with the Congregation Before Going to Their Classes

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## CALENDAR

April 27, Wednesday, 9:30 AM @ Church  
May 13, Friday, 10:30 AM @ Church  
May 15, Sunday, 12:15 @ Church  
May 15, Sunday, 7 PM @ O.P. Presbyterian Church  
May 25, Wednesday-----  
June 5, Sunday, 1 PM

Sunday Services Committee  
Friday Morning Book Club  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Orchard Park Chorale  
June Newsletter Deadline  
Gay Pride Parade in Buffalo

## THANKS

to **Gloria Miller** for the basket of flowers donated to the church in April in memory of the second anniversary of her husband Don's passing.

and to **PJ Fraser, Judi Geer, Jess and Joe Armbrust, Amy Sheehan, Sue Marom, Diane Hart** and all who helped with food, set-up and cleanup for the Stewardship luncheon.

and to **Ron Fraser** for sanding the back door to close more easily

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## Sanctuary Plaque

A plaque for the sanctuary is being made with names of those people for whom a new sanctuary chair was given. Please see Diane Hart with details for the plaque.

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## *WE WELCOME*

We welcome new members **Amy Sheehan, Jim and Lisa Lynch and Jeanette Geckler.**

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## Membership

For people who are interested in joining this church and becoming legal members, this is a good time to make your wishes known and to sign the church register. Membership requires knowing what Unitarian Universalism is about and making a financial pledge commitment.

It allows one to vote at congregational meetings and be considered for Board membership. We will use an opportunity during a forthcoming Sunday service for signing the church register. Please make your wishes known to Connie Camnitz at church or by emailing <ueeastaurora@gmail.com>

## Membership/Welcoming Committee

The board is looking for a committee of approximately three members who would be willing to serve on a Membership/Welcoming committee. They would greet visitors on Sundays (on a rotating schedule), give the visitors UU informational brochures and tell them about the church. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please see a Board Member.

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Housekeeping—Does anyone have an upright vacuum cleaner to donate to the church? We have one now but need one to use upstairs. See Connie Camnitz

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## Buffalo Gay Pride Parade

Preparations are under way for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pride Festivities in Buffalo. On June 5, 2011, members of the LGBT community, friends and family members will gather at Canalside for the Parade, Festival, music, entertainment, food, vendors and Family Activities. The Pride Marketplace will be set up along Prime Street, one of the beautiful cobblestone streets parallel to the waterfront.

Rev. Jean Ott will take the lead in organizing the Pride Parade participation for Unitarian Universalist churches. She may be contacted at [jeanott@aol.com](mailto:jeanott@aol.com), (716)435-4950. The East Aurora church will be represented in the parade by (at least) Joan Herold, Gloria Miller, Mark Flanders, Peter Bisuito and Patricia and Elsie Herold.

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## Friday Morning Book Club

The last meeting of the 2010-2011 FMBC will be on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM. At that time we will be discussing *Eden's Outcasts* by John Matteson. It is the story of Luisa May Alcott and her father, Bronson. Members should come to this meeting with titles in mind for next year's schedule.

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Report From the Library Committee

Thank you so much to the anonymous donor who gave our library four lovely children's picture books. They are beautiful addition to our collection and we are very grateful.

Just a reminder to future service leaders that if you are looking for children's stories for the services, our library would be a great place to start your search. We have books for kids on UUism, character-building, social justice, etc. Next year our focus will be on strengthening the children's section, so suggestions for purchase would be appreciated.

A further reminder that taking books out of our collection is really easy. . . the procedure is framed and on a shelf near the reference section to the left of the door into the library. Or, just ask a Library Committee member; Judi, Sue, Keith, Carol, Dianna or Maggie

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### **Fiscal Matters!**

Please submit outstanding requests for reimbursement to treasurer, Diane Hart by 5/22/11 so that she can close out the books for this year.

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## **The Sunday Meetings**

**May 1:** "Cross Cultural Communication"---Problems of inter-cultural exchanges.

--->>The plate collection today will be forwarded to earthquake/tsunami victims in Japan

**May 8:** "UU/Afghanistan Policy"---The focus will be on the importance of gender equity in education that specifically targets Afghan girls for inclusion into the educational process. This is a concept that is directly opposed by traditional Afghan culture, which has historically prohibited women from pursuing education beyond the elementary level.

Elie Wiesel said, "All war is immoral, but sometimes intervention can be a moral necessity."

Abandoning the women of Afghanistan to a resurgent Taliban would submerge them into another dark age of oppression.

**May 15:** "Ripples of Hope"---The combined effort of 12 middle and high school students representing the Springville Students for Human Rights. Inspired by the work of Kerry Kennedy's book *Speak Truth to Power*, they have started their own performance to encourage others to repair the world. They wanted to branch out by researching and presenting their own defenders—many from the past with others representing unsung heroes from around the world today. They wish to inspire the audience to be human rights defenders in their own right; in their community, nation and work.

**<<<NOTE: This is an hour long program and will start promptly at 10AM.>>>**

**May 22:** "Exceptionalism"---Are we exceptions?

**May 29:** "Memorial Days"---A sermon for all those who have gone before.

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### **Speakers Notes:**

Rev. Don Reidell has served as a Unitarian Universalist minister since 1977. He was ordained in 1979 at the Buffalo UU Church. He is presently serving at EAUU at least once a month and also at the Hamburg and Niagara Falls UU Churches.

May Shogan joined the International Institute of Buffalo in 1989 as a professionally trained Arabic interpreter in the Buffalo area's courts, hospitals, immigration and businesses to ensure appropriate interpreting services for foreign language speaking clients. In 1995, May started working for the International Institute as a Language Coordinator working closely with immigrant and refugee clients. In the past few years, she held the position of Domestic Violence Advocate, Medial Advocate and a School Advocate for the Refugee families in the Buffalo school district. May is currently the Director of International Exchanges and Education programs and the Education coordinator; she has been conducting cultural competency and diversity training for schools, colleges, and social services agencies for more than fifteen years.

Anthony Agnello is a veteran teacher and coach at Orchard Park High School. He advises the Model United Nations Team and Educational Outreach, a service organization that is dedicated to, "lending a helping hand at home and in the global community." He is a returned Peace Corps volunteer who served in Afghanistan from 1972 to 1975 and is currently President of the Friends of Afghanistan, the official organization representing this group of returned PCVs. Still active in providing humanitarian support for underprivileged women and children, his organizations have supported SOLA, AWWP, Solace for the Children, The Goodrich Foundation and are currently working on their sixth school construction project in Afghanistan.

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## Social Action/Social Justice

### Japan's Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster

The plate collection on Sunday, May 1 will be sent to the UUSC Japan/Tsunami Relief fund. You can write checks to UUEA as one check from our church will be sent to UUSC.

Please join with UUs throughout the United States by contributing to the UUA/UUSC Japan Relief Fund: [www.uua.kintera.org/japan](http://www.uua.kintera.org/japan) or by mail: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 022139-3302

### Information on Fair Trade Clothing Companies

The service by Drew Beiter on the Triangle Fire caused a number of members to look for information on fair trade clothing companies. Here are some leads (courtesy of Michelle Cyran-Little):

#### Fair Indigo ([fairindigo.com](http://fairindigo.com))

We're a small group of former apparel veterans who left our jobs and started a new company, determined to improve the way the industry works; by supporting and employing factories and workshops in the US, by creating economic opportunity and strengthening communities abroad, by ensuring our products are made in places that treat and pay their workers fairly and with respect, and by, whenever possible, using and reusing eco friendly material.

#### Decent Exposures ([decentexposures.com](http://decentexposures.com))

A woman owned company in Seattle dedicated to paying good wages, providing a healthy working environment and flexibility so workers have time with their families.

#### Green America ([greenamerica.com](http://greenamerica.com))

A nonprofit organization helping people vote with their dollars for a better world. Provides information on many fair trade companies.

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### Excerpts from the Board Minutes, April 11, 2011

Four ground floor windows are scheduled to be replaced in May. The glass block basement window replacement cost \$600. The downspout drainage system in the back of the property is working correctly.

The annual operating budget was reviewed and adjusted. The total budget remains the same as last year at \$27,300. The amount to be paid in UUA dues is reduced from \$3800 to \$2800 and the difference will go into capital improvements. Some other minor adjustments were made. They will be presented at the annual meeting and a summary will appear in the Stewardship letter.

Regular monthly board meetings resume in June.

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### Annual Meeting: Sunday, May 15, 12:15 p.m.

At the Annual Meeting the congregation members receive reports on church activities and expenses in the past year, vote for new church officers, and approve the budget for the 2011—2012 fiscal year (beginning July 1). A quorum is needed and passing votes require the approval of 2/3 of the voting members present. Proxy forms will be available for members who cannot attend the meeting.

**All members are encouraged to attend.**

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### Orchard Park Chorale

Sunday, May 15 at 7 PM at the Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 South Buffalo Street O

The Orchard Park's chorale's spring concert will feature solos and coral works from New York City's most notable traditions. The Chorale will entertain the audience with a wide range of compositions including selections from

*Fiddler On the Roof, The Secret Garden and My Fair Lady* as well as less familiar compositions. Music from Harlem includes a setting of "I Have a Dream", a stirring arrangement of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and selections by Edward (Duke) Ellington.

Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for seniors and students) and will be available at the door.

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Unitarian Universalist Church of East Aurora

May 15, 2011

The 2011 Nominating Committee; Jessica Armbrust, chair and Joyce Hinshaw and Paul Becher members, presents the following nominees for the indicated offices:

Board Chair:	Keith Owens (one year remaining in term)
Board Vice-Chair:	Barbara Brooks (2 years remaining in term)
Secretary:	<i>TBD. Board to select.</i>
Board Member:	Steve Kress (to serve a regular three year term)
Board Member:	Amy Sheehan (to serve a regular three year term)
Board Member:	Jeff Maris (to fill remaining 1 year from Mark Flanders term)
Treasurer:	Joe Armbrust

Continuing Board Members are:

Mike Hart (2 years remaining in term)  
Maggie Smith (1 year remaining in term)

The committee presents the following nominees for the Nominating Committee, 2011:

Patricia Herold  
Joyce Hinshaw  
Jim York

### **Nominations may be made from the floor as well!**

#### **NOTE: Committee Reports are presented at the Annual Meeting!**

The Board Chairman appoints the committee members and chairpersons with the approval of the Board. The following persons have served as committee members in 2010-2011:

Sunday Services:	Connie Camnitz
Newsletter:	Charles Wightman
Webmaster:	Mark Flanders
Building and Grounds:	Jim York
Landscape and Gardens:	Maggie Smith
Religious Education:	Patricia Herold
Membership:	Mark Flanders
Library Committee:	Judith Geer
Social Action:	Maggie Smith
Finance Committee:	Diane Hart, Chair