

Connecting UCC and Disciples Congregations in Western New York

from Alfred C. Plant

World Communion Sunday

“This is my body, broken for you. This is my blood, shed for you.” How many times have we heard those phrases (or various variations)? Those of us who are members of Disciples churches hear it every Sunday and at many special services throughout the year. UCCers usually hear it every month. We can all answer “many, many times”.

This morning at 4 AM was the first time I recognized the blessing that lives in the English word “you”. English sure is a weird, inconsistent language. But this time I think we are lucky not to have separate words for the second person that differentiate based on quantity. Hearing those phrases, we can get the sense that they are meant for the individual hearing them, as well as for everyone...at the same time. Jesus is speaking to all who gather around the table to remember him from that Upper Room moment throughout the infinite future, which includes you (each one of you reading this) and me.

It has been eighty-eight years since that first World Wide Communion Sunday (since changed to World Communion Sunday) – conceived by Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr in 1930, and first celebrated at Shadyside Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh PA where he was pastor from 1913 to 1945. Deeply concerned at the disturbing trends throughout the world, he hoped an overt expression of Christian unity would serve as a motivating example for all peoples. The rest of the denomination adopted it in 1936, and the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed it in 1940.

Here we are, four score and eight years later, living in what seems to be one crisis after another – institutional and personal violence, mutating diseases, potent toxins, powerful storms, fast-moving fires, volcanos, etc. – all played out in an atmosphere of selfishness and incivility. What better time for an overt expression of Christian unity?

But we don’t seem to be doing a very good job at Christian unity these days. There’s way too much finger-pointing and knee-jerking and nowhere enough reaching out and authentic listening when Christians don’t see eye-to-eye.

So it is time for me and you and the all-inclusive you to find ways to show that we really are following Jesus Christ, loving each other as he is loving us. It’s time to show that even if we don’t agree on many things, we do agree on that. If his body and blood really are a part of us, how can we not?



Do you want a deeper sense of community in your neighborhood? Put this on your signboard to start the conversation. Send photos to acplant@juno.com.



WNYACIC

October Prayer List

St. Peter’s UC, North Tonawanda, Jonathan Lawrence, supply pastor
Zion UCC, Tonawanda, Elizabeth Duffy, pastor;
Susan Clark, Christian Ed
Community Christian Church, Rochester, Steven Price, pastor
Conference Regional Support Staff, Ryan Henderson
Non-Parish Clergy
Lighthouse Youth Ministry
Paradise House

from Jeff Mason, treasurer, WNYACIC

Treasurer’s Report

We thank the following churches that sent Covenantal Share payments between August 13 and September 7: Ebenezer UCC (West Seneca), Faith UCC (Williamsville), Salem UCC (Tonawanda), and St. Stephen’s-Bethlehem UCC (Amherst). Our Covenantal Share income for 2018 continues to lag far behind what is needed to pay our bills.

As we’ve done for many years, we ask for \$6.00 times the number of members you reported at the start of the previous year. Your 2018 Covenantal Share is based on the membership your church reported in 2017. In addition, the Western Area will be collecting an additional \$2.00 per member in 2019 from our churches in the United Church of Christ for the New York Conference’s new per capita income. The 2019 Western Area Covenantal Share and the UCC per capita will be based on the membership reported by churches in 2018.

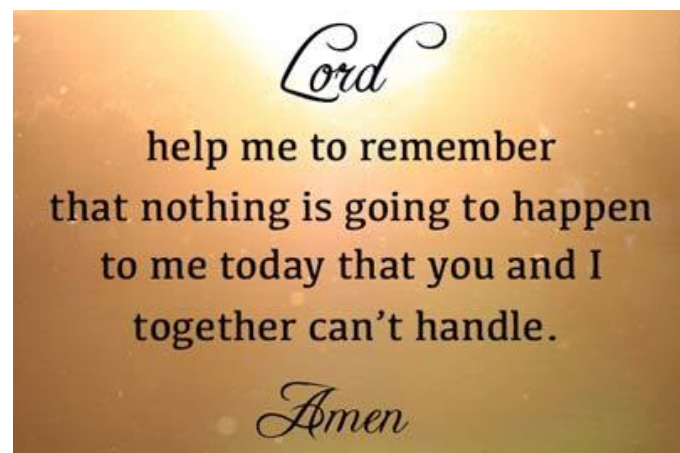
from amos acree

**Faith Community Nurse Notes –
Flu Season at Hand**

Flu shot time! Flu shots contains three seasonal influenza viruses that are produced new each year to protect against the three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season.

While everyone should get a flu vaccine each flu season, it’s especially important that the following groups get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications: pregnant women, children younger than five, but especially children younger than two years old (but not younger than six months); people 50 years of age and older; people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; and those who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including: health care workers, household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu, and out of home caregivers of children less than six months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated).

While it used to be that the Visiting Nurse Association held flu shot clinics, due to the increased availability in pharmacies and elsewhere, they no longer provide them. However, many physicians will offer them through their offices. If you have questions, talk to your health care provider, or go to the CDC website (www.cdc.gov).



from amos acree

“Finding the Abundant Life...Hope and Light in the Midst of the Storm”

The Parish Nurse Ministries of NY, Inc., announces its Bi-Annual Conference on Monday, Oct. 15, at the Tonawanda Castle, 69 Delaware St., in the city of Tonawanda 14150. Time will be from 8:15am – 4:30 pm. Speakers will present on crisis preparation, prevention and how the faith community can support, provide guidance, and be a beacon of hope in the midst of life’s storms.

Included will be sessions on ‘active shooter’ in church, medical crisis during worship, fire prevention and response, mental health first aid, “Stop the Bleed.” Closing the session will be an interfaith panel discussing responses to emergencies within their faith communities.

For more information, go to www.pnmny.org or email at pnmny179@gmail.com. You may also contact Rev. amos acree, RN, at revrn@juno.com, or call 716-671-8125. Registration forms available soon.

Come Shopping at the
4th Annual

Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale

Saturday, October 20, 2018

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Community Christian Church

2647 Chili Ave., Rochester, NY 14624

[Adjacent to Westside Drive /

Next to Battistiâs Salon & Day Spa]

FREE ADMISSION

PLENTY OF PARKING

QUALITY LOCAL VENDORS

BAKE SALE / SNACK BAR AVAILABLE

GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE!!

****JOIN US FOR THE RAFFLE****



**St. Peter’s Presents
2018 Mystery Dinner Theater**

St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, 1475 Orchard Park Road in West Seneca 14224, will present its 2018 Mystery Dinner Theater, “The Mis-Match Game,” on Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13 in the church’s fellowship hall. Guests are invited to follow the clues behind a mysterious death during a zany game show taping and figure out “whodunit” along with their table mates.

Host Molly Ringfield has her hands full trying to corral a wacky cast of characters that includes stage and film star Mimi Van Dooran, action film hero Alan Thinne, comedienne Hedda Hooper and rock musician Jon Bon Groovy. Contestant couples include the lovey-dovey Phil and Sue Mi from Philadelphia and the sometimes cranky Colleen and Travis McMurphy from Dayton, Ohio. Along the way there will be plenty of crazy questions, outlandish answers and a chance for audience participation.

The evening features a sit-down dinner by Cenzo’s Catering, a basket raffle, and a cash bar. Doors open for the basket raffle at 6:00 pm. Dinner begins at 6:45 pm. Tickets are available in advance only, and must be purchased by Tuesday, October 2. Cost is \$37.50 each, or \$290 for a table of eight purchased with the same reservation form/check. Ticket reservation forms may be obtained from church members or the church office. No reservations will be accepted without accompanying payment.

Further information on this or any other activity at St. Peter’s may be obtained by calling the church office at 716-674-1233 or visiting the church’s website at www.st-petersucc.org.



Scott Benaglio receives the DCC Volunteer of the Year award from Jay Rich at the annual picnic, August 18, 2018

Dunkirk Camp Honors Volunteers

This year at the annual picnic, Scott Benaglio received the 2018 Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center Volunteer of the Year award. Scott volunteered his time and talents co-directing numerous week-long and weekend camps. In addition, Scott used his computer knowledge to implement Wi-Fi throughout the campground.

At the same event, Hugh and Marsha Guillaume were presented with Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center's very first Lifetime of Service award. Hugh and Marsha's love of Dunkirk has been evident by their continuous dedication and commitment throughout their many years of service.



“Widening the Welcome: Living, Learning, Leading?”

The United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries, in collaboration with the New York Conference, invites you to join us for the 2018 “Widening the Welcome Conference: Living, Learning, Leading”! This year’s event will be held in beautiful Niagara Falls, NY at the Sheraton Niagara Falls, and the Niagara Falls Convention Center. The conference will begin on Thursday, November 1st, and ends after lunch on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018. There will also be an opportunity to register for a Mental Health First Aid class on November 1st. This class, organized with the help of UCC Mental Health Network, is a certificated course, with continuing education credit upon completion.

The Widening the Welcome Conference is built around the UCC’s vision for disability inclusion throughout the United Church of Christ. Offered workshops will bring attendees enlightenment in various areas including; Accessibility & Inclusion (A2A), Advocacy, Christian Education and more from invited speakers and organizations. There will also be a discussion panel consisting of people from different perspectives within the UCC. This will bring awareness and insight on living with a disability into the fullness of service to an accessible, inclusive and loving God.

Invited speakers include: Exec. Minister for Justice and Local Church Ministries- Rev. Traci Blackmon; Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice- Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund; Still Speaking Devotional Writer- Rev. Jennifer Brownell; and keynote speaker, UCC General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer. The event is sure to be an uplifting and rewarding experience!

For more information, or to register, go to: http://www.ucc.org/disabilities_and_mental_health_justice. You may also contact the NYUCC.

Amherst Community Church is Searching for the Right Youth Group Director!

Located at 77 Washington Highway in Snyder, we are affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Qualifications for the position:

- Strong, demonstrated interest in youth ministry and/or education
 - Experience with youth groups, preferably as a leader
 - Self-motivated, detail-oriented, enthusiastic
- We currently have two youth groups: Riptide, for students in grades 6-8 was established in 2010, and Lighthouse, for students in grades 9-12, was established in 2014. Both groups currently have adult leaders who are interested in maintaining a strong connection to the groups, and in having a hand in determining the themes and overall plans. Parents of children involved with the program are very supportive and generous. We are looking for a person to help facilitate each meeting, participate in the planning process, and implement administrative procedures. We would work together to create a position that suits the needs of all involved.

Responsibilities to include:

- Participate in planning the overall theme for the year, offering ideas and possibilities for carrying out the themes
- Yearly registration of all participants
- Maintain database of all participants
- Contact facilities, vendors and others needed to implement plans
- Send and receive emails/texts regarding meetings
- Create and maintain a social media presence for the groups
- Attend approximately 10-15 meetings and functions per year (September-June)
- Assist leaders during meetings as needed

Please send cover letter and resume to:

Debora Squire Cullen
Christian Education Director, Amherst Community Church
77 Washington Highway
Snyder, NY 14226



Spiritual Practices Workshop

from Marcia Tolman

Thursday Evenings

Fall 2018

7:00pm-8:30 pm

Orchard Park Community Church
7451 Quaker Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127

Orchard Park Community Church is hosting a workshop series on *Spiritual Practices* presented by Marcia Tolman, Commissioned Minister of the United Church of Christ. This series is offered to the community free of charge.

Spiritual practices enable us to be present in the moment. We all have an innate spirituality, a desire to wonder and see magic or the divine in the world. Traditional spiritual practices might include prayer, meditation, but anything that helps us get closer to our spiritual selves can become a spiritual practice. These practices are a gift to show us how to slow down and quiet ourselves.

September 27: Centering Prayer: A practice that opens the gift of contemplative prayer

October 11: Prayer Journaling: You don't have to be a writer to journal your way to prayer

October 25: Prayer Beads: Hear the history, make your own for personal prayer

November 8: Attitude of Gratitude: A practice to remind us to count our blessings everyday

December 6: A Simpler Christmas: Practice slowing down and destressing for the season

[Register for any or all workshops in the series](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NR76NP5)

use this link or the QR code

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NR76NP5>





The Rose Ensemble Public Lecture and Free Performance

**Thursday, October 4, 2018 – Montante Center,
Canisius College, 2001 Main Street,
Buffalo, NY 14208 • 10 am - Public lecture •
7:30 pm – Free Performance, followed by
reception**

The result of years of intensive research and training, “Land of Three Faiths” is at once sacred, secular, folk, and classical, embarking on a fascinating exploration of language, spirituality, and cultural exchange. Featuring instruments and musical ideas that blur the lines between Arabic and European, this entertaining and enlightening program is steeped in the rich history of the Abrahamic faiths, achieving a perfect balance of edgy improvisation, exotic vocal styles, and ancient traditions. Highlighting the Hispano-Arabic Middle Ages as both an important and devastating chapter of Judaic, Christian, and Islamic history, laments of the Sephardic Jews mingle with Arab-Andalusian dances and Spanish court songs, while rhythmic cantigas, Hebrew cantillation, and Gregorian chant meet the mystical world of Sufi poetry. For more information:

<https://www.canisius.edu/artscanisius>

To reserve your free tickets: <https://goo.gl/z3qX6t>
Questions: Contact Rev. Dr. Jonathan D. Lawrence
at lawrenc7@canisius.edu or 716-888-2825

Co-Sponsors: - Joseph J. Naples Conversations in Christ and Culture Lecture and Performance Series - ArtsCanisius, Dean of Arts & Sciences, Institute for Classical and Medieval Studies - in collaboration with the Network of Religious Communities and the Canisius College Jesuit Community. This engagement of The Rose Ensemble is made possible through the ArtsCONNECT program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. (www.midatlanticarts.org.)

INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP FOR CENTERING PRAYER



**Saturday, October 13, 2018
9:30 AM – 3 PM**

***Westminster Presbyterian Church
724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209***

***“...whenever you pray, go into your room and shut
the door...”Matthew 6:6
“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10***

**We will focus on the method of CENTERING
PRAYER and its relationship to contemplation.
This program is for beginners and those wanting
to refresh their understanding of this form of
relationship with God.**

Please register:

**Contact Debbie Katz, 716-884-9437, ext. 329 or
dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org; or call/text Keith Kristich,
716-831-2640.**

**A free-will donation of \$15 would be appreciated
and helps with the cost of this program.**

Thank you!

**We will have 30-minute lunch break. Bring your
own lunch if desired.**

Coffee, tea, and water are available.

**Consult contemplativeoutreach.org for general
information about the spiritual network of
Contemplative Outreach.**

from Karen Zmich

Update from United Church Manor



It has been quite some time since our friends and supporters from many of the UCC churches in WNY have stopped by to say hello. So, we thought we would stop in and share some of the exciting and wonderful things that are happening at the Manor. We continue to renovate and keep the Manor in good stead to serve our elderly and disabled community members.

This year, we have successfully renovated the exterior of our front entrance and created a wonderful picnic area in the backyard for our residents and their families to enjoy. In partnership with the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development, we continue to provide affordable housing to seniors and disabled individuals in our community. Thanks to all who support our annual fundraiser, we can provide our residents with transportation to and from shopping and grocery stores as well as provide a variety of resident activities and an annual Holiday Dinner.

If you, a loved one, or a friend, is looking for an affordable, comfortable, and like-new place to call home, check us out in person or at our website, ucmanor.org. We hope to see you at the Theme Basket Luncheon in November. God Bless.

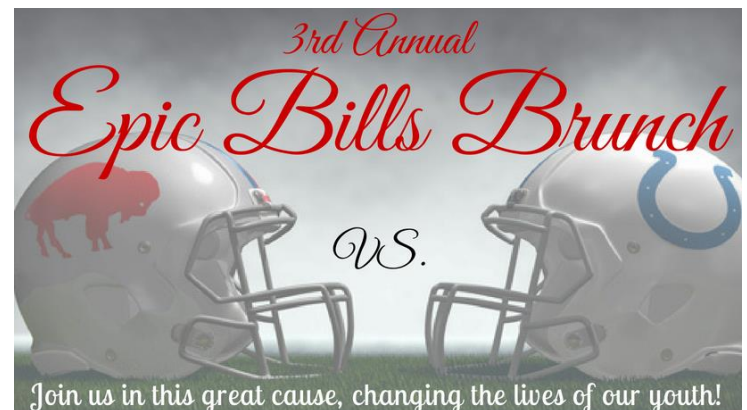
Annual Fundraiser to Benefit Programs for the Elderly

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the United Church Manor's Annual Theme Basket Luncheon on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at The Columns Banquets in Elma. A delicious buffet luncheon is included in the admission price. Thank you to our corporate sponsors **Fox Run at Orchard Park, Litwin Castle Insurance Agency, National Fuel Gas Foundation, Kirst Construction, Freed Maxick CPAs, and the Samaritan Society.**



Desperately Needed: If you have **empty baskets** that need to find a new home, United Church Manor can put them to good use. Please call either Jennifer or Karen, 668-5804 to schedule a time to drop them off or to arrange for a pickup.

Will You Answer the Call?

We are currently in the process of searching for individuals with a heart to serve the elderly and the disabled and are hoping that perhaps you might be interested in joining others like-minded. For more information, please contact United Church Manor at 716-668-5804 and ask for Karen or drop us an email at zmichk@verizon.net.



To Benefit Plymouth Crossroads
Buffalo Bills vs. Indianapolis Colts
 WHEN: OCTOBER 21ST, 2018
 TIME: 12 PM - 4 PM
 WHERE: EPIC LOUNGE
 431 ELMWOOD AVE, BUFFALO, NY 14222
 COST: \$30 PER PERSON - INCLUDES DRINKS, BRUNCH, AND PIZZA AT HALFTIME
 MUSIC: DJ MIGUEL FROM KISS 98.5

All Proceeds to benefit Plymouth Crossroads' fight to end youth homelessness
 www.PlymouthCrossroads.org 

Annual Theme Basket & Auction Luncheon

Saturday, November 3

The Columns Banquets

2221 Transit Rd., Elma, NY 14059

Doors open 11am

Buffet Luncheon 12:30pm

Tickets \$35 per person

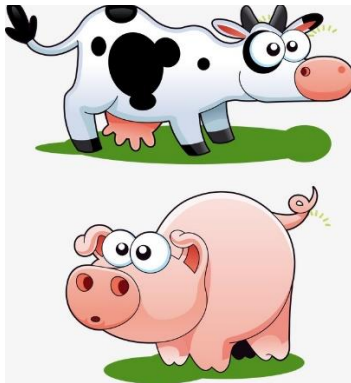
Sit with your friends! Reserve a table of 10 for only \$300.

This event will benefit the Elderly & Disabled Programs of United Church Manor (ucmanor.org)

For tickets or to make a donation, call: Jennifer Miller or Karen Zmich at 716-668-5804

Also accepting theme baskets and silent auction donations

Thank you for your support!



Zion United Church of Christ Meat Raffle

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Knights of Columbus, 755 Erie Ave., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

Doors Open 6pm, First Spin 7pm

Tickets: \$6 pre-sale, \$7 day of event, \$40 table of eight

Includes: beer, pop, water

Concessions available! Outside food welcome! No outside drinks.

Door Prizes: Chest Freezer!

Wheelbarrow Full of Booze!

50/50 raffle!

All are welcome!



The Lay Academy

Spiritual Formation Course

Finding God through scripture; through prayer; through brokenness; through laughter; through love of God, self, other, through so many different ways...

The Lay Academy is offering a course on Spiritual Formation, Saturdays, October 13 through December 1 (no class on November 17 or November 24.) This course is offered from 9:30am-12:30pm at Phoenix United Church of Christ, 1280 N. French Rd., Buffalo 14228.

What you will need for this course is:

- A commitment to using retreat material each day for personal prayer
- Read *The New Spiritual Exercises: In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*, by Louis Savary, and *Moment by Moment: A Retreat in Everyday Life*, by Carol Ann Smith
- Keep a "Wrecked Journal." More information will be given in class.
- Mostly, come to class prepared to be serious about the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, while having many good laughs.

This course will be beneficial to people who want to explore Christian Spirituality; wish to deepen their spiritual life; desire to help others grow in relationship with God; are interested in becoming Lay Pastors or Preachers. This course will provide 10 continuing education units for UCC clergy.

Leader: Rev. Debbie Baxter, M.Div. from Chicago Theological Seminary, has served at Salem UCC in Albion, MI, interim at Plymouth UCC in Lockport, Phoenix UCC for 20 years. Debbie became Spiritual Director through St. Joseph's Center for Spirituality.

Registration: Please register by Monday, October 8, 2018. Send name, address, phone number and church name plus check of \$90 payable to Education Committee of WNY, to the Resource Center, 300 North Forest Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221. Call or contact the Resource Center at 716-631-0979 Monday through Thursday 10am-1pm, or email resourcecenterwby@gmail.com if you have any further questions.



**The 15th Annual World On Your Plate
Food and Sustainable Living
Conference**

worldonyourplate.org

October 5 & 6, 2018

Friday (5 - 9 pm) and Saturday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)
Daemen College, Wick Campus Center,
4380 Main St., Amherst, NY 14226

Time is flying by as we prepare for another great conference. The 15th annual forum is hosted by Daemen College. We look forward to an eventful weekend exploring many food-related issues from soil quality to the impact of food on our individual bodies as well as the entire earth. Our major sponsors are the Edith Cook Foundation and the Indigenous Women's Initiatives.

Sarah van Gelder, author & co-founder of YES Magazine along with Jacqui Patterson, Director of the NAACP Environmental and Climate Justice Program will be our featured speakers. Rev. Mark Blue, NAACP President, Buffalo Branch enabled us to bring Jacqui Patterson to Buffalo.

Friday evening there will be a panel discussion featuring Lynda Schneekloth, Rahwa Ghirmatzion, Alexander Wright and Dennice Barr to talk about the great things happening in Greater Buffalo that combat poverty, racism, food deserts, environmental degradation, climate crisis, etc.

Our focus will be on the positive actions of our grass root activists. As always there will be multiple workshops, vendors, informational tables and entertainment. The panel will be moderated by Sarah van Gelder.

Daemen's Hallmark chef & sous chefs graciously prepare a locally grown, organic, vegetarian lunch. Produce is donated by our local organic farmers and each year the cafeteria chef & staff comes up with a spectacular lunch without any knowledge beforehand of what will be delivered! Not just a true culinary delight but amazing skill!

The event will culminate with a closing celebration with music, cider and possibly a glass of wine. A great time to relax with friends, network, or check out vendors & informational tables (get a head start on some holiday shopping!), raffle baskets, & door prize. There will be a seed exchange: Be sure to save you favorite heirloom or non-hybrid seeds and bring them with you to exchange at the event. Or just pick up a packet or two of seeds, plant them and return seeds next year!

Ticket prices remain the same as last year: \$10 - \$35 (students pre-registered & with ID are free). Includes all meals and activities. Financial assistance is available.

For more information, visit www.worldonyourplate.org or call 716-741-8815. Written correspondence and checks can be sent to WOYP, in care of Riverside-Salem UCC, PO Box 207, Grand Island, NY 14072.



**Last Official Meeting of the Samaritan Society –
A Support Society for the United Church Home**

At its penultimate meeting, the Samaritan Society gathered with the Leadership of the United Church Home Society to celebrate the many decades of service. Wendy Backman and Jonathan Lawrence joined the group and expressed appreciation for its faithful service.



October Calendar Notes

- 4 The Rose Ensemble “Land of Three Faiths: Voices of Ancient Mediterranean Jews, Christians and Muslims,” Montante Center, 2001 Main St., Buffalo 14208, 10am free public lecture, 7:30pm free concert
- 4 WNY UCC & DC Retired Clergy Luncheon, Denny’s, 4610 Genesee St., Cheektowaga 14225 11:30am prayer, 12-2pm lunch
- 6 Zion UCC Meat Raffle, Knights of Columbus, 755 Erie Ave., N. Tonawanda 14120, doors open 6pm, first spin 7pm
- 10 Western Association Church & Ministry, Ebenezer UCC, 630 Main St., West Seneca, 14224, 9:30am-3:00pm. For more information call 716-882-7705.
- 11 Spiritual Practices Workshop, Orchard Park Community Church, 7451 Quaker Rd., Orchard Park 14127, 7-8:30pm
- 12&13 St. Peter’s 2018 Mystery Dinner Theater, 1475 Orchard Park Rd., West Seneca, 14224, 6pm
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- 13 The Lay Academy Spiritual Formation Course, Phoenix UCC, 1280 N. French Rd., Buffalo 14228, 9:30am-12:30pm
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- 20 North Towns Clergy, Church of the Nativity, 1530 Colvin Blvd., Buffalo, 14223, 12pm
- 21 Epic Bills Brunch, Epic Lounge, 431 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo 14222, 12-4pm
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- 3 The Lay Academy Spiritual Formation Course, Phoenix UCC, 1280 N. French Rd., Buffalo 14228, 9:30am-12:30pm
- 3 United Church Manor’s Annual Theme Basket Luncheon, The Columns Banquets, 2221 Transit Rd., Elma 14059, doors open 11am, buffet luncheon 12:30pm
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