

IN THE BUUF, The Newsletter of the
BUFFALO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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Compassion, Humanism, Idealism

Our regular meetings are held at the Buffalo Community Center on the second Wednesday from September through May and begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the rear door.



NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 12 Erin Walsh and Tim Kiernan will present “You Are What You Eat, in a Nutshell (pun intended). Body health, global eating, Slow Food, climate change, cultural quirks, and “-isms” These days, our stated food choices easily become a statement about our personal beliefs and values. There are disciples in many camps: Paleotarian, Pollotarian, Pescatarian, etc. Even a non-choice has a title – flexitarian. If these sound like the names of religions, you’re probably more accurate than you realize.

Thursday, February 20 BUUFalo Gals meet at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11 A speaker from Wright County Community Action will describe rural poverty in our area. WCCA is based in Maple Lake and has a thrift shop and food shelf in Waverly.

Thursday, March 19 BUUFalo Gals meet at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8 Maija Zaeska will speak on “Why is the Bel Canto style becoming more popular?” This style of music was made popular by the famous three tenors. Now *Il Volo*, a group of three younger tenors, is continuing the tradition.

Thursday, April 16 BUUFalo Gals meet at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 13 Annual Business Meeting – discuss budget, meeting dates, programming, etc.



BUUFalo GALS

The women of the BUUF meet the third Thursday of each month for lunch and conversation. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 20 at 11:30 a.m. Please let Louise Markve know if you plan to attend so we get a big-enough table! Phone her at (763) 682-4616 or email loumar937@gmail.com.



BUUF TREATS

As we gather for our regular meetings, we enjoy spending some time socializing and eating! Thank you to these folks who have signed up to bring treats:

February 12	Marie Smith	March 11	Pattie and Bill
April 8	Polly O’Brien	May 13	<u>Maybe You??</u>



INTERESTING STUFF FROM THE FEBRUARY 2020 ISSUE OF MIDAMERICA MESSENGER,
the newsletter of the UU MidAmerica Region...

An interesting article by May Wade-Harper about her reflections on the 8th UU Principle: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

MidAmerica Regional Assembly 2020: Saturday, April 18, 2020, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockford, Illinois. Keynote speaker will be Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the UUA President for Institutional Inclusion, Equity and Change. Also, a report from the Commission on Institutional Change. This event will be live streamed for those who can't get to Illinois. Registrations sent before March 20 are \$100 (then it goes to \$125); registration ends April 12. midamerica@uua.org.

2019-2020 Common Read: The UUA's Common Real Selection Committee announced the choice of An Indigenous People's History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. In 2020, the United States will approach the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and those native to the land, and the UU General Assembly 2020 (in Providence, Rhode Island) will speak to the truths that contradict the mythology. NOTE: Marie owns this book, currently on loan to Beverly Anderson.



INTERESTING STUFF FROM MUUSJA
(Minnesota Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Alliance)

UU THE VOTE – The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), our national organization, has a new, values-based electoral justice effort. UU the Vote supports UU congregations and other UU organizations with resources to mobilize voters, counter voter suppression, and engage in spiritually-grounded, values-based issue conversations with voters in our communities during the 2020 election year. This is a grassroots campaign that relies on grassroots support. There is a team-building toolkit, videos, newsletter, and other items to get you started. In Minnesota, MUUSJA is coordinating the effort.

CREATE CLIMATE JUSTICE CIRCLE – UU climate activists are sharing MNIPL's (Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light) excellent training on Caucusing for the Climate. More information at muusja.org.



INTERESTING STUFF GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEMYSTIFYING THE 2020 CENSUS IN WRIGHT COUNTY. DFL Senate District 29 is sponsoring a luncheon at Huikko's Restaurant on Monday, February 17, 11:45 to 1:30, to learn about the upcoming 2020 Census. The speaker is Frank F. Sachs, an official speaker for the 2020 Minnesota Census. Frank's experience includes teaching civics, government, and politics in both public and private schools for over 40 years. He began working for the 2020 Census last July and has been working part time for the US Census since 1980. Come learn how we can help get Wright County residents counted successfully in March and April. RSVP by February 12 to Lani and Shawne Worley, shawne304@gmail.com or to Sherry Sweetnam, ssweetnam@midco.net.

SONGS TO WARM YOUR HEART. The Buffalo United Methodist Church offers free concerts on Saturday evenings from time to time (but they do ask for donations that they share with local charities). Saturday, February 15, 7 p.m., a group of local musicians will share a variety of songs including "Moon River," "Sentimental Journey," "My Girl," "That's the Way Love Goes," "Close to You," and many others. Refreshments are served following the concert.

RALLY FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE. Sponsored by SEIU Local 26 (Service Employees International Union), Thursday, February 27, 5 p.m. in downtown Minneapolis at 8th Street and Nicollet Mall.



NEWS ABOUT BUUF FOLKS

Rosalie Darden will have hip replacement surgery in Tucson on April 27.

Sally Fowler woke up on Monday, February 10 with a black eye and sore head. She broke the bones around her eye sockets and has some bleeding in her brain. After initial tests at Buffalo Hospital, she was taken to North Memorial.



Does anybody know who wrote this?

Give me the strength to accept my destiny and keep an attitude of happiness and love.