

# Powerline

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*Learn, Love, Build a Better World*

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## Sunday Programs

### January 7: “The Work of 2018”

2017 is over (and good riddance). We have a new year before us, with all the possibilities and potentials. What work does our Unitarian Universalist faith call us to do?

**Bob LaVallee**

*Coffee Hour Host: Erica Kopp*

*Usher: Teresa Labuszeski*

### January 14: “Imagine a World”

John Lennon’s “Imagine” invites us to imagine a world where (among other things) all the people live in peace, where all the people live as one. It holds up a powerful vision of connection in a world where people seem more divided than ever. The longing expressed in the song is deep, and goes back centuries. But if we want to bring that world into being, we need more than imagination; we need to have the courage of our connections. Through story, song, and reflection, we’ll search for the deep connections that the song invites us to imagine.

Doug Yeomans is one of Western New York’s finest and most versatile musicians, playing a hybrid style including bluegrass, blues, and country, with influences from jazz and classical. In addition to performing regularly at a variety of venues, his current projects include developing and organizing the acoustic concert schedule at the new Arts at the Bakery venue in West Falls. He has taught guitar for three summers at Steve Kaufman’s award-winning Acoustic Camp in Maryville, TN and looks forward to going back again. Doug has won numerous awards in the course of his career and was inducted in 2004 into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame.

The Reverend Frances Manly is Minister Emerita of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara in Niagara Falls, NY. She is currently a member of the UU Church of Buffalo, where she sings in the choir, serves on the worship and adult faith development ministry teams, and preaches occasionally. She also serves on the Advisory Council for the Commissioned Lay Ministry Program of the UUA’s Central East Region and would be happy to talk with anyone interested in exploring that program.

**Rev. Frances Manly and Doug Yeomans**

*Coffee Hour Host: Van Dee VanDuesen*

*Usher: Erica Kopp*

**January 21:** "Don we now our UU apparel"

As we step forth and speak out as UU's, how does anyone know who we are? How do we present to the world? What is common or uncommon in how UU's appear? What makes clothing UU? Don your UU apparel (or just flannel and fleece cause it will be cold) and join us.

**Susan Frawley**

*Coffee Hour Host: Rich Jagow*

*Usher: Shelley Baxter*

**January 28:** "A New Understanding"

A new year is upon us and we continue on that slow persistent quest: searching for a new understanding of the uniqueness of our aloneness in eternity.

**Rev. Donald Reidell**

*Coffee Hour Host: Betsy Diachun*

*Usher: Paul Brundage*

## President's Message

Here we are in the cold and snow of deep winter but the warmth of friendship and love spreads throughout our congregation. I urge everyone to enjoy winter as winter is – as much as you can. But know that you are backed up by friends and fellowship here. So when the car won't start or you slip and fall ASK FOR HELP! If you need a ride or just want some company ASK FOR HELP! And, I hope people will feel comfortable saying NO! if they can't help or it is more than they can take on.

Hopefully, our clothes give away worked. It is hard to tell since things went very quickly. It also began to rain shortly after we put things out! Now we have plastic bags to enclose items of clothing if you still have something to give. These will help protect those who need it.

The other items which went quickly were the children's books in our Little Free Library. I'm not sure where they all came from but we had a good supply of Christmas stories. It seemed like every time I went to fill the library those children's books were gone. Hopefully we have caused at least one child to become enthused about reading. That would make the project so worthwhile!

The New Year will give us many possibilities to continue with our work to better life here on earth.

We Love UU and YOU!



## **UU Announcements**

### **New Member**

Joan Davis joined the church last week. Joan, a retired nurse from Lewiston, is already a part of the Caring Committee. Please introduce yourself and make a point of getting to know Joan better.

### **WINTER FUN FOR ALL**

**Saturday, Jan. 6**, we'll have GAMES AND GRUB at the Bond Lake Warming House on Lower Mountain Road. Here's the schedule:

11 AM – those interested in Cross Country Skiing or sledding meet at the Warming House. Others are welcome then to stay in the warmth, watch the sledding, chat, enjoy the fire.

Noon – Vegetarian Chili will be served – bring anything you want to go with. From then on we'll play cards and other games – leaving around 3 PM

Call if you need a ride: Diachuns: 754-2830

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

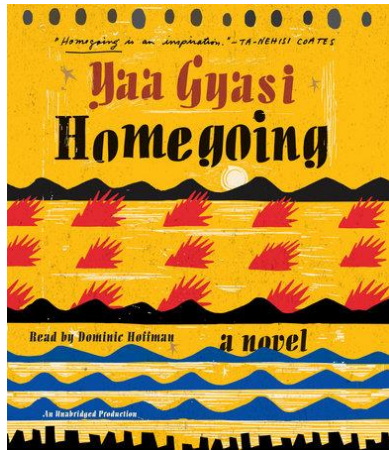
2018 Seaway UU Spring gathering will be on Friday/Saturday, April 13 and 14 in Syracuse. This replaces the SLD Spring Assembly held in past years. More information will follow but Rev. Megan Foley will be the Keynote speaker.

### **Heart, Love, and Soul**

BASKETS are back in Narthex for small personal hygiene items to be given to Heart, Love and Soul for their clients. Don't forget to share shampoo, deodorant, soap etc. which you might get in your travels and don't plan to use.



## Book Discussion Group



Our readers and talkers will meet at January 16 at 7pm in Unity Hall. We will be discussing *Homegoing* by Yoa Gyasi (320 pg.)

Our group tends to talk about ideas presented in our books so it is not necessary to have read the book to attend and share your opinions (although it helps). Everyone is welcome so join us for a chat

## Visual Art



*Water Color, Lake View*

Bonnie Soley

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## UU Niagara Activities January 2018

Sun 31	Mon Jan 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
<b>Free Thinker Sunday</b> ● 8am Recycle						<b>BOND LAKE</b>
7 <b>BOB LAVALLEE</b>	8	9	10	11 ● 6:30pm Pride Unity H	12	13
14 <b>FRANCES AND DOUG</b> ● 8am Recycle	15	16 ● 7pm Book Group	17	18	19	20
21 <b>SUSAN FRAWLEY</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>DON REIDELL</b> ● 8am Recycle	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3