

**First Unitarian Universalist
Church of Niagara
Powerline**

February 2016

Learn, Love, Build a Better World

Sunday Services (11:00am)

February 7: "POWER"

When we hear the word "Power," what sort of person do we think of? And what does this tell us about our culture? What human characteristics would have been considered "Powerful" in humanity's early days, and how have these changed as people began the experiment with overpowering the environment? And why are electricians paid so well in our society? We'll examine these and several more questions in this Sunday's sermon.

John Snodgrass

February 14: "Be a man" A sermon about the toxic messages that men receive and how they can counter them.

Bob Lavalley

February 21: "Seasons of Love"

Susan M. Frawley, a seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School will present "Seasons of Love". This sermon will explore ways we express love and caring and will highlight events in UU history where love spoke. Susan is a candidate for ministry in the Unitarian Universalist Association. Susan is a native Buffalonian, living in Amherst with her two children. Susan is a retired Buffalo Public School Counselor. Susan currently interns at the Brockport UU Fellowship and preaches once a month at Hamburg UU. She is delighted to come to Niagara Falls and share worship with everyone.

Susan Frawley

February 28: "The Filthy Little Atheist"

Who was this disturber of the peace, and why was he so reviled?

Rev. Don Reidell

President's Message

Thanks to all who participated in the Congregational discussion of the Church's future. Several interesting suggestions were made for possible future programs. These are being followed up.

Welcome to Pat Velsky as a new Church Member. Pat decided to sign our Bond of Fellowship which is the requirement to become a Member.

THE BOND OF FELLOWSHIP reads: "We unite as members of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara which is a fellowship of men and women who are seeking to serve the best and the highest that we know in an atmosphere of freedom, fellowship and truth."

To continue to be a Member a person must contribute to the Church and participate regularly in Church activities.

These are simple requirements for Membership. They are also important and should not be undertaken lightly just because they are not complicated and are easy to do. We have people who have contributed and been very active in Church activities for many years, but for their own reasons have not become Members. We respect their decision and they are treasured participants in our Church community. They can not vote or hold certain offices but are fully involved in all parts of Church life.

Anyone who might consider becoming a Member and chooses to sign the Bond of Fellowship should talk with me or any Member of the Board of Trustees.

We will have a welcoming ceremony for Pat and other new Members in the Spring.

Peter

Community

In an effort to reach carry out the mission of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Niagara to “Learn, Love and Build a Better World.”, the Board of Trustees agreed to offer an opportunity for the wider community in the Powerline. It’s a fairly easy thing to do.

Here’s how: The Powerline Editor will accept individual reflections, poetry, photos, and flyers of community meetings and special events submitted by non-profits for publication in the online version of the newsletter. This will be a digital version in full color.

The deadline is the 20th of each month. The earlier material is presented, the better the chance of getting it published in a timely fashion. Individuals who submit photos or other artwork may wish to list their names and email addresses so that their work may be purchased, if someone inquires. All submissions are free and are subject to review by the editorial board.

Flyers advertising community events may be sent to: ericakopp@yahoo.com in print ready form rather than saying, “please include a blurb about...”

Marge Gillies

St. Lawrence District Assembly

April 1 & 2, 2016



First UU Society of Syracuse & Crowne Plaza Hotel

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Friday, April 1st activities will be held at the First UU Society of Syracuse
109 Waring Road, Syracuse, NY 13224
usical Entertainment

- Gould Discourse: Rev. Margret O’Neill

- Reception & Multigenerational Coffee House

Saturday, April 2nd activities will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
701 E. Genesee, Syracuse, NY

- Opening Worship
- Keynote Speaker: Rev. Sue Phillips
- Business Meeting (includes vote on “Regionalization”)
- 2 Workshop Sessions (5 workshops offered in each session)
- Closing Worship & Bridging

[District Assembly on the Web](#)

Full [Brochure](#)

[Online Registration](#)

[Online Registration Youth](#) & [Youth Sponsor Forms](#)

[Exhibit & Sales Application](#) - tables are limited

Firm Deadlines

March 1

- Childcare
- Scholarships

March 15

- Online/Advance registration will close – after that date you may only register on-site
- Youth Caucus registration due – Youth who register onsite may **NOT** stay overnight at the church

If you wait to register onsite, please know this:

We must give a final count of all participants for lunch to the hotel by March 21st. If you have not registered or you have not contacted the district office to let us know you are coming by then, we cannot guarantee you lunch.

Book Club Tuesday February 16 at 7pm:

All The Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr. Bring your ideas, thoughts, insights and a sense of humor.

*If you have comments or articles you may submit them to
ericakopp@yahoo.com with the subject “Powerline”*



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UU Niagara Activities - February 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 31 Recycle | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Recycle | 15 | 16 7pm - Book Group @ | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 12:30pm - Board | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Recycle | 29 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |