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### **All That We Share Is Sacred**

By Andre Mol

*This blessing was written in honor of two Unitarians, Martha and Waitstill Sharp, who during WWII dared to risk their own comfort in order to help save the lives of those in desperate need.*

As we gather together,  
May we remember  
When you share with me what is most important to you,  
That is where listening begins.  
When I show you that I hear you,  
When I say your life matters,  
That is where compassion begins.  
When I open the door to greet you,  
That is where hospitality begins.  
When I venture out to bring you to shelter,  
That is where love begins.  
When I risk my comfort to ease your suffering,  
When I act against hatred, violence, and injustice,  
That is where courage begins.  
When we experience the full presence of each other,  
Because of our shared humanity,  
Because of our differences,  
That is where holy gratitude begins.  
May this space be a table  
that is not complete  
until all are welcome.  
May this table be a space of beauty  
where together  
we create a series of miracles, and  
where all that we share is sacred.  
May it be so.

(Retrieved 10/27/18, UUA, <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/blessing/all-we-share-sacred>)



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## Service Schedule – Sunday at 11:00AM

(unless otherwise noted)

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November 4 ( <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> )	Rev. Lori Staubitz
November 11 ( <i>Veterans Day</i> )	Rev. Libby Moore
November 18 ( <i>PMUC Thanksgiving Dinner</i> )	Susan Daiss
November 25	To Be Announced
December 2	Rev. Lori Staubitz

 Assisted listening devices are available for services – available near the lectern

### Coming Events

**Sunday, November 4** – 9:30 am, Book Discussion – see the next page for more information.

**Sunday, November 4** - Rev. Lori Staubitz

**Monday, November 5** – 6:00 pm, Potluck Supper. The *Long Strange Trip* video series continues. Please bring a dish to pass and join us for good food and fellowship.

**Sunday, November 11** - 9:30 am, Finance Meeting/Building & Grounds

**Sunday, November 11** – Rev. Libby Moore

**Sunday, November 18** – Susan Daiss

Following the service, the annual *PMUC Thanksgiving Dinner* will take place.

**Sunday, November 25** – 9:00 am, Board of Trustees Meeting

**Sunday, November 25** – To Be Announced

**Sunday, December 2** – Rev. Lori Staubitz

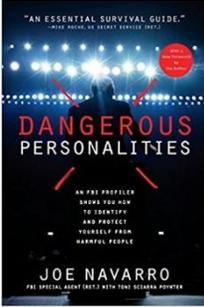
### Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – November 18th



Immediately following the service on November 18, we will gather for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. All are welcome. Please sign-up to bring a dish to pass. The sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall. We are in need of volunteers to bring turkey, potatoes, turkey gravy, vegetable dishes, stuffing, rolls, and (of course) desserts.



## Book Discussion -- November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am



Please join us for the next Book Discussion, which will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The book to be discussed is *Dangerous Personalities: An FBI Profiler Shows You How to Identify and Protect Yourself from Harmful People* by Joe Navarro.

*Please feel free to join the discussion even if you have not read the book.*

(Retrieved 8/20/18, Amazon)

## Joys and Concerns

Sunday, September 30th

-Diana Dudley had a great joy that there is no more water leakage in the Sanctuary! Country Contracting was able to find and fix the spot! That is wonderful news!

Sunday, October 7th

-Monica Beck had been traveling but is glad to be back!

-Jessica George is in the right crisis movement at the right time. The current news has been tough, but help is available for sexual abuse and trauma.

-Alan Nugent sadly will be leaving for his winter stay in Florida. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and he'll be back in the spring! As always, he will be very much missed!

-Mark Crosby has been involved in the Lighthouse Wind Turbine project in the Barker/Lyndonville area. Opposition has been pretty fierce, but at a recent event, he was pleased to see support from people and groups who haven't come out before.

-Dick Hoffman spent yesterday at the Orleans County Fairgrounds in support of Veterans. At this Peer-to-Peer Kick-Off event, more than 100 veterans and their families gathered to enjoy free food and good fun. This is in recognition of the hardships veterans often experience, such as post-traumatic stress and financial struggles. It will be an annual event. Dick received applause from the congregation.

Sunday, October 14

-Bonnie Beiswenger returned from Maine and resumed her volunteer work at a nursing home in Brockport, only to see her best friend in hospice. Her friend needed dialysis, and made the difficult choice to not be treated and that is a difficult choice indeed.



-Sara Phillips celebrated her 37th wedding anniversary with husband Tom! Congratulations! And sadly, like Alan, they will be going back to Florida this Saturday. They live in Winterhaven, close to Disney. It is so sad to see you go...hurry back in the spring!



## **Joys and Concerns** *continued*

-Carol Taillie received a call as an emergency contact at the Rochester School District. They were on lockdown, four blocks from an investigation into a shooting. Carol wanted to go right in and get her grandchild out of school, but didn't because no one knew what was going on. She has a lot of sorrow for the families touched by the tragedy.

-Monica attended a fundraising event at Joyce Riley's home for Nate McMurray (running for Congress in the 27th District), and she attended the Cobblestone Ghost Walk, which was fun. Al Capurso was there portraying a UU Minister.

-Diana Dudley hosts two women from Syracuse in her home the first weekend of every month so they can go to the prison and offer a program called 'Alternatives to Violence'. It is a great program.

Sunday, October 21st

-Chris Loss sadly reported that Liz Schaal's mother, Dona Manuel, passed away on October 10th at Niagara Hospice. Our condolences to Liz and Mike and family.

-Monica Beck celebrated daughter Fiona's 19th birthday!

-Chris Loss pointed out that Rich Della Costa also had a birthday yesterday! The congregation sang to him!



*(Susan Frawley on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the ordination)*

## **Worship Associates Needed!**

If you would like to volunteer to be a worship associate and read the welcome/announcement message, chalice lighting words, and other elements of our worship, please contact Chris Loss ([clloss1626@gmail.com](mailto:clloss1626@gmail.com)) or Darrell Dyke ([darrell.dyke2@gmail.com](mailto:darrell.dyke2@gmail.com)).





## Eye on the Board

The Board of Trustees met again on October 21. Per the Treasurer's report, the month ended in the black. However, the endowment went down slightly due to recent market fluctuations.

Our custodian, Don, has been very productive. He not only kept the rugs vacuumed and the kitchen in order, but finished cleaning nine window wells, watered the plants, repaired two pop-up drains, re-supplied the bathrooms and kitchen, replaced the message board, etc. The Board expressed appreciation for his hard work. Two furnaces have been repaired. The Building and Grounds Committee is seeking more bids on electrical work and an interior plaster repair in the gift shop. Other projects for the future include re-hanging the door to the basement, scraping and painting 77 exterior window sashes, repairing and painting the front sign, etc.

The WNY Board Development Day went very well, and participants felt it was very productive. The meditation group will begin again when John Mosher has recovered from surgery, possibly in the spring. And the next book discussion will happen on November 4th.

The Piano Dedication Service is set for October 28, and plans have been made. A reception will follow the service. And the Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 18. A sign-up sheet will be made available.

## Pullman Plaudits

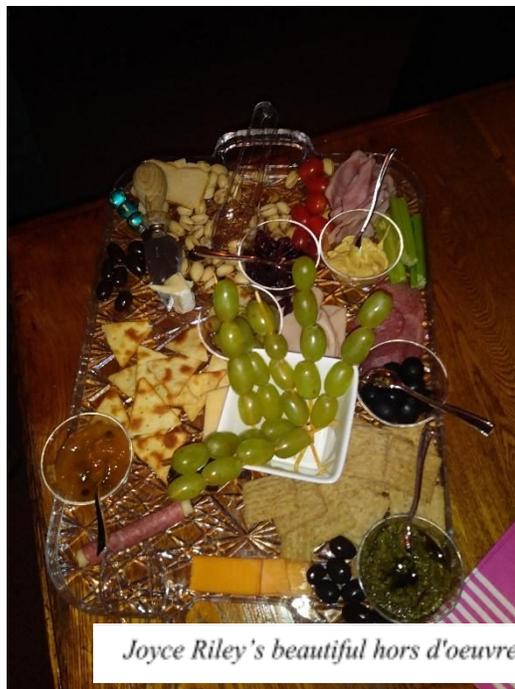
-Thank you to Darrell Dyke for organizing the WNY Board Development Day on October 6th and for all who attended. And thanks also to Bill Lattin for giving a talk about the church.

-Joyce Riley not only has been campaigning for Nate McMurray but is running for Councilperson of the Town of Gaines. Much luck to both candidates, and kudos to Joyce for working hard to make a difference!

-Don Olsowski, our custodian, has been doing a fantastic job not only keeping the church clean and keeping an eye on things, but has been working on project after project. What a godsend to have found him!

-Much appreciation to Sylvia Goodstine for providing most of the yummy coffee hour goodies this past month! Joyce Riley brought in a lovely hors d'oeuvres tray one Sunday. And Bonnie Beiswenger, Chris Loss, Monica Beck have also provided treats.

-The Potluck supper on October 8 was small but a lot fun. Sylvia Goodstine, Darrell Dyke, Chris Loss, and Diana Dudley had wonderful conversation.



*Joyce Riley's beautiful hors d'oeuvres tray*

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## **Pullman Plaudits** *continued*

-John Mosher is home now recovering from heart surgery and making steady progress. He is much missed and said he may be up to resuming the meditation group in the spring

- Our snowbirds, Alan Nugent and Sara Phillips, have returned to Florida for the winter, and we miss them both. Enjoy the sunny weather!



*Diana Dudley and Joyce Riley at coffee hour.*

## **Support PMUC and the Planet**



Just a reminder – We have a bin for refundable cans/bottles and one for aluminum. *Both our church and the environment benefit!!*

- The bins are located in the vestibule at the ramp entrance.
- Please be sure the aluminum is clean and labels are removed.
- Please do not crush the aluminum.

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