



The Case Library Conversation Series Sunday Morning Offerings 9:35 - 10:45 am in the Case Library

Jewish High Holidays

September 20

Presenter: Larry Rubin, the President of Temple Beth Zion

The major holidays of the Jewish year are about to begin. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, heads up the Days of Awe. They continue with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. While Rosh Hashanah is a day of celebration and togetherness, it is also a time of reassessment when Jews around the world consider the past year and what could be better in the year to come. For the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur they make amends in their lives and make every effort to right the wrongs of the past year. Yom Kippur is a culmination of atonement when Jews fast, neither eating nor drinking, to draw nearer to God and come out as the best versions of themselves.

The Meaning of Ramadan

September 27

Our Muslim friends will help us understand the meaning of Ramadan, the most revered religious observance of the Islamic year, that began, this year, on Friday, August 21 and ended on Saturday, September 19. It is the month in which the Qur'an, according to tradition, was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Ramadan is the Islamic month of fasting from dawn to sunset and the time when the entire Qur'an is read and special prayers are offered to God. It is a time of deep reflection by Muslims worldwide and can be a period of great inspiration for their Christian and Jewish friends.

The Culture and Historic Rituals of Native American Indians

October 4

Leader: Agnes Williams, I.W.I.Peace Institute Coordinator

Community Speaker Series

Downtown Housing - A Growth Industry?

October 11

Mr. Rocco Termini, President, Signature Development

Come and hear one of Buffalo's most famous housing developers tell us about his work to revitalize downtown and preserve our historic architecture.

Reducing Local Government & Increasing Citizens' Voice: Are We On The Right Track?

October 18

Presenter: Mr. Kevin Gaughan, Attorney & Civic Leader

Come and hear the prominent civic leader who has visited every city, town and village in Erie County. He is leading a charge to reduce the cost of local government.



A Health Care Update

October 25

Presenter: Dr. David C. Hohn, former president of Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Dr. Hohn will discuss health care reform.

Time To Vote

November 1

Presenter: Robert J. McCarthy, political reporter for The Buffalo News
Mr. McCarthy will discuss the upcoming general election, including State Senate races.

Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (GLBT) Awareness Series ***Coming Out***

November 8&15

Presenter: Nancy Hanavan
Organizer: Peter McNally

Join us as the More Light chapter presents a DVD & discussion on persons and their "coming out" stories and experiences.

Fond Memories of Westminster House

November 22

Compassion started the Hull House in Chicago in 1889, the Society of Village Work in Warsaw, NY in 1893, and in the same year our own Westminster House.

Please come hear what Beth Schauf Russell has to say about our beloved settlement house graciously built by Westminster Presbyterians to bless the community her great grandparents lived in. She has pictures and memories to share. Her family names are connected with Betz, Schauf, and Kellerman in the 1880s to 1940s. Her talk will be rich in history for our church as well as the City of Buffalo.

Advent Series

November 29, Dec. 6, 13, & 20

Please join the Spiritual Life group in the Heritage Room for this series.

Travelogue Series

January 3, 10, 17 & 24

Organizers: Corinne Stuart &
Louise McClive

Westminsterites will present slide shows and share with us their travel experiences in this 4-week series.

January 31

To Be Announced.



The 9th Annual Understanding Islam Series

February 7, 14, 21

Organizer: Al Ryan & Jerry Kelly

The Case Library Conversation Series is proud to, once again, present this important series. Specific information will follow in the December - January Newsletter.

Lenten Series

February 28, March 7, 14, & 21

Please join the Spiritual Life group in the Heritage Room for this series.

Earth Day Lecture Series

April 4, 11, 18 & 25

Organizer: Janet Kowalski

Did you know that Westminster is a “green” church? We are called to be stewards of creation. Join us for this important series which will offer qualified speakers on timely environmental topics/issues. Specific titles and speakers will be announced.