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Snarky Puppy

JAZZ FUSION POWERHOUSE MAKES AMP DEBUT

SARAH RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

Snarky Puppy is considered one of the major figures in the jazz world, but the group is anything but one thing.

Rather, Snarky Puppy is a collective, rotating as many as 25 members, that represents a multitude of diverse backgrounds including Japanese, Canadian, Puerto Rican. What started as a group of friends at the University of North Texas' Jazz Studies program in 2004, has become a five-time Grammy Award winning and globally recognized band.

The group will make their Chautauqua Institution debut at 8:15 p.m. tonight in the Amphitheater. Currently, Snarky Puppy is on their world tour including stops in Belgium, Portugal, Italy, and France. Some members in the group include Micheal League on bass, Bill Laurance, Bobby Sparks II and Shaun Martin on keys, Justin Stanton on trumpet and keys, Bob Lanzetti, Mark Lettieri and Chris McQueen on guitar, and Nate Werth, Marcelo Woloski and Keita Ogawa on percussion.

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Pulitzer Prize-winning 'Atlantic' staff writer Senior to consider state of modern friendships

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Human relationships, in every form and with every complex emotion attached, appear again and again in Jennifer Senior's journalism. She feels she may have missed her calling to be a psychologist, but still finds ways to weave an underlying passion for psychology and sensitivity for relationships into her work.

That sensitivity and passion went into her 2021 piece in *The Atlantic*, "Twenty Years Gone," about the lingering grief of a family who lost a son in 9/11, and how relationships helped create meaning. It garnered Senior a Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing.

Recently, she's been pondering friendship in the modern age and an American society seeming to pull people farther apart.

"Modern life really conspires against friendship, but that is precisely why we need it," said Senior, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer for *The Atlantic*.

At 10:45 a.m. today in the Amphitheater, Senior will discuss the importance of such friendships and maintaining togetherness despite the forces separating us, bringing her perspective to Week One's Chautauqua Lecture Series theme, "On Friendship." Americans have more choice in their lives than ever before, able to curate them to individual desires in what Senior describes as a "culture of radical individualism." Marrying, having children, and pursuing a career no longer progress on the same timetable for everyone.

"We now live in an era of radical individual freedoms," Senior wrote in "It's Your Friends Who Break Your Heart," a 2022 article for *The Atlantic*. "There's little syn-



SENIOR



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—JENNIFER SENIOR
Staff writer,
The Atlantic

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At the same time, Americans are spending less time in personal contact with others. Attendance is decreasing at places of worship across the country, Senior said, noting similar decreases in civic participation, in volunteering, and in simple conversations with neighbors. This fact, she said, can largely be attributed to the increasing time Americans are spending online, "foregoing embodied contact." That contact and those friendships, however, are vitally important to good health and human development.

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Harges, Mather to share power of connecting neighbors with each other

De'Amon Harges and the Rev. Michael Mather have been friends for 23 years. They've also been friends of Melissa Spas for years, and so when the vice president of religion at Chautauqua started to conceive of a week on "Holy Friendship: Source of Strength and Challenge," she knew who to call.

"Something I've heard De'Amon say again and again is that he helps people fall in love with each other," Spas said. "Mike was my pastor for five years in Indianapolis, and he leads congregations with more authenticity and truth-telling than any other pastor I've ever had."

At the heart of their



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—MELISSA SPAS
Vice President of Religion
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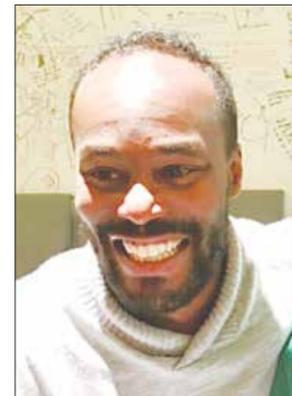
friendship and respective ministries is the church's call to be good neighbors.

Harges is a community organizer and creator of The Learning Tree, while Mather is the pastor of the First United Church of Boulder. Both men are fac-

ulty members at the Asset Based Community Development Institute at DePaul University, and they'll join the Interfaith Lecture Series with a conversation on their friendship and their work at 2 p.m. today in the Hall of Philosophy.

Harges is a layperson at Broadway UMC, where Mather used to serve as pastor. At Broadway UMC, leadership and congregants undertook a radical shift to connect and serve its community.

"The church, and me in



HARGES



MATHER

particular," Mather told Duke Divinity School's *Faith & Leadership*, "has done a lot of work where we have treated the people around us as if, at worst,

they are a different species and, at best, as if they are people to be pitied and helped by us."

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LITERARY ARTS



BRIEFLY

NEWS FROM THE GROUNDS

Clear Bag Policy in effect at all venues

While Chautauqua Institution staff was able to do hand searches of large bags this weekend upon the implementation of the new clear bag policy, going forward the policy will be strictly enforced. Community members carrying solid/opaque bags larger than 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches are not allowed entry to any Institution venue.

Fountain to give first '23 talk of Heritage Lecture Series

Charles Fountain, retired professor of journalism at Northeastern University and author, will open the 2023 Oliver Archives Center's Heritage Lecture Series at 3:30 p.m. today in the Hall of Philosophy. Fountain will discuss "Ida Tarbell: At Chautauqua and Beyond."

Opera Conservatory news

At 1 p.m. today in McKnight Hall, the Voice students of the 2023 Opera Conservatory present their annual Sing-In. Donations are welcome at the door.

Chautauqua Women's Club news

The Chautauqua Women's Club hosts Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge at 12:45 p.m. today at the CWC House. Chautauqua Speaks, featuring Debra Lyons, will take place at 9:15 a.m. today at the CWC House.

Meet the Office of Advancement Staff

Swing by the Colonnade Lobby Conference Room at 3:30 p.m. today to connect with members of the Office of Advancement and Chautauqua Foundation staff.

Piano Guest Faculty Recital

At 4 p.m. today in Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall, Jon Nakamatsu gives a School of Music Piano Guest Faculty Recital with special guests Nicola Melville and John Milbauer, co-chairs of the Piano Program. A longtime guest faculty member in the Piano Program, Nakamatsu was gold medalist at the 1997 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition – the only American to achieve this distinction since 1981.

Chautauqua Women's Softball League news

The Women's Softball League game kickoff and a pickup game is at 5 p.m. today at Sharpe Field. Extra gloves are available. Contact carriezachry@gmail.com for more information.

Smith Memorial Library Author Event

Gary Sirak, financial adviser and author of *How to Retire and Not Die* will speak at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Memorial Library. (Feel free to bring your lunch.) Seating is limited and first-come, first-seated. Books are available for purchase at the Chautauqua Bookstore.

Where logic meets poetry: Savich leads Brown Bag for Writers' Center

KAITLYN FINCHLER
STAFF WRITER

With a focus on logic and the greater mind, Zach Savich, author, poet and chair of liberal arts at the Cleveland Institute of Art and program faculty with the University of Arts PhD in Creativity, works to expand creativity through writing.

Savich, Week One's poet-in-residence, will deliver his Brown Bag lecture at 12:15 p.m. today on the porch of the Literary Arts Center at Alumni Hall to discuss logic and thinking in poetry.

"For lectures and workshops like this, I try to think about what will make the most of our time together,"



SAVICH

Savich said. "It's a gift to spend time with people in a focused way, thinking about poetry and art in our lives."

In trying to select a topic to do this, Savich said logic is a way of thinking, but doesn't include everything.

"Poetry is a way of thinking that includes emotions, metaphor, associations, the body and experiences that are really hard to put into words," he said.

Within the span of logic, Savich said he's also interested in the technical, non-fiction aspects of writing.

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—ZACH SAVICH

Poet-in-residence,
Chautauqua Writers' Center

them together into a form that becomes a new lens for thinking about experience," he said.

In his workshops, writers might not always be working in the same genre as Savich, but he said he loves to work with people from all different backgrounds. He said a good class develops like a good poem.

"You start off with some inspiration, and then things take their own course," Savich said. "What I love is seeing how people in the room will start to influence one another, and how together, we will generate new ideas that go beyond what any of us came into the room with."

Savich said he originally came into poetry as a way to

stay interested in everything.

"(Poetry) allows you to pull from vocabularies, concepts, metaphors and fields of knowledge and put them together into new combinations," he said.

One of his more formative moments was when his professor at the University of Washington, Linda Biers, said he had an eye for getting reactions.

"Linda sat me down once and said I was skilled at getting a certain reaction from my writing and now it was time to look for something deeper," Savich said. "I think that looking for something deeper is key to what we can do together and the work we can offer to each other in programs like this."

Tuesday at the CINEMA

Tuesday, June 27

THE EIGHT MOUNTAINS

- 2:30 & 8:30 (NR, 147m, In Italian with subtitles) After meeting as children over a series of summers in the Italian Alps, Pietro (Luca Marinelli) and Bruno (Alessandro Borghi) reunite as adults to build a mountainside cottage that becomes a site of both reflection and reconciliation in directors Charlotte Vandermeersch and Felix van Groeningen's "Vivid, sweeping film about male friendship." -Richard Lawson, *Vanity Fair* "Wildly beautiful" -David Sexton, *New Statesman* "Deep and meaningful." -Christy Lemire, *FilmWeek NPR*

BRIAN AND CHARLES-

6:00 (PG, 90m) Faced with no one to talk to but himself, Brian (David Earl) a wacky, Welsh tinkerer, builds himself an amazing friend in director Jim Archer's funny and touching mockumentary. "Has homemade charm to spare, proving delightfully ridiculous but also poignant." -Mark Kermode, *Observer UK* "One of the most unexpected heart-warmers of the summer." -Randy Myers, *San Jose Mercury News*

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ENVIRONMENT

BTG's annual Native Plant Sale returns to Bestor Plaza

MARIIA NOVOSELIA
STAFF WRITER

Among cheese, fruit and vegetable stands spread out across Bestor Plaza every Tuesday, this week, there will be one more set up selling Native plants to Chautauquans.

The annual Native Plant Sale, organized by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club, will welcome its first customers at 8 a.m. this morning on the plaza.

Jennifer Francois, BTG vice president and program chair, said they usually sell out of plants quickly – within two or three hours, but the sale will be open until noon.

Native plants are extremely beneficial to the environment, Francois said.

Some birds, she said, might eat berries of non-Native species. However, while delicious, those berries are not as nutritious.

Opting for Native plants can also prevent birds from losing their natural habitat. On the grounds of Chautauqua, there are some trees of non-Native species – like the Elm trees or the Ash trees – that are dying off because of certain diseases, Francois said. That reduces the resources available not only to the birds, but also the insects that rely on them.

Birds and insects are not the only part of the environment that benefit from Native plants. The health of the lake, Francois said, also depends on Native plants.

“Humans are doing things that compromise the health of the lake, such as adding fertilizers on their own property that then get into

the lake,” Francois said.

Lakeshore species and rain gardens filled with Native plants installed by the Institution or on private grounds, she said, slow the process of fertilizers getting into the lake and utilize those nutrients.

Every year, BTG chooses a new vendor for their plant sale. Royal Fern Nursery, located in Fredonia, New York, will be selling over a dozen species of native plants this year.

Francois said that one of the advantages that Royal Fern Nursery has is its proximity to Chautauqua.

When it comes to Native plants, she said, the seeds of plants that grow locally will be better adapted to the conditions of the environment than the seeds of the same species that grow farther away.

“It is like sisters,” she said. “Cut from the same cloth, but different.”

Jonathan Townsend, co-owner of Royal Fern Nursery, said he is very excited for the occasion.

Francois described him as “extremely knowledgeable,” and said that purchasing plants at the sale directly from the vendor is great because “you can find out anything about the plants you are buying.”

Jessica Townsend, the other co-owner of Royal Fern, said while the nursery has only been open for a couple of years, she and her team “have always had a passion” for Native plants and described their interest in them as lifelong.

“The more I learn, the more I am fascinated,” Jessica Townsend said.

“Theoretically, you shouldn't need to water (Native plants), you shouldn't need to put fertilizers on them, you shouldn't have to use pesticides.”

—JENNIFER FRANCOIS
Vice President,
Bird, Tree & Garden Club

Jonathan Townsend said both he and Jessica Townsend grew up in rural areas and spent a lot of time outdoors, which is how their affinity for native plants was born.

Jessica Townsend said when she was around 7 years old, she and her sister stepped on an underground hornet nest while exploring the woods of their parents' property in Cuba, New York. Within moments, she said, they were covered in stings “head to toe.”

Upon their return home, their mother gently boiled jewelweed until the water turned orange, strained it and poured the water into ice-cube trays. The cubes helped get rid of the stings within a day, Jessica Townsend said.

Among all the plants that the nursery will be supplying for the sale, Jonathan Townsend's favorite is bloodroot. He said it easily adapts to growing in the shade and can be used medicinally.

Jessica Townsend's favorite is a plant called Black cohosh. She said it is “very pleasant to come across in the wild.”



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The Bird, Tree, and Garden Club Native Plant Sale on Bestor Plaza in 2019. The sale returns from 8 a.m. to noon today on the plaza.

Francois said she likes all Native plants, but her favorite is the White Turtle-head flower. Bumblebees, she said, being heavier than other insects, have the ability to open the “mouth” of the flower and get inside it. The flowers, Francois said, have evolved to take the shape of a bumblebee.

All the Native plants sold at Bestor Plaza will be beginner-friendly, Jessica Townsend said.

“It takes a lot to mess them up,” she said.

What the right plant for an individual gardener depends on the goals that individual has for their garden, Jessica Townsend said. Factors that contribute to the decision-making process, she said, include how much shade the garden has, how much the gardener wants the plant to spread out and so on.

Francois said this year's

selection of plants is “a good collection” suitable for “many different pollinators and other species that utilize these plants” and adapted to “a broad range of growing conditions.”

“There's something for everyone,” she said.

Jessica Townsend encouraged to reach out to the nursery for any queries or concerns about the plants.

Francois said they will also be distributing pamphlets about pollinators published by the U.S. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a planting guide for a native pollinator garden.

A myth that Jonathan Townsend wants to see forever debunked is that Native plants “aren't fit for traditional gardens,” or that they are always “wild and messy.”

Sometimes Native plants are underappreciated, Francois said, “because

there are plenty that are more showy and that have been cultivated to be really colorful.” They're still pretty, and can sometimes be hard to find for purchase.

Jessica Townsend said she wishes more people knew that “it's OK to see things eat your plant.” She said when people see holes in their plants, they turn to pesticides, but sometimes, she said, it is important to “take a step back.”

Francois said that Native plants are able to handle such attacks. She said they are adapted to a variety of environmental conditions.

“Theoretically, you shouldn't need to water them, you shouldn't need to put fertilizers on them, you shouldn't have to use pesticides,” she said.

“A garden should be more than a lawn with statues,” Jessica Townsend said – it should help the environment.



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Birding guide Blankenship to impart tips, tricks in BTG talk

MARIIA NOVOSELIA
STAFF WRITER

Ken Blankenship, owner and lead guide of East West Birding Tours, hopes everyone has a bag of tricks up their sleeves to identify an interesting bird after attending his lecture.

The Bird, Tree & Garden Club will commence its weekly series of Brown Bag lectures with a talk about bird identification, as Blankenship will present the community with easy techniques to help distinguish between birds based on factors beyond their size and appearance.

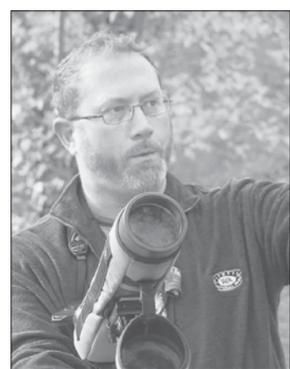
His Brown Bag, “Bird Identification: Tricks to Improve Speed and Accuracy,” is at 12:15 p.m. today at Smith Wilkes Hall.

Blankenship said when people encounter a bird that piques their interest, most focus on what that bird looks like, foregoing other easy, objective and insightful facts.

Taking note of the time of year and the place of a bird sighting, for example, “can go a long way for those who want to improve at bird identification,” Blankenship said.

The time is important, he said, because it can give away a bird's migration pattern.

Migration is integral to the lives of many birds native to Western New York,



BLANKENSHIP

and Chautauqua in particular, where winters are much harsher, Blankenship said.

He said there is a “great diversity of birds in the summer,” and that these birds embark on a fascinating journey every summer flying across the whole continent.

Aside from migration and the habitat, other factors that Blankenship will cover in his lecture include bird sounds, behavior and movement, as well as foraging techniques.

Jennifer Francois, BTG vice president and program chair, said one of BTG's driving goals is to “help people engage better with birds.” Blankenship is a very energetic lecturer, she said, who is “really excited about the topic.”

Blankenship said his interest in birds started in his backyard with bird feeders. He said he spent a lot of time outdoors growing up and soon “fell into the bottomless pit of learning.”

His passion for bird identification developed at around the same time. What hooks most birders, he said, is the multitude of birds around, in addition to the curiosity to know what they are.

Curiosity, Blankenship

said, is what prompted him to travel.

“At first, you travel to the coast of the state, then another side of the country and then even abroad – there is no limit,” he said.

Traveling led Blankenship to Arizona, where he said he moved permanently in 2015 to start a business of birding tours.

“Traveling is an inspiration,” Blankenship said.

His favorite memory from Arizona, Blankenship said, is “falling in love with hummingbirds.”

He said that hummingbirds are “tiny, super colorful, and full of attitude and energy – just fascinating.”

Southeastern Arizona is home to many birds besides hummingbirds, Blankenship said; there are a lot of species that only live there and nowhere else.

Francois hopes attendees of the lecture will leave Smith Wilkes Hall being able to tell apart similar-looking or similar-sounding birds.

“Every time you go to a lecture like this, you expand (what you know) more and more,” Francois said.

Blankenship said he tries to present “in a way that is inclusive for everyone,” regardless of prior experience in bird identification.

He said people are welcome to bring their binoculars, although they are not required. Being curious about birds and wanting to learn to identify them better is all that is needed to attend.

Francois said at the beginning of Blankenship's lecture, BTG will recognize and honor children who have completed the Champion Tree Tour with a pin.

The tour is an online scavenger hunt that can be accessed through the BTG app.

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SNARKY

FROM PAGE 1

Bassist, primary composer and creator of Snarky Puppy, Michael League, said the group is unclassifiable and it's evident on their 14 studio albums where they've incorporated a jazz-funk-R&B fusion.

"People who have been with us after 16 years, the only thing they really want from us is to try new things," League told *Rolling Stone* in 2019. "That's what they signed up for. If we had made three pop records after *Culcha Vulcha*, we would've lost all our fans. We have a history of jumping from one bizarre connection to another."

And even though the group has received praise and awards for their past work, League said his creativity and work will continue to push the boundaries as a musician.

"Most people think that once you win Grammys

you have to start appealing to more people and keeping the audience happy," League told *Rolling Stone*. "I feel the opposite. Once we started getting attention, it gave us license to do whatever we wanted, knowing people will give it a chance. I'd rather do what I want to do than do what people would like me to do."

And the creative process for songwriting is relatively straightforward, as League explained.

"Generally a song is conceived before it's brought to rehearsal, at which point we realize the composition as the composer intended," League said in an interview for *It's Psychedelic Baby Magazine* in February. "Then the band begins to apply their own interpretation, at which point the music takes on a new identity. There always seems to be a group consensus that allows the band to collectively find its new clothes for a composition and it's this

diplomacy, lack of ego and openness of the individual members that enables the songs to bloom and take on a new life beyond what the composer may have originally intended."

Not only has League created a successful, one-of-a-kind band, he is also the founder of GroundUP Music, a full-service label with a roster of artists that spanned continents and genres. Formed in 2011, GroundUP was created with the purpose to "create a supportive environment where ensembles, like Snarky Puppy and its members, could release their music." There's even an annual GroundUP Music Festival in Miami Beach, Florida, host to artists like Béla Fleck, Esperanza Spalding, Andrew Bird, The Wood Brothers, Terence Blanchard, Joshua Redman and Jacob Collier among many others. Now, members of Snarky Puppy have launched successful

music careers of their own including Justin Stanton, Mark Lettieri, Bill Laurance, and Cory Henry.

Earlier this year, League and piano icon Bill Laurance released a duo album, *Where you Wish you Were*. Where League is the bassist and band leader for Snarky Puppy, he takes on a very different role here. *Where you Wish you Were* features League playing the oud and other acoustic string instruments. In an interview for *It's Psychedelic Baby Magazine*, the duo explained their destined collaboration.

"It was only a matter of time before we'd make a record by ourselves," Laurance told *It's Psychedelic Baby Magazine*. "We've been close friends for 20 years now and we've worked together in so many different capacities - with Snarky Puppy, my own band, and in collaboration with other artists so it just felt like it was a natural thing to do."

FOUNTAIN OF FUN



HG BIGGS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

3-year-old William Reichner has some fishy fun on Sunday playing in the Bestor Plaza fountain.

SENIOR

FROM PAGE 1

With increasing discord between lifestyles and life directions, the already fragile and impermanent nature of friendship is under further pressure, Senior said.

The difficulty in keeping friends is increasing. Yet the "customized nature" of modern life makes those friendships more important than ever, Senior wrote. Reliance on friends is stronger than ever, and so should be the effort put into keeping them.

"We're designed to bond with other people. It's how human beings learn and

how they grow," Senior said. Living such a "fractured, atomized existence," with working remotely and engaging solely online the new societal norm, those bonds are becoming more difficult than ever to maintain.

Taking deliberate action to sustain friendships, making it a habit to stay in touch and not fall into passivity, is crucial to ensure those friends will be there when you need to rely on them most, Senior said.

"We need to have friendship anniversaries and annual road trips and reunions," Senior said.

Rituals with friends help to prioritize them, which

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Maybe we should really think about being very committed to our friends. They should sit somewhere closer to where our family and spouses sit. We should make them top priority."

—JENNIFER SENIOR

Staff writer,
The Atlantic

she said more Americans should be doing, as families and careers can pull in the opposite direction.

Senior believes being "more demonstrative" would further strengthen our friendships, sharing words of care and affection as one might do with a romantic partner.

"We tell our spouses that we love them, and we tell our friends this much less, but they are also love relationships. We ought to be more expressive in our friendships," Senior said, as an act as simple as telling a friend how much they are appreciated can have an impact.

"The paradox at the heart" of friendship, Senior said, is its fragility. The voluntary nature of friendship, making it fragile, also makes it special. If one were to have a binding or legal contract to a friend, as with a married partner, it would cease to be how

friendship is defined.

Senior notes, however, that a cultural shift may be occurring, with more friends making binding commitments to each other, as with family.

Friends are being increasingly "recruited" in family roles, acting "as siblings and cousins, even parents would," Senior said, as families often live far separated, children going to college and working at a distance from home.

Friendships may be qualitatively different from other types of relationships, but Senior argues that perhaps the two shouldn't be so unlike.

"Maybe we should really think about being very committed to our friends," she said. "They should sit somewhere closer to where our family and spouses sit. We should make them top priority."

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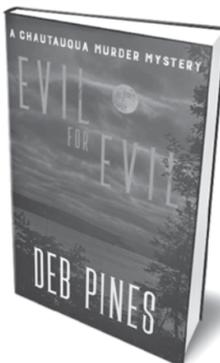


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Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling delivers her sermon Sunday morning in the Amphitheater. Preaching all week, Easterling on Monday evoked Baldwin in her sermon "You mean it or you don't."

Friendship with God requires mutuality, commitment, Easterling says

“To say I am a friend of God is a bold statement. You mean it or you don't,” said Bishop Latrelle Miller Easterling at the 9:15 a.m. Monday morning worship service in the Amphitheater. Continuing her series, “I am a Friend of God,” the title of her sermon was “You mean it or you don't.” Her scripture text was 2 Corinthians 5: 17-19.

Easterling quoted lyrics from the song “Friend of God,” by Israel Houghton. “Who am I that You are mindful of me? / That You hear me when I call / Is it true that You are thinking of me? / How You love me it's amazing.” The chorus goes: “I am a friend of God / I am a friend of God / I am a friend of God / He calls me friend.”

“It is a beautiful song with an encouraging message,” she said. “God does hear me when I call and loves me with an everlasting love. God will never leave or forsake me. But there is something missing: Friendship requires mutuality. What is required of me, my life, my walk with God? God always makes demands on the believer's life.”

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, wrote that a relationship with God requires a complete and permanent change in the believers. They had to change themselves and change the way they viewed others.

“So if – there is that ‘if’ again – you are new in Christ, everything old has passed away,” Easterling said.

Author James Baldwin was giving a lecture at the University of Massachusetts on Feb. 28, 1984. He told the audience that it was not enough to be a liberal, to have the right attitude, and to give money to the right causes. He told them they had to risk more, to know more.

A student asked for clarification. If those attitudes were not enough, what was necessary? Baldwin said, “commitment.”

“You mean it or you don't,” Easterling said. “What is required is commitment.”

She continued: “If we are new, we can't reclaim the old ways. We can't shout on Sunday and backslide on Monday. The butterfly does not go back to being a caterpillar. The oak does not become an acorn again. And whether the chicken or the egg comes first, the chicken never goes back to being an egg.”

She told the congregation that if they are a new creation in Christ, they have died to their former selves. “You cannot resurrect your former selves. You have to live a life worthy of your call. You mean it or you don't.”

Easterling and her husband, the Rev. Marion Easterling, would always ask their sons as they left the house: “Who do you represent?”

“There was only one answer: God and the Miller-Easterling family,” she said. “They knew who, and whose, they were. We were instilling an ethic that they could not comport themselves one way in our presence and another way in our absence.”

St. John Chrysostom, Easterling noted, brought the concept of “preach, use words if you have to,” through his own life by embodying the love of God as the love of neighbor. As Patriarch of Constantinople during the 4th



MORNING WORSHIP

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century, C.E., he taught the Christians in Constantinople that they could change lives by changing their lives.

“He gave an argument from action,” Easterling said. “He urged his followers to astound non-believers by their way of life, that what they did was a visible sacrament in the world.”

She continued, “We are the only word some people will ever hear. You mean it or you don't.”

Easterling asserted that Christians can live a Christ-centered life, or they can live by their own ego. She shared a story about an encounter with a family member whom she invited to leave her house by “the same means she had come in” if she did not like the arrangements at her house.

“That Lent I decided to pray and fast for the 40 days,” she said. “God put on my heart that I needed to call that family member and apologize. I told God that I did not start the argument. Have you ever tried to talk back to God? I needed to be reminded that my arms are too short to box with God. I had to cast aside my ego and when I called we both felt release and relief.”

She continued, “We can't live as a new creation if we don't die to ourselves, if we don't alter our certainty, if we don't make amends.”

Writer Will Campbell was invited to speak to a group of bishops about inclusiveness. The group was made up of all white men. Campbell got up to speak, looked down at them and said, “How many of you are willing to resign your position today so that women and men of color can take these positions?” When no one raised their hand, he said, “Then it is no use me talking to you if you won't,” and he sat down.

“You mean it or you don't,” Easterling said.

Living life in this way is not easy as it is lived in a complex reality of risk and vulnerability. She shared a story from Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative. A small, Black woman was gathering dirt beside the road to take it to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. As she was digging, a white man in a truck drove by, slowed down, and turned around and drove back.

He approached her and asked what she was doing. The woman was going to tell him she was gathering dirt for her garden but “something took hold of her and she told the truth: a man had been lynched there in the 1930s and she wanted to honor his life,” Easterling said.

That truth-telling set them both free. The man stared for a while at the piece of paper with the name of the man

who was lynched and then asked, “Excuse me, ma'am, may I help you dig?” She tried to give him a shovel but he dug with his bare hands. When they were finished, both of them had tears running down their faces. The woman asked, “are you alright?” He answered, “I am afraid my grandfather was there and participated in the lynching.”

“They were weeping together about that history, about this nation, weeping and wondering if reconciliation is possible,” Easterling said. “They went together to deliver the soil. This is what reconciliation requires. This is the beauty that happens when we reconcile.”

Fr. Richard Rohr, writer and theologian, has written that Christians need to do everything with humility in surrendering to Jesus Christ.

“We are not perfect, but we have to remain committed. We have to reclaim our baptism and let go of our ego. With the help of God, all things are possible,” Easterling said. As an example of this commitment and the mutuality between God and believers, she cited John Wesley's Covenant Prayer. Wesley was the founder of Methodism.

“I am no longer my own, but yours. / Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. / Put me to doing, put me to suffering. / Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, / Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. / Let me have all things, let me have nothing. / I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. / And now, O wonderful and holy God, / Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, / you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. / And the covenant which I have made on earth, / Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.”

Easterling concluded, saying, “Chautauquans, may the lives we live bring true reconciliation and hope. We are the ones we are waiting for to repair the breach. Mean it or you don't. I pray you do; may it be so.”

The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton, senior pastor of Chautauqua Institution, presided. The Rev. George Wirth, an associate in the Department of Religion, read the scripture. For the prelude and postlude, Nicholas Stigall, organ scholar, played “Élévation” from Heures mystiques by Léon Boëllman. The anthem, sung by the Chautauqua Choir, was “O for a closer walk with God,” music by Charles Villiers Stanford and words by William Cowper. Joshua Stafford, director of sacred music and Jared Jacobsen Chair for the Organist, directed the choir, which was accompanied by Stigall. Support for this week's chaplaincy and preaching is provided by the J. Everett Hall Memorial Chaplaincy and the Geraldine M. and Frank E. McElree, Jr. Chaplaincy Fund.

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LECTURE



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Cornel West, the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Chair at Union Theological Seminary and Robert P. George, director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, open the 2023 Chautauqua Lecture Series and the Week One theme "On Friendship" Monday in the Amphitheater, in conversation with Institution President Michael E. Hill.

Courage, good faith, open minds key to friendships, democracy, argue West, George

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The friendship between Robert P. George and Cornel West began early in their tenure at Princeton University, where George noticed West was asking all the right questions.

George, a conservative, noted the progressive West's questions did not always arrive at the right answers, yet were "questions of meaning and value." The two discussed how these questions sustain their friendship despite their political divide with Chautauqua Institution President Michael E. Hill at 10:45 a.m. on Monday in the Amphitheater for the season's first morning lecture and the first lecture of the Chautauqua Lecture Series Week One theme, "On Friendship."

The pair's origin can be traced back to a campus magazine at Princeton that asked professors to interview a colleague of their choice. To George's surprise, West — now the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Chair at Union Theological Seminary and a recently declared third-party candidate for president of the United States — chose him for what should have been a two-hour interview.

"This was not an interview," said George, Princeton University's McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and director of the James Madison Program. "This was a rocking and rolling discussion and debate on all the issues we've been talking about for years."

There was no pulling the two from their conversation and, as the tape ran out, George said they realized they should get to know each other better. So, they planned for lunch and days later agreed to teach a freshman seminar together.

"From the moment we started teaching together in the classroom, what some people call the chemistry — but that's just too weak a word — the magic was there," George said.

The two continued teaching together until West moved to Harvard University, deciding then to take their conversations on the road and share with audiences what George called one of the greatest joys of his life — not just his friendship, but his admiration for West's ability to teach by example. A part of what he teaches is acceptance of all, simply because of their humanity.

"We are brothers in the deepest sense. It goes so far beyond political agreement," West said. "I love him when he's wrong; I love him when he's right. I try to correct him; he tries to correct me. We revel in each other's humanity even though we're both cracked vessels."

West said their friendship should not make them an odd couple; he reflected on a time when siblinghood

in professionalism was the norm. Now, he said, that piece is missing — substituted instead with conformity, arrogance and condescension toward outsiders.

"What we have here is not because we're so special. ... (If) you don't agree with members of your family politically, you still love them, you still connect with their humanity," he said. "We've become so polarized it's hard to be able to make that connection."

The two bridge this gap through their shared love of the truth. This does not mean they always arrive at the same conclusion — disagreements are frequent — but they are not opposed to changing their opinions.

"The danger, and I think what has caused so much harm in our society, is people fall so deeply in love with their opinions. They become so identity-forming for people," George said. "They wrap their emotions so tightly around their opinions that they love the opinions more than truth."

Creating space for your opinions to be challenged, George said, is the only hope for knowing if you are wrong. He shared a lesson the two learned from Plato: The person who causes you to rethink is not your enemy, but your friend.

"We're all fallible," George said. "We know we can be wrong even about the deep, important questions."

It is through the proper currency of intellectual discourse — reason, evidence and arguments — that one can understand strongly held opinions. Those who circumvent this transaction, George argued, do not act in good faith. But those who do, should not be ignored.

Apprehension toward these transactions, West argued, comes from a lack of trust. Trust, he said, allows people to be vulnerable enough to disagree.

"We're losing that, and no democracy can survive without it," he said.

The two are often asked how someone can be both open-minded and a person of conviction. George's answer is found in the liturgy of Yom Kippur, where congregants atone for sins that include stealing, cheating, lying and being zealots for bad causes.

"You don't lie by mistake," he said. "You can say something that's not true by mistake, but if you believe it's true, that's not a lie."

Simple as it may be, George compares the act of challenging one's opinions to giving a cashier short change. If it was not done in bad faith, you correct it without issue; it should be the same with the opinions.

George said it is the total conviction to one's opinions that leads to dogmatists, ideologues and demagogues.

On the topic of ideology, George was hesitant to en-



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West and George discussed how they maintain their friendship through good faith and open minds.

dorse West's candidacy for president but eager to endorse his integrity, his honesty, his compassion, his love of people, and his selflessness. West was equally hesitant to talk about his candidacy but wants to ensure his values are at the forefront of it.

"I am tied to a cause and a calling," he said. "And that's what brings Brother Robert and I together. You see, truth-seeking and justice-seeking is a calling."

The presidency, he said, is secondary. It is just a vehicle for him to carry out his calling. And the calling he charges Chautauquans with is one of courage.

"Courage is the enabling virtue of all the other virtues. Courage is by example, with the body; you've got to put your body in it," he said. "We in the Black tradition call that being a funk master because a funk master gets beyond the deodorized language and sanitized and sterilized discourse. In the funk is the freedom, and the love, and the pain, and the hurt, and the smile through tears. See, that's what courage is and the only way you get it is to do something beyond language."

It was through courage and examination of the self that their friendship began so many decades ago, and George encouraged Chautauquans to make friends with someone who they have serious disagreements with, too.

"Knowing is an activity," he said. "There's something noble and ennobling about truth seeking."

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Baptist House

Members of First Baptist Church of North East, Pennsylvania, provide refreshments at the 3:15 p.m. social hour today at the Baptist House. Come join us for a time of getting to know one another and visiting with friends. Stay for a Hymn Sing following the social hour. All are warmly welcomed.

Blessing and Healing Service

The Service of Blessing and Healing, sponsored by the Department of Religion, takes place from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. weekdays in the Randall Chapel of the United Church of Christ Headquarters located on Odland Plaza. All are welcome.

Chautauqua Catholic Community

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:45 a.m. weekdays in the Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd. All are invited to attend the social hour at 3:15 p.m. today at the Catholic House.

Chabad Jewish House

Rabbi Zalman Vilenkin presents "Maimonides" from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesday in ZCJH and via Zoom. These discussions explore the meaning and application of Judaism.

To log into classes via Zoom, visit www.cocweb.org. All Chautauquans are welcome at our services. No membership, background or affiliation required.

Chautauqua Dialogues

Chautauqua Dialogues provides an opportunity for Chautauquans to have meaningful engagement and conversation within the context of the Chautauqua weekly theme in an informal and small group setting led by a trained facilitator. Nineteen sessions will be offered every week this season hosted by denominational houses, the African American Heritage House, and the Chautauqua Women's Club. The schedule will appear in the Daily Tuesday through Saturday. No sign up is required. New this year will be the noontime sessions following the 10:45 a.m. lecture starting on Tuesday each week. Chautauqua Dialogues is led by Roger Doebke and Lynn Stahl.

Chautauqua Prays for Peace Through Compassion

Chautauqua Prays for Peace Through Compassion is a communal gathering which takes place from 8:55 to 9 a.m. weekdays around the Peace Pole in the Hall of Missions Grove. The all-faith prayer is led by a different denomination each week, and prayer handouts are distributed daily. All are welcome.

Chautauqua Mystic Heart Meditation Program

Bhante Chipamong Chowdhury leads Theravada Buddhism meditation from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays in the Presbyterian House Sanctuary.

Start the morning with "Movement and Meditation" with Monte Thompson from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Grove in front of the Hall of Philosophy.

Chowdhury leads a Theravada Buddhism and mindfulness meditation seminar from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today in the Hall of Missions.

Kim Hehr leads a gong meditation from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Hurlbut Sanctuary.

Christian Science House

The social hour is at 3:15 p.m. today on the porch.

The Wednesday evening testimony meeting is at 7 p.m. in the chapel. Readings of citations from the Bible and Christian Science textbook are followed by congregants sharing examples of benefits of their study in their daily lives.

All are welcome to use our Study Room 24/7 for reflection and prayer. One may study this week's Bible lesson, "God," read our current and archived copies of Christian Science periodicals, including *The Christian Science Monitor*, and use our computer-based church resources.

Disciples of Christ

Come meet Diane Ballard, the new administrator for the Disciples of Christ Houses for the 2024 season, at the 3:15 p.m. Social Hour today at the Disciples Headquarters House, 32 Clark at Janes. Diane, a retired nurse from Lexington, Kentucky, is eager to share her hopes and dreams for the ongoing work and future and welcome input from all who would embrace this gathering. All are welcome to Diane and her husband Dan while enjoying refreshments and joining in the lively conversation.

ECOC

The Ecumenical Community of Chautauqua invites you to enjoy lemonade and homemade cookies at 3:15 p.m. today in front of our historic buildings, immediately to the left of the Amphitheater stage. While mingling with our staff and guests, you can learn about our mission of providing affordable housing in Chautauqua for people of all faiths.

Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 7:45 a.m. weekdays in the chapel.

Episcopal Cottage

Come and enjoy the hospitality of the cottage from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. today.

The Rev. Rosalind C. Hughes will lead a brief Bible study, "Choosing a Family," at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday on the porch of the cottage. All are welcome.

Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua

Joseph Kraus discusses "Breaking the Frame: The Jewish Gangster's Perpetual Invisibility" at the 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Brown Bag today at the Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua. Kraus describes the historical narrative that produced the stereotype of the gangster as predominantly Italian or Italian-American - a narrative founded in fiction, film, journalism and mid-century politics. He then argues that such a culturally-embedded narrative makes it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to recognize the many competing gangster narratives that feature the Jewish gangster.

The Jewish Film Series will screen a repeat of "Karaoke" at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the EJLCC.

Food Pantry Donations

Hurlbut Church is accepting nonperishable food items for the Ashville Food Pantry. Donations may be dropped off any time at the Scott entrance of Hurlbut Church.

Hebrew Congregation

Join Rabbi Cookie Olshain at a Lunch and Learn: "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Jewish Conversation about Toxic Polarization" from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday on the porch of the Everett

Jewish Life Center.

Hurlbut Church Meal Ministry

Hurlbut Church is cooking, and everyone's invited. The church serves lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. weekdays. All lunches are served with a beverage and a freshly baked cookie for \$10. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministries of the Hurlbut Church. Meals are eat-in or takeout.

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Labyrinth

Chautauquans and friends can learn about and walk the labyrinth during the 2023 season. Norma and Wally Rees lead a Department of Religion sponsored orientation at 6:30 p.m. today, rain or shine. A brief history of the labyrinth, uses of the labyrinth and an invitation to walk the labyrinth are concluded in time to attend the evening's Amphitheater program. The Chautauqua Labyrinth, which is open at any time, is located next to Turner Community Center. It is accessible through the Turner building, or through the Turner parking lot, if arriving via Route 394. Bus and tram services are available to Turner. Remember your gate pass. For more information, call Norma Rees at (216) 2347 0327 or 4normarees@gmail.com

Lutheran House

Be sure to stop by starting

at 3:15 p.m. for the Lutheran House social today. Members of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Erie, Pennsylvania, provide punch and cookies.

Presbyterian House

Presbyterian House invites all for coffee on the porch following the weekday morning worship and preceding the 10:45 a.m. lecture.

All Chautauquans are invited to the Presbyterian House for "Popsicles on the Porch" at 3:15 p.m. today. Come for a relaxing break in the day to enjoy fellowship and a cool, sweet treat.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Noah Merrill, Friend of the Week (chaplain) and General Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, speaks at a Brown Bag, "My Work in the World," at 12:30 p.m. today at the Quaker House, 28 Ames.

Join us for Cookies and Community Care Social Hour at 3:30 p.m. today at the Quaker House. Enjoy delicious snacks and community service as we prepare bags of consumable supplies for Chautauqua County residents. "Hotel"-sized toiletries are welcome.

Kriss Miller, Friend in Residence (host), leads Mindfulness & Mending at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Quaker House.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chautauqua

Our social hour is from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. today on the back patio of the UU denominational house at 6 Bliss. All are welcome to enjoy light refreshments and lively conversation.

United Church of Christ

The Rev. Merrie Allen shares

her unique faith journey and leads in conversation at the 3:15 open house today at the UCC Headquarters. Refreshments will be served.

United Methodist

The Rev. Jim Farrar's "Pastor's Chat" at noon today on our porch is focused on "The Soul of the Congregation." All are welcome to attend. Join us with a preordered take-out lunch from Hurlbut Church or bring your own.

Come stop by to chat and snack at the social hour at 3:15 p.m. today on the porch. Members of the Edinboro United Methodist Church in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, provide punch and cookies.

The kickoff session of our Bible study is at 7 p.m. today in our chapel. The Rev. Paul Womack, pastor of Hurlbut Memorial Community United Methodist Church, and Joe Lewis, host of the Everett Jewish Life Center in Chautauqua, discuss various understandings of the Old Testament Book of Jeremiah. All are welcome.

Attention knitters: Knitting together on the UMH porch begins at 3 p.m. Wednesday. All skilled and novice knitters are welcome.

Unity of Chautauqua

Unity holds a Daily Word meditation from 8 to 8:30 a.m. weekdays in the Hall of Missions.

The Rev. Beth Head will present a Positive Path for Spiritual Living lecture titled "Prosperity Boost: Being Paid in Love" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Turner Community Center. Bring a gate pass.

Women in Ministry

Women in Ministry will meet 12:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Hall of Missions for a Brown Bag. All are welcome.

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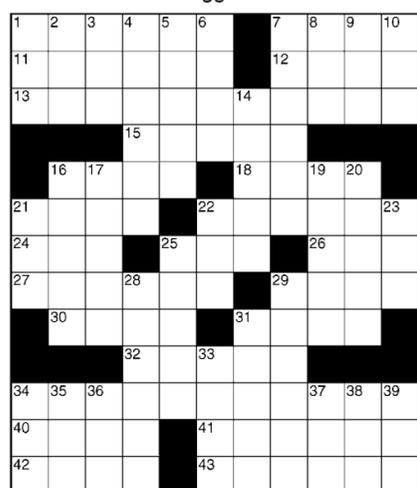
- 1 Fish in the sky
- 7 Chick sound
- 11 Set straight
- 12 Shrek, for one
- 13 Vehicle in a procession
- 15 Flower part
- 16 Monopoly card
- 18 Use foul language
- 21 Flex
- 22 Phone typer
- 24 Fitting
- 25 Diamond club
- 26 Ewe's mate
- 27 Kramden's pal
- 29 Dyeing tubs
- 30 Beginner
- 31 Openings
- 32 Friend of d'Artagnan
- 34 Where dishes may pile up
- 40 Fix a story
- 41 Flowery shrub
- 42 Departs
- 43 Mrs. Madison

- 2 Radio's Glass
- 3 Knight's address
- 4 Put a stop to
- 5 Put a stop to
- 6 Dance move
- 7 Castor's twin
- 8 Sense of self
- 9 Pitching stat
- 10 Sulky state
- 14 Diamond side
- 16 Bus terminal
- 17 Contest form
- 19 Gown part
- 20 Theater units
- 21 Outlaw
- 22 Sandy color
- 23 Apt. ad abbr.
- 25 Diner choice
- 28 Plots of land
- 29 Lowly worker
- 31 Muppet with a large nose
- 33 Noggin

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Yesterday's answer

- 34 Frat party item
- 35 Chapel promise
- 36 Make a bow in
- 37 Unwell
- 38 Maiden name label
- 39 Arthur's step-brother



- ### DOWN
- 1 Catchy music

AXYDLBAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE

V D U H D L B D R J R D Q L V J X
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U Q L B D I J F S N , Z S S D S V D U V
X J S S C . — S D J L J S V L J C
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT WAS JUNE, AND THE WORLD SMELLED OF ROSES. THE SUNSHINE WAS LIKE POWDERED GOLD OVER THE GRASSY HILLSIDE. — MAUD HART LOVELACE

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

	5	3			6	1	9	
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4		1					6	
2			6	7			1	
	7		8	1			4	
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9	4	8	1	5	7	3	2	6

Difficulty: ★★ 6/27

5	2	4	8	6	3	9	1	7
8	3	9	7	1	2	5	4	6
1	6	7	5	9	4	8	3	2
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7	4	1	6	3	5	2	8	9
3	5	8	2	4	9	7	6	1
2	7	3	4	8	1	6	9	5
4	1	6	9	5	7	3	2	8
9	8	5	3	2	6	1	7	4

Difficulty: ★ 6/26

McCarthy Lectureship underwrites Senior

The Louise Roblee McCarthy Memorial Lectureship provides support for Jennifer Senior's lecture at 10:45 a.m. today in the Amphitheater.

The Louise Roblee McCarthy Memorial Lectureship was created by gifts to Chautauqua Foundation by the Joseph H. and Florence (Allen) Roblee Foundation as a memorial tribute to Mrs. McCarthy. Born in St. Louis in 1888 to Joseph H. and Florence (Allen) Roblee, Louise Roblee McCarthy received her bachelor's degree from Vassar College in 1912 and a degree from Springfield College in 1953. She married Eugene Ross McCarthy on Dec. 13, 1913. The

couple had three children: Marjorie (Mrs. G. Kenneth Robins), Carol Louise (Mrs. H. Richard Duhme, Jr.) and Mr. Roblee McCarthy.

A well-known philanthropist, McCarthy served as vice president of the world YWCA with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1955 to 1959. She also served as a trustee of Vassar College from 1955 to 1961 and as a member of the Mayor's Race Relations Committee in St. Louis from 1943 to 1949. She was the first woman elected as vice president of the National Council of Churches. McCarthy received the Woman of Achievement

citation for national service from the St. Louis *Globe Democrat*. She also received a citation for notable achievement and service from the Bradford Junior College in 1961 and from the Women of the Press, St. Louis, in 1964. She was selected Ecumenical Woman of the Year by the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis in 1959. Among other organizations she served, McCarthy was elected acting president of the American Association of University Women's St. Louis chapter from 1924 to 1926. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Na-

tional Society of Colonial Dames of America and the Missouri Historical Society. She also was a member of the editorial board for the American Baptist Convocation from 1948 to 1954. Mrs. McCarthy donated the Roblee Garden, situated behind the Smith Memorial Library at Chautauqua.

Both of McCarthy's daughters, the late Marjorie Robins and the late Carol Duhme, were active at Chautauqua, as is her granddaughter, Barbara Foorman. Duhme served as a trustee of the Institution and for many years spearheaded the Bell Tower Scholarship program at Chautauqua.

Hembree Family Fund supports Harges, Mather in afternoon interfaith conversation

The Myra Baker Low and Katharine Low Hembree Family Fund provides support for the Interfaith Lecture by De'Amon Harges and the Rev. Michael Mather at 2 p.m. today in the Hall of Philosophy. The fund also provides support for the Interfaith Lecture by Coté Soerens on July 27.

Kay Hembree was born at home in Tarkio, Missouri, in 1918. She was the first child of Myra and Olan Low, farmers, fond readers, devout Methodists and graduates of Tarkio College.

Kay was an avid reader and graduated from Tarkio High School at age 16 and

from Oklahoma City University at 19. In the midst of the Depression she worked as treasurer, registrar and bookkeeper at a large vocational high school in Oklahoma City. It was in Oklahoma City that she met the tall, ambitious young electrical engineer who became her husband and lifelong companion, Howard Hembree.

In her quiet way, Kay was a woman of firsts. In 1946, seeing no daycare facilities for busy mothers, she started the first day care program in Fairfax, Virginia. Later, in 1969 she helped spearhead the first integrated Vacation Bible School,

bringing together the children of urban and suburban Methodist churches in the Rock Days program held in Rock Creek Park.

For over 40 years, Kay generously contributed her intelligence, passion and organizational talents to the Methodist Church. She was president of the United Methodist Women at St. Paul's United Methodist in Kensington, Maryland, and then went on to serve as an officer on the District and Conference levels of the United Methodist Women. She served on church administrative boards and committees, taught Sunday school,

and managed and modernized church libraries.

In 1969, Kay graduated cum laude with a master's degree in religious education from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. Kay's love of learning finally found its match at Chautauqua, which was introduced to her by her mother who attended into her 80s. Kay carried on the tradition, celebrating her 80th birthday at Chautauqua surrounded by family and friends.

Her daughter, Laura Hembree of New York City, and a son, Gilbert Hembree of Grand Blanc, survive Kay.

Bailey Fund provides for Snarky Puppy show

The John T. and Katherine G. Bailey Family Fund provides funding for Snarky Puppy's performance at 8:15 p.m. tonight in the Amphitheater, as well as the evening performance by Cécile McLorin Salvant on July 26.

Jack Bailey served in the

Coast Guard from 1944 to 1946, graduated from Harvard University in 1950 and attended graduate school at Columbia University. He retired as chairman of a major public relations consulting firm in Cleveland and previously served

as an executive with *The New York Times*. Jack was a trustee of Chautauqua Institution from 1975 to 1983. Kay was a graduate of Wells College and held a master's degree in library science from Case Western Reserve

University. She worked for the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York and volunteered for many years at the library of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. She also served on the board of trustees of Wells College.

PLAYTIME ON THE PLAZA



6-year-old Nathan Van Fleet plays Jenga with his grandparents, Stefani Danes and Doug Cooper, Sunday on Bestor Plaza. HG BIGGS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Freshness for sale

Local vendors convene for Bestor Fresh Market

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At top, strawberries are for sale last Tuesday morning at the Abers Acres booth at the Bestor Fresh Market. Above left, Terry Whitney of Bee Natural Honey Farms, left, answers questions from 5-year-old Izabel Star about the different types of honey for sale. Above right, Vahn Armstrong, left, and Eva Stern chose produce from the vendors on Bestor Plaza. Below, freshly harvested kale arranged for sale at the Post Apples Farm booth. The Bestor Fresh Market returns to Bestor Plaza from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today and every Tuesday this season.



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TUESDAY
JUNE 27

- 12:15 **Poet-in-Residence Brown Bag Lecture.** (Programmed by the Chautauqua Writers' Center.) **Zach Savich.** Alumni Hall Porch
- 12:15 LGBTQ and Friends Brown Bag Discussion. "Friendship, an Essential Ingredient for the Human Heart." Garden Room, Literary Arts Center at Alumni Hall
- 12:15 Brown Bag Lecture. (Programmed by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club.) "Bird Identification: Tricks to Improve Speed and Accuracy." Ken Blankenship, North American birder. Smith Wilkes Hall
- 12:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Presbyterian House
- 12:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Disciples of Christ Graybiel House
- 12:30 Brown Bag Talk. (Sponsored by the Everett Jewish Life Center) "Breaking the Frame: The Jewish Gangster's Perpetual Invisibility." Joseph Kraus, professor and chair of the department of English & Theatre at the University of Scranton. Everett Jewish Life Center
- 12:30 Brown Bag. "My Work in the World." (Programmed by Quaker House) Noah Merrill, Friend of the Week (Chaplain). Quaker House, 28 Ames
- 12:30 **Chautauqua Mystic Heart Meditation Program.** Presenter: **Bhante Chipamong Chowdhury** (Theravada Buddhism/Mindfulness Meditation.) Hall of Missions
- 12:45 Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge. CWC House
- 1:00 **Opera Conservatory: Sing-In.** Donations Welcome. McKnight Hall
- 1:00 **Docent Tours.** Fowler-Kellogg Art Center
- 1:00 **Mah Jongg.** (Programmed by the Sports Club.) Sports Club
- 1:00 **English Lawn Bowling.** 20-minute free instruction, then opt to play a game for fee. Bowling Green
- 1:15 Informal Critique Session. (Programmed by the Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center.) Bring 10 copies of one page of poetry or prose. Literary Arts Center at Alumni Hall Poetry Room
- 1:30 **Public Shuttle Tour of Grounds.** Fee. (Purchase tickets at Main Gate Welcome Center. This tour is handicap accessible.) Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center
- 2:00 **INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES. De'Amon Harges,** creator, The Learning Tree, Indianapolis. **The Rev. Michael Mather,** pastor, First

- United Methodist Church, Boulder, Colorado. Hall of Philosophy
- 2:30 **Cinema Film Screening.** "The Eight Mountains." Fee. Chautauqua Cinema
- 3:15 Social Hour at Denominational Houses
- 3:30 Cookies and Community Care Social Hour. (Programmed by Quaker House). Quaker House, 28 Ames
- 3:30 **Heritage Lecture Series.** "Ida Tarbell: At Chautauqua and Beyond" **Charles Fountain,** retired professor of journalism, Northeastern University. Hall of Philosophy
- 3:30 **Meet the Office of Advancement Staff.** Colonnade Lobby Conference Room
- 4:00 **Play CHQ.** (Programmed by Youth and Family Programs.) Painting. All ages. Timothy's Playground
- 4:00 **School of Music Piano Guest Faculty Recital. Jon Nakamatsu.** Donations welcome. Elizabeth S. Lenna Hall
- 4:15 Garden Walk & Talk. (Programmed by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club.) Joe McMaster, horticulturist. Meet at Smith Wilkes Hall entrance
- 5:00 **Chautauqua Softball League Women's Pickup Game and Kickoff.** Extra gloves available. Sharpe Field
- 6:00 **Cinema Film Screening.** "Brian and Charles." Fee. Chautauqua Cinema
- 6:30 **Labrynth History and Meditation.** Turner Community Center
- 8:15 **SPECIAL. Snarky Puppy.** Amphitheater
- 8:30 **Cinema Film Screening.** "The Eight Mountains." Fee. Chautauqua Cinema



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Oksana Zhurakovski Johnson works on a painting in the quiet of the pre-season June 19 by the Hall of Philosophy.

- 8:00 Wednesday Weeding. (Programmed by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club.) Butterfly Garden
- 8:15 **Chautauqua Mystic Heart Meditation Program.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion.) "Movement and Meditation." **Monte Thompson.** Hall of Philosophy Grove
- 8:45 Catholic Mass. Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 8:55 (8:55-9) Chautauqua Prays For Peace Through Compassion. Hall of Philosophy Grove
- 9:15 **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP. LaTrelle Easterling,** bishop, Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences, United Methodist Church. Amphitheater
- 9:15 Jewish Discussions. (Programmed by Zigdon Chabad Jewish House.) "Maimonides." Rabbi Zalman Vilenkin. Zigdon Chabad Jewish House
- 9:15 **Presentation."Wonders of the Webb Space Telescope."** (Programmed by the Chautauqua Climate Change Initiative and Chautauqua Science Group.) **Mike Humphrey,** Buffalo Astronomical Association. Hurlburt Church Sanctuary
- 10:00 **Opera Conservatory Masterclass.** McKnight Hall
- 10:15 Service of Blessing and Healing. UCC Randell Chapel
- 10:45 **CHAUTAUQUA LECTURE SERIES. Marisa G. Franco,** author, *Platonic: How the Science of Attachment Can Help You Make — and Keep —*

- Friends.* Amphitheater
- 11:00 (11-5) **Gallery Exhibitions Open.** Fowler-Kellogg Art Center and Strohl Art Center
- 12:00 **Play CHQ.** (Programmed by Youth and Family Programs.) Water bottle flowers. All ages. McKnight Hall
- 12:15 Women in Ministry. Hall of Missions
- 12:15 Twelve Step Meeting. Marion Lawrance Room, Hurlbut Church
- 12:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Disciples of Christ Graybiel House
- 12:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Quaker House
- 12:30 Authors at The Smith. Gary Sirak, *How to Retire and Not Die.* Smith Memorial Library
- 12:30 Lunch and Learn. (Sponsored by the Hebrew Congregation) "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Jewish Conversation About Toxic Polarization." Rabbi Cookie Olshin. Everett Jewish Life Center
- 12:45 **Guided Group Kayak Tour.** Learn about Chautauqua Lake and Institution grounds while kayaking along the shore. Fee. Sports Club
- 1:00 Language Hour. CWC House
- 1:00 **English Lawn Bowling.** 20-minute free instruction, then opt to play a game for fee. Bowling Green
- 1:00 (1-4) CWC Artists at the Market. Farmers Market
- 1:00 **Docent Tours.** Fowler-Kellogg Art Center
- 1:30 **Public Shuttle Tour of Grounds.** Fee. (Purchase tickets at Main Gate Welcome Center. This tour is handicap accessible.) Leave from Main Gate Welcome Center

- 2:00 **INTERFAITH LECTURE SERIES. Mohammed Al-Samawi,** founder, Abrahamic House. Hall of Philosophy
- 3:00 (3-5) **Ask the Staff Tent Time.** Bestor Plaza
- 3:30 **Chautauqua Speaker Series.** (Programmed by the African American Heritage House.) **John T. Grant, Jr,** executive director, Cricket Celebration Bowl; co-founder, Atlanta Friendship Initiative. Hall of Philosophy
- 3:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Presbyterian House
- 3:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Catholic House
- 3:30 Jewish Film Series. (Sponsored by the Everett Jewish Life Center) "Israel." Everett Jewish Life Center
- 4:00 Reception with Friends. (Programmed by the Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center.) Literary Arts Center at Alumni Hall porch
- 4:00 **Play CHQ.** (Programmed by Youth and Family Programs) Steam by the Water. All ages. Timothy's Playground
- 4:00 **School of Music Piano Program Masterclass. Jon Nakamatsu.** Donations welcome. Sherwood Marsh Piano Studio
- 4:15 Tree Walk & Talk. (Programmed by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club.) Jack Gulvin, forester. Meet at lake side (back) of Smith Wilkes Hall
- 4:45 **Chautauqua Mystic Heart Meditation Program.** Leader: **Kim Hehr** (Gong Meditation). Hurlbut Sanctuary
- 5:00 **Men's Softball League.** Sharpe Field
- 5:00 Mindfulness & Mending. (Programmed by Quaker House) Kriss Miller, Friend in Residence (Host). Quaker House, 28 Ames
- 5:30 **Cinema Film Screening.** "The Eight Mountains." Fee. Chautauqua Cinema
- 6:30 **Chautauqua Dialogues.** (Programmed by the Department of Religion and IDEA Office.) Lutheran House
- 6:30 A Positive Path for Spiritual Living. (Programmed by Unity of Chautauqua.) Turner Conference Room
- 8:15 **SPECIAL. Miko Marks.** Amphitheater
- 9:00 **Cinema Film Screening.** "Brian and Charles." Fee. Chautauqua Cinema

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WEDNESDAY
JUNE 28

- 6:00 **Sunrise Kayak & Paddleboard.** Sign up with payment one to two days before event at 716-357-6281 or sportsclub@chq.org. Sports Club
- 7:00 (7-11) **Farmers Market**
- 7:00 (7-9) **"Dawn Patrol" Round Robin Doubles.** Chautauqua Tennis Center
- 7:45 **Chautauqua Mystic Heart Program.** Leader: **Bhante Chipamong Chowdhury** (Theravada Buddhism/Mindfulness Meditation.) Presbyterian House Chapel
- 7:45 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 8:00 Daily Word Meditation. (Programmed by Unity of Chautauqua.) Hall of Missions

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- 7:45 Episcopal Holy Eucharist. Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 8:00 (8-12) Native Plant Sale. (Programmed by the Bird, Tree & Garden Club with Bestor Fresh Market). Bestor Plaza
- 8:00 Daily Word Meditation. (Programmed by Unity of Chautauqua.) Hall of Missions
- 8:30 **Beginner Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Class.** Sports Club
- 8:30 (8:30-12:30) **Bestor Fresh Market.** Bestor Plaza
- 8:45 Catholic Mass. Episcopal Chapel of the Good Shepherd
- 8:55 (8:55-9) Chautauqua Prays For Peace Through Compassion. Hall of Philosophy Grove
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- 10:45 **CHAUTAUQUA LECTURE SERIES. Jennifer Senior,** staff writer, *The Atlantic.* Amphitheater
- 10:45 **Children's Story Time.** All families welcome. Bestor Plaza
- 11:00 (11-5) **Gallery Exhibitions Open.** Fowler-Kellogg Art Center and Strohl Art Center
- 12:00 **Play CHQ.** (Programmed by Youth and Family Programs.) Torn Tissue Art. All ages. Bestor Plaza



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