

# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights January 31st, 2019



*Photo: A Christmas Cactus Blossom Anticipates the Future*

## Upcoming Worship

### Sunday, February 3rd

#### **10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel**

*For young children, their adult friends and those with an inner child*

#### **A Recipe for Community**

#### **10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary**

*Children participate in the first 20 minutes and may leave for religious education activities while adults remain for the entire service*

#### **Moral Documents**

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Stephen Perepeluk

There is a saying that "a budget is a moral document" as it articulates what is most important to us. This service will reflect on the spiritual dimensions of generosity and the role we all play in sustaining the practice of our values in the world.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with **Community Change, Incorporated**, a local anti-racism organization living out its mission through "education, advocacy and working in solidarity with others to organize for change."

## Music

**There are so many great opportunities for singing at the Winchester Unitarian Society.**

**Adult Choir** rehearses 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

**Children's Chorale every Tuesday @ 6:15 pm** in the Sunshine (Spirit Play) Room.

All children grades 2-6 are most welcome.



**Our Youth Choir every Tuesday @ 6:15 pm** in the Meyer Chapel. All singers in grades 7-12 are most welcome.

The more the merrier, so don't be shy about getting involved.  
Questions? Contact John Kramer at [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org)

## Religious Education

### THIS SUNDAY Morning Groups

**World of Wonder: Joy in Nature: Animal Play, Part 1.** Today we learn about how animals play, just like us, and how important playing is for connecting with each other, feeling good, making friends and having fun. Teachers Beatrice and Caroline lead the group.

**Moral Tales: Love.** Today we learn about the different forms that love and kindness take. As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in showing love by helping others whenever we can. Teachers Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

**Neighboring Faiths: Hinduism.** Today we learn about the ancient religion of Hinduism. Like UUs, Hindus believe that how we behave is very important, and that we should be kind, thoughtful, generous, and serve those in need. Like UUs, Hindus also believe in caring for our planet Earth and every living thing that shares it with us, because everything that lives is equally important and valuable – Hindus would say all beings are divine. Teachers Terry and Christian lead the group.

### Afternoon Groups

**Our Whole Lives:** Our Whole Lives meets at **4:30** in the Wallace Room this Sunday, February 3. This week the chances of **Sexually Transmitted Illnesses**. Sophia Sid leads the group.

## WUSYG

### *Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group*

**This Saturday, Feb. 2 - Sunday, Feb. 3, 7:30 PM - 10:00 AM: SLEEPOVER!**

We're having our first WUSYG sleepover of the year! The plan for this sleepover is, simply, to have LOTS OF FUN! Make sure to plan to be there the whole time – you won't want to miss out!! Please come fed but bring snacks to share. We will also serve a light grab n' go breakfast in the morning.

This Sunday, Feb. 3: **No regular WUSYG meeting** (given the sleepover the night before)

And also please use this link to our "latest newsletter":

Other dates and info about following us on social media (please join our Facebook group and follow us on Instagram!) can be found on our recently-updated website: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/youth>

## Congregational News

### Thank you from the Music Committee

Thank you to all who helped bring about a magical evening of jazz on Friday night. We had a crowd of 130 jazz fans, a stellar jazz band, and \$1645 of donations at the door. The reception brought WUS members and our community together for a warm gathering on a cold winter's night. For our final concert in this year's series, we are thrilled to present award winning folk singer, Tracy Grammer, and her band on March 22nd, 8:00 pm. "Tracy Grammer is a brilliant artist and unique individual. Her voice is distinctive, as is her mastery over the instruments she plays." - Joan Baez  
<http://www.tracygrammer.com>

### You are Invited to a Pledge Pie Party 2/3/19

Our annual pledge drive begins this Sunday. The theme for this year is "A Year of Beginning, Becoming and Belonging: What Winchester Unitarian Society Means to Me".



To get things going, please join us for a **Pledge Pie Party** in the **Symmes Room** (note new location), immediately following service on February 3rd. Standing Committee members will facilitate small group conversations about what belonging to WUS means to them. Participants will also hear about the overall finances of our church. Activities for children five and over will be provided. Planning to watch the Patriots? We should be on our way home by 1:15 pm.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to bring pies on Sunday, February 3 (drop off in the Symmes Room before church). Please click the link below to sign up and please sign up by **Friday, February 1**.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4CAA728A20-pledge>

Thanks!  
2019 Pledge Team  
Rebecca Keller, Alison Kirchgasser & Stephen Perepeluk

### Open Question Dialogue

The Standing Committee is hosting a series of open questions this year. On **February 17**, we'll meet in the Parlor after church service to discuss "What's in a Name?": Should we consider changing the name of Winchester Unitarian Society to something that reflects our UU traditions, or something that reflects the communities we draw from? We have not made a decision about this; we want to hear from you!

Come and share your thoughts and ideas.  
Moderated by Patty Cameron and Phil Coonley

## MYSTIC VALLEY AREA BRANCH OF NAACP - FUNDRAISER IN METCALF HALL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 3-7 PM



The Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP's is having their annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser in Metcalf Hall at the Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main St., on Saturday, 2/9/19 from 3-7 PM. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/events/winetasting-fundraiser-for-mystic-valley-naACP/>

1. [Letter and Form from the Planning Committee of Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP](#), PO Box 132, West Medford, MA 02156, [www.mva-naACP.org](http://www.mva-naACP.org)
2. [Flyer for the Wine Tasting](#)

### Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

If you are facing a time of joy, sorrow or transition in your life, our ministers and the Pastoral Care Associates are available to offer a listening ear, compassionate presence and, if applicable, resources.

Contact the office, 781-729-0949 or [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org).

### Social & Environmental Action

It's time to work on important **State Legislation** supported by UU Mass Action in the areas of: immigrant and economic justice, climate change and ending mass incarceration. There 1 week in which to obtain legislative co-sponsorships in the House. Go to <https://www.uumassaction.org/legislation/> to find information on the bills and links to contact your representatives. Look for some Fact Sheets on the Social Action bulletin board in Symmes.

Last week legislation was introduced in the **U.S. House of Representatives** to start to dismantle the Muslim Ban. This **Freedom of Religion Act**. would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that no one can be denied admission or entry to the United States, or other immigration benefits, because of his or her religion. If you call the US Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 they will connect you to your representative. At its core the Muslim Ban is rooted in divisiveness, fear mongering and racism. Supported by the UUA.

#### **Visions of Justice: A Forum on Race, Immigration and the Environment**

Sat Feb 2, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM UU Area Church, 11 Washington St., Sherborn  
[Register here](#) Sliding scale \$30-\$50 to pay by check or to apply for a full or partial scholarship, Email Cathleen Dinsmore at: [csdinsmore@yahoo.com](mailto:csdinsmore@yahoo.com) For more, information, visit: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/visions-of-justice-a-forum-on-race-immigration-and-the-environment/>

**UU Mass Action 5th Annual Story Slam** This year's theme is: **Say Yes to Love!**  
**Saturday Feb 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. First Parish Church of Stow & Acton**, 353 Great Rd in Stow. **Buy tickets for \$25 until Feb 2, then \$35.** [Facebook Event Page](#) and [Tickets](#) or visit: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/uu-mass-action-5th-annual-story-slam-on-2-9-2019/> for further information.

**Engage in local and statewide advocacy with UU Mass Action!** For upcoming events, go to: <https://www.uumassaction.org/new-events> or visit WUS [Social Action & Outreach page](#).

## WinPower

Winchester Residents' Power Program

"Bring A Bill" Q & A Session  
Town Hall, Waterfield Room  
Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Effective January 2019, Eversource Basic rates increased 20%. Residents enrolled in WinPower will save nearly 21% on their electricity supply over the next six months. WinPower 100% Renewable power is now less expensive than Eversource's Basic Supply and tax deductible!

Could your household opt up to 100% renewable electricity?

On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, Susan McPhee, Winchester's Energy Conservation Coordinator, will host a workshop for residents to answer questions and review current rates. Bring a copy of your bill to be sure you are enrolled. We can help you compare costs with the new calculator at [www.WinPowerMA.com](http://www.WinPowerMA.com)

## Environmental Justice

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[Flyer for WinPower](#)

## Immigration Witnessing Opportunity

"Suitcase Stories" will take place **Friday, February 1 at the Somerville Theater at 8:00 pm** in partnership with World Music. These individual stories of refugees have been shown on PBS and schools in the area. More information is available on the website here: <https://iine.org/suitcase>

## Highlights of Events at the Jenks Senior Center

[www.jenkscenter.org](http://www.jenkscenter.org)

### DEEP Dive into Racial Equity

Our Individual and Institutional Challenge in 2019 with Dr. Darnisa Amante, President/Co-Founder of The Disruptive Equity Education Project (DEEP) and Adjunct Lecturer on System Level Leadership at Harvard's Graduate School of Education.

**Sunday, February 10 • 2:00 – 4:00 pm**

[Deep Dive into Racial Equity Flyer](#)

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**Hammer and Silicon** with Sheila Puffer

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am (Coffee/cookies available at 10:00 a.m.)**

For more information on events happening at the Jenks, please click **HERE**.



## Woburn Food Pantry

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra **canned tuna** and **apple juice** for the Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry. These are the items they need this month to stock their shelves. Thank you for your generosity.

## Sunday Volunteers & Flower Dedications



## Sign Up for Coffee Hour Refreshments

Help make Sunday mornings more welcoming and joyful by bringing refreshments for coffee hour! If you are willing to be contacted when [sign-ups](#) are needed, please email [Janet Nelson](mailto:Janet.Nelson) to put yourself on the contact list.

Usually two people sign up to bring finger foods for one Sunday. We truly appreciate your willingness to be asked to help out in this simple way – thank you!

## Sunday Secretaries

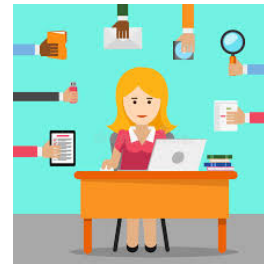
[Sign up](#) to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org) if you're willing to consider it!



## Flower Dedications

Dates are available for flower dedications. You may dedicate flowers in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone and it will appear in the Order of Service.

The cost is \$45.00 (or you can bring your own flowers, but let the office know). Please click to [sign up](#) or use the sign up sheets in the foyer.



## Ongoing

**Yoga, Meditation, Qi Gong, Caregiver Support Group, Grief, Loss & Transitions Group and 350 Massachusetts Metro North**

See Ongoing Activities at:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/ongoing-activities-groups/>

## Deadlines

Sunday Morning Announcements Guidelines: [Click here](#)

For Highlights submissions: Wednesdays, 9:00 am

For submissions to the OOS: Thursdays, 9:00 am

Email to [jenny@winchesteruu.org](mailto:jenny@winchesteruu.org). No more than 250 words, please.

## Staying Connected

### Visit the WUS website!

- Read the latest Highlights and Mystic Messenger in **the news section**.
- Want to know if a room is free, or when your meeting is? View **the calendar page**.

- Need the latest directory, or a list of committee chairs? Go to **the members' section** (**contact the office** for the password).
- Want to set up electronic giving? Go to the **How to Give page**.



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