

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights February 14th, 2019

Happy Valentine's Day!



Photo: A participant in last month's Silent Retreat made a collage of images communicating "trust."

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, February 17th

10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel

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

"Sam and Emma" with Sue Kiewra

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

Not Hell But Hope and Courage: Universalism

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Peter McEntee

Thomas Starr King wrote that "the Universalists believe that God is too good to damn [humanity], while the Unitarians believe that [humanity] is too good to be damned by God." Yet, despite their differences and distinctions, these two faith traditions became one through merger more than 50 years ago. This service will reflect on the Universalist side of the UU family tree - the history, beliefs and legacies of this tradition. What would it mean to claim a Universalist identity?

What can Universalism offer us in our time?

This Sunday, we share our gifts with **UU Mass Action**, organizing local Unitarian Universalists for engagement with social justice action, in partnership with other faith-based and community organizations.

Music

There are 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. **(NO Children's Chorale 2/19)**

Our Youth Choir every Tuesday @ 6:15 pm in the Meyer Chapel. All singers in grades 7-12 are most welcome. **(NO Youth Choir 2/19)**



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

Religious Education

THIS SUNDAY Morning Groups

World of Wonder: Joy in Nature: Animal Play, Part 2. Today we continue 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 explore respect for the unique qualities in ourselves and in each other. As Unitarian Universalists, we believe each and every person has unique gifts that are worthy of respect.

Neighboring Faiths: Hinduism. Today we learn about the about the gods, goddesses and sacred texts of Hinduism. As UUs we understand that every religion, including Hinduism, offers many marvelous ways of celebrating the wonders and mysteries of the universe, and helping us to become the most kind and loving people we can be.

Afternoon Groups

Our Whole Lives: Our Whole Lives does not meet this Sunday.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

This Sunday, Feb. 17: **Regular WUSYG meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM.**

To see more upcoming dates and info about our upcoming events, please use [this link to our latest newsletter](#).

Other dates and info about following us on social media can be found on our website: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/youth>

Congregational News

The office will be closed Monday, Feb 18th
for Presidents' Day

All-Congregational, Inter-Generational Spaghetti Dinner!



**Saturday, March 2, 5:30-7:30 pm,
Metcalf Hall, Winchester Unitarian Society**

We'll have regular and gluten-free pasta, meatless sauce and meatballs on the side, salad, rolls, and Hoodsies. Let's play games and have fun! All ages are welcome!

*In case of inclement weather,
we'll hold the dinner on Sunday, March 3.*

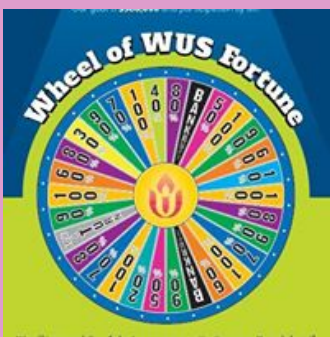
Sponsored by your Membership and Fellowship Committees.

RSVP by February 27. Questions? [Email Marilyn Mullane.](mailto:marilyn@winchesteruu.org)

[View Evite and RSVP here](#)

Rev. Heather will be on vacation...

from the evening of Sunday, February 17th to the evening of Monday, February 25th. In her absence, Administrator Alison Streit Baron will serve as Acting Chief of Staff for urgent staffing issues and Intern Minister Marianne DiBlasi will be the minister-on-call for pastoral care emergencies. Both can be reached at the WUS office at 781.729.0949 or alison@winchesteruu.org and marianne@winchesteruu.org respectively.



Remember to Pledge!

Have you been able to guess our Wheel-of-Fortune message? What we see so far on the Symmes "game board" has many blanks and we have heard no one speak the correct answer. But cooperation brings results! Pledge soon and see the message emerge.

Pledge now and help our community flourish!

Save the Date: Sunday, March 17th 15th Annual CHILI COOK-OFF & WUSYG Fundraiser!

The chili cook-off will take place this year on St. Patrick's Day as a WUSYG Fundraiser and community event for families and all-ages, featuring a chili competition, mac n' cheese, and other fun ways to support WUSYG in raising money for their upcoming trip to Ferry Beach, Maine.



We will be bringing back chili categories this year for the competition and also

introducing mac n cheese as a category for competing, too. We are also looking for folks to bring cornbread and desserts. If you'd like to enter the competition, please sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wBOeFm8BBLueeDf02qjSC2gA-6bJ-9Vplu44SjMgQZg/edit?usp=drivesdk> or contact **James Pidacks**: 781-729-1657 or james.pidacks@verizon.com

For other questions about the event, please contact **Sam Wilson**:
sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org

From the Music Committee The Magic Flute! A Trip for Families



The Music Committee is organizing a family trip to Symphony Hall for WUS families to attend a special version (sung in English and geared toward children ages 6+) of Mozart's beloved opera, The Magic Flute. Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra (BYSO), as part of a family concert series, will perform under the direction of Federico Cortese. The performance time slot that will work best for us is March 17th at 3:00, with departure just after the Chili Cook Off. Transportation will be arranged, costs for parents and children will be covered, for the most part, by the Cerny-Thomases Fund. For more information, contact Joi Loewy at jjloewy@comcast.net. **Please let us know by Feb 28th.** We plan to make ticket purchases no later than March 1st.



John Kramer's original cantata
The Immigrant Experience
Sunday, March 24th at 4 pm
St. Mary's Church
158 Washington St.
Winchester, MA

Mark your calendars for a performance of *The Immigrant Experience* by a interfaith choir drawn from Winchester's faith communities. Singers from WUS, St. Mary's, St. Eulalia's, Parish of the Epiphany, First Congregational, Crawford Memorial, and Temple Shir Tikvah will be participating.

Written by our music director John Kramer, this timely and topical piece reflects the issues surrounding immigration, and features texts by founding fathers that establish the United States as a welcoming place - a place in the words of George Washington, "open to receive not only the opulent and respectable stranger by the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions."

Suggested donation \$20 with proceeds to benefit the International Institute of New England, a non-profit organization that has been welcoming and serving refugees and immigrants since 1918.

Photo: The last performance of "The Immigrant Experience" at First Parish Concord

Save the Date!
A Community Conversation

About Environmental Racism

Sunday, March 31st,

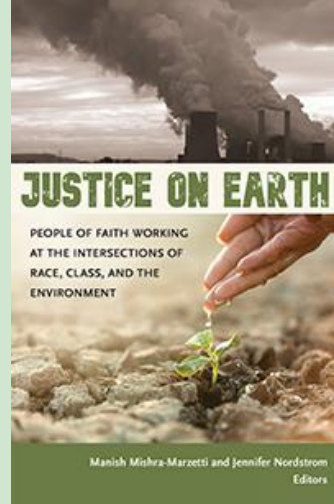
5:00 - 6:30, Metcalf Hall

Inspired by the UUA's Common Read, "Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersection of Race, Class and the Environment," we will hold a community program and conversation about environmental racism (the ways in which degradation of the earth and the marginalization of people-of-color and other communities are connected.)

As this program is part of WUSYG's preparation for their climate justice service trip, the program will be intergenerational. Participants from outside the WUS congregation are warmly and heartily encouraged to attend.

Questions? Ideas? Contact Sam Wilson, Patty Shepard or the ministry team.

You are encouraged to sign out and read a copy of "Justice on Earth" from the Michelsen Room in advance of March 31st. Many thanks to **Growth and Learning** for making these books available!



Coming this June 1st: **NOT YOUR AVERAGE** **RUMMAGE SALE**

Recycling at its best!



Our Rummage Sale will be June 1st, Winchester Town Day. **Start NOW to collect for our major 2019 fundraiser!** Official drop-off will begin after worship on Sunday, May 26th.

The following items are needed:

- Antiques, art and collectibles
- Books and CD's (no textbooks please)
- Crafts, toys and games
- Clothing
- Electronics, technology items and video games
- Furniture-Indoor
- Holiday items (Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter)
- Home Goods (lamps, decorative items)
- Kitchen (small appliances, dish sets and utensils)
- Jewelry (old or good cosmetic)
- Musical instruments
- Plants
- Sporting goods (all sports)
- Boutique items (brand-name clothing, hats, purses)

We ask that all items be in good, clean, operable condition.

Questions? Email Betsy Bowles.

Your participation is also needed!

Please attend our planning meetings:

Tuesday March 5, 7-9 pm, WUS Chapel
Tuesday, April 2, 7-9 pm, WUS Chapel

Or contact **Alison** if you want to help clean out the church building late February into March.

Visit the Rummage Sale webpage **here**.

Open Question Dialogue

The Standing Committee is hosting a series of open questions this year. This Sunday, **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

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.

Social & Environmental Action

Protecting Our Immigrant Neighbors, A Conversation with Legislators
Tuesday Feb 26, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM at First Parish in Wayland, 225 Boston Post Road, Wayland. Four local legislators will join together to discuss immigration issues on both the national and the local level. State Senators Jamie Eldridge and Becca Rausch, and Representatives Carmine Gentile and Alice Peisch, will participate in a conversation moderated by Laura Wagner, Executive Director of UU Mass Action. Learn about the Safe Communities legislation and how you can support humane immigration policies. All are welcome.

Environmental Justice Practitioners Network Webinar Series
Formation of the Environmental Justice Movement.

Thursday Feb 28, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Webinar, [Register here](#) RSVP for the next call in the Environmental Justice Practitioners Network Webinar Series, with Paula Cole Jones. She is founder of ADORE (A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity), and former president of DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries). Paula will build upon her chapter in Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, & Environment.

Exploring Roxbury's History - an inside view - See Roxbury with fresh eyes
Join the UU Urban Ministry Roxbury, Saturday March 2, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Museum of African American History, Contact [Claire McNeill](#) to go as a group. Meet at the Museum, 46 Joy Street. Cost about \$3.50 Lunch catered by **Haley House** will be available after the visit at 12:30 PM for \$12. **Pre-registration required to mbutman@gmail.com.** In the registration, please state whether you want to stay for lunch.

Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Training

Sat March 9, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at First Parish in Waltham, UU, Chapel, 50 Church St. FLYER Presenter: Laura Wagner, Executive Director UU Mass Action. More details soon.

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](#).

Engage in national-level actions with [UU's for Social Justice](#).

Highlights of Events at the Jenks Senior Center

www.jenkscenter.org

Hammer and Silicon with Sheila Puffer
Tuesday, February 26th 10:30 am (Coffee/cookies available at 10:00 a.m.)

For more information on events happening at the Jenks, please click [HERE](#).

A Concert to Benefit the Interfaith Sanctuary Program Building Bridges - Vintage Music of Latin America

March 10 at 2:00 pm
First Parish in Bedford, On the Common
Ken Burns Pianist in Concert
[FLYER for Building Bridges](#)

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE INTERFAITH SANCTUARY PROGRAM

Building Bridges— Vintage Music of Latin America

Jacqueline Schwab

KEN BURNS PIANIST IN CONCERT
MARCH 10 2:00 PM
First Parish in Bedford, On the Common

Placida Jacqueline Schwab, noted for her recordings during the reconstruction of documentary filmmaker Ken Burns' Civil War (1861-1865) project, Bedford, Mass. Parish, Frank Clark (1818). The four and three, will perform a wide variety concert. Building Bridges, cast from the national opera, expressive melodies and pulsing dance rhythms of vintage music from Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico. Jacqueline will perform classical and her own arrangements of vintage and traditional folk, habaneras, tangos, and boleros. After that, she will perform of contemporary Latin music. In concert, Jacqueline speaks about the power of music to transport us beyond our own time and space to new horizons, making connections to other cultures.

THIS CONCERT IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE NINE CONGREGATIONS OF THE SANCTUARY COALITION

\$20 / \$15 for Seniors and Students
BUILDING IS ACCESSIBLE VIA THE ELM STREET ENTRANCE

• Reception to follow •

Climate Change, Extreme Weather, & Vulnerability: An Interfaith Summit on How to Respond

WHEN: Sunday, March 10th, from 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

WHERE: Old South Church, Boston, MA

RSVP: climatecrew.org/summit

We hope you can join us. Please **RSVP today!**

Craig Altemose, Executive Director

Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW)

To learn more, 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

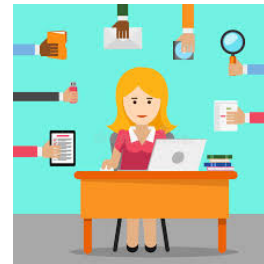
[Sign up](#) to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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. 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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