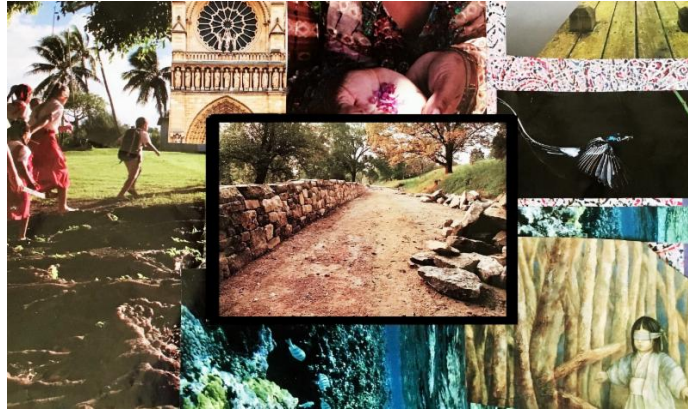


# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights February 21st, 2019



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

## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, February 24th**

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

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

**The Kindness of a Boy Named Mohan**

**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*

**The Courage to be Compassionate**

**Marianne DiBlasi**

**Worship Associate: Lee Barton**

Most of us value compassion and agree that it is important for ourselves, others, and the whole of society. If compassion is such a good thing, is there anything to be afraid of? This service will reflect on compassion – the benefits of compassion for self and others and the courage it takes to trust enough to open ourselves up to others, whether we are asking for or offering help.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with **Northeast Animal Shelter**, living out its no-kill mission to "save as many adoptable dogs and cats as [they] can and place them in forever homes."

## 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.



**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:** Today we learn about the importance of *kindness*. As UUs we understand that we are all connected to each other, to plants and animals, and to the earth itself. Because of this it is important that we be thoughtful and kind to each other. Beatrice and Christian lead the group.

**Moral Tales: Love.** Today we continue to explore the topic of *respect*. As Unitarian Universalists we believe that every person is equally valuable and important, and that each of us has unique gifts that are worthy of respect. Charlotte leads the group.

**Neighboring Faiths:** Today we continue to explore *Hinduism*, as we learn about the various Hindu celebrations and devotional practices. Like UUs, Hindus believe that there are many spiritual paths and many ways to celebrate our faith, and that it is important to practice tolerance and respect for each individual's spiritual practice. Terry leads the group.

**Note:** For those seeking *nursery care* this Sunday, our nursery care provider is out. We have modified our World of Wonder class (second floor, end of hallway) to accommodate younger participants.

### Afternoon Groups

**Our Whole Lives** meets at **4:30** in the Wallace Room. This week the changes of *Pregnancy and Teenage Parenting*. Sophia Sid leads the group.

## WUSYG

### Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

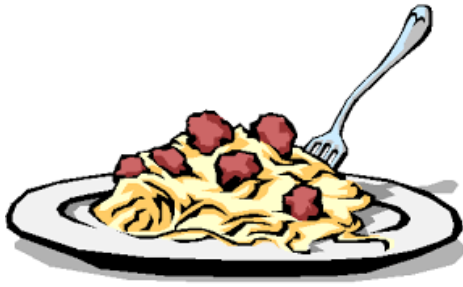
This Sunday, Feb. 24: **Regular WUSYG meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM.**

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

## Congregational News

### 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. Questions? [Email Marilyn Mullane](mailto:marilyn.mullane@winchesteruu.org).

**PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible so we know how much food to get.**

[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](mailto:alison@winchesteruu.org) and [marianne@winchesteruu.org](mailto:marianne@winchesteruu.org) respectively.

### Remember to Pledge!

#### A Haiku from your Pledge Team

Pledge time, how weary  
Make it fun! Make it easy.

**Pledge online!** All done.

For the first time ever, we have a real online pledge facility.

Looks just like a pledge card. **Try it!**

Stephen Perepeluk

Alison Kirchgasser

Rebecca Keller

**Save the Date: Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 AM in Metcalf Hall**

**CHILI COOK-OFF & WUSYG Fundraiser!**

[Chili Cook Off Flyer](#)

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](mailto:james.pidacks@verizon.com)

For other questions about the event, please contact **Sam Wilson**: [sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org](mailto:sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org) or visit <https://www.winchesteruu.org/events/chili-cookoff/>

## 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](mailto: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.

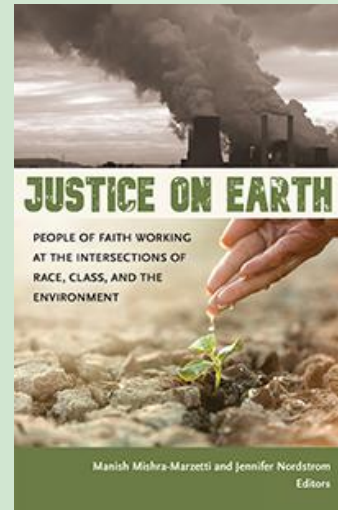
Written by our music director John Kramer, this timely and topical piece reflects the issues surrounding immigration, and features texts by founding fathers that establish the United States as a welcoming place - a place in the words of George Washington, "open to receive not only the opulent and respectable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

## 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!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### WHAT?

The **Growth & Learning Committee** invites you to join and contribute to a continuing discussion on the *The Acceleration of Knowledge: Implications for Humanity* focusing on **Social, Ethical, and Spiritual Challenges of the Genomic Revolution**

### WHEN?

on **April 4, 2019 at 7 pm**

### WHERE?

at Winchester Unitarian Society

### BY WHOM?

Alberto Araoz, Dirck Stryker, Zareen Karani Araoz and a possible youth contributor

During the past few years there has been an enormous acceleration of knowledge, especially in the fields of biotechnology and genomics. Altering the human genome, extending human lifespans, and by-passing the process of natural selection raises tremendous social, ethical and spiritual issues. They affect an individual's own fundamental beliefs as well as the broader community.

Come and join in a stimulating workshop with small group discussions about meaningful questions that affect us all.

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)**

**The Ordination of Deb Morgan Bennett  
Saturday, April 6, at 4 p.m.**



The Winchester Unitarian Society is honored to be ordaining our former Intern Minister, Deb Morgan Bennett, into the Unitarian Universalist ministry on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. All are warmly invited to attend both the ordination in the Sanctuary to celebrate and affirm Deb's ministry and the supper reception that will follow in Metcalf Hall.



A Save-the-Date evite has already been sent out, and another evite with an opportunity to RSVP will follow in early March. To help in planning the reception, if you know in advance you will be attending, please contact the office ([office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org), 781-729-0949) or reply to the March evite.

Young children are very welcome to attend the ordination service; for those who are too young or restless, drop-in childcare will be available from 3:30-6:30 p.m.



### **What we do matters!**

When one of us is in need, WUS volunteers respond. A fresh list of volunteers is invaluable throughout the year when someone needs a ride, a meal delivered, or when a memorial service requires extra hands. Serving in these capacities is a caring and pragmatic contribution to our Church community. If you can be contacted to help on occasion, we'd like to know. Please contact Gay Mohrbacher at [gay\\_mohrbacher@wgbh.org](mailto:gay_mohrbacher@wgbh.org) if you might provide a meal or a ride. And reach out to Vicky Coccoluto at [vcoccoluto@yahoo.com](mailto:vcoccoluto@yahoo.com) if you are willing to help at a memorial service. Thank you!

### **A letter to Beyond Bond from WUS**

Dear Beyond Bond,

Our church, the Winchester Unitarian Society, is one of nine Level 2 houses of worship, supporting the First Parish of Bedford.

Last October, Beyond Bond & Legal Defense representatives met with the First Parish of Bedford in the hopes of securing a donation of \$25,000 toward an overall goal of \$500,000. The First Parish couldn't commit to \$25,000 but offered to reach out to its Level 2 supporting congregations.

At that time, members of our Sanctuary Task Force met with members of our Social Action and Outreach Committee to discuss a goal of \$5,000. Our Social Action and Outreach Committee agreed to match up to \$2,000 of congregant donations. We are pleased to report that we have in fact exceeded our goal. Enclosed please find checks totaling \$5336.50.

We were told at the end of November that donations to Beyond Bond had already helped free 45 people from ICE detention. Thank you for all the mission work that you have done and continue to do in the Boston area.

Sincerely,

Gordon McIntosh  
Chair, Social Action & Outreach Committee

Marilyn Mullane  
Chair, Sanctuary Task Force



**Save the Date:  
Saturday, June 1st:  
(Winchester Town Day)  
NOT YOUR AVERAGE  
RUMMAGE SALE  
Recycling at its best!**



Congratulations and thanks to Lee Barton, who purchased the first item to kick off our big 2019 fund raiser.

Visit the Rummage Sale web page here: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/not-your-average-rummage-sale-2019/>

### 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

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PROPOSE A GRANT FOR A NON-PROFIT THAT ALIGNS WITH OUR MISSION.** Meet members of the Social Action and Outreach Committee at coffee hour to get a grant form and ask questions. Please email **Gordy McIntosh** by March 5th to tell us which group you plan to sponsor. You may obtain a [Grant Application form](#) from the SAOC page under the Justice tab on the WUS website. **Grant applications are due on Sunday March 31.**

### Environmental Justice Practitioners Network Webinar Series "Formation of the Environmental Justice Movement"

**Thursday Feb 28, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

[Register here](#) RSVP for the call 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*. This is the book our congregation will discuss on March 31st.

**We are planning carpools for "Exploring Roxbury's History - an inside view."** Join the UU Urban Ministry Roxbury, **Saturday March 2, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at the African American Museum, 46 Joy St, Boston.** Contact [Claire McNeill](#) to go as a group by T. Cost about \$10.00 Lunch (\$12) catered by **Haley House** will be available after the visit at 12:30 PM for \$12. Pre-registration required to [mbutman@gmail.com](mailto:mbutman@gmail.com). Lunch reservations are due by Tuesday Feb. 26th.

In recognition of the 400th anniversary of the first arrival of Africans in Virginia: Learn

about **“World History of Slavery from Biblical times to today”** presented by Lori Kenschaft. **Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m.** in the Parlor of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington, use the side entrance. Lori Kenschaft is a historian and is the author of *Lydia Maria Child: The Quest for Racial Justice*.

**SAVE THE DATE “Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland,”** a documentary with refreshments and discussion with the two filmmakers and the lawyer for the Bland family. **Saturday March 9 - 1:00-4:00;** First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA. Suggested contribution - \$20

**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](#).**

## Meals on Wheels For Winchester Residents

Whether you are incapacitated or you simply no longer choose to cook, Winchester Hospital will prepare your meals during the week and volunteers will deliver them to your door. You may look into how easy it would be to arrange for reasonably-priced hot meals by calling 781-729-9817. Please leave your name and telephone number for a call back to get detailed information on this desirable community service.

## Highlights of Events at the Jenks Senior Center

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

**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](#).



## Installation of Rev. Lisa Perry-Wood at First Parish in Brookline

First Parish in Brookline joyfully announces the Installation of the Reverend Lisa Perry-Wood as our 16th Senior Minister, **Sunday, March 3, 3:00 pm**. All are invited to join in the celebration! Childcare will be available. Reception following the service.  
No need to RSVP.

**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  
75 Great Road, Bedford, MA 01730  
Suggested donation is \$20 (at the door).**

*For more information, contact  
[gladys.unger@gmail.com](mailto:gladys.unger@gmail.com) or [dcfiner84@gmail.com](mailto:dcfiner84@gmail.com), or (617) 999-5433.*



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[www.jacquelineschwab.com](http://www.jacquelineschwab.com)

*Ken Burns Pianist in Concert*



## 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](http://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

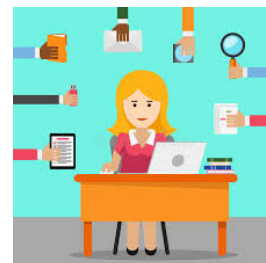
**Sign up** to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org) if you're willing to consider it!



### 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**.

It's probably on the  
website!

(And if it's not,  
let us know)

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