

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights February 28th, 2019



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

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019

10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel

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

One Woman's Story

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

"Written on an Endless Ribbon:" Prayers of UU Women

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Marcy Tompson

As we prepare for International Women's Day, this service has at its center selections from an anthology of prayers and meditations by Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist women from around the world. Created by UNOSZ, the Women's Alliance of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church, this anthology commemorates the 450th anniversary of the Edict of Toleration. Together, these beautiful words celebrate freedom of faith, reflect the joys and suffering of human life and articulate diverse understandings of the Holy.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **International Women's Convocation**, an organization led by UU and other progressive women of faith (including Nagy Gizella from our Partner Church) empowering women through microloans in developing countries, leadership development and fostering relationships and collaboration among IWC participants.

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

Religious Education

THIS SUNDAY Morning Groups

World of Wonder: This week we explore the mystery and wonder of *life cycles* by learning about the metamorphosis of butterflies and the life cycles of frogs. As Unitarian Universalist we celebrate growth and transformation in the natural world with awe and wonder. We believe in caring for our planet Earth and every living thing that shares it with us. Teachers Beatrice and Caroline lead the group

Moral Tales: Love. This week we talk about *the golden rule*, which is the principle of treating others as we would like to be treated. *We also examine the* suggestion from scripture to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." This reflects two UU principles - the inherent worth and dignity of all people, and justice, equity and compassion. Teachers Elizabeth and Charlotte lead 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. Teachers Terry and Christian leads the group.

Afternoon Groups

Our Whole Lives meets at **4:30** in the Wallace Room. This week the changes of *Unintended pregnancy options*. Mark Shepherd leads the group.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

This Sunday, March 3rd: **Regular WUSYG meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM.**

Please come for a **WUSYG Parent Potluck Dinner this Sunday, March 3rd at 4:45 pm, the Milt's House**, 11 Appalachian Road, Winchester. Parents/guardians of WUSYG recent alums are welcome, too.

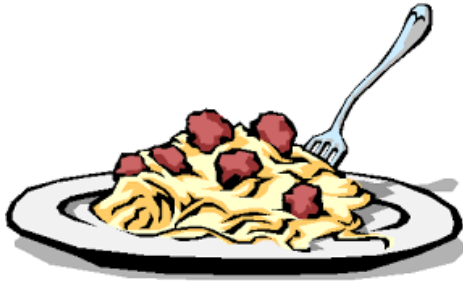
Click here: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/GUOR9927> to sign up for something to bring to the potluck. Your potluck contribution will count as your RSVP.

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

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.](#)

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

[View Evite and RSVP here](#)



****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 if you might provide a meal or a ride. And reach out to Vicky Coccoluto at vcoccoluto@yahoo.com if you are willing to help at a memorial service. Thank you!

WE NEED YOU!

**Tuesday, 3/5 at 7:00 pm
Meyer Chapel
First RUMMAGE SALE MEETING**



This is a major undertaking for our church (Winchester Town Day, June 1) and we need a lot of participation. Please come and see how you can be involved in this wonderful (and fun and rewarding) event.

PLEDGE UPDATE

GOOD NEWS: Our annual pledge drive will officially end this weekend*

OUR GOAL: As close to 100% participation as possible (at or above \$380,000)!

HOW YOU CAN HELP: If you haven't already done so, please submit your pledge card by March 3rd.

To download a pledge card or to pledge
online: www.winchesteruu.org/giving/pledge/

Here's a haiku to inspire you:

It feels good to pledge

Giving is like a smile

It is contagious

*we will gladly accept your pledge at any point during the year, but by submitting your intentions now, the Standing Committee can make accurate budgeting plans for the year.

Save the Date: Sunday, March 17th

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

For other questions about the event, please contact **Sam Wilson:**

sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org or visit

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/events/chili-cookoff/>

IN SEARCH OF SERVICE TRIP CHAPERONES!

Would you like to join WUSYGers on their Service Trip to Ferry Beach this year, and work alongside us, combating the effects of climate change while learning more about climate justice? We're looking for a few more adults to join Sam and Haley on our exciting trip this year. For more information and to apply, please click here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/QbXHc32y3tbrVyRs2> We look forward to hearing from you!

Any questions, email Sam: sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org

**From the Music Committee:
Tracy Grammer on March 22nd!**



Tracy Grammer and her band will perform at WUS on Friday, March 22nd, 8 pm. In the words of Joan Baez, "Tracy Grammer is a brilliant artist and unique individual. Her voice is distinctive, as is her mastery over the instruments she plays." And, as reviewed by Me & Thee Coffeehouse: Tracy Grammer is one of contemporary folk music's most beloved artists. Though she is known for her crystal-clear alto vocals, perfectly intoned violin and guitar playing, what hits home for audience members are her stories, sometimes described as "incantations" that add a mixture of vulnerability, intimacy, and hard-won insight. As one fan aptly puts it, "With Tracy, it's never just about the music, it's about a

soul journey." -- Bring your friends!



**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.

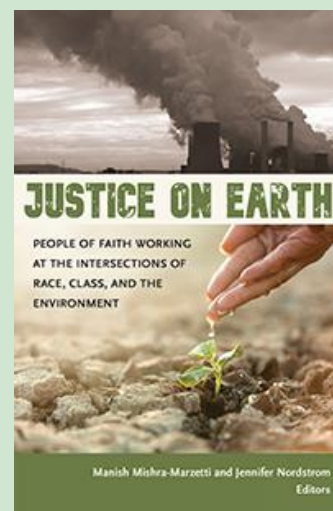
Written by our music director John Kramer, this timely and topical piece reflects the issues surrounding immigration, and features texts by founding fathers that establish the United States as a welcoming place - a place in the words of George Washington, "open to receive not only the opulent and respectable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

**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 and co-sponsoring this event!

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 6th, 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, 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.

A note from Kye Flannery



*Former F8th in Action Teacher
and Summer Minister*

Hi, beloved Winchester, I just wanted to send a quick life update for the newsletter. I love receiving the newsletter and hearing your news!!

So here's quick update from Austin - I got my board certification as a chaplain in November 2017 in Baltimore. In December 2017, while building a comfort care cart for patients at the wood and metal shop (photo), I met Flip, who's turning out to be the love of my life! We'll get married next year. (Interestingly, he lived in Winchester for a year or two when he was growing up.)

We're now close neighbors with [former WUS member]Toni Wegner. I'm working at Hospice Austin, the nonprofit hospice in the city, getting to visit patients mostly in their homes. I'm playing mandolin with patients -- there are a lot of music people here in Austin, which is lovely! I'll be finishing up paperwork to see the UU Ministerial Fellowship Committee soon -- I hope for a date later this year. I'm sharing a photo from Feb 14th, when Flip and I got to marry 10 couples for free as part of an event with a local business. It was beautiful!!

I'm also preaching locally at a few congregations, which is a lot of fun, and I'm planning to host a silent retreat day for parents of young children for later in the Spring. I miss you all! The work you are doing is inspiring.
I think of you often, and send love. - Kye

Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Our hearts go out to **Steve, Sarah, Rachel and Alex Milt** with the recent death of Steve's father, Stephen C. Milt. You may learn more about him and his life here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/wickedlocal-plymouth/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-c-milt&pid=191660689>

Healing wishes are with **June Edwards** who is recovering from a broken bone sustained through a fall this past weekend. She is receiving rehab care at the Aberjona Nursing Home in Winchester. June welcomes visitors but you may wish to call first to ensure she is in her room and up for company.

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

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 5 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.**

Saturday March 2. It's not too late to join a group this Saturday for a special

program at the African American Museum, 46 Joy St, Boston. "Exploring Roxbury's History - an inside view." We will join the UU Urban Ministry, from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Contact Claire McNeill to go as a group by T. Cost about \$10.00. Pre-registration is required: mbutman@gmail.com

The members of the WUS Racial Justice Book Group have organized **books on Racial Justice** to share with the congregation. **Come see our shelf in the library in Michelsen and borrow any book.** We request you return your book after a month. A list of the books is on the SAOC bulletin board in Symmes.

**Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Training Sat March 9, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
First Parish in Waltham, UU, Chapel, 50 Church St. Waltham FLYER**

Accompaniment networks support our immigrant neighbors who face overwhelming stress and the threat of family separation each day.

Presenter: Laura Wagner, Executive Director UU Mass Action
RSVP to deborahwild@comcast.net. Lunch will be provided.

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

Building Bridges Benefit Concert: Sunday March 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM at First Parish in Bedford, 75 Great Rd. "Building Bridges - Vintage Music of Latin America" is a benefit concert for the local interfaith sanctuary coalition. This solo piano performance costs \$20 for regular entry, \$15 for senior citizens and students. Pianist Jacqueline Schwab, is noted for her evocative playing on the sound tracks of documentary film maker Ken Burns' Civil War.

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.



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

First Parish in Brookline joyfully announces the Installation of former WUS Summer Minister, the Reverend Lisa Perry-Wood, as their 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 or dcfiner84@gmail.com,
or (617) 999-5433.



Jacqueline Schwab

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Ken Burns Pianist in Concert
[FLYER for Building Bridges](#)

Come hear
Rabbi Claudio Kogan
tell us what life is like today at the
SOUTHWEST BORDER

MARCH 14 at 7:30 pm
At Temple Isaiah
55 Lincoln St
Lexington, MA

RSVPs Requested:
SocialAction@TempleIsaiah.net

About The Speaker: Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, MD., MBE., MEA is the Director of the Institute for Bioethics and Social Justice at UTRGV/SOM. He is also an ordained rabbi and a Clinical Associate Professor, Medicine Behavior Society School of Medicine. Previously, he served as rabbi for Temple Emanuel in McAllen TX and continues to serve as a chaplain for various law enforcement agencies and hospital systems throughout the area.

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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
shelf-stable milk, **canned chowder** 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

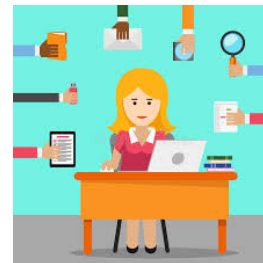
[Sign up](#) to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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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