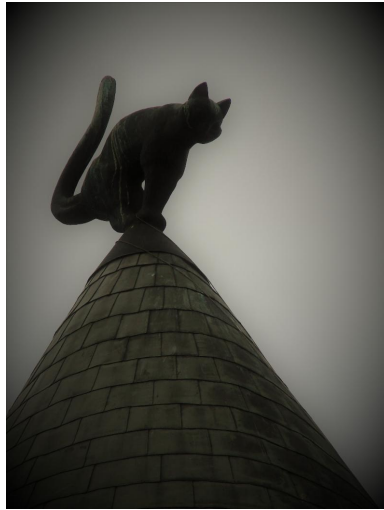


# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights March 14th, 2019



*Photo: For this month exploring “curiosity,” we share this photo of The Black Cat of Riga, Latvia. Legend has it that it was installed so its back would be to a guild that denied the artist entrance. Regardless of the intent, the Cat – perpetually surveying the city - reminds us that curiosity is not always a dangerous thing.*

## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, March 17th, 2019**

**10:30 am All Congregation Worship, Sanctuary**

*Everyone worships together for the whole service. All Congregation Worship serves as religious education for the morning so there are no RE activities or Family Worship*

**The Gifts of Leadership**

The Rev. Heather Janules and the  
Nominations and Leadership Development Committee  
Worship Associate: Ivan Correia

We all have something to offer this world, something the world needs. Sharing our gifts with others is part of what it means to be a leader. What is your gift? This service invites us to consider our unique contribution to community and how we benefit from the gifts of others. **As it is an intergenerational service, it serves as religious education for the morning so there will be no RE activities or Family Worship.**

This morning, we share our gifts with **Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)**. BLUU provides information, resources and support for Black Unitarian Universalists and works to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith. Every congregation has been asked to donate \$10 a member over the past two years to fulfill a promise by the UUA Board of Trustees and today's Share the Plate will help our congregation reach this goal. Together let us build a “radically inclusive,

## 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

There will be *no religious education classes* this Sunday.

#### Afternoon Groups

**Our Whole Lives:** Our Whole Lives meets at **4:30** in the Wallace Room. This week we discuss the issue of *sexual decision making*. Sophia Sid leads the group.

There will be *no Family Worship* this Sunday.  
Join us for *All-Congregation Worship* at 10:30.

## WUSYG

### Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

This Sunday, March 17th: **NO regular WUSYG**. WUSYGers are asked to come at 9:30 AM (or as soon as possible after that!) to help setup for the chili cookoff, which begins at 11:30. Families are encouraged to attend and also sign up here to bring cookies or mac n cheese: [www.perfectpotluck.com/CTMP9366](http://www.perfectpotluck.com/CTMP9366)

Youth should plan to stay until approximately 2 pm to help finish cleaning up after the event (which is our final fundraiser before the trip!)

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

**\*\*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!

**THIS 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 still looking for folks to bring cornbread and desserts. Thank you so much to everyone who has entered the competition; at this time we are no longer taking additional entries.

**\*\*The Chili Cook-Off team is wondering where the rusty cast iron crock has gone? It was missing last year. We'd love to have it back to award to this Sunday's winner...If you have it, please contact the the main office, or Sam Wilson!\*\***

For 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/>

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**SUMMER SERVICES:**  
**Do You Have A Sermon in You?**

Summer services will begin on June 16 and end September 1. These services are led by lay members of the congregation.

If you are interested in leading a service, please see coordinator **Lee Barton** at church or contact him: [lee.barton2009@gmail.com](mailto:lee.barton2009@gmail.com).



You would give a 15 to 20 minute Reflection on a topic that relates in some way to our Unitarian Universalist values and principles. You would have help planning and carrying out the rest of the service. Please consider it!

## From the Intern Minister

From March 24 – April 6, I will be in Chicago attending the in-person classroom portion of my seminary classes at Meadville-Lombard Theological School. Meadville's low-residency model allows me to live and learn locally and travel to Chicago for intensive classroom time once each semester. While in Chicago, I will be available by email, although my response times may be slow. I am already looking forward to seeing you when I get back!

Marianne DiBlasi, Intern Minister



## 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 an 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*

## The Ordination of Deb Morgan Bennett

## Saturday, April 6, at 4 p.m.

The Winchester Unitarian Society will 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 and the supper reception that will follow in Metcalf Hall. For those with children who are too young or restless to attend the ceremony, drop-in childcare will be available from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.



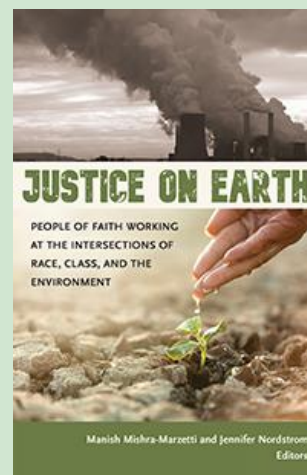
Helping hands will be needed for the reception before, during and after, including contributing cookies and dips. **Please click [HERE](#) to see the ways you can lend a hand and thank you.**

During the ordination, we will be presenting Deb with a gift from the congregation. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off or send a check to the office made out to the Winchester Unitarian Society with "Deb's ordination" in the memo line.

[Click here to view EVITE and RSVP](#)

## A Community Conversation About Environmental Racism Sunday, March 31st, 5:00 - 6:30, Metcalf Hall

Inspired by "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 our youth group'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 7:00 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](#)**

## Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Good news! **June Edwards** is scheduled to return home today from her stay at the Aberjona Nursing Center.

Healing wishes are with **Alberto Araoz**, currently receiving care at Lahey Hospital for pneumonia.

We celebrate with Director of Music **John Kramer**, who writes that he will "be honored by UU Mass Action on their Advocacy Day, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Each year they present an award to a musician who has made significant contributions to social justice. Executive director Laura Wagner has invited me to participate in that service and I am grateful to be recognized for *The Immigrant Experience*. That work has raised over \$20,000 so far, and a substantial part of that has gone to BIJAN, the organization closely linked to UU Mass Action."

A service to commemorate the ten-year anniversary of the death of **Jack Rowland**, son of **Ellie Griffin** and brother of **Catherine and Emily Rowland**, will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00 pm in the Meyer Chapel. All are welcome.

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 ASAP 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** or a paper copy from the Justice table in Symmes. Grant applications are due on Sunday March 31.

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.

**This Saturday you can help the UU Urban Ministry.** "Our Community Engagement Task Force is launching a survey of Roxbury organizations and neighbors, asking how to best serve this community. If you would like to join our interviewing team, you are invited to attend a Community Engagement training breakfast at 10 am Saturday, March 16. Please RSVP to Rev. Mary Margaret Earl at [mmearl@uum.org](mailto:mmearl@uum.org)."

**Climate Change in Focus: Finding Hope Through Democratic Action.** Frances Moore Lappe will speak at First Parish Arlington on Monday March 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. She will focus on how citizens can organize to respond to climate change. Ms. Lappe is the author of Diet for a Small Planet, Daring Democracy, and Eco Mind.

**Black Lives UU Fundraiser at First Parish Arlington** Saturday, March 23. **Potluck from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, followed by a Dance Party to 10:00 pm.** Help First Parish support the good work of Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU). Bring a dish that is significant to your family's culture. Dance to music rock and roll music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's! Raffles! Suggested donation at the door. All are welcome. Questions: [racialjustice@firstparish.info](mailto:racialjustice@firstparish.info)


**Save the date for UU Mass Action Lobbying Day, Tuesday April 9, 2019.** For details see flyers on the Social Action table and bulletin board.

**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.



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**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](mailto:SocialAction@TempleIsaiah.net)

**About The Speaker:** Rabbi Claudio J. Kogan, MD., MBE, MEd 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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## Monthly Jericho Walk

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 1 PM**

**2000 District Ave, Burlington, MA 01803-5071.**

Please join the Burlington Area Clergy 4 Justice for our monthly Jericho Walk at the Burlington MA ICE office. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/monthly-jericho-walk/>

We will walk, pray and sing together. We will gather in front of the office, along District Ave, just look for the people holding signs. Rain or shine unless the weather is extreme.

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First Parish of Watertown will lead our next vigil at the Suffolk County House of Corrections. We hope you can join us!

## Vigil at the ICE Detention Center

**Sunday, March 31 - 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

South Bay House of Corrections

20 Bradston Street, Boston, MA 02118

For more information, click **HERE**.

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**Sunday, March 31st from 2:30 - 4:00 pm,  
and Monday, April 1st from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

at the Boston Public Library, Copley Sq., Rabb Hall, New Immigrant and Refugee Visions in Film Celebrations. Join Community Supported Film and the New Immigrant and Refugee Visions filmmakers to celebrate the screening of all documentary films by and about immigrants and refugees.

## 14th Annual UU Advocacy Day

**When: Tuesday, April 9, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Where: Arlington St. Church, 351 Boylston St.,  
Boston & the State House**

To read more about why you should come to the UU Advocacy day and to find out more information about the event, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/14th-annual-uu-advocacy-day/?preview=true>

To learn more about our legislative priorities, **CLICK HERE**

We need two things from you if you're coming:

- 1) **Please get a ticket** (\$25 now, increase to \$40 after March 29)
- 2) **Please provide a little more info via this form:**

*Our apologies for the two-step process, but this helps us prepare for you and keeps the ticket fees low.*

**Keynote Speaker: Chris Crass**, UU, published author, activist, father, and anti-racist educator and so much more! We are so excited to have him join us for this event!! <http://www.chriscrass.org/>

**John Kramer, our Music Director**, will receive the **2019 Ruth Rowan Award**, celebrating John's original composition, The Immigrant Experience, a cantata in seven movements. His fundraising concerts have raised tens of thousands of dollars for the





## 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](#) 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

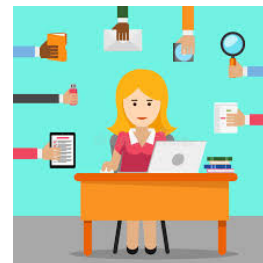
[Sign up](#) to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org) if you're willing to consider it!



### 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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