

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights April 11th, 2019

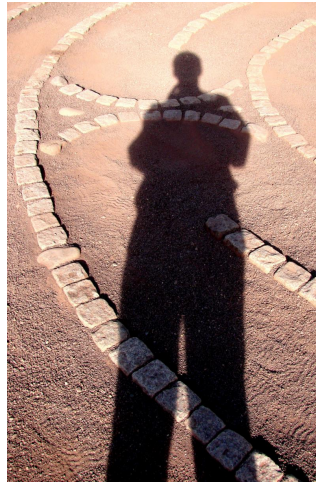


Photo: A stone labyrinth at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, April 14th, 2019

**9:30 am Blessing of the Palms
Winchester Town Common**

A number of communities will come together for a brief, ecumenical observance of Palm Sunday in word and song. All are welcome!

10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel

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

Aani and the Tree Huggers

With Fritzie Nace

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

Whose Earth is it Anyway? Environmental Justice

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Peter McEntee

There is a great need for movements seeking justice - economic justice, racial justice and ecological justice. Environmental Justice invites us to see how human rights and the state of the environment are connected. Inspired by the UUA common read *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*, this service explores how what is often addressed independently from one another draws from the same stubborn and troubling root.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with we share our gifts with **Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul**, an organization – first founded in this congregation – supporting the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and subsequent disasters. GCVLH leaders are currently in Puerto Rico, assessing the area with intentions of supporting future rebuilding work there.

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 4/16)

Our Youth Choir every Tuesday @ 6:15 pm in the Meyer Chapel. All singers in grades 7-12 are most welcome. (No Youth Choir 4/16)

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



Religious Education



Planning Ahead

On Easter Sunday, we will again have a **Canned Food Hunt** so the children can have fun looking for these goodies around and right outside the building and we as a community can support our neighbors in need through the **Council of Social Concern**.

Please consider picking up extra cans of food when you next go shopping and place them either in the regular WCSC basket beneath the Social Action and Outreach bulletin board in the Symmes Room or beneath the Social Action table. Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY **Morning Groups**

World of Wonder: This week we explore the amazing and delightful beauty found in nature. In particular we celebrate the spring, when nature bursts into life with explosions of color, sound and new life. As Unitarian Universalist we believe in caring for our planet Earth and every living thing that shares it with us. Along with our survival needs, it is the love and appreciation for the planet's beauty that moves us to protect it. Beatrice and Caroline lead the group.

Moral Tales: This week we explore the issue of justice and our ability to tell the difference between fair and unfair behavior. As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in working towards a fair and just world by seeing that everyone is treated fairly. Teachers Elizabeth and Charlotte lead the group.

Neighboring Faiths: This week we explore the rich and gracious religion of Islam. Because of the violence perpetuated upon U.S. citizens by Muslim extremists, the

Islamic religion has been vilified and misunderstood. But as UUs we understand and appreciate that the Islam religion is at heart a religion that teaches peace, tolerance, compassion, generosity and social justice. Terry leads the group.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

WUSYG will have a regular meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM this Sunday, April 14th. We will not meet on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Those going on the trip: remember to meet at the WUS back parking lot at 3 PM on Monday and be sure to look out for our email in the next few days with final packing tips and reminders.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

FY20 Budget presentation and discussion will be held on **Sunday, April 14**, following Sunday service. This is your opportunity to help our Standing Committee draft a budget for the church year Sept 1, 2019 through Aug 31, 2020 which will be presented for your vote at Annual Meeting on May 19. We're looking for your input. We're facing financial challenges and hard decisions will need to be made to ensure smooth operations and programming for our next fiscal year. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for next year, now is the time! We look forward to seeing you at one of these budget reviews.



Gratitude from The Reverend Deborah Bennett

Dear Amazing Winchester Unitarian Society
Member's and Friends,

My heart is filled and overflowing with love, gratitude and awe for each of you. Thank you dearly for your generous hearts and hands. My ordination this past weekend was everything I had dreamed it could be. Thank you thank you Julie Khuen and Sara Delano who led the talented and dedicated ordination committee in creating a beautiful event. Deepest gratitude to John Kramer, the choir and the superb musicians who gave us such inspiring sounds to worship with. To the volunteers who prepped and served and cleaned up after our 6 feet of paella, thank you. Mary McIntosh, the program was beautiful. And a very special humble thanks giving for Sarah Milt for creating a stole I will cherish throughout my ministry. I wish I could name each of you and sing your praises individually. Thank you one and all. Thank you Rev Heather, without you I would not be able to be the minister I am becoming.



I love you each so deeply and thank you for this blessed gift of ordination.

With deepest Gratitude, The Reverend Deborah Bennett

Horn Pond Clean Up on Earth Day - Saturday April 20th, 8:00 am

April 20th is Earth Day! Join leaders from WREN (Woburn Residents Environmental Network) for their weekly Saturday clean up around Horn Pond.



Come to the intersection of Sturgis and Water Streets near Ice House Park with work gloves and a trash bag, wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty. We will leave in time so folks can participate in We Believe in Dog (see next post.)

If you plan to come - or are even a "maybe" - please notify Heather Janules in advance (heather.janules@winchesteruu.org) with your cell number (if applicable) so she can let you know if the clean up is cancelled due to last minute bad weather.

Photo from **We Rate Dogs**: *"This is Ruby and Max. They pick up a piece of litter on every walk. Sometimes their ears get tangled, but the planet is worth it. Both 14/10."*



We Believe in Dog Saturday April 20th, 10:00 am

WBID is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don't need to have a dog to participate! But all dogs who do come must be friendly and vaccinated.

We next gather on Saturday, April 20th. We will meet at the second of three entrances to the Middlesex Fells on Hillcrest Parkway at **10:00 am** and start walking around **10:05**. If you intend to come, contact Rev. Heather (heather.janules@winchesteruu.org) with your cell number (if applicable) so she can call you if you are not there at walking time. **Hope to see you there!**



Music Sunday AND Bring-A-Friend to Church Sunday, April 28th

Do you know someone who's been losing sleep over climate change? Or someone who you've always wanted to introduce to WUS, but you just haven't found the opportunity?

With Earth Day (April 22nd) just around the corner, **Sunday, April 28th** is **Music Sunday/Bring-A-Friend Sunday**. This special service will feature new environmentally themed works for choir and jazz quartet composed by our own Music Director, John Kramer. This wonderful music explores our relationship with nature and is not to be missed!

From the Standing Committee

On behalf of the Standing Committee (SC), I extend a belated thank you to everyone who participated in the open question - What's in a Name? We had 29 people share their thoughts on each of the three words in our name - Winchester Unitarian Society. As we said at the beginning of the session, SC is not entertaining changing our name; we are interested in increasing our reach into surrounding communities where there are no UU churches and be more inclusive of the people we have from surrounding communities. There were great ideas on how we can be less "Winchester exclusive" in announcements, develop strategies to advertise events more widely, and have our actions speak louder than our name. We all have a part in letting the surrounding communities know all the great things happening at WUS. Got more ideas? Feel free to share them with Patty Cameron at patty.cameron@comcast.net.

Introducing MaryCares!



A letter from Marty Teitel:

As [many] probably know, Rev Mary Harrington was minister in your church about 15 years ago, when she was diagnosed with ALS and had to resign. She died here in Maine, and we've set up a project to support the new Maine ALS Clinic. I'm not writing to ask for money, but there might be folks in your congregation who, remembering Mary or having family members who have had ALS, could be interested in this project.

We're totally volunteer/no overhead, a combination of Mary's family and many UU clergy and officials around the country (listed on the website). We want to do some honoring of Mary in just the way she would have wanted: by doing something concrete and useful.

The MaryCares project is described on the web at marycaresals.com and is updated on Facebook at marycaresals



An Invitation to Join the Winchester Unitarian Society May 19th

We are so pleased that you have attended services and perhaps other activities here at WUS. We hope you are finding friendship, acceptance, and spiritual growth within our liberal faith community. Perhaps you are feeling "at home" with us and would consider joining this year. As you think about becoming a member, you may have questions. Please check out the information on our website that describes some of the benefits of belonging: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/connection/path-to-membership/>

If you would like to join, or if you have further questions, do talk/email **Rev. Heather** at 781-729-0949 heather.janules@winchesteruu.org or **Sophia Sid** at 617-272 6904 sophia.sid@gmail.com (our Membership Committee Chair). We look forward to welcoming you on **New Member Sunday, May 19th**, with an informal recognition ceremony and a celebratory cake at coffee hour. Hope to see you there!

**Ushers and Greeters needed for
April, May and June**

If you love being greeted by friendly faces when you arrive at church on Sunday, please also consider being an usher or greeter. We need 4 volunteers each week and it's a lovely way to share your warmth with your old friends, as well as those you would like to get to know and our new visitors.



It's easy to sign up. Just click on this link below, and sign up on a week that works for you. Jenny sends out instructions to this week's volunteers. If you need encouragement or have questions, talk to this week's ushers and greeters. Then just show up at 9:45 the morning you are greeting or 10:00 if you are ushering on the date you picked.

It's fun and it gives you an opportunity to greet your friends and make some new ones! Thanks for volunteering.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SE0wknDjp3eQw9wpMA7ZBqo9dWXu0-gPs6xoeUKg8Vo/edit?usp=sharing>



Dear WUS congregants,

The Not Year Average Rummage team appreciates your exuberance in scouring your attic, digging into your basement and checking out that closet in your guest room. However, **we are NOT ready to accept your like new items yet.** Please clean them up (it's amazing what a little polish will do) and set aside in that spare bedroom, garage or basement until the end of May. Anne Lucas, her business Ducks in a Row and other UU members (we will miss you Carol Cashion!) with various time constraints have **our church storage almost full to capacity.** Anne Lucas is one of our friendly contacts who provides notice of someone selling their house where we get first dibs on what they are giving away. Check out our working crew - Julie Khuen, Phil Coonley, Donna Reed, Chuck Khuen and Betsy Bowles!



While there's plenty of time for finding choice items to donate, there are other ways to help. We do have curators for all fifteen departments but additional folks are needed especially in masculine clothes, jewelry, children's clothes and crafts/toys/games. **Assisting the curator means helping with the sorting, pricing, and displaying of goods the week of May 26th.** Please note you do not have to be an expert in pricing items. It's amazing what help our smart phones can provide!

If you are more interested in helping out the day of the rummage sale - **June 1, Rain or Shine**, there will be many shifts to fill. **We need greeters, baggers and runners. We need coverage for each of our fifteen departments so that folks can take a break.** Beginning May 5 at coffee time, Claire will have a sign-up sheet enabling you to choose the area you would like to work in. There will also be an "google-doc"

available.

Now you know how you can help, what are you waiting for? E-mail bebowles13@gmail.com to help our curators!

Betsy Bowles, Chair

Marilyn Mullane, Advertising Coordinator



Did You Leave a Dish, Pan or Mug at WUS Sometime in the Past...Decade?

In preparation for the **Not Your Average Rummage Sale**, the WUS staff are doing our own spring cleaning. Abandoned dishes, pans, water bottles and coffee mugs have been moved to underneath the large kitchen island in the Metcalf Kitchen.

Please check before May 1st or you may need to buy your own property back at the Rummage Sale. Thanks!

UU History Tour Saturday, May 11th

Join Rev. Heather in a pedestrian tour of Boston, focused on UU history. The day will include abbreviated tours of Arlington Street Church and Kings Chapel by trained members of those congregations along with a number of monuments, important buildings and other sites in-between. Most areas of the sites visited are accessible for those with mobility challenges.



Gather at WUS between 8:30 and 9:00 am for carpooling to an MBTA station. The group will return to WUS at 2:00 pm (or shortly thereafter.) Cost is \$15 + subway fare and what you spend on lunch.

Please register here: <http://tinyurl.com/UUHisTour51119>

Contact Rev. Heather with any questions...Hope to see you there!

Photo: Tiffany stained glass window at Arlington Street Church



Interfaith Service Opportunity at Rosie's Place Sunday, May 19th, 3:00 - 5:30 pm

Dr. Fehmida Chipty, who spoke at WUS on April 7th, is again organizing an interfaith service opportunity with Rosie's Place through Zahra

Hasanaat, the social service arm of her religious community, during Ramadan. Join Rev. Heather and members of other Winchester faith communities in preparing and serving the evening meal.

We are looking for two more adult volunteers for Sunday, May 19th from 3-5:30. Depending on the participation from other groups, there may be room for more. Let Heather know if you plan to join.

Photo: The 2017 Interfaith Shift at Rosie's Place

WUS Flag Display Policy

Standing Committee has adopted a Flag Display Policy which states, in part, "The Winchester Unitarian Society will display on an ongoing and regular basis three flags by the tower door. They will be the American, Rainbow, and Black Lives Matter flag. Any flag may be substituted by a vote of the Standing Committee for special events or holidays." You can read the entire policy here: **Flag Display Policy**. We appreciate the opinions of those who responded to the survey and/or attended the open questions discussion on this topic earlier this year.



Growth & Learning Event

Social, Ethical, and Spiritual Challenges of the Genomic Revolution

Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm.

[View event page.](#)



WUS Seeks Summer Minister/Administrator

With Administrator Alison Baron's departure in mid-June and Administrative Assistant Jenny Goh visiting family in July and August, the office is without administrative staff this summer. The Standing Committee will add some administrative responsibilities to the Summer Minister role this year. Due to a mandatory class, unfortunately Intern Minister Marianne DiBlasi is unable to serve as Summer Minister so **we are seeking outside candidates**. If you know UU seminarians or retired ministers who might be interested, please

forward the following posting:

The Winchester Unitarian Society seeks a part-time Summer Minister/Administrator for July and August of 2019 for about 20 hours/week. Primary responsibilities are providing regular ministerial presence in Sunday services (leading two and participating in most others,) helping to coordinate service planning, responding to pastoral care needs along with our committed Pastoral Care Associates team and offering one informal program or community-building activity. Due to a temporary absence of administrative support this summer, the Summer Minister/Administrator will also open the Society office according to a posted and predictable schedule a few hours each weekday and respond to simple requests via phone, mail and email. When there are no office tasks to be done, the SM/A may complete their ministerial tasks while staffing the office.

Compensation is \$2,000/month or \$4,000 for the season with responsibilities beginning July 1 and ending August 31st. Please submit a cover letter and resume to

Parish Minister Heather Janules at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org by May 1st.
You may also direct questions to Heather at that address.

Thank you!

Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Update on **Alberto Araoz**: Unfortunately, Alberto needed to be admitted to Lahey Hospital soon after returning home from the rehab center. He hopes to again be discharged to home soon. Visitors are welcome at that time. In the meantime, you may send cards to the home he shares with **Zareen**.

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

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING OUR CHURCH ON – Saturday April 27 at the Urban Ministry in Boston for **SERVICE DAY**. We will carpool from WUS and spend the morning organizing food and clearing the grounds. We hope to have a sizeable group of youth and adults. For information, and to sign up, see poster near the Social Action and Outreach bulletin board. Or ask any member of the Social Action committee.

April 14, 3:00 pm at the UUUM the rescheduled date for **The Ties That Bind, a different kind of MLK celebration**. \$10 donation. The ensemble presents a thought-provoking look at social justice and civil morality through words, song, music and interactive response.

“Letter from the Birmingham Jail” A Public Reading at Boston City Hall Plaza Tuesday April 16, 4:00 PM. Lead organizer, The New Democracy Coalition. All are welcome as 125+ volunteers read the entirety of Rev. King’s great civic proclamation on the 55th anniversary of its publication.

Join UU's showing up to the Boston Green New Deal Tour! Thur, April 18, 6:30 PM Strand Theater in Dorchester, 543 Columbia Rd Help Launch the Road to a Green New Deal! We'll explore what the climate crisis looks like, and the promise of the Green New Deal.” Reserve tickets at bit.ly/bos-gnd

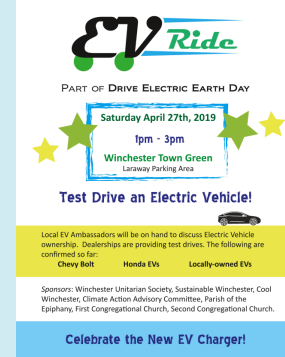
Legislative Climate Action with Senator Marc Pacheco. Tuesday April 23, 7:00 PM First Parish in Cambridge, 3 Church Street, Harvard Square. Senator Pacheco has been a leading champion for alternative energy and greenhouse gas reduction legislation. He will talk about current legislative proposals for implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act.

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](#).

**Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive at
Winchester Town Green**

Ever thought about driving an electric vehicle? Transportation is 40% of Mass emissions. You can help mother nature get climate change under control by switching to a fossil fuel free vehicle. Check out Winchester's EV ride and drive on Saturday, April 27th, 1:00-3:00, Laraway parking lot at the Town Green. To read and learn more about the EV ride, check out their **press release** and **FLYER**.



EV Ride
PART OF DRIVE ELECTRIC EARTH DAY
Saturday April 27th, 2019
1pm - 3pm
Winchester Town Green
Laraway Parking Area
Test Drive an Electric Vehicle!

Local EV Ambassadors will be on hand to discuss Electric Vehicle ownership. Dealerships are providing test drives. The following are confirmed so far:
Chevy Bolt Honda EVs Locally-owned EVs

Sponsors: Winchester Unitarian Society, Sustainable Winchester, Cool Winchester, Climate Action Advisory Committee, Parish of the Epiphany, First Congregational Church, Second Congregational Church.

Celebrate the New EV Charger!



Jericho Walk At Burlington ICE Office

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 1 PM
1000 District Ave, Burlington,

MA 01803-5065

Please join us for our monthly Jericho Walk at the Burlington MA ICE office.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/april-16-jericho-walk-at-burlington-ice-office-tuesday-april-16-2019-at-1-pm-1000-district-ave-burlington-ma-01803-5065/>

First Parish Church Brookline - Lyon Chapel

382 Walnut Street
Brookline, MA 02445

Understanding the Crisis Beyond the Border: A conversation with Father Ismael "Melo" Moreno, S.J., Honduran human rights advocate

Wednesday, April 17, 7th to 8:30 p.m. First Parish in Brookline

To learn more, click **HERE**



Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading
239 Woburn Street
Reading, MA 01807

The Ivy Chord

Lindsay Foote
April 13, 2019
\$20 / \$18
8:00 pm

Ticket information & purchases:
uureading.org/concerts
info@uureading.org
(781) 308-7702
Student & Senior Discounts

This concert is presented by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, the Massachusetts Council for the Elderly, and the First Parish Church, Brookline.

2018-2019 Concert Series

Lindsay Foote in concert

The Ivy Chord Coffeehouse, located at 239 Woburn Street in Reading, MA, presents Winchester native Lindsay Foote on **Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.** (Doors open at 7:15 p.m.) Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$18 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at:

<http://uureading.org/ivy-chord/>

Her music can be found here:

<https://www.lindsayfoote.com/epk>

Flyer attached



Council of Social Concern

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra **boxed cereal**, **boxed pasta** and **canned pasta sauce** 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

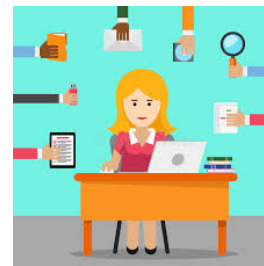
Sign up to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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**.



It's probably on the website!

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

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