

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights April 18th, 2019

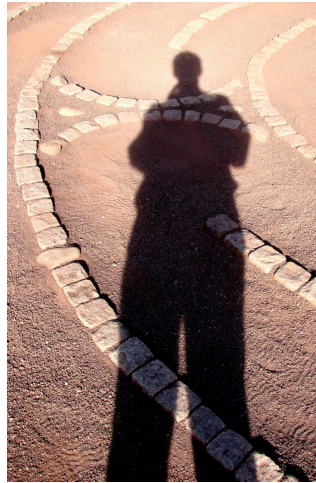


Photo: A stone labyrinth at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD

Upcoming Worship



Photo: Eggs WUS children decorated at the "Pysansky Potluck Theology" gathering on April 7th

Sunday, April 21st, 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.*

An Ancient Story of New Life: Easter

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Marcy Tompson

We will gather again to hear the familiar story of Jesus' ministry, death and rebirth. This service will also include a true modern story about how the mystery surrounding these themes appears in our own time. And we will also celebrate new life by welcoming Ryan and Neil Mukherjee in a ceremony of Dedication!

As this service serves as religious education for the morning, there will be no Family Worship or religious education activities.

Hallelujah it's Easter!

Come sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir. Join us for rehearsal at 9:45 am in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Scores are provided.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **Boston Living Center**, "a non-profit community and resource center whose mission is to foster the wellness of all HIV positive people and respond to the changing needs of the HIV/AIDS community."

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

There will be **no religious education classes** this Sunday. There will also be **no Family Worship**. Please *join us for All Congregation Worship* at 10:30.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

WUSYG will NOT have a regular meeting this Sunday, April 21st, but will resume our normal meeting schedule on April 28th. Parents of teens on our service trip: remember to pick your kids up at WUS on Saturday at 4:30 PM (though stay tuned for a text from your kid for any updates on that timing!)

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>

Postcard from the Youth Service Trip at Ferry Beach

"We're all alive, having fun, and getting lots done on our climate justice-focused service trip at Ferry Beach! Pictured: our morning spiritual practice (walking along the beach) and centering worship (incorporating yoga). Today's theme is (grass)roots. ♥"



We're so grateful for all your support in getting us here and we look forward to

sharing stories with you all soon (save the date! We'll host a lunch after the service on May 5th).

Congregational News

Statement from the WUS Standing Committee

Endorsed in the April 17, 2019 Meeting

"Whereas belief in 'justice, equity and compassion in human relations' is one of the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism and whereas the Winchester Unitarian Society actively strives to provide fair compensation and benefits to its paid employees, we, the WUS Standing Committee, support the efforts of Stop & Shop employees to prevent their benefits from being reduced and encourage the members of our faith community not to cross their picket lines."

Questions? Concerns? Write to your Standing Committee at
sc@winchesteruu.org

That Email Was Not From Me

There is a new trend - "spoofers" pretending to be ministers, emailing members of the congregations they serve. Unfortunately, I have become one whose identity has been used in this way. Some members have received this note:

Subject: Hello [first name]

Hello, how are you today?

Please I need you to help me out with something very important.

Please reply me as soon as you get this.

Thank you.

Rev. Heather K. Janules

Parish Minister

And then there is a follow up message:

Subject: Re: Hello [first name]

My phone is faulty, can you help?

Another member received a request to purchase a gift card on behalf of a cancer patient.

While these emails appear to be from my WUS email address, they are actually from a Gmail address: heather.janules.winchesteruu@gmail.com

Please ignore these messages and do not respond.

On behalf of whoever is doing this, apologies for wasting your time!

With affection,

Rev. Heather

**Would you like to attend
General Assembly (GA)?**



The Winchester Unitarian Society is entitled to six delegates at General Assembly, the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. This year GA will be June 19-23 in Spokane, Washington. Its theme is The Power of We. What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our

faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community.

Help begin to reshape our Association and our congregations in new and powerful ways. More information is available at <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

If you are interested in representing our church but cannot travel to Spokane, there are opportunities for offsite participation. If you would like to be a delegate or have questions, speak with Kathy Richardson, 781-999-2554.

Horn Pond Clean Up Saturday April 20th, 8:00 am

Earth Day is around the corner! 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!**

Green Sanctuary

Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting, Thursday April 25th 7-9 pm – Open to All

For learn more about what we do, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/justice/green-sanctuary/>



Grief, Loss and Transitions Group Meets Thursday, April 25th 7:30- 9:00 in the Parlor

Those living with bereavement or in a time of uncertainty or transition are warmly welcomed to our peer-led, confidential support group. No RSVP is required.

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!

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](https://www.facebook.com/marycaresals)

An Invitation to Join the



Winchester Unitarian Society Sunday, 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!

Aba Taylor to lead discussion of *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine Sunday, May 19th - 3:00 - 5:00 PM (Symmes Room)

On May 19 from 3 to 5 PM the Racial Justice Book Group will host a community-wide discussion of the lyrical and challenging book *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine. The conversation will be held in the Symmes Room.

The book, written in 2014 and a New York Times Best Seller, has won numerous awards including Best Book of the Year by the Boston Globe and National Public Radio, NAACP Image Award, and the National Critics Circle Award for Poetry.

For more information about the book group, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/aba-taylor-to-lead-discussion-of-citizen-by-claudia-rankine-sunday-may-19th-300-500-pm-symmes-room/>

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 AM on the day you are greeting or 10:00 AM if you are ushering.

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>

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 one more adult volunteer 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

Growth & Learning Event

Social, Ethical, and Spiritual Challenges of the Genomic Revolution

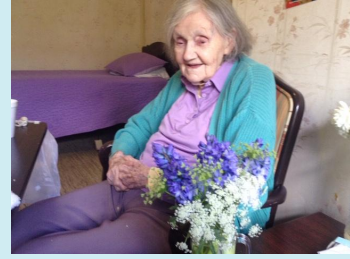
Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm.

[View event page.](#)

Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

The Service in Celebration of the Life of Ellie Du Toit will be held **Saturday, May 4th, at 2 p.m.**

All are warmly invited.



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

If you didn't go to Mass Action Advocacy Day you can hear part of the key note speaker's (Chris Crass) challenge to us for working for racial justice:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=482277045644350>

Would you like to support Stop and shop workers?

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/support-stop-shop-workers?source=direct_link&

Driving Down Emissions: MA and the Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative. Tuesday April 23, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. The League of Women Voters is sponsoring this timely and important **webinar**. Speakers: Representative Lori Ehrlich and Jordan Stutt, Acadia Center. Registration for the webinar is required. This webinar will be recorded and available to participants and the public. **Click here to register**

Legislative Climate Action with Senator Marc Pacheco

Tue, April 23, 7:00 PM at First Parish in Cambridge, 3 Church Street, Harvard Square. Senator Pacheco is the founding Chair of the MA Standing Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change and is Senate Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE). The Senator will talk with us about current legislative proposals for implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act.

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING OUR CHURCH ON—Saturday April 27 at the Urban Ministry in Boston for **SERVICE DAY**. We will carpool at 9:15 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.

Saturday, April 27 - Chuck Collins will speak on "Reversing Inequality" 2:30 to 5:30. FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN, 19 FOSTER STREET in LITTLETON. Suggested Donation - \$10.00. His new book is *"Is Inequality in America Irreversible?"*

Roxbury Youth Program Tour of Eliot Square

When: Sat April 27, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Meet at First Church in Roxbury, 10 Putnam Ave. Learn about the rich history of the Highland Park neighborhood from the Roxbury Youth Program experts. The tour is 45 minutes. We will meet at First Church at the end of the tour for discussion. Registration required for first 10 people. **Cost \$10 that can be paid at the start of the tour. Register by emailing mbutman@gmail.com**

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](#).

Action Alert from UU Mass Action:

PLEASE CALL YOUR STATE REP. THIS WEEK and ask that they:
Vote for **Amendment #1357** to H.3800 (House Budget) (**amendments**), AND
Stand for a roll call vote on Monday April 22.

- We can act now to raise \$1 billion in new revenue per year .
- Massachusetts has seen one of the largest tax decreases of any state over the past 40 years
- High-income households pay a smaller share of their income in taxes every year than low-income households
- This Budget Amendment #1357, will raise taxes on Long Term Capital gains from 5.05% to 8.95%.

More information on the issue:

- <https://www.actonmass.org/blog/budget-amendment>
- http://www.massbudget.org/report_window.php?loc=Who-Pays-Low-and-Middle-Earners-in-Massachusetts-Pay-Larger-Share-of-their-Incomes-in-Taxes.html

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](#).



Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Join the WUS Team as we walk the second leg of the annual fund raiser for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, which supports families who have lost loved ones to gun violence. We carpool from **WUS** at **8:10 am, Sunday, May 12**, walk from Roxbury to City Hall. We should return to Winchester around 12:30 pm. Sign up after church on Sunday or on sign up sheet in Symmes Room.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: FINDING YOURSELF IN THE IMMIGRANT STORY

Join the Winchester Multicultural Network for an afternoon of story-telling and dialogue around the theme of immigration in conjunction with the YMCA's nation-wide Take a Stand Against Racism campaign. Learn from the powerful stories of local women who are immigrants, and hear about ongoing legal developments shaping the immigration landscape in Massachusetts. **This event is free and accessible to all.**

Sunday, April 28, 3 to 5 PM

Winchester Public Library Large Meeting Room
80 Washington Street, Winchester

Click here for: [FLYER](#)

For more information, visit www.wmcn.org, email office@wmcn.org
or call 781-729-7100

Sanctuary News

WBUR's reporter Shannon Dooling interviewed "Maria", still in sanctuary at First Parish of Bedford. This interview aired April 11th
<https://www.wbur.org/news/2019/04/11/woman-sanctuary-church-ice>

More upcoming events for Immigration Justice

Sunday April 28th at 2:00 pm at the South Bay Detention Center
- Prayer Vigil to support the men detained by ICE.

Wednesday, May 1, March and Rally

Marches Coalition Site & Gathering/Marching Times:

Everett - Gather: 3:00 pm, march at 3:30 pm

Location: Everett City Hall @ Everett City Hall (Broadway corner Mansfield)

*Everett contingent will march to/join Chelsea

Chelsea - Gather: 3:00 pm, march at 4:00 pm

Location: Chelsea City Hall @ Broadway, corner of Everett Ave.

*Everett and Chelsea contingents will merge and march to East Boston

East Boston - Gather at 4:00 pm Main Rally 5:30 pm

Location: Liberty Plaza @ Meridian corner of Border St.

Marchers from Everett and Chelsea will join East Boston and we will all come together for the rally! **Flyer English/Spanish**. For more information, please visit:
<https://www.winchesteruu.org/upcoming-events-for-immigration-justice/>



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

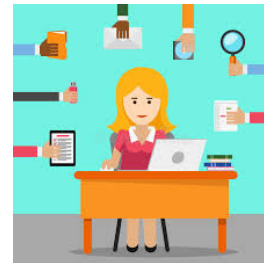


welcoming and joyful by bringing refreshments for coffee hour! If you are willing to be contacted when sign-ups are needed, please email Janet Nelson to put yourself on the contact list.

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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