

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights April 25th, 2019

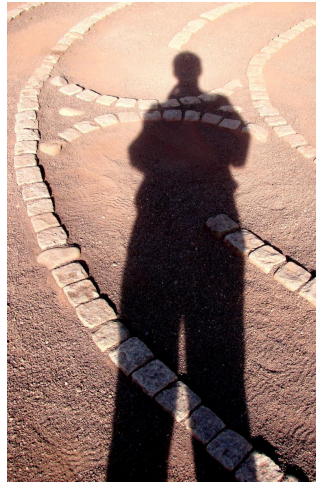


Photo: A stone labyrinth at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, April 28th, 2019

10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel

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

Singing to Freedom

With Heather Janules and Kirsten Hart

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

Music Sunday

A Jazz Suite for Earth Day

John Kramer

This Sunday we celebrate the Earth with new music for choir and jazz quartet by music director John Kramer. This suite both celebrates the wonder of nature while addressing some of the serious issues that lie ahead. Texts include poetry by Emily Dickinson, Wendell Berry, and the summary of the October, 2018 IPCC report on climate change. The music is lively and engaging and completely original.

The WUS Adult Choir and Youth Choir is joined by Lihi Haruvi on soprano sax, Rick McLaughlin on bass, Brooke Sofferman on drums with John Kramer at the piano.

This morning, we share our gifts with **350.MA For A Better Future**, a non-profit working to build a powerful grassroots movement to address the climate crisis and advance a rapid and responsible transition beyond coal, oil and gas toward a renewable energy future for all.

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 learn about renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power. As Unitarian Universalist we believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things. One of the best ways we can accomplish this is by shifting to cleaner, non-polluting energy sources, and by conserving energy when we can. Beatrice and Caroline lead the group.

Moral Tales: This week we explore the many ways we can care for and look after our precious Mother Earth. As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in caring for our Earth home - the air we breathe, the water we drink, and all the creatures and plants that share this Earth with us. Teachers Elizabeth and Charlotte lead the group.

Neighboring Faiths: This week we explore Islamic practices and observances. As Unitarian Universalists we understand that many religions have beliefs and practices that are different from but also similar to ours. We appreciate our shared values while we honor and celebrate our differences. Terry leads the group.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

We will be meeting at 4:30 in the WUSYG room this Sunday 4/28 - Join us to debrief the trip to Ferry Beach!

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>

**Youth Service Trip at Ferry
Beach - A Success!**



WUSYG had a fantastic week doing service at the Ferry Beach UU Retreat Center in Saco, Maine from April 15-20. Please save the date to join us for lunch after the service on May 5th, where we will share stories and reflect on the trip.

Congregational News

Green Sanctuary

Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting, Tonight, 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 TONIGHT, 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.

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**.



Music Sunday AND Bring-A-Friend to Church This 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), **THIS 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!

Dear WUS congregants,

The Not Your 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 FULL TO CAPACITY**. Please hold your items and set aside in that spare bedroom, garage or basement until the end of May.



Meanwhile, 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. ***WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP for our TOWN DAY SALE. See Claire McNeill at the Social Action table after the service on SUNDAYS. There will be many opportunities to help before, during and after the sale.*****

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



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.

We Believe in Dog



Saturday May 4th

Last one got rained out...
fingers are crossed for this one!

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, May 4th. 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!**

Join the Neighboring Faiths Class in a Mosque Visit

Islamic Center of Burlington
Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 pm

You are invited to join our Neighboring Faiths class in visiting a local mosque. After a half-hour discussion with the Imam, the class will observe the community prayer.

Meet the group at the mosque (130 Lexington Street.) Please notify Lead Teacher Terry Currier if you plan to attend or have questions: terrylcurrier@gmail.com.

Participants are asked to observe the community dress code:

1. Girls and women shall modestly be dressed e.g. loose dress covering the arms and legs and a scarf covering the head and neck.
2. Boys and men shall modestly be dressed with pants covering past the knees.
3. Footwear shall be removed upon entering the Masjid.



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 each 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

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

Congratulations to **Will McPhee** for becoming an Eagle Scout last week!

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

JOIN OUR SERVICE DAY – Saturday April 27 at the Urban Ministry in Boston for. We will leave at 9:15 from WUS and spend the morning organizing food and clearing the grounds. Rides provided. We hope to have a sizeable group of youth and adults. Contact Gordy to save a spot.

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?”*

POTUS 1: The Next Fight for Democracy, with Lawrence Lessig
Mon April 29, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road. Is there a way to make the 2020 election about more than simply electing a new President? Can it become an election that unites America? Can we leverage what unifies America? Professor, Lawyer, and Political Activist Lawrence Lessig will be presenting his thoughts on what we need to do to unify America and reclaim our democracy. He is the author of several recent books including *America Compromised* and *Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Our Congress – and a Plan to Stop it.*

Support International Worker’s Day – May 1 – UUs will meet at the Chelsea gathering location: Chelsea City Hall @ Broadway, corner of Everett Ave. Gather at 3:00 pm, march at 4:00 pm. to East Boston Coalition Site. The planning team, of which UU Mass Action is a member, has created a **GoFundMe page to help raise the**

necessary funds.

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](#).

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, 3:00 to 5:00 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

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

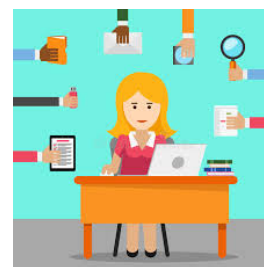
Sign up to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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**.



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