

# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights May 23rd, 2019



## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, May 26th, 2019**

**10:00 am Family Worship,  
Meyer Chapel**

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

**America's White Table**

With Heather Janules

**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*

**We Remember Them**

Marianne DeBlasi

Worship Associate: Martin Newhouse

Rituals of remembrance play an important role in our communal and individual lives. They help us to call forth all those we those who have died so they may become present with us in our minds and in our hearts. This service will explore the historical roots of Memorial Day and rituals of remembrance that honor the name and memory of those we've lost. **The service will also conclude with a wreath-hanging ceremony at the World War I statue at Main Street and Mystic Valley Parkway and a reading of the dedication words in the Sanctuary.**

This morning, we share our gifts with **Wild Hearts Horses for Heroes**, an equestrian program that provides active-duty and veteran service members with an alternative to traditional therapy in order to cope with the psychological wounds of war.

## Music

**Summer Choir**

Calling all summer musicians! We want to hear from you this summer. Everybody is welcome to share their talents in a summer service. Stay tuned for the Summer Choir schedule but be in touch with Music Director John Kramer [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org) if you are interested in playing or singing a solo.



## Religious Education

### THIS SUNDAY

Ages pre-school through 6th grade will meet upstairs after the First Reflection. We will explore the meaning of Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for all who have served our country so that we can enjoy our much-cherished freedoms.

In addition, we will make a ceremonial wreath, which the children will present to the congregation toward the end of service for our Memorial Day wreath ceremony.

## WUSYG

### *Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group*

This Sunday, regular WUSYG meeting at 4:30 pm in the WUSYG room.

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

### **We Have a Summer Minister/Administrator!**

On behalf of Dennis Brett, Chuck Khuen, Tyson Kamikawa and myself, I am delighted to announce that **the Rev. Joanna Lubkin** will be serving as our Summer Minister/Administrator in July and August.

I first met Joanna when she was the Intern Minister at the UU Society of Wellesley Hills and I was a (nervous) pre-candidate, about to lead worship for a community that included the WUS search committee! Joanna's warmth and calm put me to ease right away. Since then, I have gotten to know her through collegial gatherings and her leadership in the Sanctuary Boston community. From my direct experience, by reputation and through her references, I know we are in EXCELLENT hands.



A brief summation of her background: The Rev. Joanna Lubkin is the Unitarian Universalist Chaplain at Wellesley College and is an affiliated community minister at

Arlington Street Church in Boston. Joanna served as the Summer Minister for Pastoral Care at the First Parish in Needham for the past three summers. After a Masters in Public Administration from Clark University, Joanna studied at Hebrew College Rabbinical School, before finishing her Masters of Divinity at Andover Newton Theological School. Joanna sings in the Arlington Street Church choir and at The Sanctuary Boston.

Here is a letter of introduction in her own words: *"Dear WUS members and friends, I'm so delighted to be spending the summer with you! I'll be putting my administrative skills to use in the office four days a week, and will be joining you in worship most Sundays in July and August. When challenges or celebrations come along, I'll be available to offer pastoral care and spiritual support. It's an honor to be welcomed into your congregation and your lives this summer.*

*A bit about me: When I'm not in Ministry Mode, I love to sing, experiment with gluten-free baking, read good time travel novels, and cherish time with my 19-year-old black cat. As an animal person, I will always want to see photos of your pets -- even better, when you're walking your dog [on Thursdays] this summer, bring them by the church office! Looking forward to getting to know you through worship, connection, and church business! With gratitude, Joanna"*

While we are still working out her office schedule, she will likely work four days a week, four hours per day. Look for a posted schedule if you need in-person support in the office.

Welcome, Joanna! - Rev. Heather

### But before Joanna gets here....

She & Heather will both be in Spokane, WA for the UUA General Assembly, **the week of June 17-23**. Jenny & Alison will both be gone.

We need help keeping the WUS office open, ideally for **3 hours each day**. (10-1 is nice, or 11-2, but we are very flexible!) **Can you take a slot?** Please contact [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org) or call us at 781-729-0949. Any days, any times will do!



### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! PLEASE RESPOND!

The Rummage Sale VERY MUCH needs your help. PLEASE SIGN UP [HERE](#) or [email Claire McNeill](#). Shifts available the day of the sale (Saturday June 1st) and many days before then!

NEW FLAG



Our new Rainbow Flag, the more-inclusive design is here! Check it out the next time you are at church.

## FRESH HERBS AND FLOWERS REQUESTED

As in years past, we will dedicate a wreath at the WWI statue at Main Street and Mystic Valley Parkway on Memorial Day Sunday. Creating the wreath will be the religious education activity for the morning.

If you have the following herbs and plants to bring in that Sunday (or shortly beforehand,) please contact Rev. Heather. We are looking for: *Rosemary for remembrance, thyme for courage, sage for wisdom, hemlock for surcease, cedar for eternity, willow and babies' breath for tears, comfrey for bruises, marjoram, roses and carnations for love and golden flowers for freedom*



## ANNUAL REPORT

To view the **Annual Report**, please go to <https://www.winchesteruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Annual-Report-2019-for-web.pdf>. **Print copies of the report are available at church.**



## Grief, Loss and Transitions Group Meets Tonight, May 23rd, 7:30-9 pm in the Parlor

Those living through times of bereavement, uncertainty and transition are warmly invited to this peer-led support group. Meetings are confidential and facilitated by a group leader. No RSVP is required. Contact Rev. Heather with any questions.

## Ministerial Survey

The Ministerial Survey will close on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone's feedback is valued and important. Please follow this [link](#) to share your thoughts.

[Click Here Take Survey](#)



## Review Season: Your Input Requested!

Winchester Unitarian Society staff undergo an annual review at the end of each program year. Thus, we seek your input (compliments and suggestions) on all those who serve the congregation and its mission in a paid capacity, full- and part-time.

Please send your feedback via email to Rev. Heather

([heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)) with "Feedback" in the subject line or by postal mail. Input about staff supervised by others will be forwarded. Note that we do not share anonymous feedback with staff in their eval so input will be given with attribution.



## Marie Kondo Strikes Again!

The Symmes Kitchen has been cleared of abandoned mugs, plates and other dishware. These items are available for your retrieval for the next two Sundays before they are added to rummage sale inventory. Forget a water bottle or travel mug? A serving platter? Pick it up soon so you don't have to buy it at the sale!

## Don't Forget the Plants!

We will be selling a number of young spider plants at the Not Your Average Rummage sale and would like to round out the inventory with other plants.

Is there a houseplant that is still alive but better off in someone else's care? Do you have a plant that easily produces offspring? How about those hostas that you need to divide and give to a good home?

As you prepare your donations to the Rummage Sale, Don't Forget the Plants. See Rev. Heather, Plant Chaplain, with any questions.



## Speaking Justice in the Language of Our Faith



Heather Vickery, Senior Associate for Outreach, Enrollment and Administration at UUCSJ

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday,  
May 30<sup>th</sup>

7PM-8:30PM



Sam Wilson, Director of Youth Ministries at WUS and UUCSJ  
Program Leader

A 90 minute WORKSHOP, co-  
led by our very own  
Sam Wilson, Director of  
WUSYG and  
Heather Vickery, Senior  
Associate for Outreach,  
Enrollment and  
Administration at UU College  
of Social Justice

**LOCATION:** Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main St., Winchester, Symmes Room  
For more information, please click [HERE](#).



## "Sex and Politics Sunday," June 2nd

"Birds, Bees and OWLs -

The Gospel According to Our Whole Lives"

The 10:30 Worship service will explore the **Our Whole Lives** comprehensive sexuality education curriculum. Created by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ, this life-giving, perhaps life-saving course invites people of all ages to approach sexuality in ways that are healthy, ethical and empowering.

Directly after the worship service, **Senator Jason Lewis** will address the congregation, sharing updates on legislation passed in the last session and legislation that he is proposing for this session, with a special focus on issues of particular concern to the community. **Don't miss it...and bring your friends!**

## Save the Date: We Believe in Dog Walks Again on June 15th

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, June 15th. 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](mailto: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!**

## Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Our condolences are with Director of Lifespan Religious Education, **Rebecca Kelley Morgan**, with the recent death of her mother-in-law, Gabriella "Gay" Buccieri.

You may learn more about Gay here:

<https://www.andersonbryantfuneralhome.com/obituary/gabriella-buccieri>

Update on **Marty Kennedy**: Marty has transferred home and continues to recover. He and Ellen plan to a retirement community in about a month.

We are grateful to the members **providing meals** to Ellen and Marty. If you would like to sign up, please contact Gay Mohrbacher

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

Three members of the Racial Justice team attended a workshop on May 18 on "Mosaic Makers: Toward Vital Anti-Racist, Multicultural Ministries" in Northborough, MA. We look forward to sharing ideas with the congregation in the coming weeks.

Another way to get inspired is to join the "Speaking Justice" workshop led by our Youth director, Sam Wilson this Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Last Sunday we had a fine discussion of the *Citizen* by Claudia Rankine. Aba Taylor, former Executive Director of the Winchester Multicultural Network. We recommend this book as a way to imagine *What does American black living look like, feel like?*

Add your voice to the call to oppose legislation in MA to keep prisons open. An amendment has been added to the **House Budget DOC 8900-0001**. **It states that if a**

**prison is open in 2019, it must remain open in 2020.**

**Action:** Call your Representative and tell them not to support this amendment. The House Budget process is complete and the Senate debate begins 5/20 – 5/23. With 243 inmates sentenced at Framingham and 581 at Concord, both prisons are underutilized.

**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](#).**

## Immigration Justice Event

MCAN aims to hold a prayer vigil at the South Bay Detention Center @ 2 pm on the last Sunday of each month. Many of you heard the moving story of Leo, released from detention just three days earlier, who met us at the April vigil "...because it's the last Sunday of the month at 2 pm. You're always here. I've been watching for the last 3 months. We look forward to it."

No one is signed up to organize a May 26 (Memorial Day weekend) vigil. Epiphany Winchester is hoping to put together at least a small gathering. Can you help? Contact Pam Chester at [pgachester@gmail.com](mailto:pgachester@gmail.com).

Reach out to MCAN if that 5/26 date, or a future month, works for you or your organization/congregation. (Epiphany is covering June and September; July, August, and October likely still need leaders.)

## Sanctuary Volunteers Update

**May 16, 2019**

**In this edition:**

1. Update on happenings with our Guest
2. Coalition News
3. Call to Action - Jericho Walk Schedule
4. Report from the Border - First-hand Account
5. Other Ways to be Involved
6. Last call for SHIRT ORDERS - **DEADLINE WED. May 22 PLEASE ORDER YOURS TODAY!** How to order T-shirts, Hoodies, Sweats and more! Deadline for orders Wednesday, May 22. See [order form](#) attached.

### **1. UPDATE – Birthday**

Our Guest celebrated her birthday recently with a luncheon prepared by the First Parish Sanctuary Committee and her English tutors. It was a delightful few hours. In honor of her birthday members of the committee brought flowering plants and vegetables for the gardens off the Common Room. Take a look next time you are in the building - Judi Curcio and Maureen Richichi, Co-Chairs Sanctuary Committee

### **2. COALITION NEWS**

Welcome to St Paul's Episcopal Church as the **10th covenanted congregation in our coalition!** While congregants from St Paul's have been volunteering with us since our guest arrived 16 months ago, it is so exciting that their Vestry voted unanimously to join us in this uplifting work!

And while we are at it, the members of the UU Church of Greater Lynn recently voted in favor of becoming a Level 1 sanctuary church. A full half of the membership was present for the vote, and they were 93% in favor! We want to congratulate them and their hard-working sanctuary team!!

### **3. JERICHO WALKS AT THE ICE OFFICE IN BURLINGTON TUESDAY MAY 21 at 1 PM**

The Jericho Walk is a silent interfaith prayer and act of solidarity. The walk draws inspiration from the Battle of Jericho, in which the community marched around the city of Jericho seven times, causing the city walls to fall. The Jericho Walk of today is a silent, peaceful, and prayerful walk to bring down the walls of our unjust immigration system and is open to people of all or no faiths. Please bring signs calling for just treatment of those who are caught in our broken immigration system. Please refrain from signs explicitly endorsing or condemning any political candidate or official.

We gather in front of the ICE Office, 10 District Ave. in Burlington, rain or shine. For map and parking directions [CLICK the link below](#) or copy this link into your browser:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1omrJBp5EBIUlyZa7FfH2NZeaX-Sjv-vV/view>

### **4. REPORT FROM THE BORDER**

In February, members of First Parish in Bedford – Sylvia Cowan and Raquel Bauman – traveled to the US/Mexico Border. They spent two weeks at various locations along the border as Spanish-speaking volunteers – working first at a detention center with asylum seekers, and at a bus station with immigrants released from detention. They were working with the non-profit organization RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, Inc.) under the UU-College of Social Justice program. They also spoke with migrants making the long journey at Piedras Negras, in Mexico.

They recently shared their stories and perspectives in a moving program at FP Bedford's Lyceum. Attendees were divided into small groups and each group was given one asylum seeker's story. They read it and then discussed it. Those in attendance got a sense of the real trauma of the life stories of these immigrants, as well as the heartache of the process they go through seeking asylum in the US.

Raquel and Sylvia were invited to write a blog for the UU Service Committee website, and it is now live. Read more about their service journey at this link.

<https://www.uusc.org/a-journey-to-the-heart-of-the-immigration-dilemma/>

If your group or congregation is interested in having a presentation, contact Sylvia Cowen at [cowan.sylvia@gmail.com](mailto:cowan.sylvia@gmail.com)

**5. ADDITIONAL WAYS TO BE INVOLVED** (We will regularly share info on other organizations working in the Greater Boston area to help immigrants and their families in need). Sylvia and Raquel also shared resources for learning more and how you can help. **What will you do? List of ways you can help make a difference.**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/82kx41svjbpi52w/AABOwUdHDI7-\\_shMD\\_\\_WS0oUa?dl=0&preview=RESOURCES-Orgs-Boston-New+England.docx](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/82kx41svjbpi52w/AABOwUdHDI7-_shMD__WS0oUa?dl=0&preview=RESOURCES-Orgs-Boston-New+England.docx)

### **U.S. Laws & Immigration Policies Through the Years (Chart)**

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/82kx41svjbpi52w/AABOwUdHDI7-\\_shMD\\_\\_WS0oUa?dl=0&preview=US+Laws+%26+Immigration+Status.doc](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/82kx41svjbpi52w/AABOwUdHDI7-_shMD__WS0oUa?dl=0&preview=US+Laws+%26+Immigration+Status.doc)

### **A Century of US Intervention Created the Immigration Crisis**

<https://medium.com/s/story/timeline-us-intervention-central-america-a9bea9ebc148>

### **The Debt We Owe Central America**

<https://jacobinmag.com/2018/11/central-america-migrant-caravan-trump>



## Undocumented Immigrants Pay Millions of Dollars in State Taxes—Even in the Reddest States

<https://www.vox.com/2019/3/1/18241692/undocumented-immigrants-pay-state-local-taxes>

**6. FINAL CHANCE Deadline MAY 22** - ORDER YOUR SANCTUARY COALITION SHIRTTTEE SHIRTS / SWEATSHIRTS / HOODIES / LONG-SLEEVE TEE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN /WOMEN'S V-NECK. The **order form** is attached. Don't forget to indicate size and color preferred. To see what the colors look like, go to the printer's website and look up the products by number and see the colors there. The website is <http://www.4logowearables.com/cgi-bin/hw/hwb/chw-pseudoHome.w?hwCN=149148154153157153153&hwCNCD=fXciVdvdxbidIcb&hwST=1>

In the SEARCH box at the top, enter the item number from the order form that is attached. For example: G500VL for the short sleeve V-neck tee for women

This will show the product and the colors choices for that product. Note the choices on the form. Not all colors that are shown on the website are available. Refer to the order form for the list of choices. Please get your order in the mail or dropped off at First parish in Bedford no later than MAY 22, 2019.

## Annual Brennan Lecture Tonight, May 23rd 6:30 p.m.

at Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road, Winchester

Dr. Robert Legvold: The Changing Dynamics of  
U.S. & Russian Relations

Robert Legvold is Marshall D. Shulman Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at Columbia University, where he specialized in the international relations of the post-Soviet states. He was Director of The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, from 1986 to 1992. Prior to coming to Columbia in 1984, he served for six years as Senior Fellow and Director of the Soviet Studies Project at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. For most of the preceding decade, he was on the faculty of the Department of Political Science at Tufts University.

To read more, please click **HERE**.

## Council of Social Concern

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra **canned pasta sauce, canned tuna and brownie mix** 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**

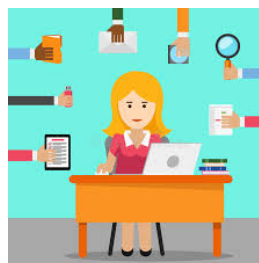


Help make Sunday mornings more welcoming and joyful by bringing refreshments for coffee hour! If you are willing to be contacted when sign-ups are needed, please email Janet Nelson to put yourself on the contact list.

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](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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