

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights May 2nd, 2019



Upcoming Worship

Sunday, May 5th, 2019

10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel

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

Finding Beauty

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*

Spark Joy! The Spirituality of Stuff

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associates: Stephen Perepeluk & Harris Gibson

The current enthusiasm for Marie Kondo's approach to "tidying up" invites us to think about our relationships with the objects we own - our stuff - and how this connection reveals our truest selves. (And thinking about tidying up invites us to prepare for the WUS Rummage Sale on June 1st!)

This Sunday, we Share the Plate with **Heading Home**, providing local "emergency shelter, transitional, and permanent housing for low-income families and individuals."

A program with our Youth Group, sharing their experiences from the recent service trip at Ferry Beach, will follow worship in Metcalf Hall. Lunch included!

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



Want to hear some great singing?

Join us for the annual
Children's Chorale and Youth Choir Concert
Tuesday, May 14th @ 6:30 pm
in the Meyer Chapel
You don't want to miss this!!!

Religious Education

THIS SUNDAY Morning Groups

World of Wonder: This week we learn how to identify the difference between needs and wants, and to ask ourselves "How much is enough?" As Unitarian Universalists we believe in caring for our planet Earth. In addition to the practices of reducing, reusing, and recycling, we can add refusing – refusing to purchase or spend money on things we really don't need. Beatrice and Caroline lead the group.

Moral Tales: This week we explore the qualities of courage and perseverance. As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in justice. We understand that to work for justice often requires courage, determination and the will to keep going even when it's hard. Elizabeth and Charlotte lead the group.

Neighboring Faiths: This week we continue learning about Islamic practices and observances. As Unitarian Universalists we understand that we grow by exploring ideas and discovering for ourselves what is true. We understand that although religious expression takes many shapes and forms, we all share a desire to take care of each other, and to practice kindness, fairness, and generosity. Terry leads the group.

In addition to attending class, The Neighboring Faiths group will be visiting the Islamic Center of Burlington (130 Lexington St.) at 1:00. We will meet with Shakael, the Iman, who will talk to the kids (and adults) about the Islamic religion. We will then observe a short community prayer. This visit is open to all adults and children who wish to attend. If you're interested, please contact **Terry Currier**, Lead Teacher: terrycurrier@gmail.com

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

WUSYG Trip Story Sharing this Sunday after the service, plus we're serving a meal as our final fundraiser! Please sign up here now to bring stuff:

<https://perfectpotluck.com/ARGD0626>

WUSYGers should come at 9:30 AM and expect to stay til 1:00 PM or so. **We will ALSO have regular WUSYG Sunday night since there are only a few left! 4:30 PM at 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>

WUSYG Service Trip Stories & Meal

This Sunday, May 5th, please join WUSYGers in Metcalf Hall after the service to hear stories from our recent climate justice-focused service trip to Ferry Beach AND express our gratitude to you all for making this transformative experience possible! We will also be serving some tasty vegetarian food (more eco-friendly!) and homemade baked goods with suggested donation as a fundraiser to supplement scholarships for low-income families to enable their teens to go on trips in the future. We look forward to seeing you there!



Congregational News



We Believe in Dog This 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: terrycurrier@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.

New Member Quote

WHY DID I CHOOSE TO BECOME A MEMBER?

"I decided to become a member because the time was right. Over my lifetime, I had explored my spirituality through different faith traditions to no avail. As a youngster, I was raised a Christian Scientist and attended Sunday school. As a teenager, I went to the Methodist Church where I sang in the choir and helped teach Sunday school. I married a Catholic man and raised our children in the Catholic faith, studying the catechism myself along with them. I even took courses in Comparative Religions and Western Civilization when I was in college but nothing resonated with me. And then last year I came to the Easter service at the Winchester Unitarian Church and something happened. From the moment I entered the sanctuary I felt like I belonged here. The congregation was so very welcoming and friendly, and Reverends Heather and Rebecca inspired me. In a very short time, I made up my mind I would be here for a long time and decided to become a member." - **Kim Foley**

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 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.**

Now that it's May, please get out your calendar and plan the times they will help with the **Rummage Sale**. Although the sale will be on Town Day, June 1, there is also a great need for people to help on Memorial Day weekend and the following days. Sign-up sheets will be available every Sunday after the service or you may email

Claire McNeill (rkmcn@aol.com) and tell her the days you can help.

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

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.



The PURPOSE of WE

Come to Spokane to experience what our shared faith can become when we embrace the PURPOSE of 'we.'

 **UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON | JUNE 19-23, 2019

Visit [uua.org/ga](https://www.uua.org/ga) for information on Programming, Registration, Housing, and Financial Aid

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.

UU History Tour Saturday, May 11th DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 4TH

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

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) 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.



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->

SAVE THE DATE!

"Speaking Justice in the Language of Our Faith." Workshop

THURSDAY MAY 30, 2019 - 7:00 to 8:30 PM

for 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**.

PLEASE RSVP TO: shepard.patty@gmail.com IF YOU PLAN TO JOIN US!

SUPPORTED BY THE WUS GROWTH AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

(LIGHT REFRESHMENTS BY DEB EILER WILL BE SERVED!)

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>

Growth & Learning Event

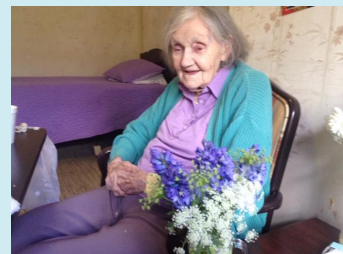
Social, Ethical, and Spiritual Challenges of the Genomic Revolution

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 **this 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



We held a fine Service Day at the UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury last Saturday.

After a tour of the property and programs, our 10 members joined other volunteers in unloading, in distributing into bags many huge boxes of *fresh* vegetables. The truck was reloaded with the bags to be taken to other centers where residents would pay \$2 a bag - a fine value. Later we heard a Boston archaeologist explain the

survey being done to look for clues of native and colonial settlements there. It was eye-opening to think of the other people who called this hill "home."

U.S. Slavery in a Global Context: From the Bible to Today

A talk by Lori Kenschaft Thursday, May 9, 7-9 p.m.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington (Bailey Room) Slavery is a continuing wound in the soul of our country. But we were not alone. Before 1800, most societies included slaves. And only about 1 in 25 captured Africans ended up in the U.S. Lori Kenschaft (Ph.D. in American Studies) is the author of *Lydia Maria Child: The Quest for Racial Justice* and co-author of *Gender Inequality in Our Changing World*.

Update from the Economic Equity in Politics Certified Working Group

Conference call: **Mon May 13, 7:00 PM. Here is a link to the proposed agenda.** Please join us on our mission: "How may we eliminate the corrosive influence of concentrated wealth and power on all levels of government decision-making to attain the ideal of 'one person, one vote'?" **Patty Shepard, shepard.patty@gmail.com** To join the Economic Equity in Politics Certified Working Group, please go to: <http://lists.uua.org/mailman/listinfo/EEP-CWG>

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](#).

Women's Lunch Place We need your help!!

Supplies are extremely low on the following travel-sized items:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste



Thank you in advance for helping us restore a sense of dignity to our guests

by providing them with basic necessities.
VIEW DROP-OFF & SHIPPING INFORMATION

****You can drop-off items to WUS by Friday, May 10th****

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.

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

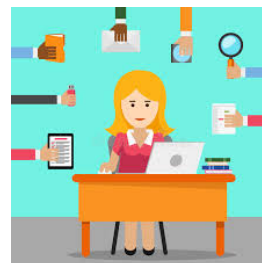
Sign up to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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. 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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