

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights May 30th, 2019



Upcoming Worship

Sunday, June 2nd, 2019

**10:00 am Family Worship,
Meditation Garden**

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

Garden Blessing

This service will take place in the Meditation Garden, to the left of the Main Street door.

With Heather Janules and Members of the WUS Choir

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*

Birds, Bees and Owls:

The Gospel According to Our Whole Lives

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Peter McEntee

For too long, faith institutions have been experienced as sources of shame and misinformation when it comes to human sexuality. The Our Whole Lives lifespan curriculum, created by the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association, challenges this understanding of the relationship between faith and sexuality. What is a positive theology of sexuality? What is the Good News of Our Whole Lives? This service will explore. (Note: while this service will speak to issues of sexuality, there will be no explicit content and will be appropriate for attendees of all ages.)

This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **Women's Lunch Place**, providing daytime shelter and care to poor and homeless women and children in Boston. (Members of the WUS community volunteer regularly at WLP to assist in preparing and serving meals. See Deb Walsh for more information.)



This Sunday is "Sex and Politics Sunday"

"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.

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!

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 if you are interested in playing or singing a solo.



Religious Education

THIS SUNDAY

This is the last RE class of the church year. It is an opportunity for the children to talk about their experiences over the past 9 months, to say goodbye to their teachers and to each other – until next year. **Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Rebecca Kelley Morgan, will make a brief appearance to reconnect and to wish everyone a wonderful summer.**

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



Dear WUS congregants,

It's really very simple. We need your help for Town Day, June 1:

- 10 folks to help cover the various departments
- 5 Baggers
- 4 Floaters
- Couple of Cashiers (contact **Claire McNeill** - rkmcn@aol.com or **Sue Kiewra** - ssktink@me.com with questions)
- Folks to help deliver goods to cars by wagon And, we need your help for the 1/2 priced sale on Sunday, June 2:
 - 8 folks to help with the sale
 - 6 more to help pack up the remains

Not too late to sign up - see google doc

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w5xvoVNWx-bdguuUrwzm20oRgkODKFu2Zz2CtVfeyxU/edit>

Not Your Average Rummage
Chair Betsy Bowles

Volunteer Coordinator
Claire McNeill

Advertising Coordinator
Marilyn Mullane



WOBURN PRIDE

Join in for Woburn's first Pride Celebration! At 2:15 p.m., join the Woburn Community as Mayor Scott Galvin helps raise the rainbow flag at the traffic island between City Hall and the Library. At 3 p.m., join in for a Pride open mic in the Program Room at the Woburn Public Library. To learn more, visit:

<https://woburn.wickedlocal.com/news/20190524/coming-up-at-woburn-public-library>

THE BOSTON 2019 PRIDE PARADE

Please join WUS including many WUSYG members to watch and cheer at Boston's 2019 Pride Parade. This year's theme "Looking Back, Loving Forward" represents the recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and is meant to encourage reflection on the many challenges and incredible victories of the LGBTQ+ community.

Details:

Meet us June 8 at 9:15 am at the In Bound platform of the Winchester Center MBTA platform with your round trip ticket to North Station.

We will take the Green Line from North Station to the Arlington T stop and plan to watch the parade near the Arlington St Church at the corner of Boylston St. Or meet us in front of the Arlington St Church between 11:45 am and noon. The march begins at Copley Place at 12:00 pm.



Summer Services

Interested in ushering for a summer service? It would require handing out orders of service and the collection. Summer services usually draw about 30 people. The food will be done by the sexton. Please consider helping out - it is one area we need your help. Contact dbrett4@verizon.net if you are interested in helping.

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** or call us at 781-729-0949. Any days, any times will do!



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.**

PARTNER CHURCH NEWS



Scholarship student Anna Kiss writes that she is progressing well in her studies, although the arts program at Cluj University is conducted in Romanian, not the Hungarian which is her first language. She sends pictures, taken at her high school graduation, of herself and her mother and younger brother. Her program at the University is in ceramics. She also sent pictures of some of her first year's artistic work. Anna's Winchester support group includes Larry Banks, Margaret Higham, Marilyn Mullane and Phil Coonley, Vicky and Peter



**Speaking Justice
in the Language of Our Faith**



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday,
May 30th

7PM-8:30PM



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

Sam Wilson, Director of Youth
Ministries at WUS and UUCSI
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](#).

Ministerial Survey

The Ministerial Survey will close on May 31st. 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) 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.

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) 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

Healing wishes are with **Michael Costa** who underwent surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital on Tuesday. He anticipates returning home on Friday.

Congratulations are with **Ginger Hanson and Dan Hermes** who were married at WUS on Saturday!

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

Are you curious about the Racial Justice book group? Join us at our next meeting as we share books we have read and begin plans for the future: June 9th after coffee. You may borrow books on racial justice from the library in Michelsen. We request you return your book after a month. A list of the books is on the SAOC bulletin board in Symmes.

UU Mass Action is coordinating with **United American Indians of New England** and **North American Indian Center of Boston** on the **Indigenous Peoples Rights campaign**. Learn about the 5 Key Indigenous Rights bills: <http://mainindigenousagenda.org/> The Bills Include: **Indigenous Peoples Day; Protect Native American Heritage; Remove Racist Mascots; Change the State Flag and Seal and Educate Native Youth** To join the google group contact Laura Wagner lwagner@uumassaction.org

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](#).

Future of Transportation: Strategies for a Low-Carbon Region

Too much traffic. Too little parking. Intolerable commuting times. Transportation takes a toll on the quality of life in the greater Boston area. Transportation is also the largest emitter of climate-warming gases in MA. Come listen to these experts from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council speak about emerging new technologies and regional strategies for efficiently transporting people in our region, including micro-mobility, electric vehicles, autonomous vehicles, and transportation network companies.

Alison Felix, Senior Transportation Planner and Emerging Technologies Specialist
Kasia Hart, Transportation Policy and Planning Specialist

Senator Jason Lewis, Sponsor of Innovative Transportation Legislation

Monday, June 10th
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jenks Community Center
109 Skillings Rd, Winchester

Co-Sponsored by
Climate Action Advisory
Committee
League of Women Voters of MA
League of Women Voters of
Winchester
LENCWAC
Sustainable Middlesex
Sustainable Winchester
Winchester Farmers Market
Wright/Locke Farm

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Click **HERE** to download flyer.

Bedford Sanctuary Training

The next training is scheduled for June 24, 7-9 pm. More helpers are needed in the summer when folks depart for summer vacations and second homes. If you have been thinking about helping, now's the time. Please let Marilyn Mullane know via marilynmullane@me.com

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

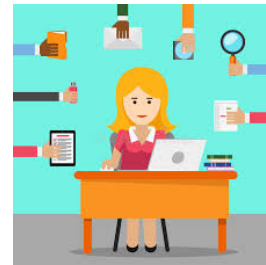
Sign up to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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**.



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