

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights May 9th, 2019



Upcoming Worship



Sunday, May 12th, 2019

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

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

The Path

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*

A Faith that Changed the World: The Brahma Samaj

The Rev. Heather Janules and Swati Mukherjee

Worship Associate: Ivan Correia

Ram Mohan Roy and Debendranath Tagore founded the Brahma Samaj, a philosophical movement grounded in belief in the unity of the divine and absolute equality between all people. As the "Fathers of the Indian Renaissance," their ideas led to radical reforms, challenging the caste system, child marriage and violence against women. This service reflects on the impact of this movement, including reflections from WUS member, Swati Mukherjee, who grew up in an India shaped by its affirmation of human dignity, the right of conscience and freedom of religion.

This Sunday, we Share the Plate with Sunday's **Mother's Day Walk for Peace**, benefiting the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Founded in 1996 by the parents still grieving a recent loss of their son to violence, the Institute has been "a healing center, a training resource, and an education program for the city of Boston and surrounding communities."

Music



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

In place of our usual religious education classes, the children will gather in the classroom used by Neighboring Faiths. They will engage in painting small clay pots and then planting flower seeds. Kids can present these as gifts to a parent, caregiver or loved one. Stories and games will also be included. We suggest children bring aprons to protect clothing from paint.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

**We will have regular WUSYG Meeting this Sunday 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>

Congregational News

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP Sunday, May 19



During the worship service on May 19, we will welcome new members to the Winchester Unitarian Society. One of the privileges of membership is the right to vote on matters of interest to this self-governing community. After the service that day everyone is invited to stay for lunch, which will be followed by the annual meeting of the Society, when we will elect committee members for the coming year and approve a **budget** for the year beginning September 1. The meeting is open to all, but only members may vote. To view, proposed budget for year 2020, click **HERE**.

Ministerial Survey

Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.
We look forward to hearing from many more of you!
Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

[Click Here Take Survey](#)



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.

New Member Quote

WHY DID I CHOOSE TO BECOME A MEMBER?

"I was drawn to the Winchester Unitarian Society because I found them to be a truly welcoming and inclusive community. These are virtues that are often claimed but not always the reality. WUS is a tightly knit group of people who work individually and as a group, toward greater social justice & awareness." - Lucille Cannava



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!



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.

THERE IS ONE MORE OPENING FOR AN ADULT VOLUNTEER for Sunday, May 19th from 3-5:30. Let Heather know if you plan to join.

Photo: The 2017 Interfaith Shift at Rosie's Place



24 days til BIG SALE DAY! (JUNE 1st is coming up quickly)

You still have time to help our church by gathering and donating the following items:

Antiques, art and collectibles; Boutique brand name clothing, hats and purses; Books and CDs; China, silver and crystal; Clothing for adults and children; Crafts, toys and games; Electronics, technology items and video games; Furniture - Indoor (Beds, bureaus, rugs); Home Goods (Decorative items, linens, bedding, lamps); Kitchen (Small appliances, dish sets, pots and pans, utensils); Jewelry including antique, estate and quality costume; Musical Instruments; Plants; Shoes; Sporting Goods; Yard and Garden (Outdoor furniture, tools, yard art and pet supplies)

Our Curators would greatly appreciate your books packed separately and donations organized by categories if possible. Contributions of packing material (bubble wrap, newspapers) milk crates, large plastic bins (with your name on if you'd like returned) and cardboard egg cartons (for jewelry display.)

18 DAYS til drop-off

Our Curators will be delighted to have you drop-off items during the following times.

Sunday May 26th – after our church service: NOON to 3 p.m.

Monday May 27th – Memorial Day: 10 a.m. til 2 p.m.

Evenings: Tuesday thru Thursday (May 28th – 30th) 6 p.m. til 9 p.m.

Remember, this is recycling at its finest and our major fundraiser for 2019. Please join us: the success of our sale depends on all of us working together.

***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. ***

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.



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.

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/>

Speaking Justice in the Language of Our Faith



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

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday,
May 30th

7PM-8:30PM



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**.



Save the Date: "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!**

Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

As named in worship on Sunday, our thoughts are with **Marty Kennedy** who had a stroke in the past week. He has since been transferred to Care One in Lexington for rehabilitation.



We celebrate that **Deborah Morgan Bennett** was unanimously called as the next settled minister of the Emerson UU Congregation in Marietta, Georgia.

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

Economic Equity in Politics We are having our next conference call on: **Mon May 13, 7:00 PM**. Please join us to share ideas as we continue to work with our mission question: *"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'?"* For more information, please email: **Patty Shepard** shepard.patty@gmail.com

"Racism, the Criminal Justice System and the Way Forward." **Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 pm**. It will be held at the Calvary Methodist Church, 300 Mass Ave., Arlington. Sophia Hall, with *the Lawyers for Civil Rights* and Patricia Montes of *Centro Presente*. Learn about racial profiling and disparities in our approach to policing, courts and incarceration system, and alternative approaches.

Clergy people, lay people & supporters: advocate for the Safe Communities Act and the Work & Family Mobility Act (Driver's Licenses). **Wed May 22, 10:00 AM – 12 Noon. State House Boston, Meet in Conf Room (TBD)** ICE practices and immigration policy are becoming increasingly cruel. We need to do everything we can to keep families together here in MA. We are fighting to have basic protections

passed this session. Please join UU Mass Action. [RSVP Here](#)

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://mainindigenouagenda.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](#).

First Parish UU, Chelmsford Saturday, May 11th benefit concert

On Saturday May 11 at 4:00 pm, First Parish UU Church of Chelmsford will present an eclectic concert of Handel, Telemann, Mendelssohn and more....The concert is the latest in a series of periodic concerts held at the church, organized to benefit various local social action agencies. The proceeds of this concert will benefit 'TeamWalk for CancerCare' (<https://www.teamwalk.org>), which is holding its 20th Annual Walk on May 19th at LaLecheur Park. To print flyer, click **HERE**.

Annual Brennan Lecture Thursday, 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**.

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****

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

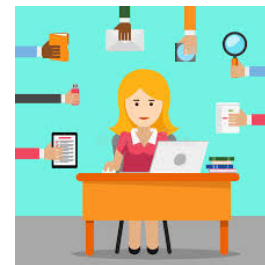
Sign up to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!



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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