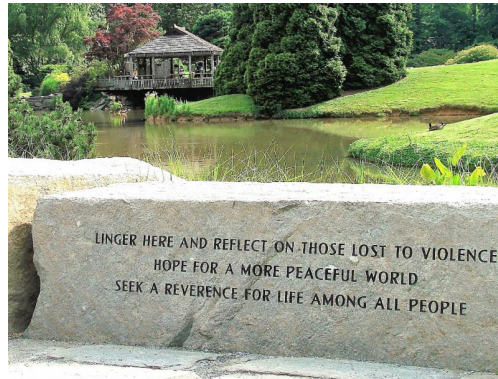


# Winchester Unitarian Society

*Highlights June 13th, 2019*



## Upcoming Worship



**Summer Services Begin**  
**Sunday, June 16th, 2019**  
**10:30 am**

**Mary Oliver's Ephemera**  
**With Mike Hyde**

Worship Associate: Lee Barton

Moments and fleeting events in the poetry of Mary Oliver.

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](mailto:dbrett4@verizon.net) if you are interested in helping.

For 2019 summer services, summer office & building hours, and other information, please click [HERE](#) or visit our website at <https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/summer-2019/>

## 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.



Our Youth Group has finished meeting for the year. General info about WUSYG can be found on our website: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/youth>

See you in the fall!

## Congregational News

### OFFICE COVERAGE, PASTORAL CARE AND HIGHLIGHTS DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY...AND BEYOND

Beginning June 17th until mid-August, the office will be open with staff and volunteer support on a limited schedule due to Alison's departure and Jenny's summer leave. To ensure connection with the morning and afternoon sextons, the schedule will be:

Tuesdays: 9:45 am - 1:45 pm  
Wednesdays: 10:15 am - 2:15 pm  
Thursdays: 9:45 am - 1:45 pm

The office may be open at other times, based on the availability of our co-treasurers. Please call in advance to ensure the office is open before stopping by.

The *Highlights* published on June 20th will report on the UUA's General Assembly: <https://www.uua.org/ga> (The paper version mailed to some recipients will arrive late.)

As in past summers, *Highlights* will be issued every other week instead of every week. After June 20th, the next issue will be published on July 4th.

June 15-30th, Carole Nassif will serve as Pastoral Care Associate on-call with Donna Reed as back-up. Visit the Member side of the website to access contact information for the PCAs. Please contact Carole with any pastoral concerns. The PCA team will have ministerial support during GA and beyond.

For information about "all things summer," visit:  
<https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/summer-2019/>

### Survey for Unitarian Universalists of Color

For those who identify as people-of-color, Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) invites you to complete a survey.

"DRUUMM is conducting a brief survey of members and friends who identify as UU People of Color to learn more about our community needs. We are seeking to better understand the gap between 'what is' and 'what should be.' We expect this survey will take about 15 minutes. All information shared is utilized only for DRUUMM purposes and will not be shared without permission. We'll share a bit about the DRUUMM Mission and Values, ask about who you are, and then we have 3 questions we'd love to hear your responses on. These will help inform the next phase of our organizing and base building work."

You may find the survey here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/DRUUMMSURVEY>

## Message from Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

Dear beloved Winchester Unitarian Society members and friends,

I have seen many of you, in the past couple of weeks, as we sorted and rummaged together, and now that June is here, my official return to the congregation has begun. I will be working during the month of June, at home and often at WUS (to support to the office, since there's a short gap in staffing), then beginning my furlough time on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Summer schedules will be posted, but I wanted to assure you that I am returning in September.

My devotion to all ages and stages of Unitarian Universalists from the smalls up through our elders is not diminished by my family's profound loss. Over these past months you have been a balm to my heart, as I have received practical, emotional and spiritual support from you. I cannot thank you enough, nor express fully how much it meant to me and my grateful family to be held by this congregation.

As has been true for the past ten years, I am honored by the privilege of serving this congregation as its Director of Lifespan Religious Education. I look forward to once again ministering with and among you.

Blessings,  
Rebecca

## 2019 NOT YOUR AVERAGE



## RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

A pretty amazing thing happened here recently.

Beginning several months ago, a few Rummage enthusiasts began to rally around the vision of exceeding the \$14,000 fundraising amount in our budget and having a truly “not your average rummage sale.”



We recalled the camaraderie we shared, the fun we had, the recycling we did and the good will we spread in 2015.

Our group grew as we chose our categories, began to pick-up and repair items and solicit donations from our members, people in Winchester and beyond.

Seventeen curators and chairpersons stepped up to oversee our 17 categories and committees. Others began to fill in our schedule of volunteers needed. Soon it became apparent we would need not only Metcalf Hall but ALL of our first floor, with the exception of the kitchen, to accommodate our growing inventory. Our advertising campaign was well designed, well executed and very successful. For 6 days we “green stickered” thousands of items: no kidding.

Finally, June 1 arrived! Curators and their assistants put on their new red aprons and set out to “be their best selves” as we acted on behalf of this congregation.

We estimate over 800 customers came to our sale. Over 60 “Early Birds” paid \$5 to enter prior to the general public. Over 675 “checkout slips” were exchanged for money by our excellent group of cashiers.

Several times we were told that we were offering the BEST RUMMAGE SALE our customers had ever attended! We felt good as we stated “This is for our church”. We will happily submit over \$22,000 to our church’s general fund. \$8,000 over the projected amount.

We planned well, we really worked hard, we recycled globally, and above all, we exhibited our UU values. And in the end, hopefully we left our beloved building better than we found it.

To each and everyone that touched this effort, I say WELL DONE.

....and at our Celebration Party I heard someone say “I have a better idea for next time”

RAH RAH RUMMAGE

Betsy Bowles  
2019 Chairperson

### **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!**



## Thanks from Alison (& Dobby)

One more *THANK YOU* to all of you -- for the gifts last Sunday, for your support and good wishes, and for being a beloved community for me these past couple of years!  
I will miss you (and so will Dobby).



I move on June 25th, and in July I will start a job as Office Manager at [The Fund for New Jersey](#), which makes grants to support policymaking for systemic and sustainable change in NJ. Come visit me if you're ever in the Princeton area!

## Community Joys and Sorrows

We celebrate with **Zareen and Alberto Araoz** as Alberto celebrated his 90th birthday this week!

Summer services include a time to share your personal joys and sorrows with the congregation. Please join us!

Those seeking pastoral care the week of June 16th, please contact Carole Nassif (lead PCA) or Donna Reed (back up PCA.) See above for more information.

## Social & Environmental Action

**Tuesday June 18, 1:00 – 2:00 PM at 1000 District Ave, Burlington:** monthly Jericho Walk at the ICE office in Burlington, MA. The Jericho Walk is a silent act of solidarity to “bring down the walls” of our unjust immigration system and is open to people of all or no faiths. Lead Organizer: Burlington Area Clergy 4 Justice [Facebook Page](#)

**UU Mass Action has a new mailing address:**

**40 Mechanic St., Suite 306  
Marlborough, MA. 01752**

UU Mass Action’s Mission is State and Local Action. If you are interested in engaging in National level actions for economic justice, environmental and climate justice, immigration reform or defending our democracy, [check out this wonderful resource UUSJ](#).

UUSJ is part of the Coalition for UU State Action Networks (UU Mass Action is the Massachusetts State Action Network). You can participate in a monthly **Write Here, Write Now** action and have your letters personally delivered to members of congress by UUSJ volunteers.

**Are you curious about the Racial Justice book group? Join us at our next meeting as**

**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](#).**

## New Sanctuary Volunteer Training for the Summer

We are finding that some shifts are already becoming harder to fill. If you are a college student home for the summer, you can help. Likewise, if you have thought about getting involved, now is the time to do. Ideally, you would only have to deliver two four hour shifts a month.

**Upcoming training - June 24th from 7 - 9 PM or July 8th from 7 - 9 PM.  
There will be NO training in August.**

Please e-mail [marilynmullane@me.com](mailto:marilynmullane@me.com) if you would like to attend so that Bedford can plan for the upcoming training.

### 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.



## 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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