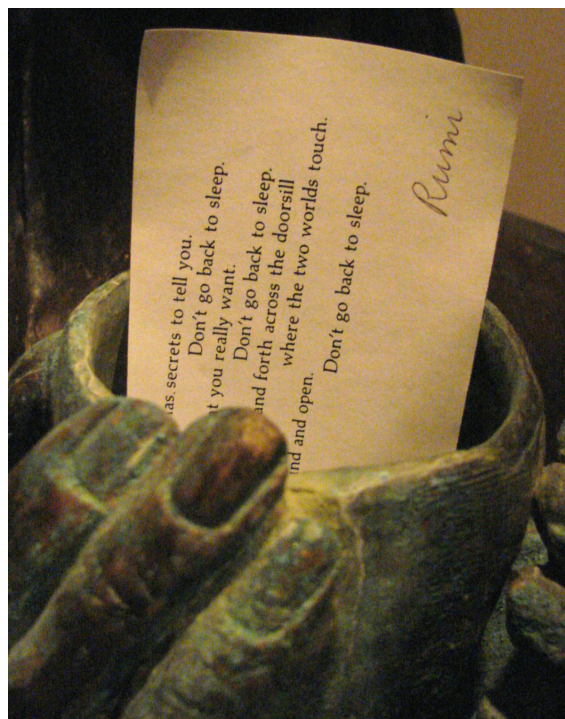


Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights September 26, 2019



Upcoming Worship

10:00 am Family Worship, Downstairs Meyer Chapel

*For young children, their adult friends and those with an inner child...
see below for more information.*

This Week: A New Year, Rosh Hashana

Sunday, September 29, 10:30 am All Ages Worship, Sanctuary

Great Expectations: The Challenge of the Liberal Religious Path

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associates: Stephen Perepeluk & Harris Gibson

Unitarian Universalism affirms that everyone will be received in love after death. This faith does not ask anyone to profess a doctrine, creed or theology to belong in community. So practicing a Unitarian Universalist faith is easy, right? This service will explore how, despite our commitment to spiritual pluralism and inclusion, Unitarian Universalism expects much of those who claim this identity. Unitarian Universalism asks us to be superheroes.

Speaking of superheroes, this service will include a commissioning of this year's Standing Committee members, our governing board.

Bring Your Gifts to Sunday Morning

Do you like to draw or take photos? Are you a storyteller? Could you read a short passage in front of others without collapsing in panic?

For ways to contribute to Sunday morning and for a friendly reminder about worship announcements, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/worship/sunday-morning/>

Religious Education

FREE Community Dance! Bring Your Friends...

THIS SUNDAY, September 29th from 4:30-6:00 PM Community Dance! How often do you get to have fun dancing as families, in a community of all ages? Ready to try? Marcie Van Cleave, director of the Folklife Center of New England, guides you and other dancers in multicultural, circle and contra dances as our group of live musicians play the tunes. We invite people of all ages, experience and abilities to bring your happy feet to Metcalf Hall and DANCE! Many thanks to the Cerny-Thomases fund for making this event possible.

RE program Registration is open for the 2019-2020 program year! Details of the program are here – [\(link to program brochure on web\)](#) To keep our contact information current, we ask that all returning and new families complete a registration form [\(linked here\)](#) Please return your family's registration information by October 6th.

This Sunday:

Morning Groups: *Parents please note that since the weather promises to be mild, we will be heading outside for the session. Children and leaders begin on the upper level, but return to the Symmes room to meet you there at the end of the morning.*

PreK-1 World of Wonder: New Beginnings: As Unitarian Universalists we honor teachings from all around the world. Today we think about new beginnings as the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashana is celebrated tonight. We meet on the upper level end classroom. Teachers Isabelle and Caroline lead the group.

2-4th Grades Moral Tales: All life is Connected. What would happen if there were no bees? Or bugs? How can we be friends to the bees and other insects? We'll hear a moral tale or two and visit the pollinator friendly gardens at WUS. Teachers Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

5th Grade and beyond, Faith Finders: Problem Solving. Identifying concerns or things needing attention is the first step. Then we move on to problem solving. As Unitarian Universalists we believe in taking on problems that prevent us from having a fair and just world. We'll be spending more time planning our first service project (shhhhh, it's a surprise) Rebecca leads the group this morning

Afternoon Groups:

8th in Action: We meet briefly for check in and then we're off to the dance, joining WUSYG and other members of Winchester Unitarian Society. Wear your dancing

shoes! We begin our meeting in the Michelson room.

Our Whole Lives: This year, Our Whole Lives for 7th grades will begin meeting on October 20th . In the meantime, please feel welcome to join us as we explore Unitarian Universalism in Faith Finders, or to join us in worship at 10:30.

Mark those Calendars!

Our Whole Lives Parent Orientation has been rescheduled to October 6th from 4:00-5:45. If your child is participating in this year's Our Whole Lives program, this orientation is mandatory for parents, even if you have had a child in the program before. If you have any questions prior to the orientation, please contact Rebecca Kelley Morgan via rebecca@winchesteruu.org or download the program information ([brochure linked here](#)).

Potluck Theology Returns: October 27th and December 8th 4:00-6:00. Stay tuned for more details. Let us know how to reach you! We often have information and/or scheduling changes to share with families. If you have a child pre-k through 8th grades, please give us your current email address so that we may communicate more effectively with you. Send to rebecca@winchesteruu.org

Family Worship at Winchester Unitarian Society

Family Worship happens in the chapel at 478 Main Street from 10:00-10:20, all Sundays this fall excepting 10/20, 11/24, 12/15 and 12/29.

Designed to be inclusive of families with younger children, Winchester Unitarian's Family Worship service is place where you and your family are just fine the way you are. Rustlings and comings and goings are held lightly, there's room to wiggle as well as to experience rituals of caring and connection in this short (20 minutes) and evocative worship service. If you are looking for a welcoming and meaningful experience to share with the children in your life, please join us. If you are looking for a message to inspire and inform, please join us. If you are looking for a place where you are known and welcomed, join us.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

Our latest newsletter went out on Tuesday night. Please [click here to view it](#) and be sure to subscribe if you haven't seen it already (and/or check your spam and add wusyouth@gmail.com).

WUSYG will be having our 3rd meeting this Sunday at 4:30. We will start with a check-in then join the Community Dance (since info above). Our Fall Retreat is next weekend. [Click here to download the flyer](#) (need to be on a pc) with all of the details and [here for the permission slip](#).

For other upcoming events, [click here to see a PDF of our calendar](#) for the year, or see/subscribe to our google calendar by going to www.winchesteruu.org/youth

Music

Choir

Adult Choir rehearsal at 8:45 on Sunday.

Children's Chorale and Youth Choir rehearsals are Tuesday evening from 6:15-7pm. Do you know a young person who loves to sing? Both these groups are wonderful opportunities to learn about music and enjoy community, and have a great time.

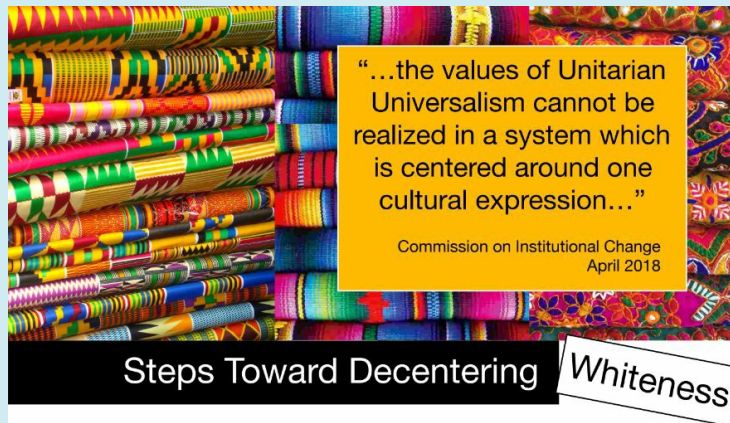


Please contact Music Director John Kramer for more information at john.kramer@winchesteruu.org

Congregational News

REMINDER - Registration Deadline is this Friday, 9/27, for our Saturday Morning Workshop - Steps Toward Decentering Whiteness - October 5, 2019 - 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM - Hosted by the Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US AND REGISTER NOW at tinyurl.com/NER-registration-10-05-2019 Admission is free though registration is required. Registration closes 09-27 or at capacity.



Next ICE Detention Vigil in Boston, THIS SUNDAY September 29th, 2:00 PM

This month's vigil, sponsored by MCAN (MA Communities Action Network), is led by Parish of the Epiphany - Winchester, with other faith and civic groups participating. Interested WUS participants will join First Congregational Church, Temple Shir Tikvah, and the Winchester MultiCultural

Network. A 47-seat bus has been rented and will be outside Epiphany (70 Church Street) at 1:00 pm, leaving for Boston no later than 1:15 pm. We should be back in Winchester by 4:00 pm. If you plan to ride on the bus, please let Pam Chester (pgchester@gmail.com) know. If the bus fills up, we can also carpool. Suggested donation for bus - \$10 per person/family. Of course coming directly to the vigil is also fine. Volunteers will help direct you to legal street parking if you come to 20 Bradstone St--just look for our signs and banners!

Per Phil Coonley, *"Of all the ICE related vigils, I've found these at the detention Center*

in Boston the most moving and reinforcing. About half way on the 1/4 mile walk around the facility one mounts an elevated pedestrian walk which is visible to the prisoners in the facility. and since the second floor windows are not opaque like the first floor's, many inmates are against the windows expressing their thanks for our presence. Apparently it means a lot for them to know they are not forgotten, and that many folks are sympathetic to their plight."

Please e-mail heather.janules@winchesteruu.org if you are planning on attending so that she can alert the Parish of the Epiphany.

**Also, September 29th after the church service,
"ask me about sanctuary"!**

WUS sanctuary volunteers will be available during coffee to answer questions about supporting the First Parish of Bedford, a Level 1 congregation, housing "Maria" in sanctuary. This was a commitment we made in January 2017 when this congregation voted to become a Level 2 support congregation! Please consider signing up now for September or October training, available at First Parish, and help provide critical round the clock coverage.



**New Procedure for Coffee Hour
Refreshments as of October 6th
Your Participation Needed**

Sunday Coffee Hour Refreshments will be handled differently beginning 6 October. We so appreciate the volunteers that have graciously offered time after time to bring refreshments on Sundays; however, as we look to the future we are aware of the burden that several in our community have been carrying for us all and we believe the weight should be distributed. Like the old story, several loaves and fishes have been feeding the whole community!

OK, maybe that's not a perfect metaphor, but I think you know where I'm going. **Beginning 6 October WUS members will be assigned a Sunday during the program calendar** where they will be asked to bring the refreshments and assistance during that Sunday's Coffee Hour. We will use the same online sheet that's been used with assigned names and dates. Each individual family shouldn't have to help more than once a year or every other year. Without a doubt, there will be an assigned week that won't work for a given family and we ask then that you barter with your fellow congregants to switch up the assignment to cover your assigned Sunday.

This is a common refreshment process in other congregations, and we look forward to how it can strengthen our community and introduce more of us to one another along the way. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tyson (tyson@kamikawa.us) along the way.

From the Music Committee

Our 14th concert series kicks off on Friday, Oct 18th at 8:00 PM with Piano Quartets of Brahms and Kramer. Join us to hear the c minor piano quartet of Brahms and a new piano quartet by John Kramer. And, please consider sponsoring this year's concert series at

the \$125, \$200 or \$300 level. For your convenience, a sponsor table will be set up in the coffee room after the Sunday service on Sept 29th, Oct 6th and 13th. Bring your checkbook!

Piano Quartets by Brahms and Kramer



Julia Cash
Violin



Amelia Hollander Ames
Viola



Sam Ou
Cello



John Kramer
Piano



Civic Gathering with Winchester Youth: Strengthening Our Community October 17, 2019 7 - 9 p.m. Jenks Center - 109 Skillings Road

Please join us for a conversation with Winchester teens on ways our community is working well to enhance their quality of life, the challenges they face, and what new opportunities might be developed for youth civic engagement — to strengthen

the entire community. This community conversation, planned in conjunction with town youth, seeks to ensure that the talents and perspectives of our youth are an integral part of building a caring, connected and inclusive community. All are welcome & encouraged to attend!

Town Common Task Force is a community-based, non-partisan initiative whose mission is to be of service to Winchester in building a caring and inclusive community. Grounded in respect for all, our primary focus is to provide actual and virtual gathering spaces. Learn more at www.towncommon.org

Save the Dates

We Believe in Dog Walks Again on October 19th



November 2nd Intergenerational Spaghetti Dinner

We will gather in Metcalf Hall for our 2nd intergenerational spaghetti dinner.

Brought to you by the Membership and Fellowship Committees!



Community Joys and Sorrows

Our love and care go out to all who have joys or sorrows, hopes or prayers on their hearts. 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 Action & Outreach

Are you interested in exploring a “**Moral Budget for Mass.**” Come to an important workshop this Friday at MIT from 2:00—6:00 pm. Free and open to the Public but seating is limited. **Pre-register to attend.** <https://www.peoplesengagement.org>

You can support the transgender rights advocate Sarah McBride, who will be speaking next Monday, Sept 30 at 7:00 pm at the local high school. There is still time to read her moving memoir *Tomorrow Will Be Different*.

To work against Racism in our country we need to see it clearly. “Color of Law” by Richard Rothstein describes the many government actions which created the segregated neighborhoods, school systems and inequality we have today. Save the date Sunday October 27 at 2:00 pm for a program at WUS.

Social Action and Outreach wants your suggestions for justice and service projects this year. Please talk to any member of the committee: Sue Doubler, Harris Gibson, Gordy McIntosh, Claire McNeill, Patty Shepard, and Martina Warner. We have one vacant spot. Talk to one of us to learn more.

See what’s happening with UU Mass Action’s Priority Legislation: One sheet summary of all legislation ([LINK](#))

Lexington Refugee Assistance Program(LexRAP), is a non-profit that helps refugees, has a family that needs a 4 bedroom or very large 3 bedroom apartment or house.



The story is heart warming and compelling: The Syrian mom and sons came on a medical visa six years ago when the older son was seriously injured in the war and they were flown to Children's for medical care. The mom was 8 months pregnant at the time and had the baby here. They applied for asylum, which was granted, and they got refugee status. The older son is now fine after several surgeries. The rest of the family escaped to Jordan.

The mom and boys have been living in a 2 bedroom apartment in Arlington for the last two years. We have known this family for many years and have great respect for how the mother has managed a very difficult situation - she has become a leader among the women LexRAP supports. Recently, 4 daughters were able to get permission to come join their mother and they just arrived in early August - after being separated for 6 years. Now their apartment is too small so they need a bigger place in Arlington, preferably, or in the general area.

If you know of anyone who knows of a place, please have them call Lynn who is working on this at 781-738-7859 or email her at lynn.wolfsgeld@gmail.com

Council of Social Concern

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra *mac & cheese* and *canned potatoes* 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



Coffee Hour Refreshments

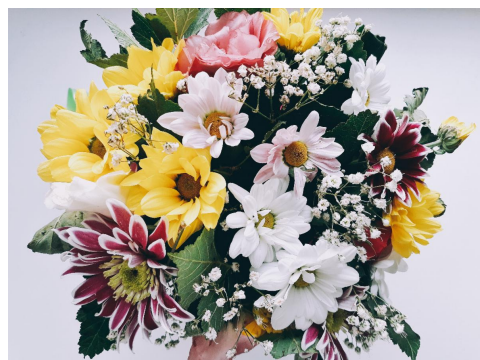
Help make Sunday mornings more welcoming and joyful by bringing refreshments for coffee hour! If you are willing to be contacted when **sign-ups** are needed, please email **Tyson Kamikawa** to put yourself on the list.

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!

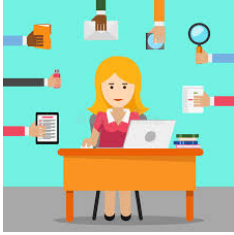
Flower Dedications

Dates are available for flower dedications. You may dedicate flowers in celebrations 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.



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!

Seeking people to organize and lead the message part of Family Worship first Sunday of each month! The Religious Education Committee invites those who are interested to lead the message for 10:00 Family Worship for the first Sunday of the month. If you have a favorite child-friendly story to read or tell, or short activity you would like to share, please do! Themes in the past have involved the environment, meditative practices, social justice, and friendship. You will be asked to coordinate with that day's worship leaders and provide any props. The message should be no more than 10 minutes long. Email the RE Committee at rec@winchesteruu.org (link address?) if you are interested. If you would like to lead, but need some suggestions, please let us know!

Ongoing

Yoga, Meditation, Qi Gong, Caregiver Support 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: Wednesdays, 9:00 am

Email to office@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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