

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 17, 2019



Photo illustrating this month's theme of "Belonging" - the interfaith vigil at the South Boston ICE detention center on September 29th. Detainees can see the vigil from the facility. Each time there is a vigil, detainees wave, knock on windows and hold handwritten notes against the glass. Those participating in the vigil wave and hold affirming signs in response.

Photo by Joe Nazzaro, shared with permission.

Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, October 20
(No Family Worship)**

10:30 am Intergenerational Worship, Sanctuary

"Show Us How to Love:" Living in Covenant

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associates: Peter McEntee

Unitarian Universalism is not "creedal but covenantal," meaning that we are held together not by shared belief but by promises. We make promises about how we will behave with each other and how we will companion one another through life. We make promises to the wider world. Everyone knows what a promise is but sometimes we struggle with keeping our promises. Sometimes we find ourselves saying "show us how to love."

In this **intergenerational service**, we will explore this unique way of "belonging" - living in covenant. **This service will serve as religious education for the morning so there will be no RE activities or Family Worship.**

This Sunday, we share our gifts with **Network for Social Justice** (formerly the Winchester Multicultural Network,) whose mission is "to advance equity and inclusion in the town of Winchester and beyond."

Concert Series

Friday, October 18th at 8:00 PM

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 Oct 13th. Bring your checkbook!

Piano Quartets by Brahms and Kramer



Julia Cash

Violin



Amelia Hollander Ames

Viola



Sam Ou

Cello



John Kramer

Piano

Religious Education

This Sunday:

There will be no Family Worship or RE Classes this Sunday, October 20th. Please join us for the All Ages Worship in the Sanctuary.

Afternoon Groups:

Our Whole Lives Begins This Sunday, October 20th. 4:30-6:00

Mark Those Calendars!

Potluck Theology - Diwali

Please join us for a celebration of Diwali **on Sunday 10/27 4:30-6:30pm**. A member from WUS will share about Diwali and lead us in the family friendly activities of Rangoli and Henna designs. There will be a sweet Indian treat as well! Please sign up to help!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0E4FA8AB2F4-potluck>

Let's Be Honest: November 17th 4:00-6:00 Parent Program. This accessible program for parents and caregivers of multiaged children (preschoolers through senior high) support your family by sharing resources and information and empowering you to be successful in your role as the primary sexuality educators of your children. If you are wondering how to broach sexuality, respond to questions and continue to keep lines of communication open, please join us for this interactive workshop.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 20th, we have a Service Trip Meeting for Parents and Youth at 3 PM in the Chapel. It is mandatory that at least 1 person from your family attends if the youth plans to go on the trip with us to West Virginia during April vacation. We will also be building a covenant together as parents/youth ministry staff. We should wrap up shortly before 4:30 and then teens will stay for a regular WUSYG meeting until 6:30. Also please be sure to Save the Date now for our first big fundraiser: Fall Fest on Nov. 3rd at 11:30 AM.

To see all of our upcoming events, [click here to see a PDF of our calendar](#) for the year, or view and subscribe to our google calendar by going to our website: www.winchesteruu.org/youth where you can also find more information about our programs and ways to stay in touch. Email wusyouth@gmail.com with any questions, concerns or compliments!

Music

Choirs

Adult Choir rehearsal begins 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



Fire Drill This Fall – FAQ

As we have shared in worship, there will be a fire drill on a Sunday morning sometime this Fall. There has not been a fire drill at WUS in recent memory so this may raise a number of questions:

Why we are having a fire drill? A recent safety presentation by the Town of Winchester made it clear that there is a low risk of a fire in a house-of-worship and an even lower risk of violence by strangers. Still, it is always good to be prepared like other places where people gather in the rare event of a fire emergency.

What should we do when the alarms sound? Quickly and calmly exit the building. Please follow these guidelines in choosing your exit:

Those who are comfortable with stairs are asked to exit via the Mystic Valley Parkway door. Cross Main Street at the crosswalk at Main and Mystic Valley and gather at the base of the World War I monument across Main Street from the WUS building.

Those who are companioning small children or who have mobility challenges are asked to exit via the accessible exit on Main Street. Those needing assistance should wait in the Main Street foyer; volunteers will be prepared to assist you outside. Gather outside and wait in the horseshoe-shaped driveway in front of the Main Street entrance

Families with young children will gather and wait in the horseshoe-shaped driveway in front of the Main Street entrance. **A staff person will be assisting in the evacuation of the nursery; young children will be brought to this place, right outside the main entrance.**

When the volunteer "sweepers" return from checking the building for people left behind and declare "all clear," we may return to the building.

Note: We will confirm the drill is an exercise when the alarms sound. However, EVERYONE MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING.

Who will be making sure everything goes as it should? We are reaching out to different leadership groups in the congregation, letting them know how they can be helpful when the fire drill comes. The date of the drill is a closely-guarded secret but we will be providing information in advance. Those with specific roles will quietly learn the morning of the drill that it will be that day.

But what if I/my child have/has sensory processing challenges, triggered by loud alarms? Contact James Pidacks (james.pidacks@verizon.net) or Heather Janules (heather.janules@winchesteru.org) for an alternative plan for you and/or your child.

We anticipate that the drill will go smoothly and that most will find a disrupted Sunday morning is a good trade off for increased emergency readiness. However, we also expect that this first drill will reveal room for improvements. When all is said and done, your feedback is welcome!

Standing Committee Opening

Our governing board, the Standing Committee is searching for a member to join us and fill an open seat. While there is someone interested in the role, finding another member is an open process. We encourage anyone who is interested to talk with James Pidacks, Betsy Bowles or any member of SC. Everyone is invited to submit the name of WUS member (yourself or another) who you think would serve the congregation well in this role by Sunday, October 27th.



Sculpture Exhibition

Got Sculpture?
Interested in Sculpture?
Join us on Sunday, November 10th during Coffee Hour, to view two resplendent pieces of sculpture generously donated by Jon Winer which will be on display and for

sale to benefit WUS.

**THE MINERS
HERMANN HAASE-ILSENBURG**



**TWO DOGS AND A RABBIT
JULES MOIGNIEZ (French, 1835-1894).**
Gilt bronze figural of two hunting dogs at point with a rabbit nestled beyond a rock in leaves. Signed "J. Moigniez". The oval shaped bronze mounted on an oval wood base.

7 ¾" h x 14 ¾"l.

Feel free to share this opportunity with your friends and invite them to see this display.

For additional information, such as appraised value, please

(German) 1960 Berlin. The miner's
Bronze, brown patina, gray marble on a
square plinth with pick. 16 ¾" h.

contact D. Andrews at
dandrewse@gmail.com.



Calling All Those Interested in Being 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!



We Believe in Dog Walks Again on October 19th

We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS
members and friends – and their dogs –
who walk together in the Fells. You don't
need a dog to participate! All participating
dogs must be friendly and vaccinated. We
next gather on Saturday, October 19th. 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.

Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: **heather.janules@winchesteruu.org**
Many thanks to Sarah Milt for serving as walk leader for this gathering as Heather
has a scheduling conflict.

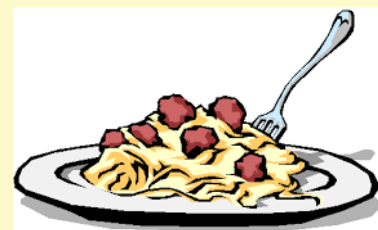
Please also send your cell number if this is your first walk so we can reach out to you
if you are not at the starting point when we are about to begin.

An Opportunity to Sign the Current Massachusetts Ranked-Choice Voting Initiative Petition

It's "Initiative Petition" season again in Massachusetts. The **Social Action and
Outreach Committee** will have petitions to sign on **Sunday October 20th** during
coffee hour. **Petition C "...a proposed law that would implement a voting system .
Come and learn about it.**

**Second Annual All-Congregational Intergenerational
Winchester Unitarian Society**

SPAGHETTI DINNER in Metcalf Hall
Saturday, November 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Join us for good food and good company!
On the menu will be regular and gluten-free pasta,
meatless sauce and meatballs on the side,



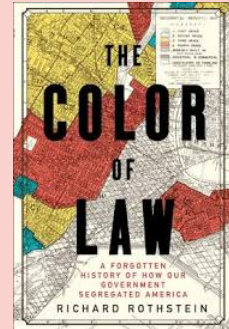
garlic bread, salad, Hoodsie cups, games, and music. We appreciate the courtesy of your reply by no later than Monday, October 28, to Marilyn Mullane, marilynnullane@me.com for our planning.

Happily sponsored by your Fellowship and Membership Committees

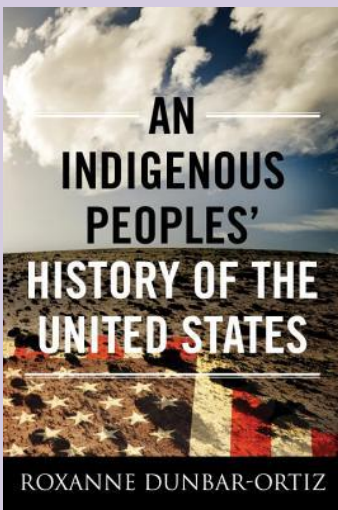
See you all November 2!

THE COLOR OF LAW
Sunday, October 27th

The Color of Law Sunday October 27, join the Racial Justice Book Group, gathering at 1:45 pm, to learn about the many government actions which created the school systems and inequality we have today. We will show excerpts of an interview by Ta-Nehisi Coates with Richard Rothstein.



An Indigenous People's History of the US
Sunday November 17
2:00-4:00 PM



In a collaboration with Network for Social Justice (formerly known as The Multicultural Network) youth and adults are invited to a facilitated book discussion of this year's UUA common read: **An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States** by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) "In 2015, Beacon Press published an extraordinary book by Indigenous scholar and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz that challenged readers to learn US history through a narrative that centers the story, the experiences, and the perspectives of Indigenous

peoples." Copies of the book and the Young People's Version (12-17 years) are available for loan and/or purchase at Winchester Unitarian Society. If you have taken a book already, please make your payment of 16.00 to WUS. Loan copies are available for sign out via the RE office and rebecca@winchesteruu.org.

Service of Remembrance

Our annual **Service of Remembrance** occurs on **Sunday, November 3rd**. This year we would like to introduce a sung litany which involves a recitation of names of the deceased we are remembering. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this litany, please contact John Kramer at john.kramer@winchesteruu.org. In this beautiful meditational space, the names will be invoked as we respond: "you are not forgotten." Please respond by Friday, November 1st.

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. Visit a meeting, the first Tuesday every month.

There is a **Facebook group for WUS Members and Friends**, a fun way to connect outside of Sunday morning. If you wish to join, simply find the group on Facebook, ask to join through the page and, recognizing your name, office staff will approve your request. **Join the conversation!**



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



**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



FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

Lot across from Town Hall

**Saturday
October 26th
10am-12:30pm**

Let's **"FILL THE TRAILER"**
and feed families for Woburn's
Council of Social Concern
with...

Tuna Fish, Mac & Cheese,
Rice, Pasta, Hearty Soups,
Cereal (Hot & Cold)
Peanut Butter & Jelly, Juice,
Canned Fruit, Jello, Pudding and
any other Non-Perishable Items.

**Restock
Our Local
Food Pantry!**

Serving Woburn & Winchester
No donation too small!

WINCHESTER
for PEACE
FAMILIES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE



Graciously sponsored by local businesses: Dara Singleton- Realtor, Bryant Park Designs, Sweet Surprize and Robert Ellington- Realtor



BRYANT PARK DESIGNS



Join us for our monthly Jericho Walk at the ICE office, 1000 District Ave., Burlington

- November 5, 8AM -- Sponsored by Na'Aseh (we will act), Congregation Beth Elohim, Acton
- November 6, 3:30 to 4:30 PM, later in the day so perhaps teens can take part after school...also led by BAC4J
- November 14, 8AM--Led by Temple Shir Tikvah, Winchester, on behalf of the Burlington Immigration Justice Cluster



The Jericho Walk is a silent interfaith prayer and act of solidarity. The walk draws inspiration from the Battle of Jericho, in which the community marched around the city of Jericho seven times, causing the city walls to fall. The Jericho Walk of today is a silent, peaceful, and prayerful walk to bring down the walls of our unjust immigration system and is open to people of all or no faiths. Please bring signs calling for just treatment of those who are caught in our broken immigration system, suggested messages "Keep Families Together", "No Family Separation", "Not One More/Ni Una Mas", "Not In Our Name". Please refrain from signs explicitly endorsing or condemning any political candidate or official.

Thanks to all these groups for their patient work of organizing, and to all who show up--or say a word of prayer for those affected by ICE activities--or hold them in the light.



Immigration Justice Opportunity Fall Sanctuary training at First Parish Bedford

It's not too late to sign up for sanctuary training. **See Marilyn Mullane on October 20th and 27th to answer any questions.**

On September 29th, we hosted “ask me about sanctuary” during coffee. So far, we have eight new WUS volunteers! Our goal though is to double the number of our volunteers. If you missed the September 29th worship service or needed some time to think it over, we now have November dates for training as well. **This will be the last time to get trained until January.**

Dates for training are as follows:

Tuesday, October 29, 1-3pm: First Parish Bedford, room 202

Wednesday, October 30, 7-9pm: First Parish Bedford, room 202

Monday, November 18, 7 -9pm: First Parish Bedford, room 202

Tuesday, November 19, 1 -3pm: First Parish Bedford, room 202

Per First Parish, “you are so crucial in this mission to keep our guest safe. She is so grateful for all you do! It’s wonderful that we keep getting new volunteers every month, as we continue our commitment for the long haul.”

Please e-mail marilynmullane@me.com if you plan on attending. Provide your name, e-mail address and phone number. Note that drop-ins are no longer invited.

Stories from the Border: Roots & Realities Presentation at Belmont First Parish, October 20, 12:30-1:45pm in the Library.

Raquel Bauman and Sylvia Cowan of First Parish Bedford went to the Border as Spanish-speaking volunteers in a detention center to assist asylum-seekers and to observe events in Mexico and Texas last February. They will share stories they heard and events they witnessed first-hand there, along with updates and a look at origins of this growing humanitarian crisis on our Mexican Border. The trip was arranged under the auspices of UU-College of Social Justice and their partner organization RAICES. The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services is a Texas-based non-profit dedicated to promoting justice. Grateful for this opportunity to live the values of ‘respecting the dignity and worth of all human beings,’ Raquel and Sylvia assisted in a local detention center with interviewing, translating for non-Spanish-speaking lawyers, and helping immigrants and asylum-seekers to understand their rights. They also crossed into Mexico and spoke with others attempting to seek asylum.

Since that time the situation has continued to escalate into a heartbreaking humanitarian crisis—both on the U.S. border and in neighboring

Mexico. We invite you to accompany us vicariously on this journey. Come hear what we learned, aspects of the current realities, and exploration of roots of this crisis. Consider what steps we all might take to live our values of justice for all and helping one another.

Light refreshments will be served.

Prayer Vigil: Sunday, October 27 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the ICE Detention Center in Boston (contact rosalyn02478@yahoo.com for more details).



2019 – LexRAP Second Annual Fundraiser at Temple Isaiah in Lexington

The LEXINGTON REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LexRAP) invites you to “LexWelcome 2019” fundraiser dinner on Sunday, October 27th, 5:30 at Temple Isaiah, 55 Lincoln St., Lexington. Tickets are \$40 per adult, \$20 for children, and a family cap of \$100 for two adults and one or more children.

This event will be an evening of music and lovingly prepared Middle Eastern food. Join us for a Fundraiser Dinner as we celebrate freedom and the gifts that our new immigrant neighbors bring to our local communities. Help us lift the spirit of support that we offer to those seeking a safe and secure home among us in our towns and neighborhoods

LexRAP currently supports almost 60 people who are refugees and asylum seekers from Iraq, Syria, Uganda, Jamaica, Iran and other countries. The LexRAP community also includes tutors, social workers, ESL teachers, translators and other LexRAP volunteers.

Proceeds will be used by LexRAP to continue providing direct support to refugee families living in our area. Of course, additional tax-deductible donations will help us further to advance our mission. See www.LexRAP.org.

Dinner starts promptly at 5:30pm. Tickets may be purchased at bit.ly/LexRAP-Isaiah-Dinner-Fundraiser. Seats are limited, so reserve now!

News from UU Urban Ministry. “Roxbury Strong: A Story of Emergence.”

Join us **October 28 at 5 pm** for a dinner theater experience, with an original play that tells the history of Roxbury, focusing on the last fifty years. Tickets are free but should be reserved by emailing Monique Marshall-Veale at mveale@uum.org

The UUUM has a Wishlist of items needed today by families in their programs:

[UUUM Wishlist](#)

Deeper Than the Skin:

A Musical Presentation on Race

Saturday, November 2, 2019, 7:30pm

Follen Church, 755 Mass. Ave. Lexington, MA

Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway are singers and storytellers with a long history of friendship across

race. On Saturday, November 2, in their acclaimed *Deeper Than the Skin* presentation, they

will intersperse musical performance with personal stories about race and privilege. The performance is

free; donations are encouraged. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30 performance. The next morning,

Sunday, November 3, Reggie and Greg will lead the multi-generational service at Follen Church at 10:30am. All are welcome. For more information,

see <https://follen.org/deeper-than-skin/> or <https://deeperthantheskin.com/>



Council of Social Concern

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra **canned tuna** and **canned fruit** 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

Two people/families will be assigned to bring refreshments for one Sunday. We truly appreciate your willingness to be asked to help out in this simple way - thank you!

You can see when your assigned week is by looking [here](#).

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.

Help make Sunday mornings more welcoming and joyful by bringing refreshments for coffee hour!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tyson (tyson@kamikawa.us) along the way.



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.

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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