

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 24, 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

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

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

About Family Worship

This Week, We hear a story about neighbors who have some help remembering what really matters.

Sunday, October 27

10:30 am All Ages Worship, Sanctuary

Caminamos Juntos: We Walk Together

Rev. Tom Rosiello

Worship Associates: Marcy Tompson

This Sunday, we welcome into our pulpit the Rev. Tom Rosiello, Minister Emeritus of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton and current minister of the UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. In this month of exploring "belonging," he will speak to how the current climate regarding immigration in the US is impacting the other side of the border. Rev. Tom will share the work of his congregation through Caminamos Juntos, an organization supporting Mexican nationals deported back to the San Miguel area in securing basic needs, legal assistance and emotional support. **A ceremony to**

dedicate our renewed entryway and stair lift will immediately follow the service.

This Sunday, we will Share the Plate with **Caminamos Juntos**, a UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende ministry in partnership with the organization ABBA House, providing immediate basic needs (shelter, food, and clothing) and continuing support through counseling, mentoring, documentation and job referrals to Mexican nationals recently deported from the United States.

Events This Weekend

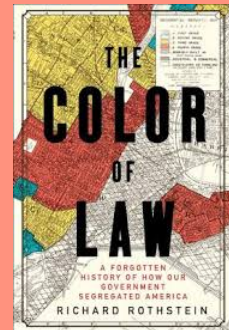


Racial Justice Shabbat Services Friday, October 25th

Temple Shir Tikvah will be having a Racial Justice Shabbat Service this Friday, October 25th, from 7:30-9 pm. All are welcome to attend. The temple is located at 34 Vine Street in Winchester, MA.

THE COLOR OF LAW Sunday, October 27th

The Color of Law this 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.



Potluck Theology - Diwali Sunday, October 27th

Please join us for a celebration of Diwali **this 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>

Religious Education

This Sunday:

Morning Groups

PreK-1 World of Wonder: We Are All Connected. Today we enact the ways of many beings, hooting, flying, swimming perhaps. Everything that lives is connected, and we weave some reminders of how we belong to the web of all life. Teachers Caroline and Isabelle lead the group.

2-4th Grades Moral Tales: We Are Grateful. Today we hear about the celebrations of Cherokee people during the seasons of the year. We learn some words from the Cherokee language and think about things we are grateful for, now and all year long. Teachers Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

5th Grade and beyond, Faith Finders: Who Belongs to the Land? We begin an exploration of Indigenous lives, not in stories of times past, but children, youth and adults who live true to their beliefs in the modern era. What does it mean to belong to the land? To honor all life as sacred? Rebecca leads.

Afternoon Groups:

Our Whole Lives meets today from 4:30-6:00 This week, **Values:** what they mean to us and others. Jenny Brown Nordan and Sioux Browkaw facilitate the group

Mark Those Calendars!

Let's Be Honest: November 17th 4:00-6:00 Parent Program. Because you asked for it, we are bringing 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

Thanks to everyone who came to our Service Trip Meeting and productive Parent Covenanting session last weekend! This Sunday we will have a regular WUSYG meeting at 4:30, with Rev. Heath subbing in for Sam while he's at a training in Minnesota. Please be sure to Save the Date now for our first big fundraiser: Fall Fest on Nov. 3rd at 11:30 AM. Teens should come at 10 to help setup and plan to stay 'til 2 or whenever cleanup is over. Stay tuned for ways to contribute!

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

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 meditative space, the names will be invoked as we respond: "you are not forgotten." Please respond by Friday, November 1st.



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

Away for a Day: Staff Retreat

Please be advised that the office will be closed on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019** for our annual Staff Retreat. We will be back in the office on Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

Thank you!



Thank you from the Music Committee:

Thank you for a a very successful start to our 14th concert series! About 150 people attended the concert and, start to finish, the the music was superb. John's new piece was very well received, the quartet was outstanding, and the reception was well attended. All in all, a very lovely community event. Thank you sponsors, the quartet, choir, and everyone who helped to make the evening a success. Our next concert is on Friday, January 24th, and this year we are hosting a saxophone summit with three of Boston's best, young saxophone players. Mark your calendars and bring your friends!

Fire Drill Recap

In the words of one member, "more than 100 years after our first fire, we had our first fire drill" last Sunday. In brief, it took only 9 minutes and 22 seconds from beginning to end. Congratulations to all and many thanks for your patience through the process!



Some initial lessons learned:

It was unclear where children older than toddlers go (Main Street vs. monument)

We have a spare wheelchair to assist someone in immediate need but many don't know where it is stored (by the umbrella rack at the Main Street entrance.)

Some could not hear the fire alarms.

Despite our many communications, some tried to remain in the building during the drill.

It was unclear that those with mobility challenges were welcome to linger by the Main Street door.

We had crosswalk assistants for those going to the monument but did not have people assigned for the return crossing.

These learnings will inform future drills and an eventual training for those who serve as ushers and greeters. **To provide additional feedback, praise or critique, contact Heather Janules or James Pidacks: heather.janules@winchesteruu.org and james.pidacks@verizon.net**

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.

Partner Church Opportunity

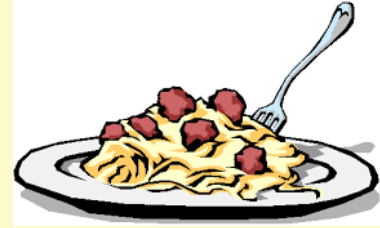
Over the twenty-plus years of our Partner Church friendship, ten young Unitarians in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania have earned university degrees or certificates because we provided financial assistance. An eleventh is working on her degree. We are hopeful that six WUS families will step forward to support our twelfth student, Anna Kamenitczky, who is studying geography and tourism. Without our support, Anna may be unable to continue her studies. Three families have already volunteered. We need three more. The commitment is \$150 a year for four years. If you're interested in exploring this opportunity, please see Maggie or John Russell at coffee hour or contact one of them at 781-729-8128 or maggierussell@comcast.net.



Second Annual All-Congregational Intergenerational

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, marilynmullane@me.com for our planning.

Happily sponsored by your Fellowship and Membership Committees

See you all November 2!



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



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.

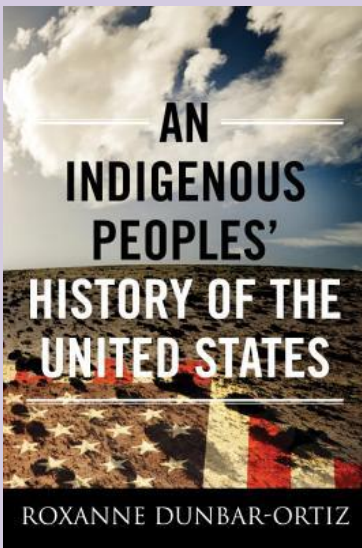
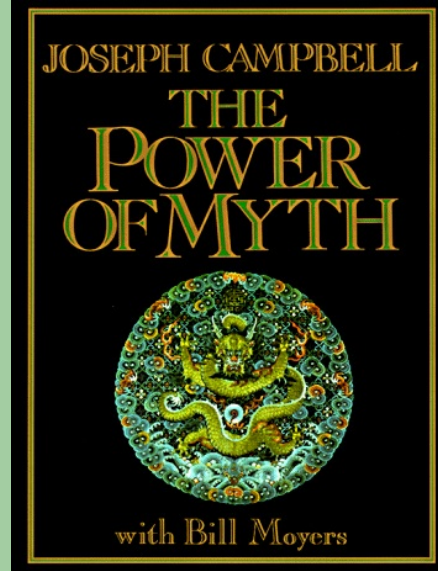
Feel free to share this opportunity with your friends and invite them to see this display.

For additional information, such as appraised value, please contact D. Andrews at dandrewse@gmail.com.

The Power of Myth book group is forming

A book group is forming to discuss the ideas of

this Joseph Campbell series/book, one chapter per month, on the second Sunday, beginning **November, 10th 12-1:00 PM.** *The Power of Myth*, a series of six one hour interviews of Professor Joseph Campbell by Bill Moyers, remains one of the most popular series in the history of American Public Television. The series (and companion book) explore spirituality and myth in a profound way, seeing the uncanny similarities of many myths across many vastly different peoples, cultures, religions, continents, and centuries. If myths were stars, Campbell taught us to see the constellations. Campbell told us that mythology is not a lie, mythology is poetry; not a literal truth but a metaphorical truth. Myths from different cultures, peoples, and faith traditions are remarkably similar, speaking to the innate condition of the unchanging human psyche. If our dreams are individual myths; then myths are our collective dreams. If interested, please contact Matthew Bronski mbronski@gmail.com or Rebecca Kelly-Morgan rebecca@winchesteruu.org



An Indigenous People's History of the US

Sunday November 17

2:00-4:00 PM

Please Save the date: Sunday, November 17, 2019 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.

It's that time of year again to sign up for "Thanksgiving food baskets" to be collected for the Council of Social Concern in Woburn. Last year we provided 35 baskets, which were distributed to families in need in the area. Members of the Social Action and Outreach Committee will be signing up people during the social hour after the services on Nov 3rd and Nov 10th. A large box will be provided--feel free to team up and share one.

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.



Sunday Secretaries are needed!

The office could really use your assistance on Sundays.

Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or office@winchesteruu.org if you're willing to consider it!

FY19 Financial Report from your Co-Treasurers

WUS bylaw Article 21, section 3, states that "A final report of the year's financial operations shall be mailed to all members within sixty days of the close of the fiscal year." Please view the **report for fiscal year September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019** and accompanying **Actuals vs. Budget report** and **Balance Sheet** from co-treasurers Sue Kiewra and Judy Murray. Comments welcome via email to treasurer@winchesteruu.org.

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





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



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](#)

How to host a refugee. The ArCS Cluster in Arlington is looking for 2 hosts to provide a room or small apartment for 3 months for two asylum seekers. Both are single woman. One is homeless with a newborn baby. **Learn more at 7:30 November 1 at First Parish Arlington.** Or just **email** us now. For more information, please check out our web site: <https://www.arcscluster.org/>

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 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.

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).

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**.



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