

# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights October 3, 2019



*Photo illustrating this month's theme of "Belonging" - the interfaith vigil at the South Boston ICE detention center on September 29<sup>th</sup>. 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...  
see below for more information.*

**This Week: *Yom Kippur***

### Sunday, October 6, 10:30 am All Ages Worship, Sanctuary

#### **"For Our Failures of Justice": History, Atonement and Yom Kippur**

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associates: Peter McEntee

The High Holy Days, the Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the threshold of the Jewish New Year, invite us into reflection about the ways we have fallen short in our promises to one another. While this time of atonement often centers on experiences between individuals, it is also a time to consider how communities, even nations and ethnic populations, might engage in the "spiritual renewal" that is possible through reconciliation. As this year marks the 400th anniversary of European colonialism in what is now the United States, questions of history, oppression, reparations and forgiveness are woven into this anniversary time.

This service will explore the possibilities of atonement in the collective sense in the spirit of Yom Kippur practices.

This Sunday, we **Share the Plate** with the **Mystic Valley chapter of the NAACP**, whose mission is to “secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.”

As this is the first Sunday of the month, there will be a **discussion in the Parlor** after worship at noon. All are welcome!

## Religious Education

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: How Can I Help?** As Unitarian Universalists we believe in helping each other. Sometimes we have to listen carefully to understand the best ways to help. We meet on the upper level end classroom. Teachers Isabelle and Caroline lead the group.

**2-4th Grades Moral Tales: The Hardest Word:** As Unitarian Universalists we learn from religions all around the world. This week, Jewish people observe the holiday of Yom Kippur - a time to say “I’m sorry”. It sounds easy, but sometimes it’s quite difficult. Elizabeth anchors the group this weekend

**5th Grade and beyond, Faith Finders: A Time to Forgive and be Forgiven:** We continue our collaboration in service, but take time this morning to consider the message of Yom Kippur, observed on October 9th. What grudges do we need to shed? What apologies do we need to offer?

### Afternoon Groups:

**8th in Action:** Will not be meeting this week.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Fall Retreat is this weekend. [Click here to download the flyer](#) with all of the details. Registrations were due yesterday. We will not have a regular meeting on Sunday night.

## Music

### 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 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

## Congregational News

### Partner Church Scholarship Opportunity

Our eleventh Partner Church scholarship student, Anna Kiss, is back at her university studies in fine arts with a major in sculpture. Pictures of her work appeared in **Highlights last spring**. Now, we have an opportunity to add another student (also named Anna) to our list of young Transylvanian UUs we've helped with their

studies. Anna Kamenitzky is undertaking a program in the “geography of tourism” designed to equip her to work in the international hospitality field. Her father died a few years ago and Anna and her mother have subsisted on the latter’s small salary and Anna’s contributions from part-time work. As we have for our other scholarship students, we hope to assemble a group of six WUS families, each contributing \$150 per year and each willing to see Anna through the three to four years it will take her to finish her program. Watching our Partner Church students grow and succeed has been one of the most satisfying aspects of our ongoing commitment to the UU Church of Marosvásárhely. If you’re interested in learning more or know you’d like join five other WUS families, please email or call (781-729-8128) Maggie or John Russell.



### **New Procedure for Coffee Hour Refreshments as of THIS SUNDAY**

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](mailto:tyson@kamikawa.us)) along the way.



**Immigration Justice Opportunity**  
**Fall Sanctuary training at First Parish Bedford**

Now that summer is over, First Parish is offering training in October and November.

Most Level 2 congregations have exhibited some burn out. This has not been as much of a problem for us. Instead, a dedicated group of thirteen to nineteen WUS volunteers, out of forty-two WUS volunteers, signed up for sanctuary shifts regularly and have been carrying the load. So, it is imperative to replenish volunteers and give those that have been doing more than their share a break.

On September 30th, 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 30th worship service or needed some time to think it over, we now 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](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.towncommon.org)

**We Believe in Dog Walks  
Again on October 19th**

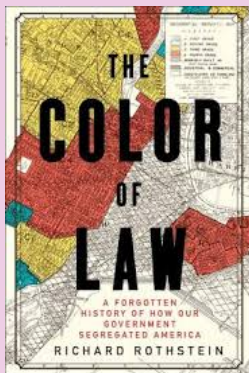
We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don’t need a dog to participate! All participating

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](mailto: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.



### FILM - "THE COLOR OF LAW" Sunday, October 27th

To work against Racism in our country we need to understand its origins. "The Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein describes the many government actions which created the segregated neighborhoods, school systems and inequality we have today. On Sunday October 27, gathering at 1:45 pm, we will show excerpts of an interview with the author, followed by discussion. Led by members of our Racial Justice

Book Group.



### 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.LexRAP.org).

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

## Save the Date



### 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

Housewarming wishes are with **Alberto and Zareen Karani Araoz** who moved to a new apartment last week.

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](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org)

## Social Action & Outreach

You can support the local branch of the NAACP by attending a fundraising breakfast on **Saturday, October 19 from 9 to 12 in Malden**. More information on the Social Action table.

**Come to the UU Climate Action Advocacy Day on Wed Oct 23 rd at the State House,**

**Boston from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM** The Plan: Each team will be assigned a floor in the

State House to drop off packets of information and have short conversations. All materials will be provided to you. Just wear a UU shirt and show up! **You can learn more about the legislation here**

**Immigrant Justice Community Forum**

**Thurs Oct 24, 7:00 – 8:30 PM at First Parish Church of Stow & Acton, 353 Great Rd,**



## 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

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](mailto:tyson@kamikawa.us)) along the way.



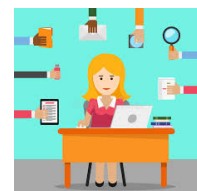
### Flower Dedications

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.

### Sunday Secretaries

**Sign up** to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays. Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

### 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](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org)

## 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](mailto: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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