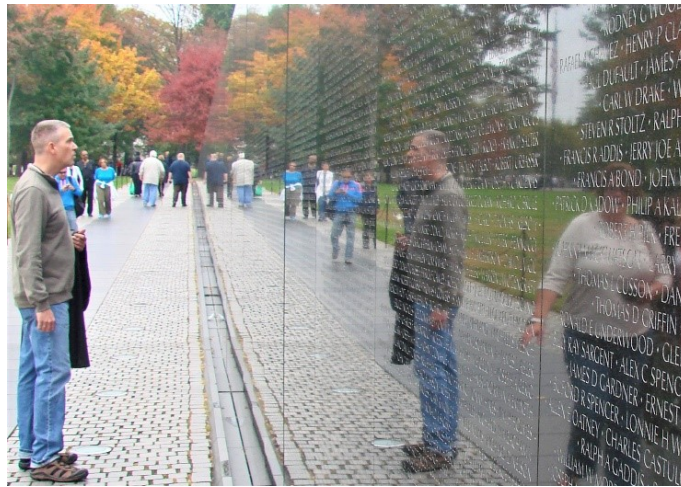


Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights November 14, 2019



*Photo illustrating this month's theme of "Attention"
- A visitor to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.*

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 Sunday, Rebecca Kelly Morgan leads the message
for this morning: "Move Over"

Sunday, November 17 10:30 am All Ages Worship, Sanctuary

A Doctrine of Recovery: Decolonizing the Collective Mind

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associate: Marianne DiBlasi

As we near the 400th anniversary of the landing at Plymouth Rock next year, the book *An Indigenous History of the United States* (this year's UUA's Common Read) invites us to consider the history of this nation beyond "the first" settlers and "the last" Native Americans. This service will point to the possibilities for hope and healing through learning the stories about indigenous and colonist experiences not usually shared in school textbooks. It also prepares us for a deeper dive into this history through a program later in the day (2:00 pm) in partnership with Network for Social Justice.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **Native American Indian Center of Boston** providing "cultural, social, educational, and professional related services to the New England Native American community...[whose] mission is to empower the Native American community with the goal of improving the quality of life of Indigenous peoples."

Events This Weekend



We Believe in Dog Walks Again on November 16th Final Walk of the Calendar Year

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, November 16th. 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 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.

Gardening Opportunity

The Gardening Committee started a few years ago with a mission to resurrect not only our small rear garden plot into an herb and flower sharing space, but also to brighten the front welcome garden by planting flowers in the chalice design.

Over the last two years we have expanded our efforts by transforming our weedy parking lot into a colorful space that welcomes WUS members, WCNS nursery school families, Chinese School participants, and other visitors. With the paving and improvements to the parking lot and new bike rack, the feel of our back space has substantially improved.



We are looking for a committed group of folks who share the joy of gardening and a love of transforming spaces at WUS. Ironically, we would like to start the year by putting the garden to bed for the winter.

Join us on Saturday, November 16th at 2:30 for garden clean-up and herb cutting, followed by a late afternoon gathering on Washington Street where we will share plans for the year. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to Margaret Lowry at mlowry142@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

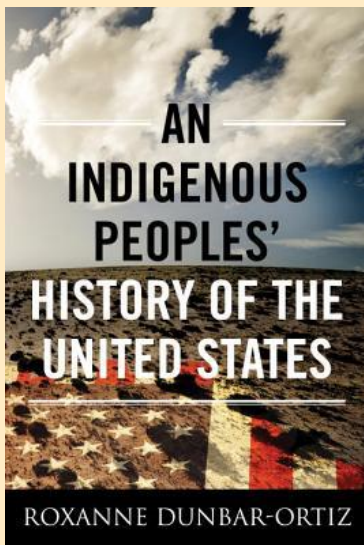
Sunday Nov. 17: LexRAP Conversation in the Parlor

Are you curious to learn more about the **Lexington Refugee Assistance Program (LexRAP)** whose mission is to provide refugee families with a network of community support?



Join us in the parlor at Noon after the worship service on Sunday November 17 to talk with Marianne DiBlasi and other WUS members who are developing a relationship with LexRAP and are inviting WUS members and friends to support local refugee families.

If you aren't able to join the conversation in the parlor, please see Highlights to learn about ongoing ways to support LexRAP refugee families. You can also contact Marianne DiBlasi at marianne@winchesteruu.org or by calling the WUS office.



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

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.

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 in Michelsen for this interactive workshop. The facilitator will be preparing materials for each family, so please RSVP asap to rebecca@winchesteruu.org

This Sunday:

Morning Groups

World of Wonder: As Unitarian Universalists, we want to know about all people. In November, we celebrate Indigenous (Native American) People's Heritage month. Today we learn about current day Cherokee, who are grateful for the earth. Caroline and Isabelle lead the group.

Moral Tales: As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in fair treatment of all people, and respect for each other. We hear a story about Native Americans and their lives before and after European Contact. Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

Faith Finders: Getting ready for the mitten tree, we prepare our mittens to come out next Sunday, with a discussion of who the mittens are for and why we choose to give to them. Rebecca leads the group.

Afternoon Groups:

Our Whole Lives meets from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Wallace Room. **This week, ideas about body image.** Ryan and Karen facilitate the group.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

This Sunday several WUSYGers (Alex O, Izzy, Evan, Bitsy, and Charlotte) will be leading the 1st Reflection during the morning worship and are meeting in the Chapel at 9:45 AM to finalize prep. Families with teens are especially encouraged to come support them and also learn from the service about indigenous history and decolonization (a topic WUSYG will be exploring this year).

There will be a regular meeting this Sunday for WUSYG, too, at 4:30, and WUSYG parents are also especially invited to attend the Let's Be Honest workshop that starts at 4 (see more details in Religious Education section). Parents attending that and driving their kids can send them down to the WUSYG room at 4; Sam and Haley will be around!

Please also note our next What's Up WUSYG Wednesday is next week, 11/20, 7 pm at Cafe Nero; we DO have meetings the Sundays before AND after Thanksgiving; and there's a Sleepover on Dec. 6th (multi-UU-youth group, at the UU church in Needham).

Finally, please note that we have decided to postpone the Fundraiser on Dec. 8th (so we will now just have a regular meeting that night) and instead fold that fundraiser (a services auction) into the all-church Potluck following the Holiday Pageant the following week. SO, please mark your calendars for youth to be at WUS during the morning and early afternoon of Dec. 15th and stay tuned for more details.

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



November 24th Pie Sunday meets Bring a Friend Sunday!

Reflect on the many gifts of the earth and then enjoy some of these gifts through eating pie during coffee hour. This is a perfect Sunday to bring a friend and expose them to fun and thoughtful worship and a social hour that is delicious in many

ways! The Nov. 24 service is intergenerational so don't forget to invite your young friends too...

Thank you for your generosity!

In just two weeks we have received promises for 35 Thanksgiving baskets. We will collect the food on Sunday Nov 24 in Metcalf Hall, from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. Please leave the gift card and any perishables on the top of your donations. Be sure to attach the tag with your name and cost information, so the Council can send you a letter for your taxes. If you did not take one already, we will have boxes for you to load. For questions contact Claire McNeill, rkmcn@aol.com



Bring Your Favorite Pen to Church

The Church of the Larger Fellowship needs our help. CLF, an on line congregation, is the largest church within our denomination with thousands of members worldwide. 1,084 of its members are incarcerated and we've been asked to write a message of hope on holiday cards that will be mailed to them. **Please join us in the Symmes Room after church on November 24th and December 1st.** It will only take a moment. Call Betsy Bowles if you'd like to do more - (617) 584-6477.

Can the World Reverse Global Warming and Prosper?

On Wednesday, Nov 20, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm a free [Project Drawdown](#) education event organized by **five Winchester based non-profits*** will be held in the UU church at 478 Main St. [Drawdown](#) is the NYT bestseller non-fiction book that documents a wide range of proven solutions which together could reverse global warming. Like the book, the event will not dwell on massive human trauma and extinctions of creatures unable to migrate. Instead this event will introduce the findings of a huge team of scientists from around the world who looked at already existing potential longer term solutions. They found no silver bullet. But they did find silver buckshot!

Eighty green house gas reducing or sequestering solutions are already in use and proven to work. And if scaled up reasonably could, together, reverse global warming by 2070, well within the lifetime of today's school age children. Also surprisingly, almost all the solutions were found to produce far more economic benefits than costs.

After a 25 minute video, small groups will compare reactions and together look at the solutions grouped into eight categories: Transport, Women and Girls, Electricity Generation, Buildings and Cities, Land Use, Materials, and Food, plus "Coming Attractions" (20 "solutions" which are promising but not proven.) A chance to meet representatives of the five sponsoring organizations* and light refreshments will be provided, also free.

***Mass 350 MetroNorthNode, Winchester UU Green Sanctuary Team, Sustainable Winchester, First Congregational Church, and CoolWinchester.**

DRAWDOWN
THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING

How Can the World Reverse Global Warming and Prosper?
Video and Discussion

Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main Street

This event is FREE. Light refreshments will be served.
Presented by the 350 Mass MetroNorth Node, the WUS Green Sanctuary, Sustainable Winchester, and the First Congregational Church

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Parking & Dropping Off by the Main Street Entrance

The new parking space in the circular driveway off of Main Street is for patrons of the church who have mobility challenges. **Please do not use this space if you do not need to or prevent someone who needs it from accessing it with your parked car.**

If you are dropping things off to the church, please leave enough room for another vehicle to get by. Also, try not to leave your vehicle in this driveway for too long. If you have a lot to drop off, feel free to contact the office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your attention & consideration regarding this matter. We appreciate it!

**Sculpture
Exhibition**



More Sculpture Opportunities!
Sunday, November 17th, 24th, and December 1st before service and during Coffee Hour, stop by the Symmes Room to view the two pieces of sculpture generously donated by Jon Winer 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.



Fall Sanctuary Training at First Parish Bedford

It's not too late to sign up for sanctuary training but time is running out. **This will be the last time to get trained until January!**

Dates for training are as follows:

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

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

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.

Indoor Greening Party
Thursday, December 6th, 6:30 pm

Anyone who wants to help "green the church" is welcome to join us. Kids are explicitly and warmly invited!
Cookies, eggnog and holiday cheer provided.



Parent's Night Out
Saturday, December 14th
5:00 to 8:00 pm

An early holiday gift for busy parents and guardians. Here's a chance to shop for or wrap some special gifts or have a dinner out eaten on plates that can break. We are looking for folks who would like to be part of the adult oversight of our children. We'll have kid friendly dinner, games and fun. Please let Rebecca or any member of the RE committee know if you're interested.

Supporting Local Refugee Families

WUS is beginning a supportive relationship with **Lexington Refugee Assistance Program** (www.LexRAP.org) whose mission is to provide refugee families with a network of community support.



There is an immediate need for the following items to support a LexRAP refugee family and their young child. Donations would be welcome and appreciated! If you would like to support this family, please bring items to WUS and place them in the LexRAP donation box in the Symmes room.

Huggies brand pull-ups, size 5T for boys
Vanilla PediaSure Shake, 8 oz. with blue cap

Additionally, there are opportunities to provide direct support to LexRAP refugee families who are living in the local area. There is a need for:

Drivers: to take family members to medical appointments, the grocery store, etc.

Conversational English visits: to help individuals practice speaking a new language

If you are interested in supporting local refugee families, please contact **Marianne DiBlasi** at marianne@winchesteruu.org.

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!

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

Tonight, November 14: "The First People of this place we now call Winchester." Join the Historical Society at 7:00 for a talk at 7:30 by Ellen Berkland, MA archeologist, at the Sanborn House, 15 High St, Winchester.

Got CANS & Bottles? We want them!!!

Winchester ABC Bottle Drive
Saturday, November 16th, 8am-3pm
Sons of Italy Parking Lot (outside Transfer Station), McKay Avenue

The proceeds from the returnable bottles and cans will help finance the Winchester's ABC (A Better Chance) program. For more info, request pick-up for large donations, or to volunteer, please contact admin@WinchesterABC.org or to make a donation to the ABC 2019 Annual Appeal go to winchesterabc.org!

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Bring us your redeemable
bottles and cans!
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Support
WinchesterABC.org

Film Screening to Support Local Asylum Seekers: Call Me Kuchu. Sat Nov 16, 4:00 PM. Maynard Fine Art Theater, 19 Summer St., Maynard.



A shocking but inspiring film about the life-and-death struggle for LGBT rights in Uganda. John Wambere, a leading Ugandan gay/HIV activist who narrowly escaped with his life and was granted asylum in the U.S., will speak at the screening. [Read More Here](#)

What is a Safe Community? A Learning Panel presented by the Immigrant Justice Committee of the Network for Social Justice (WMCN). Thursday, November 21 at the Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road, Winchester This panel will focus on developments with recent **Safe Communities** legislation, as well as comparative experiences from neighboring towns.

Help refugees learn English with the International Institute of New England a refugee settlement agency in **Lowell**. They need adult volunteers to work in the classrooms with mothers and their children in a weekly, specialized ESOL class. Friday mornings, 10 am - 12 noon. For more information, contact Shannon St. Pierre (ssstpierre@iine.org) To carpool with other members, contact Claire McNeill.

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- November 19, 1 PM, also led by AC4J.

As you may have heard in news reports and other updates, the Sheriff of Suffolk County recently announced he had ended the contract with ICE and the detainees have been moved. Unfortunately, they have been moved further from their support networks and often to worse conditions of detention. We are waiting to hear of any future actions to be taken on behalf of men and women detained by ICE in Massachusetts and of course we'll provide word of developments.



Show your support now for the MA Safe Communities bill by emailing your MA representatives: [Click here to find the fact sheet](#) . Public Hearing 10 AM and Rally 9 AM, Monday, Dec 2nd. **Join the Safe Communities Coalition – get updates directly by texting SAFEMA to 52886.**



Did you know that you can donate airline miles to reunify immigrant and refugee families and to allow these families to make their way to their sponsors in the United States? Donating airline miles is a perfect way to make a difference in the lives of immigrant friends, families, and neighbors.



RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services - <https://www.raicestexas.org/>) has partnered with Miles4Migrants and as part of our partnership, we want to ask our supporters to donate in a new way - their airline miles.

For more information, read the **Support RAICES Campaign to Raise Miles FAQ** and watch the following **short video (3:30)** to see how a

Miles4Migrants case works.

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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