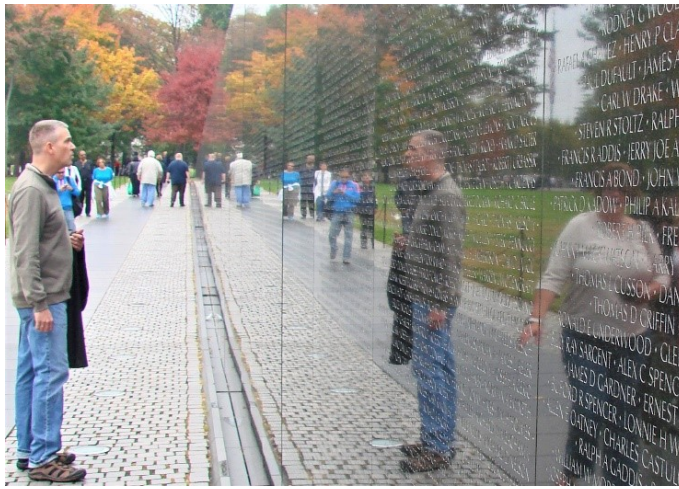


Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights November 21, 2019



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

Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, November 24
(No Family Worship)**

10:30 am Intergenerational Worship, Sanctuary

We Belong to the Earth

The Rev. Heather Janules and Rebecca Kelley-Morgan
Worship Associate: Lee Barton

Last Sunday, we explored how there are many ways for human beings to relate to the land upon which they live. This service will consider this further, reflecting on what it would be like to act out of the spiritual understanding that we belong to the earth; the earth does not belong to us. **This intergenerational service will serve as religious education for the morning so there will be no Family Worship or religious exploration activities.** Don't forget to bring a pie as it is **Pie Sunday**. And it is **Bring a Friend Sunday** so invite friends, neighbors and acquaintances of all ages to join in the fun!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, this Sunday one half of our gifts will be set aside for the **Winchester Unitarian Society Minister's Discretionary Fund**. The MDF provides support to individuals and families in financial distress within and beyond the congregation. (We will soon make a donation from the MDF to the Woburn Council of Social Concern for \$300 towards holiday gift cards for low-income families.)

Events This Weekend



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



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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.



Our Annual Mitten Tree un-decorating begins this Sunday, November 24th in the Symmes Room:

Take a mitten, buy a gift, and return them to church **no later than noon on the 15th of December.**

This year we are gifting children and youth receiving Foster Care services in the state of Massachusetts, as well as children who are supported through the LexRAP organization.

Whatever their circumstances, all children deserve a little brightness in their lives and it is our privilege to contribute in this season. Although the tree will not be up until next weekend, the mittens will be out and available. Please take one or two, or more...and thank you for your generosity.

As we "undecorate" the tree, you are also invited to replace your mitten with

Religious Education

This Sunday:

There will be no Family Worship or RE Classes this Sunday, November 24th. Please join us for the Intergenerational Worship in the Sanctuary.

Mark Those Calendars!

Potluck Theology

Please join us for our next Potluck Theology on Sunday 12/8 at 4:30-6:30pm, where we will explore different festivals of lights celebrated during the winter season including Hanukkah, Saint Lucy's Day or Santa Lucia, Winter Solstice, Advent/Christmas and Kwanzaa. Please sign up to help using the link below! Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AB2F4-potluck1>

Exploring the Power of Myth

Come discuss the ideas of this Joseph Campbell series/book, *Power of Myth*, one chapter per month. **The next meeting will be Sunday, December 8 at 12:00 pm in Michelsen.** 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

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

- This Sunday we DO have a regular meeting AND another one the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- We also have a Sleepover on Dec. 6th (multi-UU-youth group, at the UU church in Needham) and a regular meeting on the 8th (joined by our 8th graders!) Please **click here for the flyer** with more sleepover details.
- Please also mark your calendars for youth to be at WUS during the morning and early afternoon of Dec. 15th: there will be roles for youth in the Holiday Pageant upstairs at 10:30 then we'll be holding our services auction fundraiser downstairs afterward alongside the all-church potluck. Youth and 8th graders will also do gift wrapping together for the WUS Mitten Tree and sell holiday confections alongside the services that they'll be auctioning off silently. Families are welcome and encouraged to join us for all of the above!

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

Office closed

**Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29
for Thanksgiving**

**All Highlights submissions for next week are due:
Tuesday, November 26 at 9:00 am**

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.

Sculpture Exhibition

**More
Sculpture
Opportunities!**

*Sunday,
November
24th, and
December 1st*



TWO DOGS AND A RABBIT
JULES MOIGNIEZ (French, 1835-1894).
Gilt bronze figural of two hunting dogs at



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.

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.



Adopt New Recycling Habits at WUS

There have been a lot of changes in the recycling industry. Recycling facilities can't take the volume of material they used to process and now some items even hamper that processing. These changes affect what can be put in the recycling bin.

The Green Sanctuary Committee is updating the church's recycle lists with information from Recycle Smart, the MA Department of Environmental Protection's statewide program (www.recyclesmartma.org) which promotes recycling that meets the new standards. The Town of Winchester, like many other cities and towns, has adopted this program.

New blue containers with the approved list of recyclable items will be in place around our church building beginning December 1. Companion containers will have list of items that are trash. We hope you'll look for them - and use them.

With thanks to Fritzie Nace for her expert advice and to Georgia Hoffmann for designing the signs,

Lindy Brown and Maggie Russell for the Green Sanctuary Committee

Contact us with any questions -

Lindy, lindybrown7@yahoo.com; Maggie, maggierussell@comcast.net

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

TODAY, November 21: 7:00 pm. What is a Safe Community? A Learning Panel presented by the Immigrant Justice Committee of the Network for Social Justice (WMCN) 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. Come with your questions.

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 ([sstpierre@iine.org](mailto:ssstpierre@iine.org)) To carpool with other members, contact Claire McNeill.

UUs Showing Up for Climate Action & Justice! Again!

Important: Please RSVP

Join fellow UUs: UU Climate Action Advocacy Day

Tuesday December 17, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM



We'll meet at the State House in a [conference room 413E](#), briefly and then send a team of volunteers to the State House. All the materials you'll need will be provided – we just need you! This is part of a coalition wide effort to have weekly groups visit every legislator's office to keep up the pressure about our bills! Can't come to the hearing? Please call your legislators! We need as many people as possible to make calls on the day of the hearing and advocate for the Safe Communities Act. **[Here's a helpful tool to help you do this](#)** Or write a Letter to the Editor of your local paper drawing on our **[talking points](#)**.

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 *shelf stable milk*, *apple juice* and *canned soups* 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, 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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