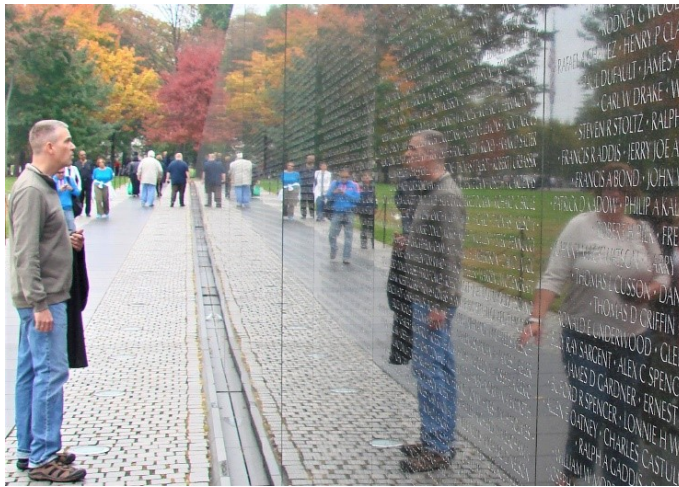


Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights November 7, 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 week: Heather Janules leads the message
for Veterans Day: "War Stories Around Us"

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

How War Teaches Forgiveness

The Rev. Heather Janules
Worship Associates: Martin Newhouse

This Sunday, in honor of Veterans Day, we will welcome guest speaker Pete Rogers into the pulpit. After 40 years of silence and shame, Pete publicly "came out" as a veteran of the Vietnam War 10 years ago. Since then he has been telling his story to high school students in central Massachusetts – as a speaker with the Veterans Education Project - and active in educating his community to better understand the emotional trauma wounds of veterans.

Pete Rogers was a career captain in the US Army and fluent in Vietnamese when he served in Vietnam in 1968. He led an intelligence collection unit with the 173rd

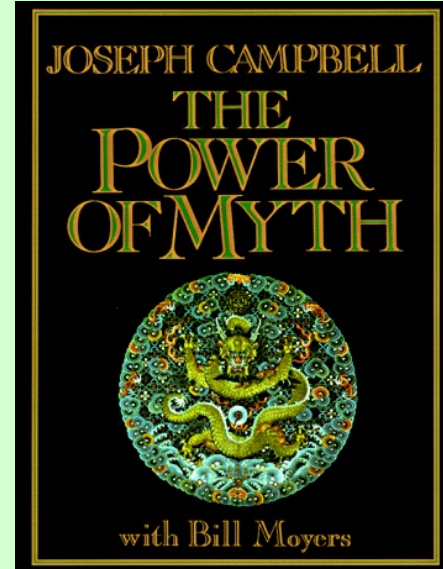
Airborne Brigade. He came back a dove. He is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst, Massachusetts.

This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **Veterans Education Project**, an organization that “trains and supports local military veterans to share their personal stories of war and homecoming...[to] provide a bridge between civilian and military worlds.”

Events This Weekend

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



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. We are hoping to match that generosity again this year.

We will be signing up people during the social hour after the services on **Nov 10th and Nov 17th**. The standard list of foods and gift card totals between \$80 –100. Feel free to team up and share a "basket." Pick up your large box this Sunday and bring it filled on Sunday Nov 24th. Drivers and loaders are needed for Tuesday Nov. 26 early AM to deliver the boxes to the Council at the American Legion Hall in Woburn. For questions contact Claire McNeill, rkmcn@aol.com

Religious Education

This Sunday:

Morning Groups

World of Wonder: Today we're learning about what Veterans Day is, who veterans are and hearing the story of the "Poppy Lady." We create our own poppies and think about ways we can show our appreciation to veterans. Caroline and Isabelle lead the group.

Moral Tales: We're also learning about what Veterans Day is, who veterans are and hearing the story of the "Poppy Lady." We create our own poppies and craft some thank you cards for the Operation Gratitude. Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

Faith Finders: Everyone is learning about Veterans Day this morning. What are the origins of this day? We learn about the Armistice and the peace that followed World War I. Rebecca leads the group.

Afternoon Groups:

Our Whole Lives meets from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Wallace Room. **This week concerns about puberty.** Ryan and Sioux 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

This Sunday there will be a regular meeting for WUSYG, 4:30-6:30 PM. Sam will be attending a Liberal Religious Educator's Association meeting in Baltimore so Rebecca will be joining the group to do a Soul Collage activity and help think through the "First Reflection" story that WUSYGers will be sharing during the service on the 17th. WUSYG Parents are also especially invited to attend the Let's Be Honest workshop on the 17th (see more details in Religious Education section). Please also be sure to save the following dates: 11/20: What's Up WUSYG at 7 pm, we DO have meetings the Sundays before AND after Thanksgiving, Sleepover on Dec. 6th (this will be multi-UU-youth group, at the UU church in Needham). Finally, please note that we have decided to CANCEL/postpone the Fundraiser on Dec. 8th (so we will now 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 the morning/afternoon of Dec. 15th and stay tuned for more details. Thanks!

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!

Finally, thank you all SO MUCH for all of your contributions to our fantastic Fall Fest last week. We raised over \$1500 AND had a record-breaking 29 teens helping out (plus what felt like a record in terms of attendance, with several families coming from outside the church!) Not to mention some amazing mac n cheeses, baked goods (and soup!) y'all made! <3

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

Ministerial Team Out-of-Town

Rev. Heather and Intern Minister Marianne DiBlasi will be attending a Ministerial Formation Network retreat in Chicago next week. They leave shortly after worship on Sunday, 11/10 and will return to WUS on Thursday, 11/14. They are available by phone and email but may be delayed in their response to matters that are not emergencies due to participating in the continuing education program.

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. To learn more about LexRAP and how you can support local refugee families, please stop by the table during social hour on **Sunday November 10**.



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.

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

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ " h x 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 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.

Partner Church News

Our twelfth scholarship student has a support group! Six WUS families have come forward to provide Anna Kamenitzky with funds to help her through her university program in geography and tourism. Anna is a member of our Partner Church in Marosvasarhely; she is attending Bades-Bolyai University in Cluj, Transylvania. Her supporters are Larry Banks, Vicky and Peter Coccoluto, Donna Reed and Raym de Ris, Linda and Chris Degnen, Sue Kiewra, and Corie Nichols. Many thanks to all of them. Yes, we now have two active scholarship students; both named Anna; both with last names beginning with letter K.

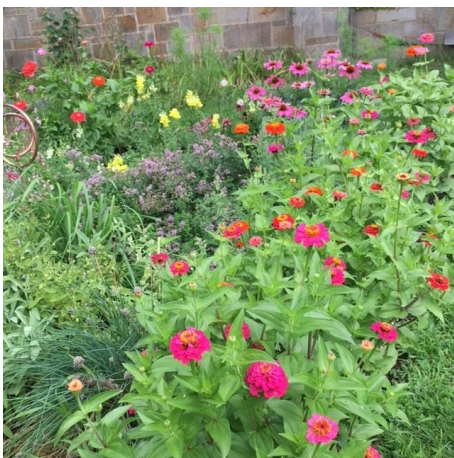


We Believe in Dog Walks Again on November 16th Final Walk of the Calendar Year

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 m_lowry142@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Fall Sanctuary Training at First Parish Bedford

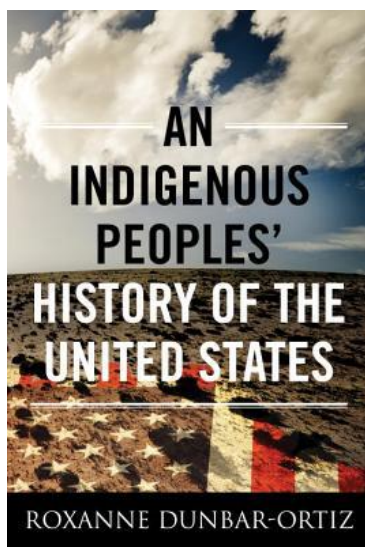
It's not too late to sign up for sanctuary training but time is running out. **This will be the last time to get trained until January!**

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.



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.

DRAWDOWN

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING

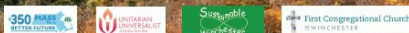
How Can the World Reverse Global Warming and Prosper?
Video and Discussion

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



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.

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



The 6th Annual Theodore Parker Lecture will feature the Rev. Willie Bodrick, II
WE STILL CAN'T WAIT: the Urgency of Equal Education for All

When: Sun Nov 10, 3:00 PM

Where: Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church, 1859 Centre Street, West Roxbury

Rev. Bodrick grew up in a small town in southeastern Georgia before attending Georgetown University and Harvard Divinity School. In addition to serving Twelfth Baptist, Rev. Bodrick is enrolled in the J.D. program at Northeastern University School of Law and is the local coordinator of the Network for Black Student Achievement.

This event is free and open to the public.

Please register in advance.

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- November 14, 8AM, Led by Temple Shir Tikvah, Winchester, on behalf of the Burlington Immigration Justice Cluster
- 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.

Immigration Justice Presentation on Sunday, 10 November at 11:15am

in Hadley Hall, Parish of the Epiphany, 70 Church Street, Winchester:

The Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network, also known as BIJAN or the Beyond network, is an all-volunteer network of people trying to reduce the escalating harm of the immigration system as it affects folks in the greater Boston area. Our first speaker, Rose Gallogly, is an organizer with BIJAN/Beyond. She says, "We provide accompaniment to those who are being held in immigration jail in the area, and do a huge range of things to provide court support, money for bond and legal fees, and general solidarity before, during, and after folks are detained. I am a white ally and accomplice in this work and try to be in constant accountable relationship with those directly impacted by this harmful system. One of Beyond's core values is that 'we fight for one another as family because we are,' and that's really the whole thing." Our second speaker is a person directly affected by the immigration system who can describe the lived experience of immigrants today.

All are welcome to attend this presentation.

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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November 16

8am-3pm

Outside Transfer Station

Bring us your redeemable
bottles and cans!

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](#)

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.



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.raicetexas.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.

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.**

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

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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