

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 31, 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 consider "The Lesson of the
Leaves"

Led by Matthew Bronski

Sunday, November 3

10:30 am All Ages Worship, Sanctuary

"A Different Kind of Magic:" A Service of Remembrance

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associates: Stephen Perepeluk

The ancients remind us that this time of year is when "the veil is thinnest between the living and the dead." In our annual Remembrance Service, we will honor both our

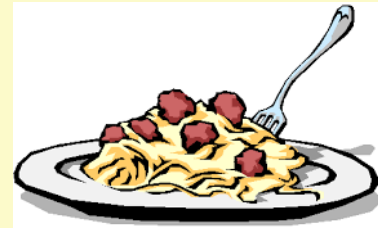
beloved dead and those whose legacy includes pain and unfinished business. WUS friend and genealogist D. Andrews will invite us into ways we can further complete the stories of our ancestors and connect with their presence. **You are welcome to bring photos and small mementos of your loved ones for inclusion on the altar table. If you would like a loved one's name included in a special sung litany, please provide these names to John Kramer before November 1st.**

This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **US Forest Service's "A Living Tribute" program**. This program purchases young trees to be planted throughout the nation's national parks in memory of lost loved ones.

Events This Weekend

**Second Annual All-Congregational Intergenerational
Winchester Unitarian Society**

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 today, October 31,
to Marilyn Mullane, marilynnullane@me.com for
our planning.

Happily sponsored by your Fellowship and
Membership Committees

See you all November 2!

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.

**Please also bring photos and small mementos of those remembered to include on
the chancel table.**



**This Sunday: WUSYG presents...
Fall Fest 2019**



**Sunday, November 3rd
11:30 a.m. in Metcalf Hall**

Fall-themed and family-friendly carnival games, crafts, homemade food, live musical performances and lots more, including ***NEW*** stuff like a pie-eating contest & pumpkin painting!

Rev. Heather will also be selling her handmade soap, including Universalist "Wash Away Your Sins" Soap, emblazoned with the flaming chalice. There will also be houseplants for sale!

Entrance is free. Suggested donations for food and tickets for games/crafts, etc all benefit our youth group's upcoming service trip to West Virginia.

Bring your friends - this event is open to the public!

Religious Education

This Sunday:

Morning Groups

World of Wonder: As Unitarian Universalists, we learn from other people and cultures. Today we learn about the Mexican holiday, The Day of the Dead with a story. We think about how WE remember, too, in New England autumn. Caroline and Isabelle lead the group.

Moral Tales: As Unitarian Universalists, we celebrate everything life has to offer, including loss. This morning we learn about Samhain and have our own ceremony to remember while the rest of the congregation also remembers. This morning we are joined by the 5th and 6th graders. Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

Afternoon Groups:

Our Whole Lives meets from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Wallace Room. **Anatomy and Physiology.** Karen and Jenny 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

WUSYG's annual Fall Fest Fundraiser is this Sunday morning (Nov. 3rd) from 11:30 to 1:30. All WUSYG youth are expected to attend -- most have already been assigned roles! Teens should come at 10 to help set up and plan to stay until 2 or whenever cleanup is over. Please sign up for food contributions: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=KKRV5132>.

Thank you in advance! We hope to see you all there! Bring your friends and families! We guarantee it will be a fun family-friendly event for all. There will be no regular meeting this Sunday.

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

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!

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 Kamenitzky, 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.



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.

**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.



Fall Sanctuary Training at First Parish Bedford

It's not too late to sign up for November sanctuary training. See Marilyn Mullane at coffee hour or e-mail her directly at marilynmullane@me.com if planning to attend.

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, **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

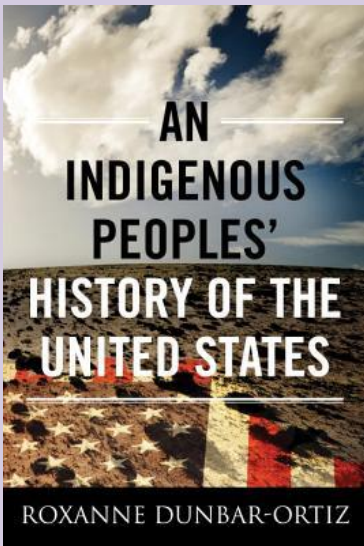
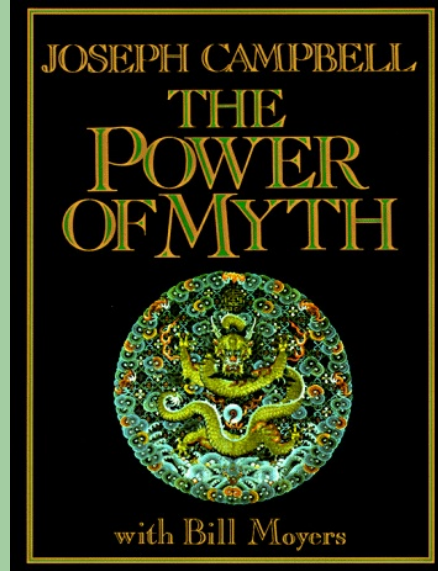
Tuesday, November 19, 1 -3pm: First Parish Bedford, room 202

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 cell phone number. Note that drop-ins are no longer invited.

***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.



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.

It's the time of year 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 **Today** and on **Nov 10th**. A large box will be provided--feel free to team up and share one. Basket drop-off will be on Sunday Nov 24th from 9:00-10:30 am.

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

Congratulations to **Joan Baldwin**, whose art will be part of the

Waltham Mills Open Studios, November 2nd and 3rd, noon to 6pm.

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

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](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org) us now. For more information, please check out our web site: <https://www.arcscluster.org/>

Supporting Refugee Families and Neighbors

"What does Love call us to do?" This question was asked in regard to immigrant justice during the sermon on October 13, "Welcoming the Stranger." The congregation was invited to broaden and deepen the many ways the Winchester Unitarian Society supports immigrants by beginning a relationship with the **Lexington Refugee Assistance Program (LexRAP)** whose mission is to provide a network of community support to refugee families who are living in our midst.



Several people from WUS have been supporting a young refugee family with limited resources who is living in the local area. The family recently became a LexRAP client and, at our request, provided us with a wish list. The immediate needs of the family are:

**Huggies brand pull-ups, size 5T (for boys)
Vanilla PediaSure Shake, 8 oz. with blue cap (vanilla flavor only, please)**

If you would like to help this young family, donations are welcome! Please bring items to WUS and place them in the LexRAP donation box in the Symmes room.

Additionally, there are opportunities to provide direct support to this family and other local LexRAP clients. There is a need for:

**Conversational English visits: help individuals practice speaking a new language
Drivers: take family members to medical appointments, the grocery store, etc.**

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

Thank you for responding to the call of love and assisting our refugee neighbors. More opportunities to come!

**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/>



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.

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!

ABC Bottle Drive

November 16
8am-3pm
Outside Transfer Station
Bring us your redeemable
bottles and cans!

Support
WinchesterABC.org



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.

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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