

# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights November 19, 2020

*(link to today's full issue of Highlights)*



### The Theme for November is *Healing*

*Photo: The Angel of Hope statue at Horn Pond, after the recent snow. This statue was erected to create a peaceful place for families to gather who have lost children*

## Upcoming Worship

**Family Worship: This week, "We Are Grateful"** We will be meeting via Zoom at 10 a.m. this Sunday, November 22nd. To streamline the process and save the sanity of the 10:30 worship behind the scenes team, we are meeting in a new Zoom Room. Please log on a little before 10 at <https://tinyurl.com/WUSFamily> The new Zoom link will also be posted in the chat in the usual worship virtual room. All will need to be admitted by Rebecca and sessions are not recorded.

### Family Worship Advert:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Family-Worship-for-November-22nd.mp4>

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**Miss Juanita and story time.** Following the first reflections, our youngest members are invited to visit with Miss Juanita (of the playroom fame) hear stories and sing songs. As soon as the First Reflections ends, please re-enter the link for <https://tinyurl.com/WUSFamily> (it will also be posted in the chat) room where Miss Juanita is waiting for you. The very youngest may wish to bring an adult friend. All will need to be admitted by a member of the program staff and sessions are not recorded.

**Sunday, November 22**  
**10:30 Worship, ONLINE**



Photo by [Nadim Merrikh](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## **We Dance As Prayer: A Celebration of Hope and Simple Gifts**

The Rev. Heather Janules

As we turn towards "the holidays," so many of our traditions will be set aside or different due to the on-going pandemic. Perhaps you are not feeling particularly grateful this Thanksgiving season? This service will explore how we might find joy in even the small things. And one big thing we will celebrate is recognition of the newest members of the Winchester Unitarian Society! **Don't forget to have your pie ready to show off and enjoy during "coffee hour" for our first virtual Pie Sunday.**

This Sunday, we Share the Plate with **Adopt-a-Native-Elder**, a highly-rated non-profit that directly aids the people of the Navajo Nation. We have selected Adopt-a-Native-Elder in partnership with Second Congregational Church of Winchester who have selected this organization as a way to support the Navajo nation in lieu of Second Congregational's annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

### **Transcription Service Now Available**

When you log on to worship, you will now see an icon reading "LIVE Otter ai." This is a transcription application that provides text for any Zoom meeting, a good tool for those with impaired hearing or anyone seeking clarity about what is being broadcast.

You can see a tutorial here: <https://tinyurl.com/OtterDemo>

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**Bring a Friend Sunday:**



**November 29 @ 10:30 AM**

Please join us online (in the comfort of your home and in PJ's, if you like)

By Zoom at:

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

## **"Monumental Change" with Rev. Heather Janules**

Historians may look back at this time as a time of national reckoning. Who are we as a people and what is our story? Culturally, the victors - who are often also the storytellers - are commemorated with monuments and public symbols. In a time when these representations of the past are being retired and even torn down, how do we respond? This service will invite us to consider the ever-changing public story as told in bronze and logos.

Service begins at 10:30 AM and is followed by virtual "coffee hour" where you and meet and chat with others in the WUS congregation.

We hope to "see" you there!

**PAGEANT, PAGEANT, PAGEANT! CASTING CALL:** Unfettered by virtual constraints, we will forge ahead with our annual holiday pageant - this year on **December 13th**. There is a role for everyone. It's easier in some ways, since you can pre-record your part. Along with non-speaking roles for shepherds, angels, stars and animals, there are single line speaking roles for Caesar, angels, wise people, and shepherds. We also welcome any of you who wish to serve as narrators. Please contact [Rebecca@winchesteruu.org](mailto:Rebecca@winchesteruu.org) or Naomi Magnoni at [REC@winchesteruu.org](mailto:REC@winchesteruu.org) - by **November 30th**.

## **Worship Notes**

### **Chalice Lighters Needed**

Our worship services are made richer by many faces and voices. Like with analog worship, one way people can easily contribute is by lighting the chalice in worship. On-line, you can pre-record this ritual or light the chalice live. If you would like to do so, contact

[heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)



### **Worship Notes Are Now Online**

Although there is no longer an Order of Service, you can now find worship notes online. These notes include Centering Thoughts, Music Notes, as well as the various songs, readings, and hymns from the service. Follow the link below to see the most recent notes from worship. Thank you!



## WUS Holiday Happenings

One of the great traditions at WUS in November is **PIE SUNDAY**. Of course, we can't gather and share in the bounty of each other's kitchens this year but we CAN make pie at home and enjoy it during social hour after worship on November 22nd. **Please send a photo of your pie - or a photo of a pie you would like to make or plan to make - to John Kramer so he can include it in a Musical Montage of Pie by TOMORROW November 20th at [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org)**

**The Great WUS Thanksgiving Cookoff** will be on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th at noon. Log on so we can cook together or just say chat!: [www.tinyurl.com/wusworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusworship)

**The Holiday Pageant will be on December 13th.** In lieu of our after-worship potluck, you are invited to join in an **Ornament Show and Tell**, followed by a virtual **Tree-Trimming Party**. We can set up our trees at home and connect through the Zoom room while we untangle the lights...

## Congregational News

### AN UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY

Your Co-Treasurers are coming to the end of their 3-year stint. WUS is looking for a member or members who are willing to step into this role by the end of this program year – or sooner for some training. **PLEASE KNOW that we do NOT intend to leave the new treasurer(s) on their own.** We will happily help guide whoever takes on this important role! There have been many changes over the last three years that make the role of treasurer much more manageable. Jenny is a capable bookkeeper and has a capable backup in Thomas. They have both worked diligently to learn the new systems and have lightened the load on the treasurer significantly. Most of the regular responsibilities of the treasurer can be performed from the comfort of your home using Quick Books, Breeze, Google, and online banking. Please consider taking a turn as treasurer. It offers insight into the workings of the church and a deep understanding of some of the behind-the-scenes happenings. While it has been a particularly busy 3 years, it has been a rewarding experience for both of us. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN! If you are interested, please feel free to contact us or anyone from Nominating Committee. THANKS!

Judy Murray & Sue Kiewra  
[treasurer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:treasurer@winchesteruu.org)

## We Believe in Dog

*Last walk of the calendar year  
and the season...*

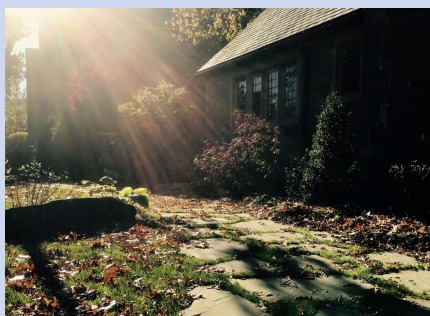
**Saturday, December 5th, 10am:** We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don't need a dog to participate! All participating dogs must be friendly and vaccinated.



**We next gather on Saturday, December 5th.** 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. *Our walk will comply with WUS pandemic protocols for outdoor gatherings including a sign-in sheet with a brief symptom survey. Masks – worn properly – are required.* Dogs, however, are free to walk without masks.

Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto: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.

*Photo: Group "snow selfie" on the last WBID walk on Halloween.  
Most walks do not have such a dramatic background!*



## Outdoor Office Hours

### *With the Minister*

...will be **cancelled on November 26th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Weather permitting, **December 3rd will be the last Outdoor Office Hours session** for the season.

As always, you may make an appointment with Rev. Heather if you wish to meet. You may email her at [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org) or leave a message at her voicemail box at 781.729.0949.

## WUS GARDEN NEWS

The garden has been blessed with a summer's worth of sunshine, but very little rain. Without the help of the weekly watering team who checked the weather and watered accordingly, the flowers and herbs would have been crisp as toast. A round of applause goes to:

Kathy McKool, Lindy Brown, Claire McNeill, Fritzie Nace, Marilyn Mullane, Naomi Magnoni, Cindy Randall, Gay Mohrbacher, Robbie Brown, and Linda Copeland

Thanks also to those who planted and mulched this spring:

Lindy Brown, Fritzie Nace, Julie Khuen, Brad Steele, and Ivan Correia



Please help yourself to fresh herbs as long as they last - parsley, sage, tarragon, mint, marjoram, thyme, and horseradish root.



**Save the Date!**  
**“Sage Advice - Aging in a Time of Covid”**  
**January 4th, 6:30 to 7:45**

The Pastoral Care Associates are hosting a conversation with Geriatric Care Manager, Kathy Kemp. Whether you or a loved one is contemplating additional support and/or changes to your living circumstances now or much later - it's never too early to have these conversations. With the added complications of covid, plans are even more important to have in place in case of emergent situations. To sign up (you will receive materials in advance of the workshop) please contact [Rebecca@winchesteruu.org](mailto:Rebecca@winchesteruu.org)

**Are you grieving the loss of a loved one this Holiday Season?** Are you anticipating a BLUE Thanksgiving or Christmas? The pandemic is keeping us physically apart this Season in ways we never imagined thus disrupting our normal grief rituals. The Home Health Foundation is offering interactive Zoom workshops on Bereavement and ways to cope with your loss. The 1 hour workshops are being offered on the following dates:

**Tuesday, Dec 8 at Noon - register by Dec 6**  
**Thursday, Dec 17 at 7pm - register by Dec 14**

Please register in advance with Whitney Hall via email at [whall@homehealthfoundation.org](mailto:whall@homehealthfoundation.org). You are welcome to attend 1 or more - each workshop will follow the same general outline, but please indicate which dates you plan to attend. Peace and blessings during this Holiday Season.

### **Joys, Sorrows and Transitions**

If you are facing a time of joy, sorrow or transition in your life, your minister and the Pastoral Care Associates are available to offer a listening ear, compassionate presence and, if applicable, resources. Contact the office, 781-729-0949 or [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org)

### **Social Action & Outreach**

#### **Council of Social Concern** Thanksgiving Basket Drive

**46** Thanksgiving Baskets were delivered to the Council for Social Concern on Monday, November 16th. We had a stream of masked drivers and workers.

**A special thanks** to all of you for contributing baskets and gift cards, and to Jenny and Thomas



in the WUS office for their behind-the-scenes support.

And much **appreciation goes to the "stream of masked workers"** who made the deliveries possible: John Russell, Marilyn Mullane, Phil Coonley, Fred Yen, Margaret Lowry, Jennifer Edwards, Naomi Magnoni, Claire McNeill, Gordy McIntosh and Sue Doubler



### On-Going

There is an urgent need for food donations for the Council for Social Concern in Woburn. You may drop off food at church or at the pantry.

The Food Pantry at the Council for Social Concern is currently low on: **Canned meats (tuna, beef stew, spam, salmon), baked beans, hearty canned soups and pasta sauce.** Since donating food may not be convenient, contributions may be made directly on their website: [www.socialconcern.org](http://www.socialconcern.org)

*The Winchester Unitarian Society will be staffed during its regular office hours of 9:00 am to 3 pm for anyone interested in dropping off food for the Food Pantry. **Please find the drop off baskets in a new location - by the back door of the building near the parking lot.***

Food Pantry is open to Woburn & Winchester residents  
If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call  
Paula Matthews, Food Pantry Director at (781) 935-6495 ext. 208



UUs will gather our spirits at our **Harvest the Power Justice Convergence & Teach-in November 19-26.** This series of virtual events will include a diverse array of programming from indigenous leaders, climate justice activists. Begin on Thursday at 7:30 by watching "The Condor and the

Eagle" to learn about the legacy of resistance to colonialism, followed by a stellar panel of Indigenous religious and spiritual leaders. Join a worship service at noon on Friday. *Please sign up (at the link above)* and help spread the word about the fantastic programs and community documentary film screenings being offered through Thanksgiving.

**Plymouth 400th Remembrance  
National Day of Mourning**

Since 1970, Native Americans and our supporters have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a **National Day of Mourning on the US thanksgiving holiday**. Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands, and the relentless assault on Native culture. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today. Thursday, **Nov 26, 12 Noon** at Cole's Hill, Plymouth, MA (hill above Plymouth Rock). **Learn More** at [www.uaine.org](http://www.uaine.org)

**Educating ourselves.** To prepare for the future, we must make peace with our past. A major focus of the 2020 UUA General Assembly (GA) was partnership with Indigenous leaders in the Northeast. It is now 400 years since our direct religious ancestors on the Mayflower landed in Plymouth and began the colonization of what is now New England. Learn about the 2012 resolution to repudiate the [Doctrine of Discovery](#) and the 2016 resolution ["Thanksgiving Day Reconsidered"](#). **You can hear Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz speak in talk #212 on "White Settler Colonialism" in this [showcase of on-demand video](#) recordings from GA.** A new Action of Immediate Witness: ["Address 400 Years of White Supremacist Colonialism"](#) charges us with work we can do now.

### Our Refugee Support Continues

We continue our **Go Fund Me campaign** for the refugee family many of you have so generously helped with diapers and PediaSure, moved furniture, donated money, sent cards, shared toys. They are so grateful.

The parents have work permits, but the father's research job has been eliminated because of COVID. He is job searching again. The mom is looking for a part time job which will enable her to be home with their child when he is not in school.

Fortunately, they are still able to house sit for a couple who are staying in Florida for the winter, but they are now facing the expense of replacing tires on the car they were given. Can you help, once again or perhaps for the first time?

You can reach the campaign [here](#) to donate and/or share the link to the campaign by email, Facebook, Instagram with your circle of friends. Thank you.

Please contact **Gloria Legvold** ([glegvold@comcast.net](mailto:glegvold@comcast.net), 781-729-8247) or **Sandy Thompson** ([sandra.thompson3@comcast.net](mailto:sandra.thompson3@comcast.net), 781-724-7571)

**Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.** a community vigil in support of racial equality and justice for Breonna Taylor takes place at the four corners of Mystic Valley Parkway near the Winchester Unitarian Society.

All are welcome!

### Religious Education

**Children's Religious Education Feedback requested:** We are using a combination of online or delivered to your home religious education and family support resources. The Sunday morning packet is now monthly rather than weekly, and the November/December packets have been delivered or mailed to younger



families. What's working? What isn't? What suggestions do you have? Share your thoughts with Rebecca Kelley-Morgan [Rebecca@winchesteruu.org](mailto:Rebecca@winchesteruu.org) or Naomi Magnoni at [REC@winchesteruu.org](mailto:REC@winchesteruu.org)

**Sunday, November 22nd**, RE families and/or anyone who would like to visit outside socially distanced, as kids play are welcome at the congregation's back lawn from **12:00ish to 2:00ish**. Dress for the weather (forecast in the low 50's and cloudy) and as the ground cools, you may want to picnic in stadium chairs or use ground tarps under your picnic blankets! Social distancing and mask protocols will be observed. You are invited to use this time with friends to record costumed players for the pageant.

**THIS Sunday, November 22nd noon to 1(ish):6-8th graders** are welcome as we Cross Paths with **First Unitarian in Chicago**. This week, seeking commonalities among interfaith practices, we explore the last of our 8 spiritual practices of welcome. **We do NOT meet the following week November 29th**. In December the class covers Catholic Christianity - In virtual RE, we are able to connect with a community we would not normally be interacting with, broaden understanding and create connections in our diverse world. Please contact Rebecca [rebecca@winchesteruu.org](mailto:rebecca@winchesteruu.org) for the private link to the group meeting on Sunday and if you have other questions.

## WUSYG

### Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

This Sunday is WUSYG's next and final in-person meeting of the year, from 2-4 pm at WUS, outside, wearing masks and strictly staying 6 feet apart. We will be bringing back some favorites from our traditional fall retreat! Registration beforehand is mandatory and please review our safety protocols from registration beforehand: <https://forms.gle/pRtVA6SEWLxN783w9>

## Music

### Virtual Choir

The music program will be experimenting with a "virtual choir". This is new to all of us so it will be interesting to see how it comes together. Choir members should already have been contacted about this. Please contact Music Director John Kramer at [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org) if you have any questions.

## Deadlines

Sunday Morning Announcements Guidelines: [Click here](#)

For Highlights submissions: Wednesdays, 9:00 am

For submissions to the OOS: Wednesdays, 9:00 am

Email to [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org). No more than 250 words, please.

## Staying Connected

**[Visit the WUS website!](#)**

- Read the latest Highlights and Mystic Messenger in [the news section](#).
- Want to know if a room is free, or when your meeting is? View [the calendar page](#).
- Need the latest directory, or a list of committee chairs? Go to [the members' section](#) ([contact the office](#) for the password).
- Want to set up electronic giving? Go to the [How to Give page](#).

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