

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights September 23, 2021

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Photo: "Ocean's Reach" by Bob Janules. This photo not only reflects the ocean's "embracing" nature but is also shared in celebration of Water Communion and recognition of the meaning of fractals in adrienne maree brown's "Emergent Strategy"

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, September 26

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Note New Virtual Worship Logistics Below!



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Emergent Strategy

The Rev. Heather Janules

IN PERSON ATTENDEES

Come to the WUS Sanctuary (478 Main Street, Winchester)

You will be asked to sign in, indicating that you are free of COVID symptoms and have not been exposed to COVID. This task, plus finding a seat (as half the pews are roped off) will take more time than usual so plan to come early for a 10:30 beginning.

There will be brief times when the congregation will be visible on the livestream so if you don't want to be seen virtually, please choose one of the pews in the back marked as private.

The livestream will be broadcast on the front Terrace for those who wish to be at WUS but choose to attend outdoors. Parents with young children are especially encouraged to attend on the Terrace so the service can be experienced safely and in community.

The Membership Committee seeks Ushers and Greeters for future in-person services. Ushers and Greeters will manage the sign-in process. If you are willing and able to volunteer, please email membership@winchesteruu.org

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

On Sunday at 10:30 AM, **click here to connect with the livestream** from the Sanctuary: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSlivestream>
(Note that the Stream is not yet run through our Zoom account so attendees won't be able to post to the chat and interact in real time. Stay tuned for future advancement when this will be possible! Thank you for your patience.)

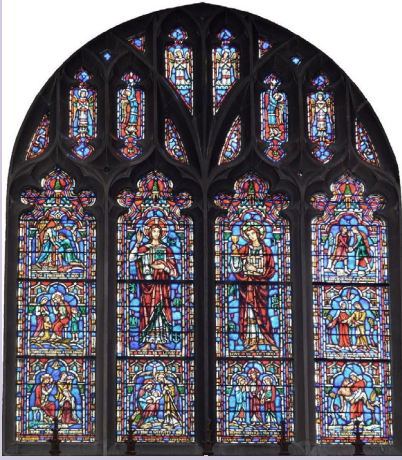
At the conclusion of the Postlude, **click here to attend Virtual Social Hour:**
<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

All are invited to attend and participate in **Outdoor Coffee Hour** on the new Terrace directly after the service.

More information about the worship services can be found on the [website](#) and the Weekend Worship Announcement that comes out on Friday.

Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

The Service in Celebration of the Life of **Beth O'Donnell** will be held this **Saturday, September 25th, at 1:00 pm.**, followed by an outdoor reception (weather permitting) on the Bell Tower Terrace. Please note that our limited seats in the sanctuary for immediate family, close friends and service volunteers is already at capacity. Masks will be required for all attendees and social distancing will



be observed while seated in the sanctuary. We encourage others to attend off site via the livestream: www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream

Those who wish to view a recording of the memorial service for our Minister Emeritus, **the Rev. Chuck Reinhardt**, may watch it here: <https://fb.me/e/1F3NFu20x>

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

Congregational News



Volunteers Needed as WUS Returns to In-Person Worship Services

The Winchester Unitarian Society has returned to in-person/hybrid gatherings which means volunteers are needed to serve as ushers, greeters, and Sunday Secretary. Please contact the WUS Office for more information or sign-up at this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1drji6sztX5log0twViLyrFzSYjFq3MK_RU9Yne3McdA/edit#gid=0

Thank you! See you at the next worship service!

office@winchesteruu.org

(781) 729-0949

PARTNER CHURCH NEWS

Our two Transylvanian scholarship students are back at their studies for the fall semester. There is some uncertainty as to whether they will be on site or, once again, forced to work remotely. Both seem eager to return to campus. **Anna Kamenitzky** is continuing her courses in tourism management. Last spring, she completed a major step toward graduation: She selected one of many ruined castles in Transylvania, did research on its history, and then developed a plan for its physical restoration and use as a tourist attraction. **Anna Kiss** has completed her bachelor's degree in fine arts and is now enrolled in a master's degree program in mental health. She hopes, eventually, to use her artistic skills to help treat mental health patients.

We Believe in Dog Walks Again!

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, September 25th. 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. *There will be a sign-in sheet with a brief symptom*

survey. If you are fully vaccinated, as per CDC guidelines, you won't need to wear a mask. All dogs, however, are free to walk without masks. :)

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.

The WUS Green SanctuaryTeam (GS) reminds you to bring clothes or other portable objects needing repair to **Winchester's First Repair Cafe this Sat., Sept. 25, 9:00 am to noon at the First Congregational Church** near the common. Folks handy with making repairs of clothing, textiles, electrical appliances, wooden objects, dull yard tools, etc., will be welcoming those who want to give their worn objects new life. If you see yourself on either side of this neighborly sharing, please e-mail karenbellacosa@mac.com. so she can better balance both the supply and demand of the free (except for parts) repair services.

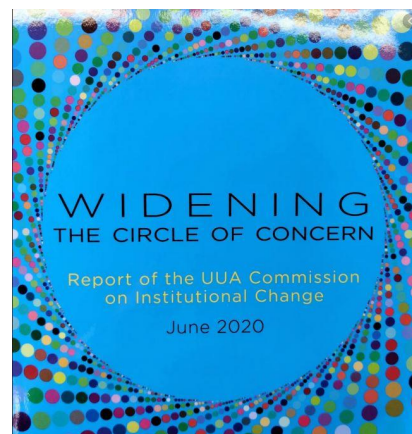
Save the Date!

Widening the Circle of Concern: Workshop on Governance

Tuesday evening, October 19th
from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (virtual)

Join the Racial Justice Planning Group to take a look at our congregational structures.

Are they working for us? How do we encourage practices towards diversity, equity, and inclusion in the work of our decision-making and leadership?



New Platform for Online Giving

On September 30, 2021 the GIVE+ app will be terminated by VANCO. The app will no longer work. It is for this reason that the Winchester Unitarian Society has decided to transition to a new provider for our online giving needs, Breeze. Breeze is the church management software we use for our membership database and they have a dynamic suite of tools



we are hoping to start utilizing. This change in online giving is the first step in implementing some of the additional Breeze tools. **The new platform will become official as of Friday, October 1st** but has already been setup if you would like to familiarize yourself with it before the end of September. You can find some information about Breeze Online Giving and Text Giving below:

<https://wus.breezechms.com/give/online>

**Your text-to-give number is live at:
(781) 230-6690**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office with questions if you require any assistance. Thank you for your patience and continued commitment to the Winchester Unitarian Society!

New WUS Fundraiser Coming in November

As we head into Fall, you may be wondering what type of fundraising can WUS do while Covid continues to linger? Well, we have your answer!



We've partnered with [Maxsold](#), an online auction company specializing in downsizing and estate sales, which is offering fee-free auctions to nonprofits during Covid. That means all the money we raise through the auction will be used to support WUS.

We'll be asking WUS members to donate gently-used, vintage, new, and interesting items for the auction. With everyone spending more time at home, this is the ideal time to dig out those "treasures" and give them new life. Donations can be dropped off at WUS in early November, and will be auctioned off to support WUS, so please start setting them aside.

What can you donate? It's really anything that has value: Smaller furniture like side tables and benches, new and used tools, classic cameras, costume jewelry, watches, book collections, vintage and collectables, Mid-Century Modern, and home décor like framed prints, matching lamps, mirrors and rugs, as well as sports memorabilia, newer exercise and sports equipment, new electronics like Rhomba or classic electronics like speakers and turntables, and even Pokeman classic cards are just a few examples. The best way to understand a MaxSold auction is to visit their web site and poke around. <https://maxsold.com>.

We seek Volunteers to help with the physical side of the auction, which involves sorting donations and adding photos to the online Auction Catalog, among other tasks. If you are interested in Volunteering on this fundraiser, please email Rachel Whitehouse at racheljwhitehouse@hotmail.com

Religious Education

Thanks to everyone who came out last Sunday for our Kickoff! We had lots of fun seeing you all again, playing

some games together, and learning about origami (thanks to Calvin for teaching us, and thanks to Jeremiah for modeling his Origami dog here!)

This Sunday, September 23rd, Outdoor RE for K-6: This week in RE we will continue playing getting-to-know-you games and activities with our full team of RE leaders. Please [click here to see our recently-updated Flyer Draft Calendar and Overview of RE](#) for more details on what to expect in RE this year and several dates to save.

Our RE Flyer was recently updated to include this exciting update: we will now be starting with all-ages on the Bell Tower Terrace at 10:30 on the 1st Sundays of the month for an All-Church Invocation before our children are sung off to RE (and our eldest are sung off to worship!)



To View & **Subscribe to our new WUS RE & WUSYG Google Calendar**, please go here: www.tinyurl.com/WUSRECalendar Subscribing will allow you to see what's happening every Sunday. You can also simply view the calendar on our website: www.winchesteruu.org/youth

For visual updates on our upcoming events, please **follow our new WUS RE Instagram page** here: www.instagram.com/WUSReligiousEducation

Please note that for now, **RE programming will be held outdoors, and everyone will be required to wear masks** and stay 3 feet apart. Vaccinated RE leaders may lower their masks to lead certain activities outdoors from 6+ feet away. **Parents will need to check-in** their children each Sunday before dropping them off **and sign children out** by 11:45.

OWL (Our Whole Lives, 7th and 8th grades): This Sunday, 9/26, there is a mandatory parent orientation meeting from 4:30-6 pm in the Symmes Room. OWL's first class will be 4:30-6 pm on 10/17. For more information, please message OWL facilitator Karen Caputo: kcaputo8@hotmail.com who will also send separate weekly emails to parents.

WUSYG: Winchester Unitarian Youth Group (9th-12th Grade)

This Sunday, the 26th: WUSYG Meeting outdoors, 4:30-6 pm Youth: bring your friends if you want to, and get ready to have some more fun together! Parents: please check out linktr.ee/wusyg to find links for everything related to WUSYG this year - go there now to complete registration forms for WUSYG for this year, and also to subscribe to our calendar so you know about all of our upcoming events. Plus also be sure to follow all of our social media accounts / encourage your children to do so! Questions/concerns or compliments, please message Sam and Alex: wusyouth@gmail.com

Social Action & Outreach



Friday - Sep 24

3:00 PM

Boston Public Garden

Join us this Friday, Sep 24 at 3 pm at the Boston Public Garden for the Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition's Climate Frontlines Rally. Worldwide, thousands of young people and allies will be [gathering to demand urgent action](#) on the climate crisis. This rally comes at a crucial time in the fight for U.S. climate policy as congress works to pass the \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation bill to act on climate, care, jobs, and justice.

BOSTON MARCHES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 - 11:30 AM EDT – 1:45 PM EDT

Details: Boston Common by Park Street Station

Duration: 2 hr 15 min

Rally and March for Indigenous Peoples Day in Boston!

Hosted by **IndigenousPeoplesDayMA**, UAINE (United American Indians of New England), NAICOB (North American Indian Center of Boston), & Cultural Survival

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 - 12 PM EDT – 5 PM EDT

Details: Albermarle Field, Newton

Duration: 5 hr

Indigenous Peoples Day Newton 2021 will spotlight and celebrate the music, dance, poetry, and the visual art of diverse Native artists that currently live in the Northeast. It will be an outdoor, daytime, family-oriented cultural and spiritual celebration that is open, accessible, and welcoming to all Newton residents and neighboring towns. The goal is to make concrete the city's recent recognition of Indigenous Peoples day as an official city holiday. The intention is for this event to become a beloved annual event on our city's calendar.

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING WUS
AT A LOCAL FOOD SECURITY CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 19TH?**

The Winchester Farmers Market Community Hub is partnering with the offices of Representative Michael Day and Senator Jason Lewis to host a food security conference. Invitations are extended to all the organizations involved in food assistance affecting the six towns of Senator Lewis's district, Winchester, Stoneham, Malden, Melrose, Wakefield and Reading, plus Woburn. The hybrid conference will be held October 19th at the Stoneham Senior Center. The goal is to begin a conversation of what resources are currently in place and how we might work together to build a stronger food security system. If interested please contact:

social-action-and-outreach-committee@winchesteruu.org



BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY, ACTION BY ACTION

The UUA 2021 Statement of Conscience states, "As Unitarian Universalists, we decry the ways in which the intersectional impact of systemic white supremacy divides our human family by privileging some groups over others and thereby generating resistance to the common goal of universal equity and justice. Systemic white supremacy is a direct affront to every one of our principles." We, the Winchester Unitarian

Society, are a part of the UU community of congregations.

As your Racial Justice Team promised, we will share over the next few weeks the four suggested actions in support of the 2021 statement. Together we continue to move into action and in support of those already on the front lines. We hold ourselves accountable to sustain strong resistance to inequity.

Action 1: ENGAGE WITH THE MOVEMENT. "We can fortify this movement for justice by participating in and organizing social action to denounce injustices such as police brutality, theft of native lands, environmental racism, mass incarceration, cruel responses to immigration, ableism in all its forms which discriminates and harms disabled people (with variations of body and mind), fat discrimination, criminalization of poverty, restricted reproductive rights, transphobia, lack of health care and education, and more. We can join in action outlined in the GA 2020 Actions of Immediate Witness ("[Address 400 Years of White Supremacist Colonialism](#)" and "[Amen to Uprising: A Commitment and Call to Action](#)"). "

To read the full statement, please go to <https://www.uua.org/statements/undoing-systemic-white-supremacy>.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Your Racial Justice Team

On-Going

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



Please find the drop off baskets in a new location - by the back door of the building near the parking lot. Access to this basket is unlocked.

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



Beyond the Congregation

ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF NEW ENGLAND
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PRESENT A 4-PART SERIES

A BETTER FUTURE FOR ISRAELIS & PALESTINIANS: AFFIRMING THE SACREDNESS OF ALL HUMAN LIFE

Oct. 6th - Can We Talk/Listen? Reflections from a Rabbi & Imam

Rabbi Sharon Brous, IKAR, Opening Reflection
Rabbi Mike Rothbaum, Congregation Beth Elohim
Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni, Islamic Center of Boston
Moderator - Mehlaqa Samdani, Critical Connections

Oct. 13th - Can We Share? Sanctity of the Holy Land: A Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspective

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Abu Sway, Integral Chair for the Study of Imam Al-Ghazali's Work at the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque & Al-Quds Univ.
Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, Churches for Middle East Peace
Rabbi Barbara Penzner, Temple Hillel B'nai Torah
Moderator - Dr. Joseph Kelley, Merrimack College

Oct. 27th - Can We Acknowledge? Reflecting on Our Histories and Narrative

Rabbi Aryeh Cohen, Ph.D., Prof. of Rabbinic Literature at American Jewish Univ.
Aziza Hasan, NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change
Ayman Nijim, Ph.D. candidate, Liberation Psychology
Nizar Farsakh & Gili Getz, Combatants for Peace
Moderator - Rabbi Tiferet Berenbaum, Temple Beth Zion

Nov. 10th - Can We Help? Our Role in Finding Solutions

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, CEO, T'ruah
Nidal Al-Azraq, Exec. Director, 1for3.org
Moderator - Mitchell Silver, Boston Workers Circle

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Biographies](#)

All sessions take place from 7:30-9:00pm | Contact: discussions@islamiccouncilne.org

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**Do you have ENTHUSIASM and ENERGY to share?
Join our volunteer team at Winchester A Better Chance !
Please contact info@winchesterabc.org to learn details.**

Winchester A Better Chance (WABC) is a chapter of a national ABC program that provides academic opportunities for talented scholars of color.

WABC houses our scholars during the school year, and is run through the efforts of a team of dedicated volunteers.

Volunteer roles range from small to large!

Come learn more about WABC and the volunteer roles in WABC at the Sept 25 Farmers' Market!

Visit us at: www.WinchesterABC.org
www.facebook.com/winchesterabc/
www.instagram.com/winchesterabc/

Winchester Indigenous Peoples' Day Family Celebration

**Farm Tours
Crafts
Storytime
Planting Activity
Much More!**

October 11, 2021

Drop in from 10-12

Wright-Locke Farm | 78 Ridge St | Winchester, MA

Event is FREE, but registration is limited

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4wd27wpx>

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