

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 14, 2021

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The Theme for October is "Cultivating Relationship"

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, October 17

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Note New Virtual Worship Logistics Below!



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The Spirituality of Mending and Making Do

The Rev. Heather Janules

"The spirituality of
MENDING & MAKING DO"
Bring-A-Friend to WUS
10.17.21 | 10:30am

"Come, come, whoever you are" –
and invite a loved one to join you
for our Bring-A-Friend Sunday
happening on October 17th at
10:30am!

The subject of this special service is
"The Spirituality of Mending and
Making Do."

In a world where everything seems
disposable and it is quicker to replace
an object than to fix it, let's
contemplate, with a friend, the
economic, environmental and spiritual
benefits of mending what we already
possess.

**Please join us and forward this
along to a friend. We'd love to see
you, virtually or in person, on
October 17th!**

In-person: Winchester Unitarian Society | 478 Main St | Winchester
Outdoor coffee hour on the Terrace following the service
10:30 Virtual service: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSlivestream>
Virtual Coffee Hour (after the Postlude): <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

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.

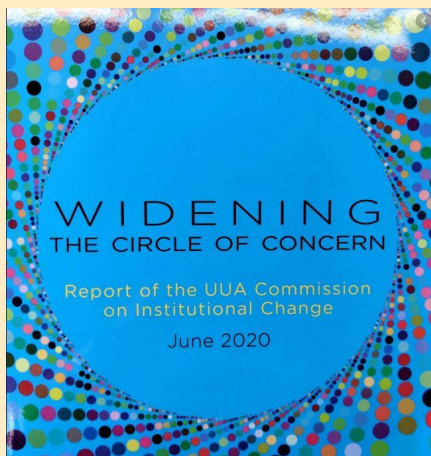
Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

The Service in Celebration of the Life of **Sam Berliner III** will be this Sunday, October 17th at 3pm. A registration form to reserve seats in the Sanctuary can be found here: [Registration Link](#). The service will also be livestreamed at www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream

A reminder that the Service in Celebration of the Life of **Vern Blodgett** will be Sunday, October 24th at 2pm. A registration form to reserve seats in the Sanctuary will be made available in next week's Highlights. The service will also be livestreamed at www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream

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



[Please register here by October 17th](#)

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?

"Widening the Circle of Concern," (the report of the UUA Commission on Institutional Change) urges us all to be proactive and intentional as we consider how to make our religion a welcoming home for ALL. We are joining the many congregations in the UUA community at large to look at ourselves, using the UUA Study/Action Guide for the commission's report.

You have probably heard that Rev Heather led our first workshop on "Theology," based on the Study/Action Guide in late March and that Rebecca helped us to conduct the "Hospitality and Inclusion" workshop in June, 2021. We hope you can make time

to attend all of these crucial workshops, and the next one is on Governance. You can find the outline for this particular workshop on page 8 of the [Study/Action Guide pdf](#). The WUS office now has several copies of the “Widening the Circle of Concern” report that you can borrow; please contact our office administrator, Thomas Slack for one, Thomas.slack@winchesteruu.org.

The full report is also available online here:

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/cic/widening>

Please join us the evening of Tuesday, 10/19 and don't forget to **register by 10/17**. Thanks.

New WUS Fundraiser:

Sign up today to Volunteer and Start Digging for Treasure to Donate!

The WUS Maxsold Auction starts three weeks from today on Nov. 4! Now is the time to Volunteer and find that treasure to donate!



For this new WUS fundraiser 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 this public auction will be used to support WUS.

All aspects of our Maxsold auction will take place in the WUS Chapel, from Nov. 4 to Nov. 20. The actual auction is live to the public from Nov. 10-17. People who buy items - i.e. the public - will pick up their items at the Chapel on Nov. 20. How can you help?

#1: Donate

We're inviting all WUS members to donate gently-used, vintage, new, and interesting items for the auction. *Donations can be dropped off at the Chapel on two days only: Nov. 5 from 4-7 p.m. and Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

What can you donate? Anything that has value or is interesting: 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 Pokemon 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>. Navigate to “Browse Auctions.” At the top right of the page is a location search function. Type in 01890 into the box, on the dropdown click “within 30 miles” and then click Search.

If you want more info on what to donate, and what not to donate, check this link created by the WUS MaxSold Auction Team:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SifZZAJqQbMmw5lb8-LThfW3ExFaMI39QHMQbZsL9aI/edit?usp=sharing>

#2: Volunteer

We need 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. You can sign up for a specific date, time slot, and job at this Sign Up Genius web page.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48acab2fa0f9c61-wusmaxsold>

#3 Promote our Auction

When our auction is live, Nov. 10, we will send a link to all WUS members. You can share the link with your networks.

Thank you for engaging in this new WUS Fundraiser! If you have questions, please email Rachel Whitehouse at racheljwhitehouse@hotmail.com

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.

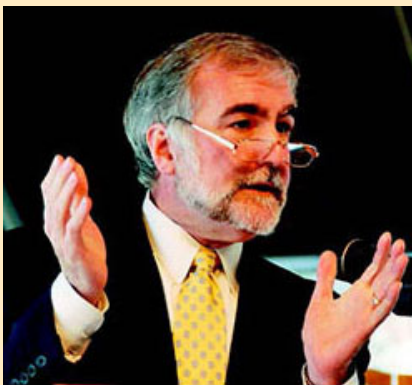


We next gather on Saturday, October 30th.

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.



This fall's UU Minns Lectures speaker: Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz discusses today's changing understanding of rights, covering ground explored in *The Coming Good Society: Why New Realities Demand New Rights*, a 2020 monograph that he co-authored with Sushma Raman.

In the October 7 opener, Rev. Dr. Schulz draws from his years as a human rights advocate to delve into the question of what is a right?

This webinar is hosted by First Church Boston, King's Chapel, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. There is no charge to attend. Virtual.

The Three Lectures: October 7, 14 & 21, 2021

Lecture 1, Where do Rights Come From?

Thursday, October 7, 2021, 7:00 pm EDT

Register: <http://minnslectures.org/index.php>

Lecture 2, Brave New World?

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 7:00 pm EDT

[Register](#)

Lecture 3, Do Robots Have Rights? How about Rocks?

Thursday, October 21, 7:00 EDT

[Register](#)

[More about the Minns fall 2021 lecture series](#)

Open Air Art Exhibit Part of the UU Urban Ministry's Roxbury Artist Amplification Project

Sunday, October 17, 2021

11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

UU Urban Ministry

10 Putnam St., Roxbury MA

*Light refreshments will be served

**Artists to include: Lisa Lee, Keyse Angelo, Malika Crichlow
& other artists from the UUUM Artist Directory**

For Info about the event:

Visit the website: uum.org/attend

Email Bithyah Israel: bisrael@uum.org



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

Religious Education

We had another wonderful week with your kiddos, continuing to decorate our Wonder Box and also exploring how listening is an important part of "Cultivating Relationships."

This Sunday, October 17:

10:30 am - All-Community Invocation: Following the success of our first experiment beginning



worship this way a couple weeks ago, we will be starting again all together on the Bell Tower Terrace this Sunday for an invocation including a welcome, a hymn, a 1st reflection and chalice lighting before we are all sung off to our respective religious “educations.” Parents, please find us to sign in before 10:30 so that we can transition more easily at 10:45 to our respective places.

10:45 am - Outdoor RE for K-6: This week in RE we will be continuing our more formalized RE programming and continuing to explore “Cultivating Relationships” (the same theme as the adult worship services for the month). Our topic this

Sunday is “finding your light,” and we will talk about what the song means that we “sing the children off” with, as well as making our own lanterns, and much more!

Please [click here to see our recently-updated Flyer with Draft Calendar and Overview of RE](#) for more details on what to expect in RE this year and several dates to save. Please remember that in the event of rainy/cold weather, our plan is to go into Metcalf Hall, a large room with a state of the art air exchange system that filters all incoming air and exchanges the air in the room 4-5x an hour. Parents are also given the option at sign-in to come get their kids instead.

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 is OWL’s first workshop, from 4:30-6 pm in the Wallace Room on the 3rd floor. The topic is “Covenant/What is Sexuality?/Language of Sexuality.” All of our facilitators will be leading (Karen Caputo, Sarah Milt, Sophia Sid, and Ryan Levering). For more information, please message Karen Caputo: kcaputo8@hotmail.com who will also send separate weekly emails to parents.

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

**This weekend: Fall Retreat.
No WUSYG Meeting on Sunday.**

WUSYG Fall Retreat 2021

Buffalo Hill Farm: 90 Dana Road, Oxford, MA
8:30 pm Friday Oct. 15th – 11 am Sunday Oct. 17th



We're so excited to see many of you this weekend at our Fall Retreat! We have been in touch with participants and their parents with more details, but please reach out if you have any remaining questions.

Parents, thanks so much for supporting your child's attendance in WUSYG this year! Here are a few things that you can also do, please:

[Register your child](#) if you haven't already (thank you to those who have!)

[Sign up here to bring snacks](#) for us sometime, please!

Subscribe to [our Calendar](#):

tinyurl.com/wusrecalendar

Follow us on Social Media: check out linktr.ee/wusyg to find links for everything related to WUSYG this year, including all of our social media accounts and FB group for parents.

Questions, concerns, compliments, always feel free to email Sam & Alex: wusyouth@gmail.com (or text Sam: 857-523-9933... or DM him on Facebook or Insta or Snapchat) <3

Social Action & Outreach

Freedom to Vote Rally in Washington, DC

Saturday, October 23, 11:30 - 1pm

corner of Constitution Ave. NW & NJ Ave. NW

We're into October, and the U.S. Senate has not been able to protect the freedom to vote due to partisan Senate obstructionism.

We are going to need to pull out all the stops to get the Freedom to Vote Act to the finish line. A broad coalition of organizations both local (Indivisible Massachusetts Coalition, MA Standing Up for Racial Justice, Indivisible Northampton, Swing Blue Alliance) and national (Common Cause, SEIU, NOW, Sierra Club, Brennan Center for Justice, Public Citizen and many others) have joined together to plan a Freedom to Vote rally in Washington, D.C.

Passing this bill is especially critical, since some swing-state legislatures have recently passed (or are proposing) laws giving themselves the ability to nullify the will of the voters and *declare* election winners.

Nowhere is it "chiseled in stone" that democracies cannot wither and perish. It has happened before; it is happening in Hungary, and in Poland, and it's threatening our own democracy with the "Flat Earth", science-denying, Jonestown-like cult of personality that we see trumping reason here in broad daylight.

It's as insidious, frightening and despair-inducing as it is puzzling, but as Mother Jones advised: Don't mourn; organize.

Since this Rally is happening while the Covid-pandemic is still with us, it complicates the logistics of getting safely to-and-from D.C. People are arranging to go by train, or bus, car, passenger van, etc.

Contact John Healey to discuss how best to get there.

C: 774-289-2207

OceanWaterLover@gmail.com

(If you cannot attend, there are ongoing phonebanks and postcard campaigns: to contact voters in West Virginia and Arizona, to have *them* call their Senators to urge them to make an exception to the filibuster to pass these voting rights bills.)

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY, ACTION BY ACTION

Your Racial Justice Team continues this week with the final of four action ideas supporting the UUA “Call to Prophetic Action: 2021 Statement of Conscience, **Undoing Systemic White Supremacy.**” (See <https://www.uua.org/action/statements/undoing-systemic-white-supremacy>.)



Action 4: **Fulfill our UU role as a spiritual anchor**

to BIPOC UUs. Our UU role as a spiritual anchor requires the financial and administrative support of spiritual healing systems within UU infrastructure and programming that serves BIPOC-only efforts. With the concept of reparations still in nation-wide discussion, we can model--with each social justice gesture, plan, or effort--how to consider, always, the singular healing needs of BIPOC UUs.

May our actions mirror our values.

--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

WOBURN TROOP 519 BRIAN GALINDO

**EAGLE SCOUT
FOOD DRIVE**

for the *Woburn Council of Social Concern*

Sun Oct. 17

FOOD COLLECTION
at Woburn Library back lot

&

**Sun Oct. 17 to
Sun Oct. 24**

FOOD DROP-OFF
at Woburn Market Basket
and Winchester Stop & Shop

ALL DONATIONS WELCOMED!



Demystifying Affordable Housing: Lessons for Winchester

A discussion with Andrea Adams, former
Watertown Senior Planner moderated by
Marty Jones, Principal, MLJ Insights

**Wednesday October 27th
7:30-9pm**

Sign up for this virtual program at
demystifyingaffordablehousing.eventbrite.com
With inquiries contact office@nfsj.org



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4 Paws 4 Wheels 4 Hunger **Mark and Mocha's Roll/Stroll across Massachusetts**

This is an inspiring story. Mark and his wife Susan spent their professional careers as lawyers doing environmental justice work both in the US and worldwide. Several years

back Mark contracted an incurable disease that has put him in a wheelchair and may not last all that much longer.

To give meaning to what time he has left he came up with this advocacy to travel by motorized wheelchair with his labradoodle Mocha from one end of MA to the cape, taking 7 weeks to fundraise and bring awareness to the issues of Hunger in the US.

Please help support this remarkable man and this important work.

https://4hunger.org/?fbclid=IwAR0vuP-MX1vcwDzs_k_-FQXgEjpLHh0j2JamfbVZgkB2tDSqMqgtxoHDiM0

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