

# Winchester Unitarian Society

**Highlights October 28, 2021**

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



*The Theme for October is "Cultivating Relationship"*

## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, October 31**

**10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online**

Virtual Worship Logistics Below



# Relationships Across the Veil: Stories of Fresh Hell

The Rev. Heather Janules

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## 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](mailto: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>

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

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In lieu of coffee hour, everyone will be invited to join us on the lawn and in the back parking lot for our Halloween SpUuktacular event for all-ages. There will be spooky snacks served alongside coffee and tea, some terrifying tunes, ghoulish games, plus pumpkin decorating and a finale where everyone gets a chance to show off their creative costumes to the crowd!

This event is outdoors, rain or shine, though if the weather is too bad it will be cancelled. In the event of cancellation, we will still hold social hour in Metcalf Hall.

Questions: contact Sam Wilson, [sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org](mailto:sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org)



Spooky Snacks

Costumes

Pumpkin Decorating

And more fun for all ages!

**Halloween SpUuktacular**  
**Sunday, Oct. 31st 11:30 am**

## Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

Our **Service of Remembrance on November 7th** will include a sung litany remembering those dear to us who have passed away in recent years. A special focus this year is on those lost due to the pandemic. If you would like somebody remembered in this litany, please send their name (or names) to [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org). Names submitted by Friday, Nov. 5 will be included in the litany.

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)

## Congregational News

*"Notes From The Chair"*  
*October 28, 2021*



It has been wonderful to be able to return to in-person gathering, and it has taken the work of many hands! Thank you to all who have volunteered in some way to help bring us back together.

In particular, the Building Committee, led by Chuck Khuen, helped to make our building a safer place to gather with many ventilation and air quality measures. Please see his room-by-room description of **WUS HVAC Upgrades for Safer In-Person Gathering** [HERE](#). This document (also on our website) will remain a helpful reference for all who are planning meetings and gatherings in our building.

As part of the Standing Committee's retreat on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, we explored the impact of the pandemic separation on our WUS experience.

- **What we missed during the time we did not meet together.** – *sacred space, casual conversation, community, connections, being together, being involved, service work and a safe place to gather*
- **What we gained** – *rituals at home, new ways to connect, an understanding of our struggles with change, closer to family and nature, intimacy with smaller group*
- **What we crave now** – *re-identify the relevance of church to our life, support, friendship, more people engaged with church, service work, intergenerational activities, intentionally accepting all people*
- **What does WUS community crave?** – *feeling safe, feeling empowered, freedom, control, fun together, expanded community, after church conversations*

We used this exploration to help shape our goals for the coming year. We will share these goals with all of the committees at the November 11<sup>th</sup> Committee Chairs Meeting led by our Nominating and Leadership Development committee. All committees will be invited to identify actions they can take in support of these goals. We hope that our goals reflect the needs and wishes of our congregation as a whole. We invite all in the community to share in our work together to *re-build and strengthen our community connections, to envision our future in new ways and to create both sacred and fun space together.*

You may see our **Challenges and Goals for 2021-22** document [HERE](#).

In this time of celebrating the liminal, the transition from one season, from one state of being to another, may we embrace the Spirit of our UU values and the wonderful community of others who have chosen to express these values together.

~ Fritzie Nace, Standing Committee Chair

## **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

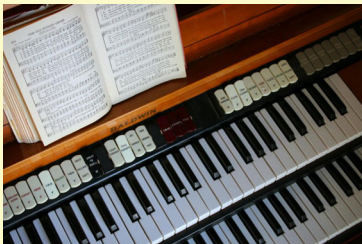


dog to participate! All participating dogs must be friendly and vaccinated.

**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](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.



### Concert Series Kicks Off on Nov 5th!

Our in-person and streamed (with new streaming technology) concert series begins on Friday Nov. 5th, 8:00 PM. John Kramer and Resident Musicians of musiConnects <https://www.musicconnects.org/> will perform piano quintets of Florence Price and Antonin

Dvorak. If you wish to be a concert series sponsor or know more about sponsorship, please contact Kathryn Maffei at [KLMINC@aol.com](mailto:KLMINC@aol.com). Please use this link to buy tickets for the concert, register to attend and upload an image of your vaccination card: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2p\\_LWRBa00koVG3qpH1G8eS-6\\_qOcFLqzic5uskr8BrvGqw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2p_LWRBa00koVG3qpH1G8eS-6_qOcFLqzic5uskr8BrvGqw/viewform)

### Thanksgiving Baskets

With the effects of the pandemic still lingering, many families continue to face food insecurity. We can help!

We have provided boxes of holiday foods for area families through the Council of Social Concern's Thanksgiving Basket Program. Last year we donated 45 boxes and again have opportunity to participate this year.

This year, we estimate the cost per box, including a \$20 gift card to be from \$70--\$85. We have again arranged with Winchester Stop and Shop to provide boxes for people who would rather not shop themselves. Please let us know if you prefer this option.

**Sign up** to donate one or more dinners by sending Sue Doubler an email at [suedoubler@gmail.com](mailto:suedoubler@gmail.com). We will send you a shopping list and provide the heavy-duty box you will need.

Together, we can make Thanksgiving a happy holiday for many families in the Woburn/Winchester area who are facing difficult times.

**New WUS Fundraiser:**

The WUS MaxSold Auction Starts One Week from Today!

Can you believe it's only ONE week until we start our new fundraiser - The WUS Maxsold Auction! Now is the time to Volunteer and find that treasure to donate!



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 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>. 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](mailto:racheljwhitehouse@hotmail.com)

Changes to our climate are happening quickly. One-third of US counties have in recent months been hot with extraordinary flooding or forest fire impacts. Other parts of the world have fared worse. What can WUS do to help slow, stop, and eventually reverse climate change? What part can we play as a faith community and as individuals—educate? advocate? act? This question is at the heart of Green Sanctuary's work this year. Please join us. All are welcome, regardless of age.

Please e-mail Phil Coonley ([Coonley@me.com](mailto:Coonley@me.com)) to let us know if you are interested in being part of the Green Sanctuary's efforts. Our first task is to find a date and time that works for as many as possible. Even if you can't attend every meeting, but would like to join our climate efforts, let us know. To know more about what GS has done and might do, see the WUS Annual Report in the Members' section of the WUS website.

## Religious Education



Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for Outdoor RE as we learned a new song about the UU Principles (the same one that the adults sang!) and especially to our little helpers who planted the garlic bulbs with Margaret. We appreciate you!

### This Sunday, October 31:

**10:30 am - Outdoor RE for K-6:** Per usual, we will be meeting in the playground for outdoor RE this week. Kids are strongly encouraged to **come in costume!** We will be starting RE with some of our weekly traditions, then moving into some Halloween-themed games together. A bit after 11:30 we will migrate across the parking lot to the Halloween SpUUktacular, where we will do some more games as a group and then decorate pumpkins together. SpUUky snacks will be served at the event, but please bring additional food if you think your young one will need it before 12:30.

**Cold Weather Update:** 'tis the season! Especially now that the colder weather is upon us, please remember that in the event of rainy/cold weather, our plan is to go into Metcalf Hall. Besides being a big room, what you may not know is that **Metcalf Hall has been updated with a state of the art air exchange system that filters all incoming air and exchanges the air in the room 6-8x an hour.** We made this upgrade during the pandemic to keep our community safe, and hope that this will help you make a more informed decision about your child's participation during colder weather. Parents are also given the option at sign-in to come get their kids instead if we feel like we need to move indoors.

**OWL (Our Whole Lives, 7th and 8th grades):** This Sunday there is no OWL meeting, to honor the sanctity of Halloween. For more information, please message Karen Caputo: [kcaputo8@hotmail.com](mailto:kcaputo8@hotmail.com) who also sends separate weekly emails to parents.

**Communication Overview:** Please [click here to see our Flyer with Draft Calendar and Overview of RE](#) for more details on what to expect in RE this year and several dates to save. To View & **Subscribe to our new WUS RE & WUSYG Google Calendar**, please go here: [www.tinyurl.com/WUSRECalendar](http://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](http://www.winchesteruu.org/youth) For visual updates on our upcoming events, please



follow our new WUS RE Instagram page here:  
[www.instagram.com/WUSReligiousEducation](https://www.instagram.com/WUSReligiousEducation)

If you have questions, concerns, compliments, or simply want someone to chat with about your children and/or faith development, please always feel free to email Sam, Interim Coordinator of Religious Education: [sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org](mailto:sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org) or text/call him: 857-523-9933 We are also looking for 2 more members on our RE Committee to help plan our programming. Please also reach out if you have suggestions and want to be part of the team that gets to implement them!

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



We had a fun time checking in and playing a Squid Game-inspired game with you all last week!

### **This Sunday, Oct. 31: WUSYG Meeting outdoors, 2-4 pm**

This Sunday we will be having an early meeting to accommodate other holiday plans. Please come in costume for our own version of the Halloween SpUuktacular! Families are also invited to join us at WUS earlier in the day for our all-ages outdoor Halloween SpUuktacular at 11:30 after the worship service.

### **Save the Dates:**

**Nov. 14th:** Fall Fest! This is WUSYG's first fundraiser, a fun event after the service on Sunday, with carnival games, fall treats, and special performances by youth. Youth should expect to be at WUS from 10:30-1, and there is no regular meeting that night.

**Nov. 21:** At 3:30 pm we will be having a Service Trip Meeting for parents/youth, then youth will stay for our regular WUSYG meeting at 4:30. This meeting is mandatory for at least one person in the youth's family to attend in order to participate in our service trip this year. We will be sharing more about our plans to go to West Virginia during April vacation.

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 (thanks so much to everyone who's brought snacks so far - they've all been great!)

Subscribe to [our Calendar: tinyurl.com/wusrecalendar](https://tinyurl.com/wusrecalendar)

Follow us on Social Media: check out [linktr.ee/wusyg](https://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](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com) (or text Sam: 857-523-9933 or message him on Facebook.com/DYMSamWilson)



## Social Action & Outreach



### Winchester Unitarian Society SAOC in Action!

Sue Doubler and John Healey standing up for what is right at the Freedom to Vote Rally on October 23rd in Washington, DC.

Check it out at <https://www.commoncause.org/>

**Are you familiar with the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda?  
It's important to pay attention to it in November!**

**CLICK HERE: [For details on all 5 bills.](#)**

3 Possible Actions you can take in November:

- Join the Indigenous Justice Solidarity Team for a [lobby day November 17th!](#) One of the best ways to build support for our priority bills is to meet directly with our legislators. Join us this November for training and meetings with your Representative and Senator.

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/HHXhsd68rjiuLo3i6>

Deadline to RSVP is November 10th.

- Get your church to endorse the MA Indigenous Agenda

<https://forms.gle/uaWxTygxHjHgsm9i8>

- [Please support the work of United American Indians of New England \(UAINE\)](#) as we educate and decolonize. We are best known for organizing National Day of Mourning in Plymouth every "thanksgiving Thursday," and this year will be our 52nd year! We lead campaigns and provide tactical and strategic advice to people in the region who are working on Indigenous Peoples Day efforts.

### **BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY, QUESTION BY QUESTION**

What are racial justice issues that come to mind in October and November (Native American

Heritage Month)?

The 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](http://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



**Lexington Refugee Assistance Program  
Community Meeting  
Lexington Community Center room  
237  
November 8, 7:00-8:45 p.m.**

After a long Covid hiatus, LexRAP will be holding a **Community Meeting** at the Lexington Community Center on Marrett Road. LexRAP is a 100% volunteer organization currently involved in supporting 76 refugees and asylum seekers. After reintroducing LexRAP, we will share information about resettling Afghani families in and around Lexington and Massachusetts, current volunteer opportunities and more. We hope you can join us. All donations made online (<https://www.lexrap.org/volunteer-donate.html>) or brought to the meeting will directly support current families and the soon expected Afghan evacuees. In particular, if you have a laptop to donate, please feel free to bring it to the meeting.

This will be an in-person meeting and everyone except speakers when speaking will be expected to wear masks. If you would rather join by Zoom. [Please register to join with us](#) on Zoom.

# #Get The Lead Out Of Our Drinking Water!

An online and in person hybrid event

**Co-Sponsored by Clean Water Fund – and the Mystic  
Valley Area Branch – NAACP**



***There is no safe level of lead. Not in  
drinking water, and not in the body.  
Join us to learn more about lead in  
drinking water, why it's a racial  
justice issue, and what you can do  
in your community to solve it!***

**WHERE:**

**City Council Chambers – First Floor  
Malden City Hall**

**215 Pleasant Street – Malden, Mass. 02148**

**Conveniently Accessible to Malden Center Station**

**OR**

**Register on Zoom: [bit.ly/noleadinwater](https://bit.ly/noleadinwater)**



**WHEN:**

**Saturday, November 20th from 11:00 Am-12:30 PM**



Contact:

[volunteersma@cleanwater.org](mailto:volunteersma@cleanwater.org)



*Saturday, November 20th from 11am - 12:30pm*

**[Register Today](#)** for the Zoom link



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