

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 7, 2021

(link to today's full issue of Highlights)



The Theme for October is "Cultivating Relationship"

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, October 10

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Note New Virtual Worship Logistics Below!



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Bear Witness:

Save Lives

CB Beal

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.

**The Winchester Unitarian Society Office will be closed Monday, October 11th
The Office will return to normal business hours on Tuesday, October 12th
Thank you!**

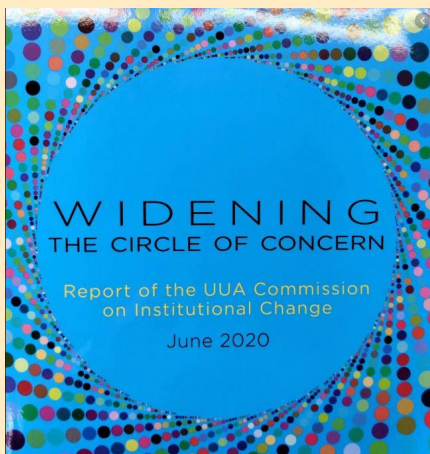
Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

It is with sadness that we announce **Dean Pappas**, husband of Denise, and father of Greg and Justin Pappas, died on September 21, 2021. Thank you for your prayers and support.

A reminder that the Service in Celebration of the Life of **Sam Berliner III** will be October 17th at 3pm. A registration form to reserve seats in the Sanctuary will be made available in next week's Highlights. The service will 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 report is also available online at:

<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.



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

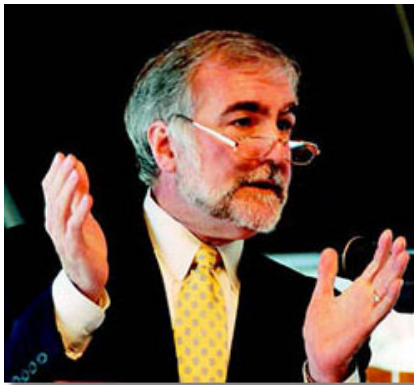
"Come, come, whoever you are" –
and invite a loved one to join you
for our Bring-A-Friend Sunday
happening on October 17th at
10:30am!

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>



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: uuum.org/attend
Email Bithyah Israel: bisrael@uuum.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

**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



We had a **wonderful** and **wonder**-filled time with all 8 of your who came to RE outside last week with us! You all did a fantastic job decorating our **Wonder Box** and next week we're going to make it even more fabulous! I **wonder** what we'll be using this magical box for in the future...

This Sunday, October 10, 10:45 am - Outdoor RE for K-6: This week in RE we will be continuing our more formalized RE programming, with the chalice lighting, joys and concerns, and then some fun group activities. This month we will be exploring "Cultivating Relationships" (the same theme as the adult worship

services for the month). Please [click here to see our recently-updated \(again!\) Flyer with Draft Calendar and Overview of RE](#) for more details on what to expect in RE this year and several dates to save. Note that the activities listed are samples of what we will be doing and may not be what we end up doing any given Sunday (though the themes will all stay!)

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): 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.

(9th-12th Grade)

WUSYG Fall Retreat 2021

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



This Sunday, Oct. 10th: WUSYG Meeting outdoors, 4:30-6 pm

Friends. Games. Snacks. Goodtimes.
See you there!

Save the Date, Oct. 15-17: Fall Retreat 2021! See the [Fall Retreat flyer here](#) for all the details, and then go and sign up to secure your spot! We're SO EXCITED TO GO BACK THIS YEAR WITH ALL OF YOU!!!

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:

1. [Register your child](#) if you haven't already (thank you to those who have!)
2. [Sign up here to bring snacks](#) for us sometime, please!
3. [Sign your child up for the Fall Retreat](#) (Oct. 15-17th) See the flyer, linked above, for more info!
4. Subscribe to [our Calendar: tinyurl.com/wusrecalendar](https://www.tinyurl.com/wusrecalendar)
5. 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

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY, ACTION BY ACTION

Your Racial Justice Team continues this week with the THIRD 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>.)

Build relationships across boundaries of privilege and oppression. "When one group seeks help for a problem such as racism, another oppressed group that is a member of the dominant race may feel that the roots of their own suffering will not be addressed."



As your action this week, acquaint yourself with one of these anti-racism groups: Black Lives Matter, Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU), Black Youth Project, Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Movement for Black Lives, the NDN Collective (an Indigenous-led organization), the Poor People's Campaign, and Standing Rock nation. UU's must forge relationships beyond boundaries of power and privilege.

Thank you for learning with us,
Your Racial Justice Team

P. S. We encourage you to join **Widening the Circle of Concern: Workshop on Governance, Tuesday, October 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** (virtual). [Please register here by October 17th.](#)



Two Down, Two to Go! Ending 287(g)

Momentum is building in Massachusetts to end our involvement with deportations!

This month, Plymouth County announced it would end its 287(g) collaboration contract with ICE ([Link](#)) on the heels of a legal challenge by advocates.

Help us continue the momentum by signing and sharing [this petition](#)!

With the [end of Sheriff Hodgen's Bristol County 287\(g\) in May](#), that leaves just Barnstable County and the Department of Corrections with these shameful contracts.

But the Biden Administration continues to leverage 287(g) and other local public safety resources to deport immigrants, which is undermining access to police, court, and medical protection. This must end. We must set our own course in Massachusetts.

The Safe Communities Act will have a public hearing this fall before the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Our coalition is gathering 5,000 signatures to present to the Chairs at that hearing, urging the Committee to advance this bill again this year.

[Will you sign the petition now and share it with 5 Massachusetts friends?](#)

We can't wait for the Biden Administration to protect immigrant families.

[Take action for a safe and welcoming Massachusetts today!](#)



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



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.

**ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF NEW ENGLAND
& BOSTON WORKERS CIRCLE: CENTER FOR
JEWISH CULTURE & SOCIAL JUSTICE**

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

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/
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**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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