

Join Winchester Unitarian Society for Holiday Happenings!

All are Welcome...
Invite your Friends!



Parking Lot Pageant and Holiday Not-Potluck (WUSYG Fundraiser and Carol Sing)

This Sunday, December 19th
10:30 AM, Sanctuary, Parking Lot, & Metcalf Hall



We are excited to invite you all to join us for “Welcoming the Stranger: A Christmas Pageant.” Our annual beloved all-ages tradition returns this year with a bit of a twist. The service begins for adults in the WUS Sanctuary, but we then go out to the Parking Lot and join our children to witness and re-tell the beloved nativity story together.

Please be sure to bring warm clothes. There will be roles for everyone to participate in this no-rehearsal pageant, as we all celebrate the story of Jesus' birth, and also take time to think about the story's lessons and inspiration that we can carry with us today.

You may also attend this service virtually through our livestream:

www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream

In the event of heavy snow or rain, the Pageant will take place in the Sanctuary.



Right after the Pageant, the Youth Group (WUSYG) is hosting a **Holiday Not-Potluck** (we'll provide the homemade food!) and **WUSYG Fundraiser** in Metcalf Hall with hot **food & drinks** in the parking lot, featuring a special **silent auction**. You can bid on services like babysitting or cat-sitting, or get a "homemade bread of the month" or "baked good of the month" subscription, plus unique items like Celtics tickets, handmade pottery, and much more! There will also be lots of WUSYG-made **holiday treats** that you can buy for friends (or they make great gifts for colleagues!), while listening to some holiday tunes performed by our youth. The festivities will conclude with some joyful - but also masked and spacious - **carol singing**.

Winter Solstice Celebration and Caroling

Tuesday, December 21st

6:00 PM

Metcalf Hall*

**Metcalf Hall is best accessed through our parking lot off of Mystic Valley Parkway. It is a large room with a state-of-the-art ventilation system!*



We will honor the longest night of the year with the sharing of words and song and the kindling of lights. The ceremony concludes outdoors with more singing and the jumping of the wreath so if you are not ready to be inside, you won't be left out! From there, we will go through downtown Winchester, pausing in different places to sing carols together. Caroling will begin around 6:30 PM.

Christmas Eve Services

Friday, December 24th



4:30 PM – An outdoor, family-friendly service that is short in length (due to the temperature) but long on fun with lots of carols to sing and (wind-resistant) candles! We gather on the Bell Tower Terrace at the Mystic Valley Parkway main doors of the building.

7 PM – We re-tell the ancient story through word and song. The service begins outdoors on the Bell Tower Terrace at the Mystic Valley Parkway main doors of the building. We then enter the sanctuary for most of the service, concluding by taking

our lit candles back out into the world and proclaiming Joy to the World! **THIS SERVICE REQUIRES PRE-REGISTRATION.** The registration form is here: [Christmas Eve 2021 Registration Form](#) Please register by **Wednesday, December 22nd**; in-person attendance is limited to 100. You may also attend this service virtually through our livestream: www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream

Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 26th

10:30 AM, Sanctuary

“Taking Stock, Creating Space”

On the cusp of 2022, this service reflects on the past year and – as the worship leader prepares for a four-month sabbatical – invites us into new opportunities to “open to joy” in the year ahead. You may also attend this service virtually through our livestream: www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream There is no Religious Education program this morning.



We hope to see you all at these various upcoming holiday celebrations, and otherwise hope that you and yours find peace and joy during this holiday season!

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