



# Winchester Unitarian Society

## Highlights

May 5, 2022

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The Theme for May is

# Nurturing Beauty

## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, May 8th**

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

Virtual Worship Logistics Below



# Art, Craft and Beauty

## Rev Heather Janules

In this month of "Nurturing Beauty," this service will explore the meaning behind what we find "beautiful", what we call "art," what we call "craft" and the experience of transcendence beauty can evoke.

### 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 Sunday, WE WILL RESUME SCREENING  
THE SERVICE ON THE TERRACE FOR OUTDOOR VIEWING!**

### VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

On Sunday at 10:30 AM, **click here to connect with the livestream** from the Sanctuary: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSlivestream>

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.

## Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

It is with sadness that we announce the death of **Adrienne Markham**, WUS friend and a friend of many Society members. She died recently after a short struggle with cancer.

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)

**Dean Pappas**  
**Celebration of Life**  
**Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m.**

All are invited to attend in person or remotely the **Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Dean Pappas** Saturday, May 14th, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A reception will follow the service in the Symmes Room or on the Bell Tower Terrace. (Indoor masking will be required in accordance with current WUS COVID protocols.)

To attend virtually, go to [www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream](http://www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream)

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## Congregational News

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Link to the  
**Warrant for the 155th ANNUAL MEETING of the  
Winchester Unitarian Society  
Sunday, May 15, 2022  
Meeting Convenes at 12:00 PM  
Luncheon at 11:30 PM**

or navigate to : <https://www.winchesteruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Annual-Meeting-Warrant-v2.pdf>

The annual

## Mother's Day Walk for Peace is Sunday, May 8

You can park at the UU Urban Ministries at 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury and go with fellow UUs, or create your own team. The walk honors the work of Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (LDBPI) which supports families, particularly mothers, who lose their children to violence. For more info, please check out their link <https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/>

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## 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, May 21st.** 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.

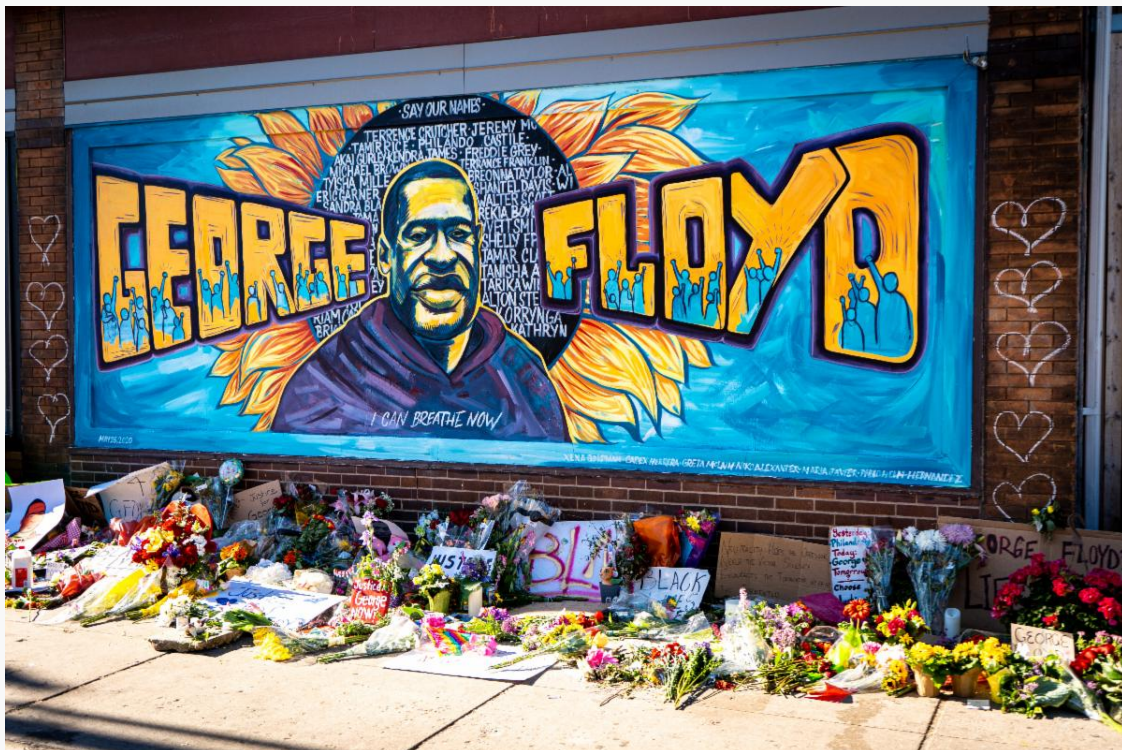
Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to

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.



## Special Service Honoring George Floyd



On **Wednesday, May 25th at 7:30pm**, please join the **WUS Adult Choir** and the worship team for a special service honoring George Floyd and all those impacted by racism and white supremacy. We will be premiering *A Requiem for George Floyd* by the esteemed composer Henry Mollicone. This beautifully written work memorializes George Floyd and others victimized by discrimination and calls us to work toward a better future.

## Save the Date!

After worship on June 5th, we will engage in a reflective conversation, **Taking Stock**, a time to consider what we have gained and lost through the pandemic on a personal level and then collectively as a congregation.

There will be a virtual gathering on Tuesday, June 7th at 7pm to consider the same questions. Log on via [www.tinyurl.com/wusworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusworship)

Contact Rev. Heather with any questions: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)

## Religious Education



### This Sunday, May 8th: RE for K-6, 10:30-11:30 am

Thanks everyone for joining us last Sunday to make rags to donate to Wright Locke Farm. Y'all made so many of them!

**10:30 am - RE for K-6 Outside OR in Metcalf Hall** if it's raining or below 40 degrees: RE for K-6 will be meeting this Sunday to continue our Soul Matters-themed workshops from 10:30-11:30 followed by 15 minutes in the

playground. May's theme is Nurturing Beauty. Sam is excited to return to the group after a couple weeks away, and join everyone in appreciating some of the beauty that surrounds us.

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

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

We hope you've all had good weeks back from break, and thanks for joining us last Sunday to share some stories from the trip and make some plans for upcoming events.

**This Sunday, May 8th NO WUSYG Meeting**

There is no meeting this Sunday, in honor of Mother's Day. We hope that you will enjoy spending time with your family and loved ones. We will see you for a regular meeting again on the 15th.

**Save the Date: May 22nd is Youth Sunday,**

which includes the service in the morning, then a BBQ/potluck in the afternoon while decorating the space for WUSYG Prom that will be later that night! We're so excited to spend (almost) the whole day with you!



**Save the Date: May 29th is Bring a Friend Sunday,** so we hope you'll all bring someone who might be interested in joining WUSYG next year.

**Save the Date: June 5th is Move Up Day,** so 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are all invited to join us from 5-6:30 to learn about WUSYG (and the Junior Youth Group for 7th and 8th graders).

**Save the Date: June 8th is Winchester PrideFest** and WUS will have a table. We're hoping that WUSYGers will help decorate and hang out at our table, which will be advertising OWL, WUSYG and the Junior Youth Group as inclusive and welcoming spaces for people of all genders and sexualities.

**Save the Date: June 12th is our last WUSYG** meeting of the year. You won't want to miss it!

# Aging-In-Place AT HOME

Saturday, May 21, 1:00 - 2:30 PM via ZOOM



Please join us for a virtual conversation concerning one of life's important decisions.

**Suzanne Norton, LICSW**, Geriatric Social Worker at the Jenks Center, will discuss services available to assist you to age at home with the support of the Jenks Center and other local agencies. There will be time for questions.

To register, please email [Richard.Dorbin@WinchesterUU.org](mailto:Richard.Dorbin@WinchesterUU.org) or call the WUS office at **781-729-0949** by **Thursday, May 19**, with your name and email address. We will email some materials before the event. To join the session go to <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95015978727>. *Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Associates at Winchester Unitarian Society and the Jenks Center.*

## The WUS Meals & Rides effort needs fresh volunteers!

Volunteers are occasionally called upon to provide practical support like meals, rides, and errands to church members in times of need.

Gay Mohrbacher coordinates volunteers and works closely with our PCAs. It's a fulfilling and non-demanding way to serve this community. Interested? Please email [gay\\_mohrbacher@wgbh.org](mailto:gay_mohrbacher@wgbh.org) and thank you.



## Social Action & Outreach





## BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY MONTH BY MONTH

May is Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This month was chosen because May 7, 1843, marks the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States. And May 10, 1869, or Golden Spike Day, recognizes the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the U.S., which had significant contributions from Chinese workers. As our awareness and understanding of the history and impact of

racism grows, it is important to recognize and address the racism that Asian and Asian-American people have experienced, from early legislation to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II to the recent increase in hate crimes.

Sandy Thompson for the Racial Justice Planning Group

## Wondering what is Happening with our 8th Principle process?

Now that spring is here, the Annual Meeting is not far away. This year we will be voting on the 8th Principle. [Please go here for details about this vote.](#) (This is **not** the official notice for the Annual Meeting.)

The Racial Justice Team Planning Group has been busy hoping to make it easy for everyone to be prepared for the voting process at the Annual Meeting on May 15th, 2022. [15 minute video recording of the presentation from our evening zoom meetings last week.](#)

If you seek further information about the 8th principle, [here are a few more recommended resources.](#)

You can always contact any of us [via email to discuss these issues further with current members of the Racial Justice Team Planning Group](#) .

For clarification or questions, please email [shepard.patty@gmail.com](mailto:shepard.patty@gmail.com)

## Music

### End of Year Chorale/Youth Choir concert

## Tuesday, May 17th @ 6:30pm

### WUS Sanctuary

We are thrilled to be back singing together and are excited to present our annual end-of-year concert after a two year hiatus. Join the Children's Chorus and Youth Choir as they present their greatest hits from the past year and some songs you haven't heard them sing yet.



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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## Interested in Attending GA this year?

**UUA General Assembly (GA) June 22-26, 2022, virtually or in person (Portland Oregon)** General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. Check out their [website](#) to see the wonderful, varied worship and workshop experiences available. Contact [Claire McNeill](#) with any questions, and to **learn how to be one of our 5 delegates** this year. We still have two slots open and it's possible to vote on behalf of WUS while only virtually attending the "General Sessions" on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM plus Sunday, 12:30-2:30 PM. ( All Pacific Daylight Time)

## Update on our supported Afghanistan Family

Dear NST Friends, April has been full, and May promises more.

Books, bikes, and toys are gradually becoming part of our young family's vocabulary. The preschool team is carefully introducing books, songs, and educational toys (Duplos! and rolling vehicles) which our little friends are experiencing for the first time. The Ongoing Needs team not only collected bikes and helmets (compliments of APD) for all, but also found Lowry Keys, the bike whisperer, through his wife Colleen and FB posts. Lowry checked out each bike and adjusted whatever needed adjusting to make them all driveway, sidewalk, and road ready. Thank you and welcome to Team WIRP!

The family visited The Arlington Boys and Girls Club where Sapna and Toheed will attend summer camp and Fidelity House where they will spend two days/week starting in the fall. Mansor is wild about his Sunday soccer clinics at Thompson School field Sundays, 1-2:15 pm. Look for the MINT (green) team. **Watch Mansor play and**

**practice English with Ihsanullah on the sidelines. Just show up and introduce yourself.**

Adil and Mansor will attend Summer ELL at the Bishop School and will need transportation help. Please look at your schedule on T/W/TH, 8:30-12 noon, July 5 - 28. **NST volunteers are invited to sign up to help with rides here [Summer ELL ride sign up](#).**

Ihsanullah and Zahida had their first parent-teacher conference on April 7<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of a Pashto interpreter. Everyone's English is improving! Watch for opportunities to practice one-on-one with them soon!

Ihsanullah is working with Bob on exploring work options. He has a basic resume now and is eager to work.

The entire family visited Smile Boutique in Winchester for a successful marathon dental checkup; follow up appointments have begun. Many thanks to the Smile dentists who are offering all care to the family gratis and to Ron and Joan for organizing.

Ramadan is almost over, and Eid celebrations are approaching. The family received a generous food gift from the Muslim American Community Center in Lexington this week to prepare for Eid. Thanks to Carol Kelso for picking up the gift bag and delivering it to the family on very short notice! The Rawans have two big EID celebrations coming up.

On April 30 the Islamic Society of Boston in Wayland is the host and on May 7 Seeme Moreira and Bob are coordinating an Eid al-Fitr celebration at The Parish of the Epiphany for Afghan families in our geographic area. There will be new clothes, laughter, and delicious food, with lots of time to solidify community and celebrate with fellow Afghans.

More surprises for our family: a special Eid Mubarak gift bag (treats for the kids, dates, decorations) and gift certificates/cards to Trader Joe's and Magic Bites (Turkish food) are coming their way thanks to the kindness and generosity of perfect strangers in the amazing EIFA – Everything is Free/Arlington – community. Monica Abdel-Azim created the gift bag and Sarah Tuttle passed the gift card/certificates to them for their Eid celebrations. **Volunteers are needed to accompany them to Trader Joe's and Magic Bites to use their gift card/certificates. Contact Betty [bjstone13@yahoo.com](mailto:bjstone13@yahoo.com) if you can do this on Sunday or Monday.**

Finally, the Rawans are over the moon excited to welcome blood family who are driving up from Virginia to spend three days of Eid with them here in Arlington! This is "hot off the press" news that has them giddy with joy! One of Zahida's brothers and his wife, two of Ihsanullah's brothers and one brother's wife, and two children will be celebrating Eid "in my home" beams Ihsanullah! The Rawans have ample sleeping space, but **they would like to BORROW four full sized comforters/quilts for their guests from Monday – Thursday. If you have one to loan, please email [Reva revashapiro@gmail.com](mailto:revashapiro@gmail.com) who will confirm four. Thanks in advance!**

Spring brings new growth, and we recently learned our young family will be welcoming a new member. The visit of family for Eid is especially sweet this year because Zahida and Ihsanullah can share this exciting news in person with them. Stay tuned!

As ever, it is incredible to look back at the last three months and see what we have accomplished together to assist the Rawans. Bob and I are grateful for such dedicated, creative, smart, and hard-working volunteers as you, and look forward to working alongside you as we move through the late spring and summer and the next phases of resettlement for the family.

Bob Davidson and Betty Stone, Team WIRP co-leads

## PARTNER CHURCH NEWS

We recently received the following note of thanks for our contributions to the Unitarian Providence Charity Organization in Cluj, Transylvania:

Dear friends, dear siblings in faith and good will,  
On behalf of the Hungarian Unitarian Church and Providence, its charity organization, we express our heartfelt thanks for your generous support regarding the humanitarian aid work we have been carrying out for the victims of the Ukrainian war.

Attached we are sending you an update of our activities, which would have not been possible without your contribution. We would like to highlight especially this 4 minute video from our trip to Ukraine 3 days ago: [Aid shipment to Beregszasz, 20 April 2022 - YouTube](#). We hope to be able to continue assisting the refugees in Romania and supporting the war victims in their homeland as long as it's needed. With your permission, we will keep you informed regarding the upcoming developments of our work.

May God protect those who suffer from the war and have to flee for their lives. May God bless all individuals and communities ready to help people in need.

Yours sincerely,

Kovács István, the bishop of the Hungarian Unitarian Church  
Rácz Norbert Zsolt, deputy bishop of the Hungarian Unitarian Church  
Szabó László, president of the Providence Charity Organization

The Partner Church Team thinks you will enjoy the video. The attachments to the email are far too long to include in Highlights. If you'd like to see and read them, get in touch with John Russell at [johnroerussell@comcast.net](mailto:johnroerussell@comcast.net). He'll be glad to forward them to you.

[It's not too late to contribute to the Transylvanian Unitarian Church's Ukrainian refugee assistance efforts. You can do so through the website of the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women \(IWC\).](#) Click [HERE](#) to go to the website.  
From the Partner Church 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



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