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# Winchester Unitarian Society

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## Highlights

June 2, 2022

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The Theme for June is

## Celebrating Blessings



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## Upcoming Worship

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# Sunday, June 5th

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

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

## The Democracy of Blessings

Photo by Lina Trochez

### Rev. Heather Janules

As we begin dwelling on the theme of "**Celebrating Blessings**," this service will explore what it means to give and receive a blessing and invite us to become observant of the opportunity to offer a blessing. By the end of the service, we will have a chance to practice as we will dedicate our new accessible bathroom through a blessing by the community!

### 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.

**The service will also be broadcast on the Bell Tower Terrace.**

### 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

A Celebration of Life for

## Paulett Taggart

Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m.

All are invited to attend in person or remotely the **Memorial Service Celebrating the Life of Paulett Taggart** Saturday, June 18th, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. To attend the service virtually during or after the service, go to [www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream](http://www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream)



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

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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)

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## Congregational News

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Winchester  
**TOWN DAY**  
is **THIS** Saturday!



More Bakers and Helpers are needed

To be **Helping Hands**

please sign up [HERE](#)

(If the shift you want looks all full, just show up anyway!)

To bring some **Baked Goods**

please sign up [HERE](#)

\*\*\*We could use some additional folks to help **Rev. Heather** at her Soap Etc table including **Dog Blessings** and **Biscuits**. We could also use some "Roamers" to work the crowds would be especially helpful.

Rev. Heather will be filling *lavender sachets* with "Welcome to WUS" tags at the church on Friday 6/3 from 4-5pm. Please come help if you can.

RSVP to Rev. Heather

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## Town Day Music

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**Matt Heaton** presents

"Music for Kids and the Adults that Love Them!"

**11:00 AM to 1:00 PM June 4th**

On The Lawn, Corner of Main St. & Mystic Valley Pkwy

Funded by the Cerny-Thomases Fund



## Contribute to Richard's 90 Day Evaluation

Our Administration and Outreach Manager, Richard Dorbin, is nearing 90 days with WUS. It is our policy to provide an evaluation at or slightly after 90 days of employment.

You are invited to contribute to this process by completing a simple form:

[www.tinyurl.com/RDorbinEval](http://www.tinyurl.com/RDorbinEval)

Please provide your input by June 23rd. Thank you!

## From the WUS Office

Please note that the **Weekend Worship** emails will be discontinued after **June 10th**. Please refer to each week's Highlights publications for information on Sunday worship and WUS news.

A reminder, to attend Sunday Services remotely, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSlivestream>

To join in community fellowship after Sunday Services, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

If there are any concerns, please feel free to email Richard Dorbin, WUS Administrator at: [Richard.Dorbin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:Richard.Dorbin@winchesteruu.org)

Please note the **deadline for submission** of materials to be published in **Highlights**. All copy, graphics, & photos need to be emailed and to the office by 10:00 am every Wednesday morning for inclusion on the emailed version of Highlights Thursday, the following day.

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## Taking Stock

*This Sunday,*

we will engage in a reflective conversation, 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)

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## Summer Services

**Do you have a sermon in you?**

For those of you who may have been wondering, planning for services this summer is well under way. **Summer Services** will **begin on June 19** (with a **“Poetry Service”** – more details soon) and **end September 4**. This summer we will be varying individually led services with some more community led events. As in the past, the individually led services are led by lay members of the congregation.

There are still some dates open, so if you have a topic that relates to our UU values and principles and which you think would be of interest to others, please contact this summer’s coordinator **Martin Newhouse** at [mnewhouse9@gmail.com](mailto:mnewhouse9@gmail.com) or in person on Sundays to see whether the schedule works for you. What is entailed: You would give a 15 to 20 minute Reflection on your topic and would help with the planning and carrying out the rest of the service. If you have a sermon in you, contact Martin right away. Do it! You won’t regret it!



# Religious Education

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Thank you everyone who joined us over the holiday weekend to “nurture beauty” and also learn a little bit more about Memorial Day and the origin of the memorial statue across the street. It’s always nice to learn with friends outside in this beautiful weather we’ve been having!

## **This Sunday, June 5th:**

**10:30 am - RE for K-7 Outside**

RE for K-7 will be meeting this Sunday to continue our Soul Matters-themed workshops. We will meet in the playground at 10:30 but will conclude on the Bell Tower Terrace to help participate in the Bathroom Blessing with the rest of the congregation. June’s theme, aptly, is Celebrating Blessings.

**This Saturday, June 4th, is Town Day**, and we hope you will join us on the WUS lawn at 11 AM for a special performance by child-friendly musical artist Matthew Heaton. Be sure to see the more-detailed announcement elsewhere in Highlights. It should be a lot of fun, and a great advertisement for our programs, so please come and bring friends!

For those of you who have current **6th, 7th or 8th graders**, please note that this weekend is **WUSYG's Move Up Day**, for future **WUSYGers** as well as future members of our new **Junior Youth Group** (for 7th and 8th graders). Youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to join **WUSYG** on **June 5th from 5-6:30** to see what youth group is all about.

We also hope your families will visit WUSYG/JYG's table at Winchester's 2nd

Annual **PrideFest** on **Wednesday, June 8th**. We'll be giving away glitter blessings and having a contest to guess the number of rainbow MnMs in a rainbow glass skull (winner gets to keep the skull & MnMs!)

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**

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

Thanks to everyone who joined us for WUSYG last Sunday and special shoutout to everyone who brought friends for Bring a Friend Sunday!

**This Sunday, June 5th is Move Up Day 2.0**, 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). Current WUSYGers will arrive at 4:30 per usual to plan what to do with the younger kids.

**Save the Date: June 8th is Winchester PrideFest** and WUS will have a table. We have some WUSYGers lined up to help decorate and be at the table, which will be advertising OWL, WUSYG and the Junior Youth Group as inclusive and welcoming spaces for people of all genders and sexualities. We will also be giving out Glitter Blessings and encouraging visitors to participate in our "Guess the # of MnMs" contest to win a rainbow-colored glass skull full of MnMs! WUS members are invited to meet at WUS at 5 pm (at our Pride flag) and go over to the Fest together.

**Save the Date: June 12th** is our last WUSYG meeting of the year from **\*NEW TIME\*** 2-4 pm. You won't want to miss it!

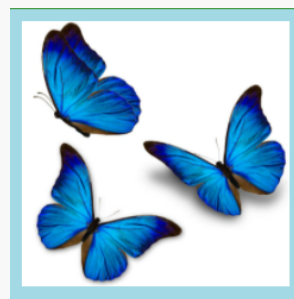
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## Social Action & Outreach

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### BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY,

### Question By Question



What do you remember being taught (or learning) growing up about the history of Black people? And, today, what amendments and additions do you bring to that earlier learning?

*Sandy Thompson for the Racial Justice Planning Group*

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Our hearts break for the victims and families in Uvalde, Buffalo and Laguna Woods. There are no words that can capture the emotion and sadness of these tragic moments, and how they affect our lives and sense of safety. Our schools, our grocery stores, our churches, and our communities must be safe for all.

To everyone who has lost a child, a family member, or a friend to gun violence - we hold space in our hearts and grieve with you. Gun violence and racism are public health crises and we must continue to do the work of creating a future where everyone can safely thrive.

Below please find resources to help support you and your loved ones as we process these past few weeks together, and let's make sure to check-in on one another in the days ahead. For more information: <https://www.greenrootschelsea.org/>



[American Psychological Association: Helping your children manage distress in the aftermath of a shooting](#)  
[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)  
[Coping During Community Unrest](#)

PLEASE JOIN YOUR SOCIAL ACTION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT THE  
**2ND ANNUAL**

## PRIDEfest!

RIGHT HERE IN WINCHESTER  
**Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 5 -7 PM**

**In-Person, Outdoor Program at the Winchester Town Common**

We state each week in church that we are a Welcoming Congregation, we fly a PRIDE BANNER at our main door, but... will WE as a congregation take ACTION and show up at our local town center to SHOW OUR SUPPORT for LGBTQ+ rights and issues on June 8th? The members of the Social Action and Outreach Committee are showing up this year and we are encouraging all members of the WUS community to do so too!

**Description of event:** Co-sponsored by our own WUSYG & Junior Youth Group, the Network for Social Justice, and the Town of Winchester, PRIDEfest is a community-centered Winchester-based event featuring multiple ways for attendees to educate themselves about LGBTQ+ rights and issues, engage around Pride related themes, and celebrate Pride as artistic expression through music, crafts and creative games. This year's festival will include students and community staffed tables and a mainstage with musical performances, a DJ, and speeches by Winchester middle and high school students.

*Plus, our very own WUSYG & JYG will be there giving out "glitter blessings" in addition to info about our Youth group programming. See you at PRIDEFEST Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 5 -7 PM !*

## Juneteenth Celebrations Coming Up Soon!

**Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom,** Dr. [Kellie Carter Jackson](#), Associate Professor of Africana Studies at Wellesley College, will offer an overview of the history of the holiday and an exploration of the various ways Black communities have created traditions and cultivated the joy of emancipation and freedom. The program is free and open to all but [advance registration is required](#).

**IT'S SPRING AND THERE IS LOTS OF SOCIAL ACTION GOING ON!  
 HERE ARE JUST A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES**

**[Moral March on Washington – JUNE 18TH](#)**

For more info go here: <https://www.uua.org/racial-justice/poor-peoples-campaign>  
 To join the march, [sign up on the national RSVP page](#). To ride one of the buses the Poor People's Campaign has arranged through "Rally.co" then [fill out this bus sign up form](#).

Buses will leave the evening of Friday June 17th and will arrive in DC early the next morning. The Rally itself will gather at 9:00 AM and begin at 10:00 AM Saturday June 18th at 3rd and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC. Buses will leave DC at 4:00 PM and arrive back in Massachusetts late Saturday night or very early Sunday morning.

## Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 12-4 PM at REHAIRATIONS, 339 MASS AVE. ARLINGTON

- In partnership with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division, Town of Arlington



## Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Commons, Cross Street, Malden

- Flag Raising, Performances, Activities 11 AM -1PM
- Free Community Cookout 1-3 PM
- Free and Open to All



Please join us for a Virtual Conversation about

# Dying Well:

How to have a Peaceful Death

**June 25, 2022**

**11am to 12:30 pm**



Please join us for a virtual conversation:

## **Dying Well, How to Have a Peaceful Death**

**Kathleen Rouleau**, RN and ordained minister, will discuss hospice vs. palliative care, home funerals and the psychological and spiritual aspects of death. 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 **June 23** with your name and email address. To join the session go to [tinyurl.com/WUSPCAs](https://tinyurl.com/WUSPCAs) Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Associates at WUS

**June 25, 2022 11am to 12:30 pm**

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