


Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights

June 9, 2022

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The Theme for June is

Celebrating Blessings



Upcoming Worship

Sunday, June 12th

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

Flower Communion



Photo by Lina Trochez

Rev. Heather Janules

Sidewalk Crack Theology:

Flower Communion

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.

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

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

More information about the worship services can be found on our [website](#).

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](#)

Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

Please add to your calendar the Memorial Service for

John Russell

Sunday September 18th 2022 @ 2:00

This is a rescheduling of a service, previously announced for the 17th.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE.

A Note of Gratitude,

To those who came, or sent caring thoughts, to last Wednesday's gathering we thank you for creating a sense of warm community.

-Maggie, Leah, and David Russell

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

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.)



Celebrating Sam Wilson's National Leadership

We are pleased to share that our own Sam Wilson will have a few roles in this month's General Assembly (GA), the annual convening of UUs from around the world to do the business of the Association, in addition to being a voting delegate and WUS rep. Sam was nominated to be on the slate to be elected to serve on the GA Planning Committee (to read his bio and learn more about all the elections, [click here](#)). He is also serving on the Inclusivity Review Team for this GA, and was chosen to be one of the 5 spotlighted "Players" during Virtual Games Night at GA (virtual attendees can watch him compete against others and also vote for winners!) Finally, Sam is leading an in-person workshop for the UU Service Committee, titled "Speaking Justice in the Language of our Faith." Please join us in joy as we celebrate Sam and his representation of the Winchester Unitarian Society in the wider UU world.

Recognizing Staff Transition: Alex Smith Taylor

Alex Smith Taylor has served as the Assistant Director of Youth Ministries for the past year. Alex brought her strong love of UU youth and social justice to this position; two things that we have really appreciated about her and also that she will continue to hold in her heart for her entire life. However, as a recent college graduate with a lot of transitions going on in their life, Alex has decided that this will be their last year with us. We will be celebrating them and saying goodbye this Sunday during WUSYG

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

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



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

And Please Contribute to Annual Evaluations

Rev. Heather is gathering input for evaluations for Director of Music John Kramer and Director of Youth Ministries and Interim Coordinator of Religious Education Sam Wilson. Please use these on-line forms to provide your feedback:

John Kramer: www.tinyurl.com/JKramerEval22

Sam Wilson: www.tinyurl.com/SWilsonEval22

Please provide your input by August 1st. Thank you!

2022 Summer Services Schedule

Livestream access can be found at

www.tinyurl.com/wuslivestream

We are happy to provide the schedule for worship services this summer, which is below. In connection with the schedule, please note the following:

- If you wish to share a favorite poem, or a meaningful poem, or a funny poem, or a poem that you treasure at our poetry service on Sunday, June 19, 2022, please contact Martin Newhouse asap at mnewhouse9@gmail.com or 781-454-9425 with the name and approximate length of the poem so that we can have a good idea in advance of how to schedule the poetry readings. (Please note: John Kramer has volunteered to read poems contributed by those who will be watching the live stream or who would rather not read the poem themselves.)
- Call for Ushers. If you are willing and able to be an usher for one or more of our summer Sunday services, please let Martin know (again at mnewhouse9@gmail.com or 781-454-9425).

For in-person attendees:

Childcare will be available most Sundays. Bring your child(ren) to the playground to sign in before worship begins.

Refreshments and conversation will take place on the Bell Tower Terrace after worship. In the event of inclement weather, attendees are welcome to remain indoors for casual conversation without refreshments in the Symmes Room.

For all attendees:

There will be no worship service on July 3rd due to the holiday and historic low attendance. Have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July!

With the exception of July 10th, a conversation will follow after worship at 1pm via Zoom. Log on at www.tinyurl.com/wusworship

***Indicates a service with pre-recorded content**

6/19/22 A Service in Poetry – Bring your favorite poem to share!

***6/26/22** “Woven in a Single Garment of Destiny”: A service offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association exploring and celebrating hallmarks of our Unitarian Universalist theology. *We're all connected: an interdependent whole. Therefore, says Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, "covenant is our religious response to our fundamental interdependence." We make promises about how to be together, and how to be in the world. We also fall short of honoring those promises, inviting us to repair and strengthen the strands of community. The choice to mend broken strands of the web is an act of faithfulness.*” This service includes original music, created for this occasion.

7/3/22 NO SERVICE DUE TO HOLIDAY

**7/10/22 Hymn Sing, Led by John Kramer, Director of Music
No discussion at 1pm**

7/17/22 John Loewy – “What is Meant When ‘I am an Atheist’ is Said?” Summer Choir – Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.

7/25/22 John Kramer – “8 Bible Vignettes’: Music by Nathaniel Dett”

7/31/22 Dan Hermes – To Be Determined Summer Choir – Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.

***8/7/22 UUA 2022 General Assembly Service, Led by the Revs. Gretchen Haley, Sean Neil-Barron and Shari Halliday-Quan**

8/14/22 Nancy Schrock – “The New Hope Church and the African American Community in Winchester” Summer Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.

***8/21/22 UUA 2022 General Assembly Ware Lecture - Dr. Ibram X. Kendi**
Dr. Kendi’s “relentless and passionate research puts into question the notion of a post-racial society and opens readers' and audiences' eyes to the reality of racism in America today. Kendi's events are sharp, informative, and hopeful, serving as a strong platform for any institution's discussions on racial discrimination.”

8/28/22 Ivan and Joshua Correia – “Extreme Gardening”

9/4/22 Lee Barton – To Be Determined

Note that the **annual Animal Blessing Service**, traditionally held on Labor Day Weekend, will be held in the Fall.

There will be a post-worship conversation held over Zoom at 1:00 pm, giving those who attended at WUS to return home and turn on the computer! The link for this Zoom room is www.tinyurl.com/wusworship

Many thanks to Martin Newhouse, Dennis Brett and Director of Music John Kramer and our Worship Associates team for creating and implementing the summer ministry!

Schedule Changes!

Please note that the Annual **Year-End Potluck** will **not take place** this year as it was not planned in time. The Religious Education families will still be enjoying a picnic together.

Please feel free to visit our website for the latest COVID policy set by the Pandemic Planning Task Force.

Highlights During the Summer

will be published on an every-other week basis. So, **do not expect** Highlights to land in your mailbox next Thursday June 16th, but **be sure to look for it on Thursday June 23rd**. Then every-other week until the start of the Church Year in the fall.

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

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.

for June, July, and August is now available on our website at:

<Http:Mystic-Messenger-Vol-7-Issue-4>

Religious Education

Thanks for joining us last week for our Story Walk and the Bathroom Blessing at the end (pictured here)!

This Sunday, June 12th:

All-Ages Service & Family Picnic/Games

This Sunday is the final Sunday of the program year. RE for K-7 will be joining the service this Sunday

for Flower Communion. Don't forget to bring a flower! We will have some roles for



kids in the service, who will be in their own VICC section again. After the service, there is not an all-church potluck this year, but families are still invited to stay for a picnic on the lawn (and RE leaders will be staying to lead some games with your kids as their final "RE" time together for the program year!) The picnic will be bring-your-own-food, though we'll be ordering food for the RE leaders that families can sign up to get as well, if you'd like. Check your upcoming Family Email from Sam for more details. This picnic will also be the time for everyone to express their gratitude to Juanita for all of her amazing work with our youngest over the years.

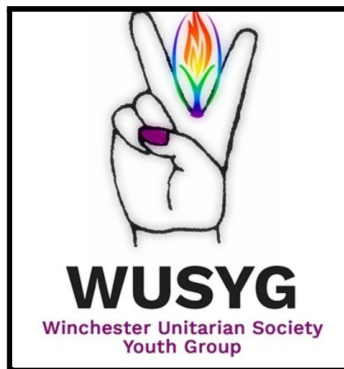
Summer Services and Childcare, June 19th-Sept. 4th

During the summer we do not offer structured RE classes. However, we will be providing childcare with unstructured time on the playground, monitored by Juanita and our teen teachers. Please meet them in the playground to drop kids off and sign them in before the service, then come pick them up and sign out by 12:45. As Sam will be away for some parts of the summer, please email both Sam and the RE Committee if you have questions or concerns: sam.wilson@winchesteruu.org and rec@winchesteruu.org

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

Thanks to everyone who joined us last week for Move Up Day! It was also awesome hanging out with some of you at Town Day and seeing you yesterday at PrideFest!

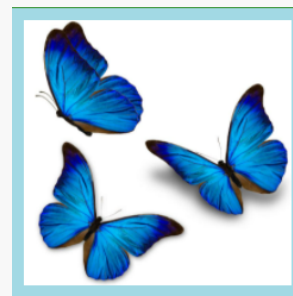
This Sunday, June 12th is our last WUSYG meeting of the year from ***NEW TIME*** 2-4 pm. We will be saying goodbye to our seniors and Alex, as well as playing some final fun games and eating some awesome snacks. You won't want to miss it!



Social Action & Outreach

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY,

Reflection by Reflection



From our Rev. Heather Janules, Memorial Day, 2022:

And I come as someone

Who still believes in democracy, despite its failings

Who continues to carry the dream of an America true to its founding documents,

Defined by freedom, liberty and justice for all.

And I pray that, in the time that remains for me,

That I will live by my convictions with even a fraction

Of the creativity and courage demonstrated by the people of Ukraine

These convictions inspire me towards not only lamentation but affirmation -

Glory to all those who nurture, protect and defend the gifts of life

Glory to all those who mend what is rent and plant sunflower seeds

Consecrating the ground for peace

Glory to those who work for freedom and the common good

And make unfathomable sacrifices

In service to that freedom and goodness.

Glory to those who embody a mature and grounded masculinity of shared power.

Glory to those who declare war on racism

And continue in the struggle, despite swimming against centuries of history

Glory to those who live through crippling grief with courage and grace,

Who bear the spiritual scars of trauma, more senseless loss.

Glory be to those who defend and nurture what is in our collective heart,

“our hopes, our dreams, our holy shrine”

Glory to the heroes.

Gloria Legvold, Racial Justice Team



Celebrating **25** Years
of Fighting for Social and
Environmental Justice!

GreenRoots

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](#)

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](#).

2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Woburn!

The **Juneteenth Woburn 2022** celebration will take place in the back parking lot at the Woburn Public Library on Saturday, June 18th, 2022, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The theme of Juneteenth Woburn is “Celebrating the Resilience of Black Families” with a focus on promoting Black-owned Business-owners and Artists. Please go [here](#) and [here](#) for all the details.

**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 19th, 12-4 PM at REHAIRATIONS, 339 MASS AVE. ARLINGTON

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



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Love is in the Hair

Annual Juneteenth Celebration

SAVE THE DATE
06.19.2022 12-4PM
REHAIRATIONS

1339 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.
ARLINGTON, MA 02476

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Town of Arlington

Have a question? Looking to get in touch?
Contact us at info@rehairations.com

Sunday, June 19th Lincoln Commons, Cross Street, Malden

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



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SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2022

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✦ **Flag Raising, Performances, Activities**
11:00am-1:00pm

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FREE & Open to All!

Dia da Liberdade
Domingo, 19 de junho de 2022
Lincoln Commons, Malden — Gratuito e aberto a todos
Hasteamento da bandeira, apresentações e atividades de 11:00am às 1:00pm
Churrasco comunitário gratuito de 1:00 às 3:00pm

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Dia de la Libertad
Domingo, 19 de junio de 2022
Lincoln Commons, Malden - Gratis y abierto a todos
Izaida de bandera, espectáculos, actividades 11:00am a 1:00pm
Parrillada comunitaria gratis 1:00 a 3:00pm

自由日
星期日, 2022年6月19日
林肯公园, 摩顿 — 免费 & 对所有人开放
升旗仪式, 表演, 娱乐活动 早上11点 - 下午1点
免费社区野餐 下午1点 - 3点

يوم الحرية
الأحد 19 يونيو 2022
يوم مناسج وحداني للمصير ف
رفع العلم وعروضي وبنشاطات مختلفة من الساعة الحادية عشر صباحا إلى الساعة الواحدة ظهرا
يقدم لكل مجاني لكل العوائل والمجتمعات من الساعة الواحدة ظهرا إلى الساعة الثالثة ظهرا

Singing 🎵 Spoken Word 🗣️ Dance 🕺 Drumming 🥁

MaldenCORE
Community Organizing for Racial Equity

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 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 Sponsored by the Pastoral Care Associates at WUS

June 25, 2022 11am to 12:30 pm

tinyurl.com/WUSPCAs

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