



Highlights

November 10th, 2022

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The Theme for November is
Change



Upcoming Worship

Sunday, November 13th

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below



Photo by Sam Mgrdichian

Revisiting the Principles

Lewis Fisher once observed that Universalists "are often asked to tell where they stand. The only true answer to give to this question is that we do not stand at all, we move."

The Unitarian Universalist Association bylaws require that member congregations and their delegates revisit Article II - the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism - every so often. This interactive service invites you into the conversation taking place within Unitarian Universalism. Do the current Principles and Sources best articulate our values and spiritual inspirations? Or does our language describing the values that hold us together need to move to reflect how we have changed over time? Come join the conversation!

IN PERSON ATTENDEES

Come to the WUS Sanctuary (478 Main Street, Winchester).

**The service will also be broadcast on the Bell Tower Terrace.
(November 20th will be the last Sunday
of Terrace streaming until Spring)**

**Please wear a mask when entering the building.
When the children exit to Metcalf Hall,**

masks are optional.

--VIRTUAL ATTENDEES--

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

To access resources used in the service, you may contribute to a shared GoogleDoc via this link:

tinyurl.com/Article2ReflectionSheet

If you would like to complete this reflection sheet on your own, navigate to the same link above, then click File -> Download -> Microsoft Word. You can then open the document and work/reflect/share on your own.

The **Order of Service** for Virtual Attendees can be found on our website under the listing for this service.

Livestreamers are encouraged to send an email to
checkingin@winchesteruu.org

We know where you are streaming from but don't know who you are!
We want to hear from you!

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

Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

As shared in an email earlier this week, a Service in Celebration of the Life of **Brenda Martino** will be held this Sunday, November 13th, at 2 pm. All are welcome. The service will also be livestreamed. Our condolences are with her family and her many friends.

We celebrate with **Amy Hunter Maguire** who shares this news: "my daughter Caroline graduated from BU Med school and she's a Pediatric Resident at MGH now. Happy moment when my mom was able to be the 'hooder' at the Graduation because she has her Doctorate (from BU!)"

A reminder: a Service in Celebration of the Life of **Walther "Bud" Weylman** will be held on Saturday, November 19th, at 2 pm. All are welcome.

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



Calling folks of all ages to Round 2 of **leaf raking and cleanup** this **Saturday, Nov. 12th, from 10 am to noon**. Donuts and cider will be served! Our raking saves WUS money and helps the church set a good example as environmental stewards minimizing noisy and polluting gasoline blowers.

Also we want our church and grounds to look best for a community-wide memorial service this Sunday at 2 pm. Bring gloves.

If the weather prevents us from doing work on the exterior grounds, we will have an opportunity to do some detailed cleaning inside. We'll have some extra rakes and cleaning supplies.

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, November 12th**. We will meet at the second of three entrances to the Middlesex Fells on Hillcrest Parkway at 10 am and

start walking around 10:05. Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: 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. Hope to see you there!

Photo: At the end of our walk in October!



Photo by Austin Kehmeier

November 20th is *also*

Pie Sunday

Please bring your best homemade pie or your favorite tasting pie to share after church on **Sunday morning, November 20th**. Fellowship Committee members and their helpers will slice them in small slices so we can sample several different kinds.



It's a wonderful WUS tradition that we look forward to as we prepare for the winter holidays.

Let's see:

Pumpkin, Squash, Mincemeat, Apple, Blueberry, Peach Cobbler, Pecan Pie, Key Lime Pie, Chocolate Cream Pie or ??? YUM!!

Many Hands Make Light Work... If you'd like to help with set-up, or serving, or clean-up, we would appreciate your help. Please text or call **Donna Reed at 781-626-1785** with your name and how you'd like to help. **Set up will be on Saturday at 9:30 am and also on Sunday at 9:45 am** in the kitchen.

Religious Education



Spirit Play enjoyed the story of Gabriela and her grandmother and their love of the monarchs that visit Mexico every Fall. As preparation for the Guest at Your Table fundraiser, Neighboring Faiths took part in a "hunger snack" to explore the idea of inequality and how witnessing suffering makes us more inclined to help. They also put the GAYT boxes together.

This Sunday, November 13th: RE Classes (K-6 Grades)

This Sunday we'll be doing an all-group activity, sharing our service project plans, and talking about blessings and gratitude. Neighboring Faiths will give a small presentation in church about the Guest at Your Table fundraiser

Save the Date:



Popcorn Theology Family Movie Night, Nov. 18th, 5-8 pm

We're starting a new program this year with our families! We will all have dinner together (we'll provide the food - you just show up!) and then our youngest will watch movies and do crafts/activities in

the Sanctuary while the parents get together in a separate space. We hope that it will be a fun, easy, and community-building event for both parents and kids! If all goes well, we're planning to do these 3 or 4 times a year. Given this week's RE activities, we're currently thinking about screening *Coco* on the 18th, though we may have other options as well.

OWL: Our Whole Lives (7th & 8th Grades)

The OWL class for this Sunday is on Personal Concerns about Puberty. This Sunday's class will be in the usual place (the OWL room) at the usual time (5 to 6:30). See you there!

Junior Youth Group (7th & 8th Grades)

It was so great to have all 11 of you come back for our 2nd meeting last Sunday! And hilarious to watch you try to figure out how to be successful in Zombie tag. We will continue to meet in Metcalf Hall after OWL Classes from 6:30 to 8 pm most Sundays, starting with dinner. This Sunday we'll be having pizza, and will be playing more games together and talking about what we want the group to look like this year. Parents are also invited to join Sam in Metcalf at 7:30 for the last 30 minutes for a "parent orientation" (while your kids are playing games elsewhere).

Message Sam with any questions: wusyouth@gmail.com

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

It was nice to see everyone last Sunday and be together during this difficult time.

This coming Sunday, Nov. 13th, WUSYG will be canceled due to Brenda's memorial service, which starts at 2 pm. We will be opening up the WUSYG room afterward for everyone in the WUSYG family to be together. Note that we are also canceling Fall Fest, which had otherwise been scheduled for that day.

If you have questions, concerns or compliments about our youth programs, please email Sam and Alison at wusyouth@gmail.com. Please also don't hesitate to reach out to us if you simply need someone to talk to about everything that is going on.

Social Action & Outreach

For more than 100 years, the **NAACP** has been at the forefront in defending civil rights and promoting racial justice across the nation. In these critical times, the Mystic Valley Area branch of the NAACP continues this work in our local communities of Arlington, Everett, Malden, Medford, Winchester and Woburn, as well as neighboring cities and towns. In support of this important work we will once again be hosting our Annual Wine Tasting Gala! This is a chance for you to support the NAACP and have a great time doing so! After a long hiatus during COVID, we are looking forward to enjoying one another's company and celebrating the increasingly critical work of the branch. The event will include wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music, dancing, and prizes! We hope you will join us.

**Mystic Valley Area Branch NAACP
Annual Wine Tasting Gala**

Saturday, November 12, 2022
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Winchester Unitarian Society
478 Main Street, Winchester MA 01890



Come enjoy an afternoon of socializing, food & wine, music & dancing, and prizes—all in support of your local NAACP!

Tickets \$50 each

To secure tickets, click the poster above, or [here: NAACP Wine Tasting](#)



It's time for
Thanksgiving Baskets
and YOU CAN HELP!

The Social Action & Outreach Committee is making final plans in regard to the Thanksgiving Baskets. If you signed up for Stop & Shop to assemble your basket and you haven't paid yet, please bring a check for \$94.44 to church by Sunday. Thank you all for your generosity.

With Gratitude,
Your Social Action & Outreach Committee

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY by KNOWING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S HISTORY



We humans organize, find patterns, and create categories to frame a complex world. Grouping trees as deciduous has autumn relevance, yet labeling humans has negative consequences—discrimination, prejudice, and stereotyping. We unconsciously hold a generalization (implicit bias), one wrongly embedded in our psyches even decades ago.

Check out a 1493 papal decree and the “Doctrine of Discovery.” One lingering result: In 1823 our United States Supreme Court, under Chief Justice Marshall, stated “...the tribes of Indians inhabiting this country were fierce savages, whose occupation was war, and whose subsistence was drawn chiefly from the forest. To leave them in possession of their country was to leave the country a wilderness.” Sound like a Hollywood script? The ruling has not been revisited or overturned.

Contrary to stereotypical assumptions, 64% of 4.1 million people in the U.S. who identify as American Indian and/or Alaskan Native live in urban settings. Only about 37% live on reservations.

Courage to each of us in acknowledging our shared history and confronting systemic injustices that have grown from colonization, violence, forced assimilation, and broken treaties.

—Gloria Legvold, RJTPG

The UU Urban Ministry has announced this season's Community Conversations. The first one, on Tuesday evening, November 15th, features the

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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Byron Rushing

Why the Gap: Racialized Property and Wealth in Boston


Tuesday, November 15th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for this virtual event at www.uuum.org

Historian Byron Rushing, who served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over-thirty-years, was also the president of the Museum of African-American History in Boston.

Through his life he has been a champion for justice, and will speak about the different factors driving people of color from the city, and what that will mean in both the short- and long-term.

Event sponsored by: First Church in Belmont



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renowned Byron Rushing. It's sure to be a very engaging conversation about the racial wealth gap, entitled "Why the Gap: Racialized Property and Wealth in Boston." Here's a link to the details on that particular conversation:

<https://www.uuum.org/event-details/community-conversations-why-the-gap-racialized-property-and-wealth-in-boston-w-byron-rushing>

[in-boston-w-byron-rushing](https://www.uuum.org/event-details/community-conversations-why-the-gap-racialized-property-and-wealth-in-boston-w-byron-rushing)

For information about their whole series of important conversations, go to their webpage and scroll down: <https://www.uuum.org/>

If there is interest in getting together to view this conversation and discuss it together, please contact vcoccoluto@yahoo.com

It's time to get out the mittens!

Cold weather is here and that means "Mittens" will be coming out soon! Watch for more information and details in the next Highlights.

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