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## Highlights

November 17th, 2022

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The Theme for November is  
Change



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## Upcoming Worship

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**Sunday, November 20th**

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

## Virtual Worship Logistics Below

## A Basket Of Blessings



Photo by Milan Manoj

### 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.**  
**As this is an All Ages Service,**  
**we will remain masked throughout**

**Pie Sunday** - a sharing of pies we bring -  
will take place in Metcalf Hall immediately after worship.  
See information below...

## --VIRTUAL ATTENDEES--

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

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](mailto: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](#).

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## Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

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A reminder: a Service in Celebration of the Life of **Walther "Bud" Weylman** will be held this **Saturday, November 19th, at 2 pm**. This service will not be livestreamed. All are welcome to attend in person.

**Update on the refugee family we are serving:** Aisha Rawan was born Monday, November 15th at 12:37 pm in Cambridge Hospital. She weighs 7 lbs 3 oz and is 19" long. She is healthy and beautiful. Zahida and Aisha came home late Tuesday afternoon. Mom and baby are doing well. Four out of five siblings are delighted and have told their classmates all about their new sister! The last one is working on it.

Aisha, the first US citizen in the Rawan family, arrived in time to join her family at their immigration status interview later this week.



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) .

## Congregational News

Our next **Love in Action** service day is joining volunteers through Social Capital Inc. assisting senior citizens in Woburn with yard clean up



**Saturday,  
Nov 19th  
10am - 1pm**

All Ages  
Welcome!

Contact Rev. Heather  
if you plan to join:  
[heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)

SCI recently posted that they are looking for **FIFTEEN** more volunteers  
Let's try to have **TEN** of them come from WUS!

Use the graphic below as an invitation you can send to a friend; simply click here: [Bring A Friend Invite Graphic](#)

# WUS Bring a Friend Sunday | November 20

A Celebration of Gratitude (and Pie)!



Please join me at the Winchester Unitarian Society (478 Main St.) this Sunday, November 20 at 10:30. This "bring a friend" service will celebrate gratitude and will be followed by our annual Pie Sunday event, where you can sample many types of pie brought by our members and friends!



## This Sunday is Pie Sunday

Please bring your pie(s) to the **Kitchen next to Metcalf Hall** before **services this Sunday morning 11/20**. Membership Committee members will prepare the pies for the post-service celebration in Metcalf Hall.



Did you miss Gay Mohrbacher's message on November 13th?

View her testimonial here:

[www.tinyurl.com/1113Testimonial](http://www.tinyurl.com/1113Testimonial)

Volunteer to be a Meals and Rides volunteer via

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



**A Photo Left Behind** from the Remembrance Service  
If this is your photo, please contact Rev. Heather

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## A NOTE from the **WUS Standing Committee**

### **GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR**

From a wide range of challenges discussed at the SC Fall Retreat and October meeting, the Standing Committee distilled the following goals for our work and that of the congregation in the current year:

- **Provide caring and clear guidance** and support for our staff, lay volunteers and members. Strengthen the relationship between the standing and other committees by encouraging frequent two-way communication.
- **Care for the financial health of our congregation** – Build financial security for the future with full pledging, multi-year plans for fundraising, potential for legacy giving and recognizing the need to cultivate growth in membership. Engage the congregation in linking the ways that giving and our financial health support our mission and vision.
- **Nurture spiritual growth and connection** by supporting programs that foster deeper spiritual growth and connection within and beyond our church community. Strengthen and broaden participation and engagement, especially with newer folks.
- By promoting active listening to each other throughout the congregation, and guided by our mission and vision, **discern what is needed to carry out our ministries** of welcome, social transformation, and environmental responsibility more fully and wholeheartedly as we emerge from the pandemic and re-engage as a community.

The Standing Committee welcomes YOUR ideas on how these goals might be achieved! Please email: [sc@winchesteruu.org](mailto:sc@winchesteruu.org) with your suggestions. To review the final report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2022 please click on this link: [2021-2022 Treasurers Report](#)

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# Nurture your Spirit ~ Nourish your Body

Gentle Kripalu-style yoga led by Fritzie Nace

Thursdays 5:30 – 6:45 pm in the Meyer Chapel

Deep breathing (pranayama) brings warmth and focus. Yoga postures (asanas) gently stretch and strengthen, enhance balance and counter patterns of daily tension. Connecting breath and movement deepens self-awareness and enlivens our sense of being. If you have never done yoga before, or only just a bit, Fritzie gives clear guidance through a slow flow of postures, offering support as we go. If you have more experience, you are invited to take the postures to your own depth of challenge. Mats, blankets, blocks and straps are provided.

Please let me know of your interest by emailing  
[Fritzie.Nace@gmail.com](mailto:Fritzie.Nace@gmail.com).

***Winter 1 Session: 12/01/2022 – 1/26/2023***  
***\$100 for 8-week session, \$15 Drop-in***

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## WUS Fundraiser Update – Newsflash!

We are continuing to develop our newest fundraising idea, “Spring Into the Arts.” It will now become “Fall for the Arts”! In the meantime, we will spring into action for a familiar fundraising event, back by popular demand (we literally have had calls and requests) – our **TOWN DAY RUMMAGE SALE!** This year it will be on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.**



We have had a generous offer from Susan Walewicz, a friend of the congregation and Donna Reed, to spearhead the event. The plan is to simplify the event by eliminating a few less successful categories. Preliminary planning has begun, complete with consultation with Not-Your-Average-Rummage-Sale-Expert, Betsy Bowles. Now we are needing to put together team leaders for the various categories. We will be reaching out to former team leads, but welcome newcomers as well.

An email will go out soon and we hope to begin organizing in January. Please let us know of your interest in helping with the rummage sale or if you have any questions, you may reach Susan, Donna and Fritzie at [RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org](mailto:RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org).

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### Publication **DEADLINES** for next week

Please note that submissions for articles to run in **Highlights** to (e)mail Thanksgiving Day 11/24, must be emailed to [office@winchesteruu.org](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org) by **Noon Tuesday 11/22**.



For submissions to the next **Mystic Messenger** (Vol 8 issue 2, December 1, 2022) must be in by noon on **Wednesday 11/23/22**.

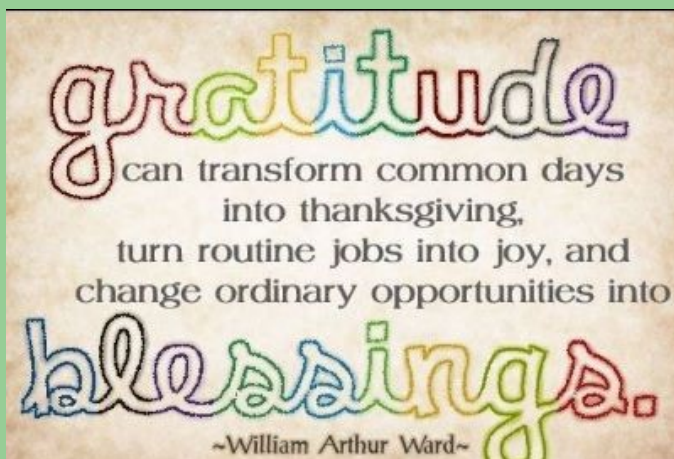
## Religious Education

This past Sunday, the Neighboring Faiths class stood up in front of the congregation to share their Fall service project, Guest at Your Table. They all spoke well and got excitement going for their project! Spirit Play and Neighboring Faiths then joined together in RE for collective craft projects. Spirit Play made and decorated mittens for



the Mitten Tree, their Fall service project. Neighboring Faiths and our RE assistants helped make some ceramic "blessings" for the all-ages Thanksgiving service, coming up this Sunday. It was lots of messy, messy fun!

### This Sunday, November 20th: RE Classes (K-6 Grades)



This Sunday is an all-ages Thanksgiving service, and there will be no RE. However, the service is designed to be entertaining to young and old alike.

We need some RE kids to help with the passing of the blessings in the service. It requires arriving about

10:15 for a short explanation and practice. Anyone who's interested can contact Brenna (email [brenna.mayer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:brenna.mayer@winchesteruu.org) OR text to 978-877-1322).

Neighboring Faiths will be at a table during coffee hour to discuss their Guest at Your Table fundraiser. If you didn't get a box last Sunday, come to the table and say hello. And don't forget that it's Pie Sunday, so bring a pie if you can or just enjoy some delicious pie during coffee hour!



## 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!

### Seeking Mitten Tree Helpers

As in past years, we will have a mitten tree in the Symmes room this year. The Social Action and Outreach Committee is partnering with the Spirit Play class and youth groups to gather gifts this holiday season for disadvantaged families. SAOC has chosen to support Afghan refugee families in our area.

To support these families and also help our Spirit Play kids learn about the value and reward of service, please visit the mitten tree in Symmes starting this **Sunday, 11/20**. Each "mitten" on the tree has a list of a few gifts for a specific person. Take a mitten with you, purchase the gifts on it, and return the gifts with the mitten to the church for wrapping by **December 18th**. If you would rather donate a dollar amount, we will gladly accept whatever you wish to donate. See more information about this project in the SAOC announcement below.

### Junior Youth Group (7th & 8th Grades)

It was so great to see you all again last Sunday plus meet all the parents! We will continue to meet in Metcalf Hall after OWL Classes from 6:30 to 8 pm most Sundays, starting with dinner. This Sunday, Nov. 20th, we'll be joined by WUSYG and the Network for Social Justice interns as we plan for our MLK Day event and service project. Message Sam with any questions: [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com) and find our links at [linktr.ee/WUSJYG](https://linktr.ee/WUSJYG)

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

It was nice to see everyone who came to the service last Sunday and be together afterwards during this difficult time.

**This coming Sunday, Nov. 20th**, WUSYG is meeting at a different time than usual, from 5:30-8 pm. We will be serving dinner at 6:30. We will do check-in together, then be joined by the Junior Youth Group (JUSYG) and the Network for Social Justice interns at 6:30 pm for dinner then planning for the MLK Day Event and Service Project with the Malden Warming Center.

If you have questions, concerns or compliments about our youth programs, please email Sam and Alison at [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto: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

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## Social Action & Outreach

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### It's back!!

Our TRADITIONAL expression of LOVING GENEROSITY  
by the WINCHESTER UNITARIAN SOCIETY community!

The **MITTEN TREE** returns —this season in both physical and virtual spaces! The traditional mitten tree will be up in the Symmes room on Sunday and ready for you to select a mitten. The virtual sign-up will begin after Thanksgiving. Watch for more details in upcoming Highlights.

Our recipients this year will be families supported by LexRAP ([Lexington Refugee Assistance Program](#)) and the [Neighborhood Support Team](#). Our special thanks go to Marilyn Mullane for connecting us with local refugees through the Neighborhood Support Team.

The Social Action and Outreach Committee also thanks you for the Thanksgiving baskets heading for the Council of Social Concern!

— Mary McIntosh, on behalf of Social Action and Outreach Committee

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**BUILDING BELOVED  
COMMUNITY**



by  
**EXPLORING  
RESOURCES**

During this month of celebrating Native American heritage, Veterans' Day, and exploring the theme of change in our faith community, take just a few minutes to visit the website of the Museum of the American Indian ([americanindian.si.edu](http://americanindian.si.edu)). Click on "[Native Words, Native Warriors](#)" to learn about the Code Talkers who used their language to become military heroes during World War I and World War II. Learning changes us!

The museum's mission: *We are committed to equity and social justice for the Native peoples of the Western Hemisphere through education, inspiration, and empowerment.*

Sandy Thompson for the Racial Justice Planning Group

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## CALLING ALL WOULD-BE CHAUFFEURS!

**Winchester's ABC (A Better Chance)** high school scholars urgently need you as drivers to trains, airplanes, and buses for their Thanksgiving Break! Please contact Amanda Lewis, ABC board member, at [amanda6lewis@gmail.com](mailto:amanda6lewis@gmail.com), if you can help.

Additionally, these high schoolers have appointments and lessons around town—tennis, music, etc.—and need transportation to these commitments also.

Please don your chauffeur's cap today and let Amanda know you are ready to roll!

## II. CALLING ALL MATH GEEKS AND NERDS!

Do you identify yourself as a math geek and/or a math nerd? Or, more simply—a math expert? If you do, the ABC scholars need you!

These bright young men have embarked on Winchester High School's demanding math curriculum and need occasional reinforcement. Could you be available as their tutor(s) at weekday study halls, from 4 to 6 pm or 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the ABC House, 2 Dix Street, Winchester?

If so, please contact Academic Advisor David Greenbaum at [aa@winchesterabc.org](mailto:aa@winchesterabc.org). ABC will provide access to a background CORI check.

And , extra credit if you can describe the difference between a geek and a nerd!

—Gloria Legvold, Social Action and Outreach Committee member

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## Curious about the Annual “National Day of Mourning” in Plymouth?

You are in luck this year! UU Mass Action has pulled together a lot of information with different options for participating in this important local tradition. They have even gone national with their zoom event at **noon on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>**. All the info is here: <https://bit.ly/SolidarityNDOM> or here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JYq7PDMIAv-4GwJN7GBv4dlvk04k8omSG84\\_mbjF9Jk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JYq7PDMIAv-4GwJN7GBv4dlvk04k8omSG84_mbjF9Jk/edit?usp=sharing).

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