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**Highlights**  
**November 3rd, 2022**

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The Theme for November is



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**Upcoming Worship**

**Sunday, November 6th**

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# 10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

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## Rev. Heather Janules

Last Sunday, the day before Halloween, we explored "what the dying want to know," the questions many of us face as we approach the end of our lives. This Sunday will be our annual Remembrance Service, reflecting on the needs of those left behind when someone dies or "what the living want to know." We will include a sung litany, giving voice to the names of those we remember.

In person attendees are invited to bring small photos or mementos to place on the chancel table. Virtual attendees are invited **to email photos to Rev. Heather to be placed on the chancel table on your behalf by Saturday at noon at [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)**.

## 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>.

A discussion after worship will be held in the Parlor at noon  
Virtual attendees may join via [www.tinyurl.com/wusworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusworship)

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 the [website](#).

## Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

The Service in Celebration of the Life of **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](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org).

## Congregational News

### 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 10:00 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. Hope to see you there!

*Photo: At the end of our walk in October!*

## 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.

### Baby Shower for Zahida a Success!



Thanks to the generosity of the Winchester Unitarian Society, including the October 9th Share the Plate, we hosted a joyful and fun baby

shower and:

- Transformed the Symmes Room and parlor into a “baby girl” celebration
- Treated Zahida and guests to a delicious Afghan buffet
- Purchased the stroller/infant car seat and infant diapers
- Welcomed other gifts from you including the bedside bassinet, onesies, baby towels and blankets, tiny socks, many books, a hand-knit baby bonnet and more
- And, we will donate \$667.62 to the Winchester Interfaith Resettlement Neighborhood Support Team.

So many smiles, chatter and laughter throughout the afternoon. Zahida thanked us and told us she was very happy. She seemed touched by the outpouring of generosity and affection. And, when Zahida’s niece, Zainab, a 5th grader who often helped with translation, was asked if our baby shower was similar to one back home, she said “yes, even better!” Well done WUS and many thanks!

Your Sanctuary Task Force and Food Pantry Team

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## Religious Education

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We had a great time at our Spuuktacular celebration this past Sunday! Kids found fall items in a scavenger hunt, painted pumpkins, made haunted gingerbread houses, and more. Kids and adults alike enjoyed some especially spooky snacks thanks to the hard work and dedication of Sam Wilson. Just the way to celebrate the day before Halloween!

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

This Sunday we’ll continue to explore the connection of all of us to our world and each other. Spirit Play will hear a story called “Ghost Wings” about a young girl and her grandmother, monarchs, and Día de los Muertos. Neighboring Faiths will continue exploring UU faith traditions as well as coordinating their Fall service project: Guest at Your Table.

**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 is digging into the material and having fun while doing it. The OWL facilitators are gearing up for this week's meeting on Anatomy and Physiology. This Sunday's class will be in the usual place (the OWL room) at the usual time (5 to 6:30 pm). See you there.

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

It was so awesome meeting the new members of our newest youth group and having fun with all of you at our Halloween Party!!! 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 Mac n cheese and lasagna and garlic bread, and will be playing more games together and talking about what we want the group to look like this year.

Message Sam with any questions: [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com)

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

Thanks for helping us set up for our Halloween Party for the new Junior Youth Group! It was also nice to catch up and hear all your check ins :)

**This coming Sunday, Nov. 6th**, WUSYG will have a regular meeting from **4:30-6:30 pm**. If you have questions, concerns or compliments about our youth programs, please email Sam and Alison at [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com).

## **Save the date for Fall Fest: Nov. 13th.**

Youth are expected to be at WUS from 10 am - 1 pm to help out.

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**Maria Update**



It has been a while since we have corresponded and we hope everyone is doing well! On behalf of the Sanctuary Committee. I wanted to give you a brief update on Maria, the immigrant who lived in Sanctuary at First Parish Bedford, supported by that congregation and a

coalition of other houses-of-worship, including WUS. She received a stay of deportation and has since returned to the community.

Maria is keeping very busy, cooking for the family, caring for her mother Teofila and, for the last few months, working at a large office building for twenty hours a week. She has reported that she likes the work and has been amazed at how much English she has learned. She realizes that she is able to understand the conversations that are going on around her and her Spanish-speaking colleagues have asked her to translate for them!!

All three of her sons are working and Saul now has his driver's license. Isidro is doing well in Guatemala and expects to graduate from college this November. Teofila has had her share of medical concerns but is currently doing better.

To Maria's delight, several members of the Strategic Team, a member of the Sanctuary Committee and John Gibbons have visited with her at different times. The Strategic Team continues to meet with her weekly to help her as she pursues her legal case and to support her as issues arise. Her application for an extension on her stay of deportation was submitted to ICE in March, but there has been no word about it at this time.

Maria is due to have her license renewed and we wanted to bring your attention to Question 4 which will be on the ballot but was not included in the Information for Voters brochure that we all received in the mail. A driver's license is needed for Maria and other immigrants to get to work, do grocery and other shopping, and get to health and other appointments.

Please see the information below on MA Ballot Question #4 which asks voters to support allowing immigrants to obtain a driver's license regardless of their immigration status.

#### **Information on Massachusetts Ballot Question #4:**

Please share this information with family, friends, and fellow congregants.

[Yes on Question 4 for Safer Roads:](#)

This is a campaign to uphold the commonsense law known as the Work and Family Mobility Act, which allows qualified Mass. residents, regardless of immigration status, to apply for a standard driver's license if they provide necessary documents, pass the required driver's test, and meet all other requirements. Ensuring that all drivers in Massachusetts are tested, licensed and insured will lead to safer roads for all of us, which is why MA city police chiefs, a majority of sheriffs, and district attorneys from across the Commonwealth, including the Massachusetts Major Cities Chief of Police Association, support a Yes on 4 vote. This would also allow workers and families to safely make essential trips like dropping off kids at school and getting to work, medical appointments, and the grocery store.

Here's link to the MA Secretary of State's Office: Voter Information 2022: Question #4

[https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest\\_4.htm](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_4.htm)

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## Social Action & Outreach

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### The November 8th Election is Upon Us!

As many of you know, there will be many important opportunities to ...

### *VOTE YOUR VALUES*

We want to make sure that everyone knows that there are 4 official Ballot Questions this year, all of which are important. You can find the official information about all of them here:

click: [MA Information For Voters 2022 Ballot Questions](#)

While the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization, they do take positions on some ballot questions and you can find those here: <https://lwvma.org/lwvma-statement-on-2022-ballot-questions/>



They are also hosting an informational forum with information down to the county level for what will be on your ballot on **11/8/22** from this LWV website: <https://www.vote411.org/>

The UU Urban Ministry has announced this season's  
Community Conversations.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST URBAN MINISTRY  
*presents*

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

## Byron Rushing

### Why the Gap: Racialized Property and Wealth in Boston



Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for this virtual event at [www.uuum.org](http://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**



UU Urban Ministry | 10 Putnam Street | Roxbury, MA 02119 | [www.uuum.org](http://www.uuum.org)

The first one, on **Tuesday evening, November 15th**, features the 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 directly 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>

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

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## Wisdom of Other Organizations

**YBoston** is an organization “dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women.” Check out their website at [www.yboston.org](http://www.yboston.org) to learn more about their work. The excerpt below is from a recent newsletter which is full of wisdom and insights into why this work of anti-racism can stir up uncomfortable feelings.

*People often experience discomfort when engaging in social justice work because it challenges long-held beliefs and we realize we have benefited from the harm done to others, even when we were not directly responsible. To understand why diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts can feel unfair, even when they are not, we must first understand **oppressive systems**, **intersectionality**, the difference between equality and equity, and the origins of **inequitable systems**, including how they manifest today. Let’s dive deeper...*

Sandy Thompson for the Racial Justice Planning Group

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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.

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

## 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

For many years members & friends of WUS have provided boxes of holiday foods for area families through the Council of Social Concern. Last year we contributed 73 dinners!

This year the need continues to be great and we hope to donate a large number of boxes again. We estimate the cost, including a \$20 gift card, to be around \$95-\$100 per box. (We are raising last year's estimate based on increases in food costs due to inflation.)

In addition, we have once again arranged for Winchester Stop and Shop to pack boxes for people who are unable to or prefer not to do the shopping themselves. If you choose the Stop and Shop option, the cost per basket is \$94.44 for the food and gift card.

**Please sign up NOW** to donate one or more dinners by sending Joan Baldwin an email at [joanjb@comcast.net](mailto:joanjb@comcast.net). Tell us whether you want to shop for and pack your own box or whether you want Stop & Shop to pack a box for you. And let us know if you'd like to share the cost of the box with another member or friend within our church community. We can help pair you up with someone.

**If you are shopping yourself**, we will send you a shopping list and provide the heavy-duty box you will need. Bring your completed box, with separate

gift card (not in the box), to **WUS on Sunday, November 20 from 8:30 – 10:30 or from 11:30 – 1:00**. Volunteers from our own **Social Action & Outreach Committee** will then deliver them to the Council on Tuesday, November 22nd.

**Boxes can be picked up at the church on Sunday, November 13th.**

**Or if you are choosing the Stop and Shop option:** 1) write a check made out to *Winchester Stop & Shop* for \$94.44 per box; 2) in the memo line add "*Thanksgiving Basket Program*", 3) mail or deliver your check to the church office by Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. The address is 478 Main Street, Winchester, MA 01890.

Together, we can make Thanksgiving a Happy Holiday for many families in the Woburn and Winchester area who are facing food insecurity.

With Gratitude,  
Your Social Action & Outreach Committee

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## WUS Admin and Outreach Director **Richard Dorbin**

announces a gallery showing of his paintings,  
**"What Our Shadows Tell Us"**

will hang in the Anne Smith Gallery at Follen UU,  
755 Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington.

**Opening reception: November 6th 11:30 to 1:30 pm**

# The Ghost of Margaret Fuller



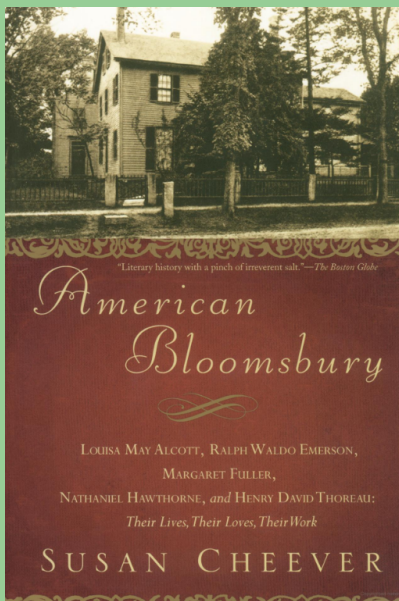
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## American Bloomsbury By Susan Cheever

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