



Highlights

5/25/2023

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The Theme for May is
Creativity



March's *Good Grief* series included an opportunity to create with alcohol inks: What does grief look like to you?

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, May 28th

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

Memorials in Motion

As we approach Memorial Day, many visit monuments erected in memory of those who died in service to our nation. Yet, there is meaning in creating living, moving memorials, engaging in actions that honor our veterans, remember those who have died and serve as public witness. This service will include a blessing of those walking in the national Out of the Darkness walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. We will also dedicate and place a Remembrance Wreath at the WWI monument adjacent to the WUS building.

IN PERSON ATTENDEES

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

Masks are required until the children leave for Religious Education activities

--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.

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

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

Please note that the WUS office will be closed tomorrow, Friday, May 26th. Our apologies for any inconvenience.



Welcome Ella Kromm, Summer Intern!

Earlier this Spring, we were approached by Ella Kromm, a local college student, about a Summer Internship.

Ella seeks to gain a better understanding of faith communities and how they live out their spiritual convictions through institutional structure, practices and processes. We did acknowledge that summer is our most quiet time...but she is undaunted!

Our Standing Committee approved an internship for June, July and August of this year. Ella will serve WUS for about 25 hours per week with a couple weeks off due to family obligations. She will provide administrative support through producing the order-of-service, *Highlights* and light clerical duties as needed. She will also attend and participate in our summer worship services and after-worship conversations. To ensure she learns as much as she can, we will also be arranging interviews with long-time leaders so Ella can get a better sense of congregational life and governance outside of our quiet season.

Ella will write a reflective essay about her experiences at WUS. Rev. Heather will serve as her overall supervisor and Richard Dorbin will supervise Ella when Rev. Heather is away for vacation and study leave. This internship is funded by an outside grant through Wellesley College.

Here are a few words from Ella: I'm a third-year student at Wellesley College studying gender and sexuality in religion. I was born and raised in Durham, NC where my beautifully blended family still resides, consisting of four parents, four siblings, four cats, and a dog. While I did not grow up in any particular faith tradition, I attended the Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ERUUF) for a year and the experience stayed with me.

So it felt like kismet when my first-year Residential Advisor at Wellesley was the President of Heartspace, the UU campus ministry group. I initially joined Heartspace as a favor to her, but quickly fell in love with the community. I became more involved over time and am now President of the group. Aside from Heartspace, I am also a Sexual Health Educator (SHE) on campus, an Administrative Assistant in the Religion Department, an avid romance novel reader, and an aspiring embroiderer.

I am thrilled to be interning at WUS this summer and can't wait to get started!

Friends & Neighbors,

Pride month is quickly approaching, and I am working with a coalition of Winchester neighbors to advocate that Select Board consider a [Pride Month Proclamation](#), in support of our LGBTQIA+ community.



While traditionally Pride is celebrated in June, there are events supporting LGBTQIA+ members of the community held by schools and community organizations throughout each year. While the Town's co-sponsorship of Winchester PrideFest, a student-led celebration on the Town Common, has now ended, *a proclamation would serve as an official declaration that the town supports our multi-generational, LGBTQIA+ community.*

With sincere thanks to community members, Maura Sullivan, who employed her legal expertise to draft appropriate proclamation language, along with Timothy Matthews who researched and reviewed surrounding towns' proclamations.

Please consider **SIGNING** this [Statement of Support](#) drafted from the NFSJ Board, by replying back to this email with: *name, town affiliation,*

and/or TM precinct. It will be sent to the Select Board ahead of Monday's meeting.

Lastly, feel free to spread the word within your networks for those who might want to provide a public comment in support, either in writing or in person. Contact information can be found [here](#).

Proudly,
Raegan McCain



SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 9 am – 3 pm/Early Bird 8-9 am
SUNDAY JUNE 4th 12:30 – 3 pm
\$1 Admission /\$10 Early Bird

**DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF
DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:**

Saturday 5/27	12 – 4 pm
Sunday 5/28	12 – 3 pm
Monday 5/29	10 am – 4 pm
Tues – Thurs 5/30-6/1	5 – 8:30 pm

Bring items to Metcalf Hall, back parking lot.
Limited storage for home sellers available prior to the
above dates by arrangement.
Need help or have questions? Ask Donna, Fritzie and Susan at
Email RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org

GUIDELINES for donations [HERE](#)

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Questions? Email: RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org



PRIDEfest 2023

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- SPEAKERS • DJ
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- VENDORS • AND MORE!

FREE event for
families and children of all ages

JUNE 6
4:30-6:30pm

Raindate June 8

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Join us for this third annual
student-organized
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WUSYG and JUSYG are both "main stage sponsors" of this event and will have tables with various activities promoting our groups and highlighting local queer joy!

*Please feel free to join members of **our Social Action and Outreach Committee** under the **WUS Rainbow Flag** on the patio by 4:30 p.m. and we can all walk over to the town common together.*

PRIDEfest is back for its 3rd year and we can't wait! On June 6th from 4:30-6:30 pm on the Town Common, join the NFSJ and community partners across Winchester for an afternoon of mainstage performances, student and community booths, and family fun! Be part of the excitement and come and show your pride!

WUS Yoga

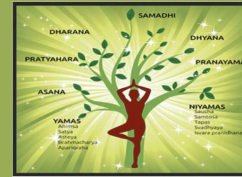
Deep breathing (pranayama) brings warmth and focus. Yoga postures (asanas) gently stretch and strengthen, enhance balance and counter patterns of daily tension. Connecting breath and movement deepens self-

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.

W.U.S. Yoga

Nurture your Spirit ~
Nourish your Body

Gentle Kripalu-style
yoga led by
Fritzie Nace



Spring Session: 4/20 – 6/8/2023
(no class 5/4 & 6/1)
\$75 for 6-week session, \$15 drop-in
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please let Fritzie know of your interest by emailing Fritzie.Nace@gmail.com.

We create Unitarian Universalism together!

Every June UUs gather at our General Assembly to worship, collaborate, and work for justice based on our principles. This is an historic year in our living tradition, where we will elect a new UUA President and vote on new language to reflect our UU values.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PITTSBURGH • JUNE 21 - 25, 2023

Even if traveling to Pittsburgh June 21 –25 is not feasible, we can all take part virtually. Full Virtual registration includes access to the GA app, as well as all on-demand programming, worship services, live webinars, and livestreamed events. Some events will be available to the public without registration, but if you want to be part of the amazing team effort, this is the time to register. The cost for In-Person attendance is \$600; it's \$300 for Full Virtual participation.

You may wish to be one of the five voting delegates from our congregation enabling you to participate in the important votes in the General Sessions, and for UUA President. Delegates have three registration choices: In-Person attendance, Full Virtual attendance, or becoming a Business-Only Virtual Registrant by making a donation.

For more information, ask Claire McNeill or Patty Cameron or go to <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

Can You Contribute? Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry

Collection Baskets are available for contributions in two locations at WUS: Inside the vestibule at the back door and alongside the SAOC table in the Symmes Room.

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying **white tuna**, **tomato sauce** and **instant mashed potatoes** for the Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry. These are the items they need this month to stock their shelves. Thank you for your generosity.



Religious Education

This past Sunday was Youth Sunday, when the youth create and lead the entire worship service. Neighboring Faiths stayed in the service, while Spirit Play went to RE for their regular lesson. They returned early, though, to bless the graduating seniors on their way during the Bridging Ceremony. All of the kids got to hear the First Reflection, a skit enacted by three WUSYGers, Hannah, Diana, and Isaac. The story was adapted from a book, *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes*, by Mark Pett and Gary Rubinstein. In the story a girl who is world-famous for having never made a mistake comes close one day and starts to worry. She finds, though, that she has a lot more fun when mistakes are just a part of learning and growing – and having a good time!

This Sunday, May 28th: RE Classes for Grades K-6

This Sunday, May 28th, both RE classes will be meeting outside. Please make sure that your child(ren) has sun protection, as it looks to be sunny (at least for now). We'll spend much of our time on the playground or under trees, so a good layer of sunscreen before church and/or a hat to wear should be sufficient. We'll also meet outdoors (weather permitting) on June 4th, so please take a look at the weather for that day and plan accordingly. I'll issue

a reminder for next week here, as well as in the family emails for both Sundays.

Spirit Play.

This Sunday the Spirit Play class will hear a story called "The Bully Blockers Club." This story focuses on our Orange Promise: "Offer fair and kind treatment to all." It is the story of a boy who gets bullied and then joins with others to stop the bully by standing up and calling out the behavior in a way that helps everyone.

Neighboring Faiths

This Sunday Neighboring Faiths class will discuss our visit to the Islamic Center of Burlington. We'll also play a game or two and make thank you cards for FCCW and IC Burlington. As always, we'll have a snack.

Chalice Lighters: May 28th through June 4th

We STILL need chalice lighters for Sunday mornings! All kids are welcome to try their hand at lighting the chalice on a Sunday morning at the start of worship. I've created a sign-up for you to put your name in on any Sunday. If you aren't sure, I can show you how it's done any time. It's a great way to contribute to Sunday morning worship services. You're welcome to bring a friend or family member with you for moral support if that helps. Here's the link



to the sign-up:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AFA92FA0FACF8-chalice.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AFA92FA0FACF8-chalice)

JUSYG: Junior Youth Group (7th & 8th Grades)

Thanks to all for helping to make Youth Sunday so awesome! We're looking forward to having another regular meeting with everyone this Sunday, May 28th, 6:30-8 pm per usual.

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

Last Sunday was so awesome! Thanks to everyone who participated in the worship service, BBQ, and Prom! We look forward to seeing everyone at our next regular meeting this Sunday, May 28th, from 4:30-6:30 pm.

**Building
Beloved
Community**

through

Creative Storyboarding



Today, May 25th, marks the three-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder — a stark reminder of our need to move ourselves and our nation out of racialization, division, hate crimes, and law enforcement violence. As we close this month, whose worship theme has been "Creativity," perhaps a child, our creative inner child, can lead us in further building our beloved community.

David Heredia says, "Instead of asking kids, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?,' ask them, 'What problems do you want to solve in the world?'"

In his Heroes of Color educational program, an animation workshop leads fifth graders to create their social justice story. The steps in his storyboarding are "P" for problem, "S" for solution, and "B" for benefit. Heredia begins with their highlighting a problem: "What is the problem, a social justice issue that you would like to solve?" Once they highlight that problem, he asks them to think about possible solutions. Finally, how does that benefit our society and all of us?

Whether stick figures or carefully shaded contours, what would your storyboard look like? What problem would you select, what are its possible solutions, what benefits would result in helping us to build beloved community?

Beyond the Congregation



MAY 31 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY
70 CHURCH STREET, WINCHESTER

- Farewell to the Rawan Family
- Sharing memories, gifts, slideshow
- Bring a dish to share
- Beverages provided

CONTACT: BOB DAVIDSON, FRBOBD@MSN.COM

PLEASE SHARE ANY PHOTOS OF THE RAWAN FAMILY
FOR A SLIDESHOW TO: WIRP.NST@GMAIL.COM

Mystic Valley NAACP Freedom Fund Breakfast

Saturday June 10, 2023
Anthony's of Malden
9:00am-12:30pm

Keynote Speaker
Justice Shannon Frison
Massachusetts Superior Court



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Parting Shot

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