



Highlights

6/1/2023

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The Theme for June is

Delight

This month's image commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Rev. Norbert Čapek's Flower Ceremony in what is now the Czech Republic. We celebrate the delight of spring flowers and the beauty of diverse community!

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, June 4th

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

The Gospel According to Three Pines

The town of Three Pines is so small it does not exist on any map. Some say it does not exist at all. But it is a place made real in the detective series by Canadian writer Louise Penny. The popularity of the "Three Pines" series raises the question of what draws readers to stories from and about this

imaginary place. We begin this month centered on "delight" by exploring the lessons conveyed through this popular fictional series. (Note: This service will be free of substantive spoilers.)

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

Our condolences are with **Linda and Chris Degnan** with the recent death of Linda's brother Mike after a brief struggle with ALS.

Our hearts go out to **Sarah Milt** and her family as her father has recently entered hospice care.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Standing Committee is sending out a Warrant for a Special Congregational Meeting on June 11th to vote on 2 nominations to fill vacancies in Trustees of Permanent Funds for the church year 2023-2024. Please look for this in your email.

This Saturday!!



SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 9 am – 3 pm/Early Bird 8-9 am
and

SUNDAY JUNE 4th 12:30 – 3 pm
\$1 Admission /\$10 Early Bird

Need help or have questions? Ask Donna, Fritzie and Susan at
Email RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER [HERE](#)

Note: WUS Lost and Found Items will be added to the Rummage Sale on June 2nd



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 of 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!

**You may contact Ella, beginning on June 7th, at
ella.kromm@winchesteruu.org**



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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!

2023 Summer Services Schedule

Please Note: All summer services will start at 10 am, except for the Service on June 25th, when we will gather for coffee and conversation at 10:30 am before the General Assembly livestream, which is scheduled to start at 11 am. ** Also please note: There will be a discussion in the parlor following the Summer Services on July 9, 16, and 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, and September 3. For those attending by livestream, the Zoom link for the discussions will be: <http://www.tinyurl.com/wusworship>

- **Sunday, June 18** 10 am **Annual Summer Poetry Service**
(Rev. Heather, leader.)
- **Sunday, June 25** 10:30 am **General Assembly livestream**
(Livestreaming starting at 11 am)
- **Sunday, July 2** **No Service due to July 4th holiday**
- **Sunday, July 9** 10 am **Green Sanctuary Service**
(Phil Coonley, leader) (Summer Choir)
- **Sunday, July 16** 10 am "Faithfully Becoming: General Assembly" (Rev. Heather leader)
- **Sunday, July 23** 10 am **Annual Summer Hymn Service**
(John Kramer, leader) (Summer Choir)
- **Sunday, July 30** 10 am "A Broader View of Reparations"
(Patty Shepard, leader)
- **Sunday, August 6** 10 am Service TBA
(Dan Hermes, leader) (Summer Choir)
- **Sunday August 13** 10 am "This is Your Brain on Lies"
(Lee Barton, leader)

- **Sunday, August 20** 10 am Service TBA
(Chris Weigand, leader)
- **Sunday, August 27** 10 am "Principles to Pinwheels: Article II"
(Rev. Heather, leader)
- **Sunday, September 3** 10 am "Sexuality, Faith and Self-Acceptance –
Lessons from the Diaries of the 'First Modern Lesbian' Anne Lister"
(Alison Kirchgasser, leader)

Religious Education

This past Sunday Reverend Heather talked to the kids about the power of remembering those who are no longer with us and the ways in which that remembering can help us. She showed the kids our WUS t-shirt, which has a quote from one of our WUSYGers, Brenda Martino, who died in November. The quote reads "May our love be like a circle... no beginning and no end." Reverend Heather explained how Brenda's mother and her friend wore these t-shirts in a walk to help remember those who have died and how the walk helps make others "aware of the need for less pain and more peace in our world." She then asked the kids to create a memorial wreath to place at the War Memorial across the street from the church. The kids did a great job!

This Sunday, June 4th: RE Classes for Grades K-6

This Sunday, June 4th, our last RE session of the church year, will be **Celebration Sunday** – a time for all RE kids to celebrate our RE teachers and each other with games, gifts, crafts, and snacks. It will be all about **FUUN**, so please be sure to join in with us to say good-bye to RE until September!

Other RE Happenings

Preregistration is open for next year's RE classes. It helps us immensely if you can tell us in advance that you're planning to enroll your children in RE for next year. You can find the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/kuLNTs8AFZi72jyB6>. Our RE family will be expanding next year, welcoming another Spirit Play classroom. Here are the classes we're enrolling for the coming year:

- **Nursery and Toddler Room:** Lots of love and fun abound in our nursery and toddler room for infants through preschool age children, with each Sunday providing another craft or other activity related to the subject the other classes are working on.
- **Spirit Play 1:** Children in kindergarten through second grade are welcome to this Spirit Play class that explores our UU principles (or promises, as SP calls them) through stories and activities presented and facilitated using the Montessori Method.
- **Spirit Play 2:** Children in grades 3 and 4 are welcome to this Spirit Play class that makes good use of the curriculum's extension materials to adjust the content to an older audience.
- **Neighboring Faiths:** Children in grades 5 through 7 are welcome to Neighboring Faiths, where we spend a few months exploring Unitarian Universalism and then move on to study other world religions. This two-year curriculum will be in its second year, so we encourage the current NF kids to stay for the second year to get the full experience!

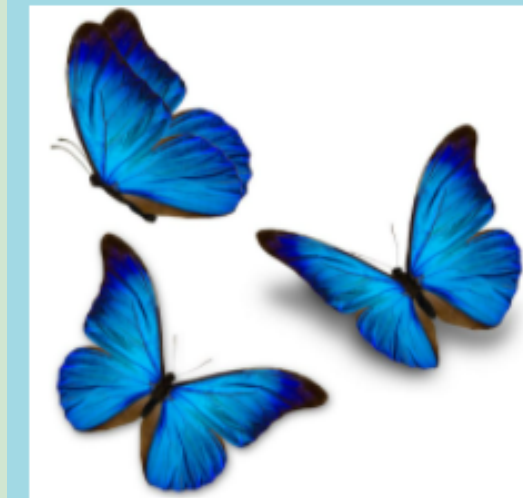
We'll be returning to the RE classrooms in the fall, so we'll be able to make all of the spaces more welcoming, comfortable, and "ours"!

JUSYG & WUSYG: Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Groups (7th-12th Grades)

We hope to see families at the Rummage Sale this Saturday (as shoppers and volunteers!). See link to sign up in Sam's last email or let him know your availability and he'll get you plugged in somewhere. Don't forget there'll be childcare on the playground for younger siblings from 10-3. This Sunday **both groups will meet together** from 4:30-6:30 pm. They will help with post-sale cleanup but then have some food together and a water balloon battle (JUSYG vs WUSYG: the ultimate showdown!)

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Book By Book



For a slight change of pace we are suggesting an innovative workbook to guide thinking and acting about anti-racism work. *Do The Work: An Antiracist Activity Book* by W. Kamau Bell and Kate Schatz offers both a Black and White perspective on how we can take stock of ourselves and take concrete actions to confront racism in its many forms. It is very accessible for ages high school and up, is packed with illustrations and suggested activities, and covers topics from “What do You Know About Race?” to “Centering Black Women’s Voices” and much more. The authors suggest that you “Choose your own adventure method...but take your time.”

Sandy Thompson for the Racial Justice Planning Group

Beyond the Congregation

Mystic Valley NAACP Freedom Fund Breakfast

Saturday June 10, 2023
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