Sunday, May 27th:
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
Rev. Heather Janules
Worship Associate: Ivan Correia

Compelling art often engages literal and figurative vision. This is true of one of Boston's most revered - and, at times, controversial - public monuments, the memorial to Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment. This service will explore the history of the monument and how it symbolizes, in the words of Booker T. Washington, "not victory complete" in the nation's ongoing struggle for racial justice.

Share the Plate: This Sunday, we share our gifts with Winchester A Better Chance, a nonprofit organization providing academically talented scholars-of-color with expanded educational and career opportunities.

Music for this service includes songs from the Civil War and memorial music by Leonard Bernstein.

Music

Children's Chorale Concert
Tuesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm in the Chapel
They are looking forward to singing their favorite songs from the year
Musicians Needed for Summer Services
If you would like to sing or play an instrument, by yourself or with others, during our summer services, please contact Music Director John Kramer soon. He will be putting the music schedule together by the end of May.

These services begin on June 17 and end on September 2.

Hymn Sing meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Meyer Chapel. We come together simply to sing: new hymns, old hymns, hymns from the grey and teal hymnal, hymns people bring in. The possibilities are endless and it will be more fun with you there! If you have questions, please contact our Music Director, John Kramer. Last Hymn Sing of this church year June 5th.

Religious Education

Family Worship
Sunday 10:00 am
What does it mean to be brave? As we end our month of “creativity,” we think about the creative ways in which people are courageous.

Sunday Morning RE
Ages pre-school through 6th grade will meet upstairs after the First Reflections. This weekend, due to the wreath ceremony at the conclusion of the worship service, the children will be coming to the sanctuary before the service ends rather than being collected in the classrooms.

F8th in Action
Enjoy the long weekend and NO meeting this Sunday. F8th meets NEXT Sunday, June 3rd at 4:30 PM in the Chapel. Families and friends are invited to join us at 5:00 pm for our closing Credo Service and celebration to follow. All F8thers are invited to join the WUSYG group on June 10th from 4:30-5:30 for “move up” day and a chance to check in before summer ends.

Congregation Conversation!
As this program year winds down, we will be thinking about the next one and the ones to follow. Please come to the religious education conversations on June 3rd and/or June 6th to consider the future of Religious Education at this congregation and how you might be a part of raising our next crop of Unitarian Universalists.

Now Enrolling for Next Year's OWL
"Our Whole Lives," also known as “OWL,” is a comprehensive sexuality education program offered to seventh and eighth graders in a series of 22 sessions from October to April. In addition to Winchester Unitarian Society families, OWL is open to members of the greater community, on a first-come, first-served basis until our enrollment cap is reached. There is a mandatory parents’ orientation scheduled in September. Please spread the word!
To indicate interest in participation next year, please contact Program Director, Rebecca Kelley Morgan at the Winchester Unitarian Society via rebecca@winchesterruu.org

● Next Religious Education Committee Meeting May 30th, 9 am Michelsen Room.
Next Growth & Learning Committee Meeting, June 13th, 7 pm Michelsen Room.

WUSYG
Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

Visit our webpage, which includes a calendar of upcoming WUSYG meetings and events, and other updates for parents/youth.

WUSYG Parents!
Join our WUSYG Parents Facebook Group for last-minute updates from us and to ask questions, share stories and be in community together.

Congregational News

Enduring Hope: Words for Worship and Reflection from the Winchester Unitarian Society (Second Edition) is now available. Only $10!

In the 2015-16 year, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Winchester Unitarian Society. One way we celebrated was through publishing a collection of prayers, readings and selections of sermons by ministers who served WUS throughout the generations.

As we distributed all these copies, it was time to order another run. This version includes additional pieces by Arline Sutherland, Nagy Laci and Susan Frederick-Gray.

Purchase your copy from the church office during the week. A portion of the proceeds benefit WUS outreach efforts.

Community-Wide Conversation on Black Lives Matter
May 31, 7 pm
All are invited to a special community-wide conversation on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 7 pm at the Winchester Unitarian Society. It will be facilitated by Reverend Heather Janules, with special guests: Peter MacDonnell, Winchester Chief of Police and Sandy Thompson, Founder of the Winchester Multicultural Network.

More information here: https://www.winchesteruu.org/events/community-wide-conversation-on-black-lives-matter/
WUS Winchester Town Day Fundraiser June 2nd

~ Help still needed! ~

To help on Town Day (setting up, serving, selling, cleaning up), sign up here.

To join the pie-baking party on Thursday evening 5/31, sign up here.
To donate your home-baked pie, sign up here.
To help make chili on Friday evening, sign up by clicking here.
To lend your musical talents, contact musicman@winchesteruu.org
(Music will make this event infinitely more enjoyable!)

RE Conversations

The Standing Committee and Religious Education Committee invite ALL to a conversation to discuss the vision and provide input regarding the Religious Education Program. Please join us on June 3rd after our service in the Sanctuary and on June 6th at 7:00 pm in the Symmes Room. We would like to hear from our current children and families, graduates of the RE programs, and all members of the wider congregation!

You are invited to

Lisa Perry-Wood's

Ordination into the Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Sunday, June 3, 2018, 3 pm
First Parish in Lexington
7 Harrington Road, Lexington, MA
Child care available -- click here to reserve a spot

Join us for Pride!
Saturday, June 9th

We’ll meet in the parking lot at 9 am, train into Boston and attend the traditional Pride Service at the Arlington St. Church at 11 am.

The March and lunch will follow (times to be determined by the group)

The return train trip will be individually chosen.

It will be fun, worthwhile and supportive of our First Principle.

Contact Betsy Bowles for further details: (617) 584-6477 or bebowles13@gmail.com
Please contribute to Rev. Heather's Review

As part of its charter to “monitor and nurture the health of the ministry of the Society,” the Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) is charged in the bylaws of WUS with conducting “an assessment of the work of the Minister... as part of an annual review and renewal of the ministry and leadership of the Society.” A vital component in COSM’s review is congregational input, which we seek from you in this online survey. We encourage you to speak freely and give us your full, honest thoughts about the third year of Rev. Heather Janules’s ministry. Please note that this work is done with the full support of Rev. Heather as she constantly strives to grow and improve in her ministry to WUS. We would be delighted to hear from everyone, whether you have been regularly engaged or not so much, whether a long-time member or a relative newcomer. The more input, the better! If you do not use email but would like to give your feedback, please contact the office, 781-729-0949.

Annual Report / Annual Meeting Update

The 2018 Annual Report is available on the member page of the Winchester Unitarian Society website http://www.winchesteruu.org/

Limited print copies of the Annual Report are available in the office.

At the Annual Meeting of May 20th, all articles were approved.

Standing Committee Update

At its May 9th meeting, the Standing Committee approved the Annual Meeting Warrant to include an Article presented by Chuck Khuen for withdrawing funds in preparation of safety repairs. The Budget Report for the Annual Report was approved, and Committee members were added to fill vacancies. UUS GA delegates and Gay Pride week participation were discussed. The Pastoral Care Policy was accepted. Building use policy and rental rate changes were approved. Our Winchester Town Day chili and pie sale was discussed.

Steve Butterfield, Standing Committee

Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

If you are facing a time of joy, sorrow or transition in your life, our minister and the Pastoral Care Associates are available to offer a listening ear, compassionate presence and, if applicable, resources.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of long-time member Ruth Lowell. You may learn more about her and her life here: https://tinyurl.com/RL-Obituary

We celebrate with former Intern Minister and returning Summer Minister Deborah Morgan Bennett as she recently graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry. She writes, "On Thursday, May 17th at the UU Church of Berkeley CA, I was privileged to join 19 other Starr King School for the Ministry seminarians in receiving our Master of Divinity degrees along with 3 students receiving Masters of Arts in Social Change... Far from an ending, I see this degree as a symbol of my commitment to a lifetime of study exploring the many ways that the sacred manifests in our lives and how we can respond to our joint call to bring justice, equity and compassion into the world. I am grateful for all the support I have received through this four year journey. I am particularly humbled by my husband’s steadfast love and commitment to my call and
my daughter’s on-going support and advice on being a student. I also offer a huge thank you to the Winchester Unitarian Society community for all that you inspired in me during our year together. I look forward to furthering our growth in service to our faith this summer. Blessed Be."

You may reach the Rev. Heather Janules in the office at 781-729-0949. She can also connect you with a Pastoral Care Associate or the Caring Network (providing short-term, practical support like rides and meals). To learn more about the PCAs, pick up a brochure when you are in the church.

Defibrillator in the House!

There is now an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the kitchen off Symmes. It has easy-to-follow visual and voice instructions. A detailed manual is also on top of the cabinet. Hopefully, no one will ever have to use it. But please know where it is.

This flyer from the American Heart Association explains how and why AED's can be used, even by untrained people.

Social Action & Outreach

Many thanks to all who gave generously to the collection last Sunday. The $600 that was raised for Black Lives UU will be combined with the $1000 SAOC grant. We are more than halfway to our 2-year goal of $10 per member.

On June 10, there is an opportunity for 3 people from our church to join a Winchester interfaith group in preparing a meal at the Rosie’s Place shelter in Boston, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested please contact Claire McNeill by Sunday, June 3.

American Friends Service Committee four-part webinar series "Changing Systems, Changing Ourselves: Anti-Racist Practice for Sanctuary, Accompaniment, and Resistance" began on May 1st, but you can watch the recording here.

Want to learn more and get involved with the Poor People's Campaign?
1. Go to the Poor People’s Campaign website and sign up to join the campaign.
2. Follow the Massachusetts PPC on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/emappc
3. Contact massachusetts@poorpeoplescampaign.org to be added to the email list
4. For more information and carpooling contact Patty Shepard

Become a court watcher through the Mass Bail Fund. Participate in a training, and commit to three mornings in three months in Suffolk, Essex, Worcester, Plymouth, or Hampden County. A training will be held at First Parish Arlington on Monday, June 11, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Register for the training here.

All social action opportunities are now on the Social Action page of the WUS website. https://www.winchesteruu.org/faith-development/social-action-outreach/

Ongoing

Meditation
Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30 pm
Meyer Chapel
Sitting from 6:30-7:00 pm
Walking from 7:00-7:20 pm
Optional informal discussion 7:20-7:30 pm.
Contact Ron Denhardt (rondenhardt@gmail.com) for info.

Qi Gong
Tuesday nights 6:45 - 8:30 pm
Come experience the relaxation and rejuvenation of Qi Gong. Lee Holden’s (Former Intern Minister Deb Morgan Bennett’s teacher) class is downstreamed and projected on to a large screen. We meet in the Symmes Room (next to the Sanctuary). Tea will be available at 6:45 pm and classes will be held 7-8:30 pm. All are welcome. Classes are free. Offer a donation as you are able. For further information, contact Carol DeLaney: ccdelaney1@hotmail.com

Family & Caregiver Support Group
Meets Tuesdays, June 12th, July 10th, August 4th
6:45-8:45 pm
Michelsen Room

Family & Caregiver Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month. This is a drop-in group for family members, caregivers, and loved ones of individuals living with mental illness, facilitated by WUS members, Maria Shepherd, Maury Wood and Rebecca Kelley-Morgan.

All WUS Caregiver Support Groups are facilitated by NAMI-trained leaders and provide a safe and confidential setting for mutual support and the sharing of resources. Looking for other local support groups or resources? Contact the Massachusetts chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness NAMI, www.namimass.org/NAMI
If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone about our groups or our initiative, please contact any of our facilitators:
Maria Shepherd mandmshepherd@comcast.net
Maury Wood mowood60@gmail.com
Rebecca Kelley-Morgan rebecca@winchesteruu.org

350Mass for a Better Future
Meets every other Wednesday in Michelsen
Upcoming dates: June 6 & June 20
11:30- 2:00 pm social time and newcomers
12:00-1:30 pm meeting
More information available on our website.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour Refreshments
Help make Sunday mornings more welcoming and joyful by

Flower Dedications
Dates are available for flower dedications. You may dedicate flowers in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone and it will appear in the
Bringing refreshments for coffee hour! If you are willing to be contacted when sign-ups are needed (usually once a month), please email janetnelson@comcast.net to put yourself on the contact list. (If you already receive my emails, you don’t need to contact me, unless you’d prefer to be taken off the list.) Usually two people sign up to bring finger foods for one Sunday. We truly appreciate your willingness to be asked to help out in this simple way – thank you!

From Janet Nelson
for the Fellowship Committee

Order of Service. The cost is $45.00 (or you can bring your own flowers, but let the office know). Please click to sign up or use the sign up sheets in the foyer.

Woburn Food Pantry

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra spam and canned beef stew 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.

Staying Connected

Most Highlights items are also posted on the Highlights page of the website.

You can view the church calendar on the calendar page of the website.

Upcoming services are now added to the home page, usually on Thursdays.

To access the members’ section of the website (including the directory, list of committee chairs, wifi passwords, latest Standing Committee minutes, and all WUS by-laws and policies), contact the office for the password.

Deadlines

For Highlights submissions: Wednesdays, 9:00 am
For submissions to the OOS: Thursdays, 9:00 am
Email to jenny@winchesteruu.org. No more than 250 words, please.