August 23, 2018

Upcoming Worship

Join us for this annual service for all ages, and all species, in which we honor our kinship with the others who share their world with us. We recognize and remember animals we have known and loved, and we offer a blessing of health and companionship with our animal friends.

We invite you to bring your animal companion, on leash, or in carrier, to ensure a peaceable kingdom on this special morning. If they are unable to join us, a photo or token can be blessed as well and we also welcome photos and tokens of animals who are no longer living. We congregate on the back lawn of the Winchester Unitarian Society (look for the chairs) in fair weather, or follow the signs to Metcalf Hall if the weather is not conducive to outdoor worship.

Music

The new program year is approaching!
Adult choir rehearsals resume Sunday September 9, 8:45 am
Choir Retreat Saturday September 8, 9am-noon

Religious Education

Register for Religious Education this fall
The Registration Form is here.

Last Summer Sundays!
Family Worship has ended for the summer. This coming Sunday, August 26th, all are invited to the Blessing of the Animals at 10:30 am (no playroom). The following Sunday, September 2nd, the playroom will be open for pre-school and primary aged children during the 10:30 am service.

WUSYG
Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

WUSYG is on hiatus for the summer. Visit the webpage for more information!

Congregational News

We Believe in Dog Gathers August 25th
WBID is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don’t need to have a dog to participate! But all dogs who do come must be friendly and vaccinated. We next gather this Saturday, August 25th. 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. If you intend to come, contact Rev. Heather (heather.janules@winchesteruu.org) with your cell number (if applicable) so she can call you if you are not there at walking time. Hope to see you there!

Photo: The last gathering of WBID. It was not taken by one of the canine participants but through the magic of timed photography...

Heather is back!
Rev. Heather has returned from study leave and is at WUS throughout the week. However, as she will be working on her day off (Monday, August 27th) to accommodate a team scheduling challenge, she will take Wednesday, August 29th as her sabbath.

Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Our thoughts and healing wishes are with Michael Costa and his family as he underwent significant surgery this week.

If you are facing a time of joy, sorrow or transition in your life, our ministers 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.

Social Action & Outreach

We hosted our Second Save the date for the WUS Fall
Community-Wide Conversation on Racism, “White Identity and Privilege” on August 9, with about 45 people attending. After viewing a video by multicultural educator Robin DiAngelo, attendees shared their reactions and questions around the concepts of white racial identity, white socialization and white privilege. Copies of DiAngelo's book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, are on sale in the WUS office at the discounted price of $15.

Day of Service: Saturday, October 20

Do you have ideas of one-day service projects members of all ages might do? Please speak to any member of Social Action and Outreach: Gordy McIntosh, Barbara Boches, Terry Currier, Sue Doubler, Alison Kirchgasser, Kathy McKool, Claire McNeill, Martina Werner.

Playground Concert for a Livable Climate
Saturday, August 25, 4-6 pm
Stone Family Playground, Ginn Field, Winchester
Rain location: Metcalf Hall, Winchester Unitarian
Free!
More details [here](#).

Ongoing

See Ongoing Activities (yoga, meditation, qi gong, caregiver support group) at: [https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/ongoing-activities-groups/](https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/ongoing-activities-groups/)

Staying Connected

Visit the WUS website!
- Read the latest Highlights and Mystic Messenger in the news section.
- Want to know if a room is free, or when your meeting is? View the calendar page.
- Need the latest directory, or a list of committee chairs? Go to the members' section (contact the office for the password).
- Want to know how to set up electronic giving? Go to the How to Give page.

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