

Vision

By Rev. Heather Janules

An important part of preparation for ministry is Clinical Pastoral Education, an internship that develops pastoral care skills. CPE placements are offered in institutions – hospitals, prisons, homeless shelters and other communities.

would ever sanction same-sex marriage or elect a Black president. Or, as I observed at this summer’s rally to decry separation of families at the border, I never thought I would see protest signs reading “Children Don’t Belong in Cages” in America. I often don’t see a lot of things coming or even as possibilities.

CPE programs are often challenging, not only because of the personal and professional growth one experiences through attending to others’ painful moments but also because CPE teams are interfaith. It is almost inevitable that students will challenge each other just through holding different spiritual beliefs, never mind the diversity of cultures and personalities present in any given group.

Our CPE team was led by an Episcopal priest, Fr. Petit, a chaplain at a retirement community. Strangely enough, he was indeed slender and short in stature. Always wearing a charming bowtie yet possessing an insight that had the power to both transform and terrify, he guided us through exploring big theological questions together.

I forget how we got to talking about Heaven one day but I do remember Fr. Petit’s succinct answer: “It is something far beyond what any of us can imagine.” This was his vision for the afterlife.

It is perhaps embarrassing for me, a religious leader, to acknowledge that I often discover limits to my imagination. In the social realm, I did not believe our nation

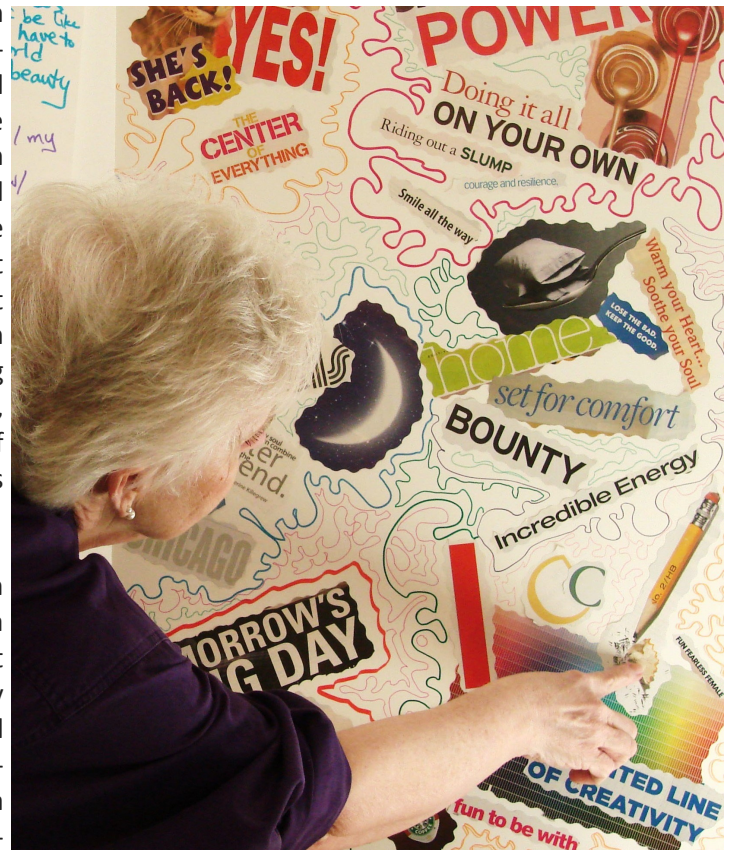


Photo: A participant in a CourageCollages workshop.

From <http://couragecollages.org/>:

“CourageCollages is dedicated to providing creative expression workshops and retreats for people living with, or recovering from, cancer.”

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Bring Your Gifts to Worship!

A new year of congregational life is beginning at the Winchester Unitarian Society! We look forward to learning, growing, worshipping, healing, advocating and being together in the coming months...



This coming year's theme borrows from the sessions we offer newcomers to the congregation: **"Beginning, Becoming, Belonging."** When we gather in September, we begin – individually and together – a new chapter of growth. Hopefully, this year will also be a time of strengthening existing ties and forging new ones, not only among one another but in the broader community.

We are delighted that **our worship services will soon include performances by both our Children's Chorale and our new Youth Chorale.** Kirsten Hart will now conduct the Children's Chorale, grades 2-6 and John Kramer will conduct the Youth Chorale, grades 7-12. To learn more about these programs and to register your child(ren,) visit: <https://www.winchesteruu.org/worship/>

Artwork for Orders-of-Service As in years past, we are soliciting art – photos, paintings, collages, quilts, images of sculpture; you name it! – to illustrate the monthly themes. We welcome art by members and friends of all ages. The themes for 2018-19 are:

September: Vision (taken)	February: Trust
October: Sanctuary	March: Curiosity
November: Memory	April: Journey
December: Mystery	May: Beauty
January: Possibility	June: Wholeness

Here are some examples of past submissions : [examples with credit]

Family Worship (10:00 am service) As Director of Lifespan Religious Education Rebecca Kelley-Morgan will be meeting with our RE teachers at 10:00 am this year, she can no longer take the lead with Family Worship. Rev. Heather and others will be stepping in...but we need your contributions too! **Do you have a lively story to share with our youngest members?**

First Reflection (10:30 am service) We are delighted that our youth group, WUSYG, will likely lead the First Reflection once a month. But they are not the only ones who are compelling story tellers. If you have attended worship, you know what this "time for all ages" can be. **Lend your voice and imagination to that moment in worship!**

Chalice Pals (10:30 am service) Kindling the chalice is the central ritual of Unitarian Universalist worship. It is good to not only practice this ritual but to have people of

different ages do it together, reminding us of the diversity within community. As WUSYG youth will be focusing on First Reflections, **we are seeking adults willing to read the words for chalice lighting** while a young person lights the flame. (Rebecca Kelley-Morgan will reach out to families to identify chalice lighters.) Chalice Pals will be paired with the chalice lighter children (and their caregivers) in advance of a given Sunday so they can meet each other. Then on their Sunday, they will be oriented to the chalice lighting process before the service begins. Chalice Pals and chalice lighters will sit together, at least before chalice lighting time.

Red Mug Ambassadors (Coffee Hour) In the past, we have invited newcomers to select a red mug at coffee hour, indicating that they are new to the community so folks who have been at WUS for awhile will know to greet and welcome them. But if you have been new to any community, you know it can be intimidating to do something that singles you out as a relative stranger. So **we are now reversing the practice by inviting friendly and hospitable long-timers who would like to be available to newcomers at coffee hour to indicate their interest by choosing a red mug.** ANYONE may serve a Red Mug Ambassador by just selecting a red mug but it is helpful knowing at least one person plans to do so in advance.

Interested in any of these opportunities?
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Your New Ministerial Intern

By Marianne DiBlasi

I am excited to begin a 2-year part-time ministerial internship with you in September! Last year, I occasionally attended a Sunday morning worship service and other events at WUS. Each time, I have been deeply touched by your warm welcome, spiritual depth, the way you care for each other, and your commitment to creating a more loving and just world for all. This is a rich container for supporting the development of ministers in our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition and I am blessed to be your intern!



As a brief introduction, I am a local Winchester resident and a former board member of the Winchester Multicultural Network. I am currently entering my second year of the Masters of Divinity program at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago.

Meadville's low-residency learning model, allows students to attend seminary without having to relocate to Chicago. I am able to live and learn locally, and travel to Meadville in Chicago for intensive classroom time 2-3 weeks each semester. During my first year of seminary, Rev. Heather was my Teaching Pastor and mentor as I served as a community minister intern at Refugee Immigration Ministry in Malden.

I was raised Roman Catholic and was unchurched for many years before becoming a Unitarian Universalist in 2004. The first services I attended were memorable moments of discovering a whole new religious experience where I was free to, even encouraged to,

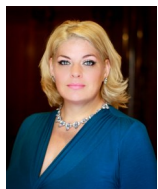
explore my evolving spiritual beliefs. In our non-creedal faith tradition, we have the great privilege and responsibility of doing the inner work of self-exploration and discovery about what we believe. In this way, our faith is birthed from inside of us and therefore, we embody it in a deeply personal way. As life continues to unfold and we gain

more spiritual wisdom, our beliefs are able to evolve over time. Our faith is not static; it's alive and vibrant and free to move, shift, and expand as we grow. As a beloved community, we stand as witness to each other's faith journey as each of us engages in our own personal search for truth and meaning.

Being in Relational Covenant is at the core of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We promise to be in messy, beautiful, honest relationship with ourselves, with others, and with the Holy that is called by many names. In this sacred place of being in covenantal relationship we do the fierce and vulnerable work of loving and being loved. It's in these relationships where the Holy is made manifest here on earth. I'm looking forward to being in messy, beautiful, loving, honest, and holy relationship with you! @

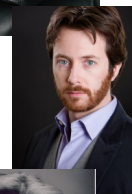
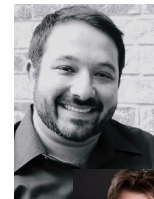
2018-19 Concert Series

Along with cooler weather and the spectacle of changing leaf colors, autumn heralds the return of “Music in the Sanctuary,” Winchester Unitarian Society’s acclaimed concert series. This year, we celebrate our 13th season with a program featuring a variety and range of musical styles that promise to delight music lovers everywhere. Please join us!



Soloists Concert, Friday, November 2nd, 8pm

Come for an evening of vocal music from opera, musical theater, art song, and jazz performed by our talented soloists Andy Papas (baritone), Cheryl Medeiros-Nancarrow (soprano), Kirsten Hart (soprano), and Brendan Buckley (tenor), accompanied on the piano by John Kramer. Our four soloists have performed with the Boston Lyric Opera, the Boston Operative Collaborative, throughout New England, and nationally.



Jazz in the Sanctuary, Friday, January 25th, 8pm

Fairy Tales is the theme this year, as we bring together some of Boston’s best jazz musicians for an enchanting evening of jazz standards, including “Alice in Wonderland,” “Someday My Prince Will Come,” “Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum,” and many more

Folk Musician Tracy Grammer, Friday, March 22nd, 8pm

Celebrating the release of her new album *Low Tide*, singer-songwriter Tracy Grammer brings her springwater-clear alto, inspired guitar playing, and gifted storytelling to our sanctuary. Of Grammer, Joan Baez has said: “Tracy Grammer is a brilliant artist and unique individual. Her voice is distinctive, as is her mastery over the instruments she plays.”



“Music in the Sanctuary” concerts are made possible by your generous contributions. Tickets for all events will be available at the door (adults \$25/seniors \$15/students \$5).

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Look for our sponsorship table at coffee hour after church in October.

Yet it is important to cultivate vision – for our lives, for our communities, for our world. If we cannot craft an idea, an image, a goal, a dream of what we want the future to be like, we are left to plod along and let others shape our shared life together.

A hospice chaplain once taught me that when someone receives a terminal diagnosis, the first thing that dies is the individual's future. Notations on calendars – vacations, anniversaries, rites-of-passage - become irrelevant, evidence of how one no longer engages with the world and with time. To live as if we have a future and to seek the kind of future we wish to experience is deeply spiritual work. It can also be exhausting and daunting, when our vision and our eventual reality collide. But it is a primary practice and sign of living the life we are given.

Sometimes, when someone is in despair, a friend or even a stranger, can have hope for those who are hopeless. I believe that, in a similar way, one of the gifts of community is connecting with a diversity of imaginations which invites us into expansive visioning. Our CPE group, including an Episcopalian, a Lutheran, a Baptist, two UUs and a non-denominational Christian did not always agree on religious matters but, together, represented broad views of what may wait for us when our time is done.

Perhaps you can imagine a vision for my life far beyond what I could conjure. Perhaps I can see a possible future that you find unbelievable. Together, perhaps we can craft a vision for the broader world that seems unrealistic, impossible, a dream. It takes all of us to embrace the gift of having a future, no matter how short or limited it may be, to make the most of this life. ©

Who's on the Our Whole Lives Teaching team this year?

We are delighted to welcome our 2018-2019 Our Whole Lives (OWL) teaching team for the upcoming program year. Every time the program is offered, this important ministry of the congregation to our young people is supported by trained volunteers who give generously of their time and caring most Sundays from October to April. Teaching this year – all returning from previous years – are Sarah Milt, Elizabeth (Liz) Scott, Sophia Sid, and Mark Shepherd. Have a great year with your owlets!

By Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

Although we title our programs for children “Religious Education,” we do not replicate the environment that our children experience at school. But it appears that schools are trying to replicate – in part – the environment that our children experience in faith community. In the past few years, state administrators and curriculum developers have added Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to the academic frameworks. Massachusetts has adopted these frameworks utilizing the definition from CASEL (the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning): *SEL is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.*

We consciously promote social emotional learning in religious education classrooms, since while many values of Unitarian Universalism can be taught, they are more likely to be “caught” when children are coached and encouraged in self-awareness and empathy for others. That will continue in the religious education classrooms, along with the curriculum-based programs selected for this congregational year.

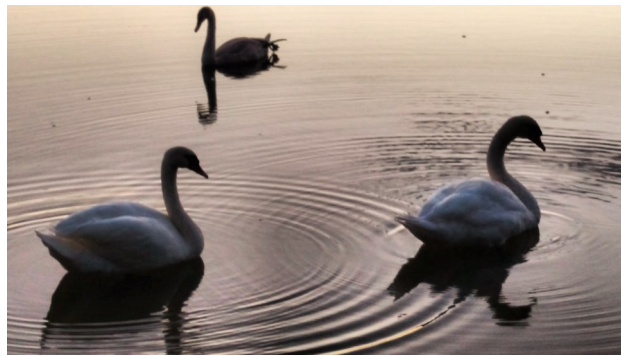
In RE circles, we've labeled the SEL framework many things over the years – my favorite is “community building,” but SEL will do. A community is made up of all sorts of individuals, varying in temperament, curiosity, empathy, intellect, physicality. A community is not a sports team, where the most capable are sorted from the rest. Nor is it a free-for-all, where there is no regard for each other's abilities and differences.

It's much easier to do just about anything with a group of similarly aged, abled and interested adults and/or children, but we choose diversity over ease. In an increasingly age-segregated world, we want to foster intergenerational interaction. Following last June's conversations regarding the future of RE here, and in consultation with the RE Committee and staff, we are returning to more frequent “all ages in worship” Sundays – once a month this year. The purpose is to increase opportunities to be together, learn together, and cultivate a sense of spaciousness and generosity toward the differences in our very own corner of the world. Perhaps as we practice those things here, the social emotional learning that comes with intentional proximity will spread out beyond WUS as our lives touch those of others. ©

Sanctuary

By Rebecca Kelley-Morgan

The word, sanctuary, comes from a classical term denoting a space that was sanctified, made sacred, set apart. Our congregation's building possesses such a sanctuary, the large space where worship has been held for as long as the building has existed. When I walk into the Sanctuary on a dim weekday afternoon, early or late on Sunday when the room is empty but for me, I can hear the echoes of generations of Unitarians and Unitarian Universalists who have prayed, celebrated, and mourned together. In this space, we have bid farewell to our beloved dead, promised support to the newly dedicated children, witnessed marriages, commissioned those who serve the congregation within and without its walls, marked passages with ordinations, installations and leave takings and conducted the business of the congregation at annual meetings. It is a sanctified space, not only because we have declared it so, but because we have brought the sacred to life within its confines.



Historically, sanctified spaces were extended beyond the sanctuary/temple precincts to include grounds, where escaped slaves or criminals could find protection, being assured that their blood would not be shed in a holy space. Thus the term sanctuary became applied to the protection of those who sought refuge for personal and political reasons across the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Christianized worlds.

Today, sanctuaries are being revitalized as immigrants to this country face increasing risks to their personhood, family and livelihood. At Winchester Unitarian Society we participate as a support congregation (a level two sanctuary) to the First Parish in Bedford, where housing and support for due process is provided to immigrants who seek sanctuary there. Although ecclesiastical immunity is no longer a legal right, it remains a tradition and for now, immigrants are safe in the religious institutions that shelter them.

And what of those institutions? Not everyone thinks it's a good idea to provide sanctuary for others. Not everyone is willing to share "their" sacred space. Some are unwilling to consider that emotions and traditions are equally valid among the many values which drive decisions in communities. Over the past several years, I've seen an

increase in what I'm beginning to call "division fleas," a righteous itch that jumps from institution to institution, from person to person, shutting down any disagreement—whether for or against change. Perhaps it comes from anxiety about the state of the world, from national conversations that all too often jump to rhetoric and othering, or from human hardwiring as we perceive competition for resources.

In the decade I have served among you, I have noticed a trend to hold more community conversations in our worship space, our Sanctuary. We've moved out of the chapel and the Symmes room into our Sanctuary as we attend to our own internal processes and conflicts or reach be-

yond to the greater community where we challenge issues of class and race. We walk a delicate line between recognizing our Sanctuary as a place of solace and comfort, while allowing it to be a place where hard truths are told. For some, the pursuit of agendas of social change can provoke resistance and discomfort. But being

members of a faith community does not come with the promise of comfort. We have not chosen the easy path by affiliating with a small, relatively unknown faith. We have not chosen the easy path by participating in a faith community in an increasingly secular world. We have not chosen the easy path by honoring our faith tradition of social justice, radical inclusion and equity. We have not chosen an easy path by affirming a covenantal faith, where we rely not on creed or commandment, but on the agreement to hold one another in faith, even when it's hard.

Our Sanctuary is a physical space for worship and community, but it also lives in our hearts, where it has been built over time. Every moment we've found comfort in and with each other, we've laid a cornerstone. Every time we've wept or laughed together, we've built a sheltering wall. Every time we've been our most honest, vulnerable, messy selves, we've raised a rafter. Every time we've aspired to better things, we've tiled the roof. This October, as we explore the idea of "Sanctuary," I invite you to visit our congregation's sanctuary early or late, when the light is dim and the room empty but for you. Enjoy the beauty of the space that has held so much, while withstanding storms and challenges over the years. And remember, too, your very own Sanctuary of the heart. @

Musings on Memories: From Moments to Movements

By Sam Wilson

Do you have any specific, vivid memories associated with your first time at the Winchester Unitarian Society?

I have a few. During my interview, on a warm summer evening in July, I vividly recall being told that if I were to become the next DYM that I would be expected to revive the youth group and then take them all on a service trip to New Orleans that upcoming April. I remember my heart stopping as I thought about the enormity of that task, and, recall taking a measured breath before proceeding to answer the follow-up question, "How does that sound to you?" Incidentally, I did not answer completely honestly, because, let's face it, no hiring committee wants to hear "well frankly that sounds terrifying!"

My next vivid memory at WUS was on my first day in the office. We had just finished our first staff meeting as a new group and as I walked toward my car in the parking lot, Mary Ann, the office administrator, leaned out of the window and yelled out to me "We are so happy to have you here!" and I immediately felt a surge of warmth, welcome and love.

The following Sunday morning, however, all that warmth suddenly vanished during my commissioning ceremony, seemingly getting drained quite literally from my legs as I stood in front of hundreds of you all and could not get my knees to stop shaking. As I recited my oath to the congregation and listened to yours, I couldn't help feeling scared as 100+ eyes stared at me and, as I at least imagined, wondered who I was and whether or not I would, indeed, be up to the challenges ahead.

And yet, shortly thereafter, I can distinctly recall being greeted by dozens of you – members of the congregation and community - after the service, each of whom gave me a hearty handshake accompanied by a huge grin and a warm welcome. None of you mentioned my wobbly knees (thank you!) and every single one of you was genuinely happy to meet me and excited to have some part in – what was clearly our congregation's shared - ministry for its beloved youth. In particular, I remember Mark Shepherd telling me that if I needed "anything, anything at all," I shouldn't hesitate to reach out to him or his family. And I also distinctly remember Betsy Bowles, who brilliantly has her face adorned on her business card, slipping that card into my pocket and kindly telling me to be in touch if she could ever help me with something.

Then she squeezed my hand and said "no, really, don't hesitate to reach out." In spite of my fears at starting a new job in a new part of the country where I knew almost nobody, the relentless generosity and love that I felt during my first days here was quite palpable, and I will truly never forget it.

Have you ever noticed how so many of our most vivid memories are often born of such seemingly opposite emotions, fear and love? How vividly we can conjure up a moment that terrified us to our core and yet also how easily we can return to a time when we felt absolutely and wholeheartedly surrounded by love? I noticed this pattern immediately as I recalled my own memories from here at WUS while also gathering some from former WUSYGers. As Max Ward, now a freshman in college, wrote, "My first WUSYG memory (besides being terrified at the BBQ when we played that laughing game) was arriving and being in awe of how many snacks there were in the youth room, and also the variety of people who all seemed to be able to talk to one another." It's interesting how his first actual memory is a game we played that completely terrified him (needless to say it was a regrettable choice on our part!) but then he also immediately remembers the amazing snack selection (and let's be real, the way to a growing teen's heart is obviously through its stomach!) and the unique and loving community that we always strive to create from the get-go. Similarly, WUSYG alum Grace Clark noted to me that she remembers "going through a really tough time in high school, coming to WUSYG in a bad place, and then leaving in the best mood because I felt safe and that people loved me despite all my issues or other things that I was dealing with."

Hopefully you have had loving moments at WUS, moments of being welcomed and cared for, seen and accepted. Maybe you have had fearful moments too: coming from a different religious background and entering the church for the first time; being "the new guy" during coffee hour; or coming here to face a frightening time in your life.

Sometimes fear and discomfort lead to change and growth. Social movements are born of people stepping outside of their comfort zones and recognizing a need for change no matter how scary the unknown and the different can seem. But moments simply born of fear become branded as memories that move us backwards, not forwards, if we are not simultaneously held in love. As UUs,

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My Gratitude for Unitarianism

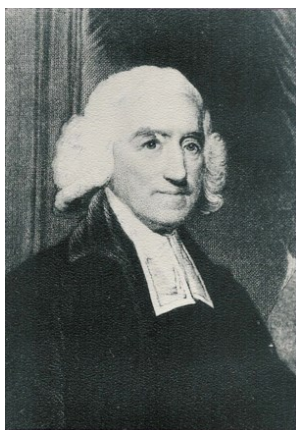
On July 1st, Bob Kenerson offered a compelling reflection about his family history with Unitarianism. Here are some excerpts:

My grandfather Kenerson was a member of this church for sixty-three years. He researched his family and his wife's family and found that a majority of their extended family were Unitarian or Universalist right within New England.

One of them, the Rev. John Lothrop, was born and raised in a privileged family in England in 1584. He was educated at Oxford and Cambridge Universities and became a priest in the Anglican Church. He resigned his position in 1624 because he could not tolerate the overbearing authority wielded by Charles I and Charles' persecutions under the name of holiness.

Lothrop helped to found the First Independent Church of London, whose followers had to meet in secret. In 1634, Lothrop and forty of his followers were arrested during one of their meetings. Some escaped; the rest were sent to jail. Eventually, they were released, except for Lothrop, who was considered to be too dangerous to be set free. He was sent to "the Clink," a prison in which very few people survived. At this time, his wife died, and their seven children were begging on the streets of London. Friends got together and made an appeal to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The seven children had an audience with him and an agreement was reached that Lothrop could leave "the Clink" if he would leave the country. He and thirty followers voyaged on a ship to Boston.

John Lothrop



Lothrop and his followers had heard of a group of nine citizens in the town of Scituate who were of the same theological disposition, and they together founded the First Parish of Scituate (1641). Theological differences, however, soon surfaced over baptismal rites, and Lothrop departed with some followers to Barnstable, where they founded the town and the First Parish there, where he lived out his life.

This kind of history was typical of early Unitarianism. People lived for their ideals and endured great prejudice. They often died for their beliefs.

Bob continues by recalling his childhood, growing up Unitarian in Wellesley and how the ministries there had a large influence on the course of his life. He concludes by naming his connection to WUS, where he is now a long-time member:

I was christened (dedicated) here at Winchester Unitarian in 1938. I find this a place for sacred reflection with like-minded people. My favorite part of each service is the moment of silent prayer. I experience it as a moment of intense energy, in which each of us is engaged in his/her own thoughts and private reflection in his/her search for spiritual truth, our covenant one to another. My work as a psychiatrist is an embodiment of what I consider to be humanitarian but distinctly in synchrony with Unitarian values.

I see on the wall a list of all the ministers who have served here. Many of them have had special moments with my family. Herbert Mott (1889-1892) was instrumental in engaging my great- great uncle Lewis Parkhurst in serving in many capacities in the congregation. Parkhurst was very active when the original structure burned and fundraising was needed for the current structure. He was invited to lay the cornerstone in 1898. William L. Lawrence became a long time friend of Parkhurst as did their sons Richard Lawrence and Richard Parkhurst., Rev. George Hale Reed married my parents in 1930. Rev. Bob Storer was a very close friend of my grandparents, and officiated at their funerals, in 1968 for Grandfather Kenerson, and again in 1989 for Grandmother. Jack Zoerheide dedicated our son, Dan. Heather Janules officiated at the memorial service for my wife, Ruth.

The invasion of Iraq left me shocked, disappointed with my country, and feeling somewhat isolated. The experience made me aware of a need to move closer to a community of worship. Ruth and I began to attend church more frequently at that time. The many people who have reached out to me in the intervening years have been a great gift, especially at the time of my serious illness and the loss of my wife two years ago. The response made a difference to us and our children. Gratitude to these people in the congregation I extend in a more personal way. These individuals know who they are. @

This Fall at WUS

September

- 9/9 Opening Worship Service with Water Communion and Congregational Potluck
- 9/9 Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group (WUSYG) BBQ (evening)
- 9/16 Religious Education (RE) Classes and WUSYG begin;
"Meet and Greet" for RE families 9:30 am
- 9/18 Children's (2nd - 6th grade) and Youth (7th - 12th grades) Chorales rehearsals begin
- 9/23 Our Whole Lives parent orientation 4 pm
- 9/30 "Meet and Greet" for RE families 9:30 am
- 9/30 Family-friendly concert with Sol y Canto on the lawn, 4-5 pm. *All are welcome to this free event made possible by the Cerny/Thomas fund.*

October

- 10/7 "Red Mug Brunch" (a light, pre-worship breakfast for newcomers and those who wish to meet them) 9:15 am
- 10/12-14 WUSYG Retreat (off-site)
- 10/13 Beginning I (first of Beginning, Becoming, Belonging series), 10 am-1 pm (Includes lunch)
- 10/14 Our Whole Lives class begins
- 10/20 WUS Day of Service (spring date also possible)
- 10/27 Beginning II (second of Beginning, Becoming, Belonging series), 10 am-1 pm (Includes brunch)
- 10/28 Witness Pilgrimage: Participants leave WUS at 2 pm on foot to arrive at the Royall House and Slave Quarters (www.royallhouse.org/) for a 4 pm tour, led by WUS member Margen Kelsey. *This walk reminds all of us that we live in walking distance to a place where African people were once enslaved.* Those who will not be walking are still welcome to join the tour. \$20 tour fee; scholarship funds are available.

November

- 11/2 First Concert in Concert Series (see page 4)
- 11/4 Fall Fest WUSYG Fundraiser: Family-friendly food, fun and games, 12-2 pm
- 11/10 Downtown Boston UU History Tour: The Boston area is where Unitarianism and Universalism first blossomed in the United States, making our hometown a rich place of UU history. Join in exploring important sites in downtown Boston. The day includes dedicated tours of Arlington Street Church and Kings Chapel. And we stop for a quick lunch so we can keep up our strength! Sites are accessible. Leave WUS at around 9am and return by 3pm. \$20 for entrance fees and transportation. Scholarships available.
- 11/11 Becoming and Belonging (third of Beginning, Becoming, Belonging series), 12-2:30 pm (Includes lunch)
- 11/18 New Member Signing – in Worship
- 11/18 Pie Sunday
- 11/18 The Immigrant Experience performance at First Parish Concord, 7 pm, to benefit the Sanctuary at First Parish Bedford
- 11/25 Mitten Tree begins

December

- 12/7 Outside the Lines Art Show Opens: OTL features "outsider artists," people with developmental disabilities served by the local non-profit, Resources for Human Development. Art will be hung at WUS for the holiday season, centered on the monthly theme of "mystery."
- 12/9 Music Sunday: Celebrating the Mystery
- 12/16 All-Ages Holiday Pageant in Worship
- 12/21 Winter Solstice Celebration & Caroling, 6 pm
- 12/23 Cookie Baking in RE
- 12/24 Christmas Eve services

Musings on Memories

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we sometimes make people uncomfortable, as we push them (and ourselves) to recognize their complicity in systems of injustice. But we also hold each other through this process, we nurture each other, we remind each other and ourselves that we are whole and wholly loved.

As we begin this new program year here at WUS, I would like to say to everyone, whether new or continuing: each of you is welcomed here. You are seen here. You will not always be in your comfort zone, you may be afraid sometimes, but you are loved. Together, we will weave our moments of both fear and love to create the memories that form our community's story, the story of our faith, and the progress of our world. May it be so. ☺



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Loss, Transitions & Uncertainty Group

For many years, WUS has sponsored a Grief Support Group. The current leaders of the group – Lee Barton, John Loewy and Heather Janules – invite those coping with grief and those dealing with concerns beyond bereavement, such as transitions and uncertainty, to participate in this safe and confidential circle.



**2nd Tuesdays in
September, October, November**
Sept 11 • Oct 9 • Nov 13
**2nd Wednesdays in
December, January, February**
Dec 12 • Jan 9 • Feb 13
4th Thursdays in March, April, May
Mar 28 • Apr 25 • May 23
7:30-9 pm
Winchester Unitarian Society Parlor,
478 Main St, Winchester
Open to all
No RSVP needed

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