

# Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 11, 2018



## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, October 14th**

**10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel**

"Suitcase Stories"

**10:30 Service, Sanctuary**

**Sanctuary Stories**

The Rev. Heather Janules

Worship Associates: Stephen Perepeluk and Carol Cashion

The story of the immigrant is woven into the heart of the American narrative. This service will explore the lived experience of immigrants this past year and how others have play a role in their stories. **Our First Reflection is titled "Umbrella Sanctuary" so you are invited to bring your favorite umbrella to worship.**

After worship, join Rev. Heather  
in a **vigil at the ICE detention center** in South Boston. Arrive at Parish of the Epiphany by 1:00 pm for a 1:15 departure by bus for a 4:00 pm return.

Email [rosalyn02478@yahoo.com](mailto:rosalyn02478@yahoo.com) asap to reserve a seat on the bus.

\$10 donation is appreciated, though not required.

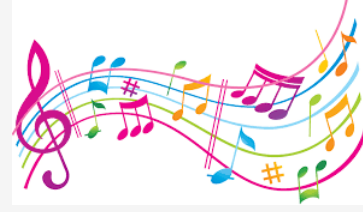
This Sunday, we share our gifts with the **Refugee Immigration Ministry**, a local interfaith organization "providing community-based support to individuals and families who have been uprooted by violence."

## Music

There are so many great opportunities for singing at

## the Winchester Unitarian Society.

**Hymn Sing:** First Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. in the Meyer Chapel.



**Adult Choir** rehearses 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

**Children's Chorale every Tuesday @ 6:15 pm** in the Sunshine (Spirit Play) Room. All children grades 2-6 are most welcome.

**Our new Youth Choir every Tuesday @ 6:15 pm** in the Meyer Chapel. All singers in grades 7-12 are most welcome.

The more the merrier, so don't be shy about getting involved.  
Questions? Contact John Kramer at [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org)

## Religious Education

**Why Register your child in our program? Registration** is open for the 2018-2019 program year and details of the program are [here](#).

We want to keep our contact information current so that we may communicate with you, but most importantly, we want to know about your child so that we may best meet them where they are. Please [register](#) as soon as you can and thanks!

### THIS SUNDAY...

#### Morning Groups

**PreK-1 World of Wonder** Church is a Special Place: In our congregation we do things we do not do anywhere else, especially what we call worship. Teachers Beatrice and Caroline lead the group.

**2-4<sup>th</sup> Grades Moral Tales:** Church is a Special Place: We explore the various parts of our worship services and how people might enjoy some or all of them. Remember to bring your "kindness" from the past week. Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade and beyond, Neighboring Faiths.** Elements of Worship: What goes into our worship service? Why? And how might we devise worship for others? Christian and Rebecca lead the group.

#### Afternoon Groups

**Our Whole Lives:** Our Whole Lives begins THIS SUNDAY October 14<sup>th</sup>. Middle schoolers are also welcome to join us as we explore Unitarian Universalism in Neighboring Faiths, or participate in worship at 10:30. Please remember to rsvp for our October 28<sup>th</sup> visit to King's Chapel in Boston.

#### Family Worship at Winchester Unitarian Society 10:00 a.m. Sundays

Family Worship happens in the chapel at 478 Main Street from 10:00-10:20, all Sundays this fall except 10/21, 11/18 and 12/16. [Read more.](#)

### MARK THOSE CALENDARS...

**Potluck Theology:** October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00.

On October 21st, we celebrate the season by carving pumpkins and learning how Unitarian Universalists and others honor the ancestors. Bring a dish to share and the

pumpkin of your choice for carving! (We recommend buying pumpkins from Second Congregational Church - 485 Washington Street - as their pumpkin sales benefit indigenous farmers, the Woburn Council for Social Concern and their congregation.) **We invite ALL members and friends to join us** for family-centric fellowship. Marsha Durbano is the point-of-contact for rsvps and her email is [madurbano@verizon.net](mailto:madurbano@verizon.net)

### **Wanted: Religious Education Lead Teacher**

**We need your assistance in finding our next Lead Teacher.** WUS seeks an enthusiastic Sunday morning program leader for the 2018-2019 church year in our Religious Education classrooms. We welcome graduate students, non-traditional educators, and early career teachers, as well as experienced teachers. We compensate at a competitive rate. For more information, please go to <https://www.winchesteruu.org/wanted-religious-education-lead-teacher/>  
**Spread the word!**

## **WUSYG**

### **Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group**

In addition to **registering** if you haven't done that yet, please do the following 3 things ASAP:

1. Parents: **register your child for the Fall Retreat. Due yesterday. If you register today, please email Sam. There's still availability for a few more.**
2. Parents OR Youth: **RSVP Yes or No for Oct. 28th ASAP. Due by tonight.**
3. Parents OR Youth: **Sign Up for a Night to Bring a Snack.**

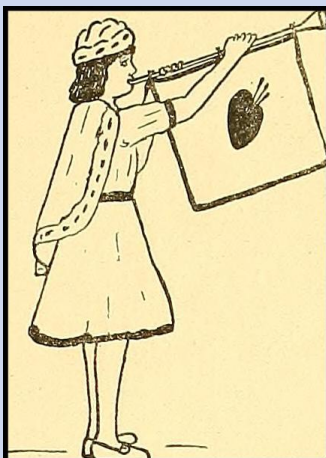
More information about all of these is included in our Newsletter, which you were sent last Friday. **Click here to see the Newsletter if you missed it.**

**We can't wait to see lots of you tomorrow!**

Other dates and info about following us on social media (please join our Facebook group and follow us on Instagram!) can be found on our recently-updated website:

**<https://www.winchesteruu.org/youth>**

## **Congregational News**



### **Share Your Good News!: Announcement Guidelines**

Readers of *Highlights* and attendees of Sunday worship know there are MANY fantastic things happening @ the Winchester Unitarian Society. For those who wish to have their event announced on Sunday morning, we have added announcement guidelines to our website. You can find them, in the worship section under:

**[Sunday Morning Announcement Guidelines](#)**

**Please read in advance of submitting your**

## Save the date: Fall Fest with WUSYG

Sunday, **November 4th**, in Metcalf after the Service, WUSYG will host Fall Fest! All ages are invited to this fun event that will include lots of Fall-themed activities and food! The event is free but food/games will have suggested donations. All funds raised will help off-set costs for WUSYG's upcoming service trip in April. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



## Interested in Unitarian Universalism? In life @ WUS? You're invited! to our Fall Membership classes Beginning, Becoming and Belonging

**Beginning I: This Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Beginning II: Saturday, October 27: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Becoming & Belonging III: Sunday, November 11: 12:00 - 2:30 pm**

Brunch/Lunch will be provided at each session. If you would like childcare provided, please let us know when you RSVP.

Please RSVP in advance to: [sophia.sid@gmail.com](mailto:sophia.sid@gmail.com).

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

## This Sunday, October 14th is Bring a Friend Sunday and Newcomer's Breakfast: Sanctuary Stories

As part of the monthly theme of "Sanctuary," worship will explore how immigrants have faced greater challenges in the past year and how others - including many at WUS - have resisted this xenophobia.

Before this service, there will be a **newcomers' light breakfast** and you are invited to join with new members and newcomers. For further information, please visit:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/bring-a-friend-sunday-10-14/>

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## Sunday, October 28th Witness Pilgrimage to Royall House and Slave Quarters

As part of WUS's on-going commitment to racial justice, we will take part in a spiritual and educational program on October 28th.

After morning worship, exploring local Black history, at 2pm those who wish to walk, bike or wheel to the Royall House and Slave Quarters in Medford (15 George Street) will begin travelling together. *This is not a protest but an embodied lesson and*

reminder that we live - and worship - in walking distance (3.4 miles) to where African Americans were once enslaved. The journey will take about 1.5 hours. Those who will not be walking may meet the group at the Royall House and Slave Quarters.

**Read more and register.**

### From the Music Committee

Our concert series kicks off on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with a vocal concert featuring our very talented WUS soloists. Opera, art song, musical theater and jazz will all be on the program along with a centennial celebration of Leonard Bernstein. We promise you a wonderful evening of song where you will see our beloved soloists in their element! Please join us in the sanctuary on **Friday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm**. And, please, consider sponsoring this year's concert series at the \$125, \$200 or \$300 level. To assist your donation, a sponsor table will be set up in the coffee room on Sunday.

**Read more.**



### Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Our condolences are **with Margaret Lowry and Brad Steele** with the recent death of Margaret's father, Bill Lowry, after a long illness. A memorial service will be held at his faith community, Plymouth Congregational Church (582 Pleasant Street, Belmont, MA) at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 20th.

We celebrate with **Martin and Nancy Scott Newhouse** with the birth of their first grandchild, Herman Katz Newhouse, on October 3rd. Father Sam and daughter-in-law Samantha and baby Herman are all well!

(Photo: Herman at one day old.)

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](mailto:office@winchesteruu.org).

## Social & Environmental Action

**Prayer Vigil at the ICE Detention Center  
South Bay Correctional Facility, Boston, MA  
Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 pm**

This vigil will be led by clergy and parishioners from Parish of the Epiphany and we expect to be joined by members of many other Winchester faith communities who are passionate about immigration justice. Please consider joining us!

All ages are welcome. Read more and sign up for the bus [here](#).

***Anti-Racism Organizing in the Suburbs (AROS) Metro-West Symposium*** at Regis College on October 27, 2018 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Co-sponsored by Community Change, Inc. and Regis College. See more [here](#).



**Sanctuary tee shirts/sweatshirts for sale**  
Deadline for ordering is **Thursday, October 25th**  
**Details here.**



## Upcoming Justice Programs

**Racial Justice Book Group this Sunday October 14 at 12:15 pm.** We will discuss Robin Di Angelo's latest book: "White Fragility, why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism." Copies are available for purchase at the WUS office: \$15. All are welcome. You may bring your lunch.

Let's work together on our **Fall Service Day**, Saturday October 20 from 9:30 to 2:00. We'll have coffee, tea and snacks. Sign up this Sunday at the Social Action table.

- To **phone bank for Resolution 3**, preserving the MA law that added transgender to the groups whose civil rights are protected, **come at 9:30** with your phone for training.
- We need 4 people to **organize food at the UU Urban Ministry** - ride provided. Contact Barbara Boches for details.
- Tell Gordy if you plan to join him **picking up donations for Mission of Deeds**.
- See the table for details on the **bedding and books we are collecting** for Mission of Deeds and More Than Words.
- **We'll have some outdoor work** if the weather is good.

**Social Action and Outreach is now taking orders for Fair Trade organic coffee and chocolate.** We support small farmers coops in Latin America and Africa, ordering by the case to pay wholesale prices. Order forms are available at the Social Action table, or by email from Claire McNeill.

**Check out the latest UU Mass Action newsletter for detailed news on immigration, many fine talks and events in the area.**

<https://www.uumassaction.org/>

UU Mass Action **recommends a yes vote on all 3 Ballot Questions.**



Our church is one of the sponsors of:

**Raising Anti-Racist Children:**

**Strategies for Success**

**Free and Open to All**

**Sunday, October 21, 2018 • 2:00–4:00 pm**

**Diamond Middle School Auditorium**

**99 Hancock St., Lexington, MA**

More information **here.**

**Civic Gathering #6, Connecting Anew for a Caring and Inclusive Community**

**Wednesday, October 17, 7-9 pm**

The Jenks Center, 109 Skillings Road, Winchester

Sponsored by the Town Common Task Force. Open and free to all.

For more information, you can visit: **<http://www.towncommon.org/>**

## Woburn Food Pantry

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying extra **chicken noodle soup** and **tuna fish** 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.

## Sunday Volunteers & Flower Dedications



### Sign Up for Coffee Hour Refreshments

Help make Sunday mornings more welcoming and joyful by bringing refreshments for coffee hour! If you are willing to be contacted when **sign-ups** are needed, please email [janetnelson@comcast.net](mailto:janetnelson@comcast.net) to put yourself on the contact 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!

### Sunday Secretaries

Want to **sign up** to be a Sunday Secretary for Sundays? Please contact the office at 781-729-0949 or **email the office** if you would like to help out. Thanks to all for being willing to consider signing up.



### 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 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.



## Ongoing

### Yoga, Meditation, Qi Gong, Caregiver Support Group and Grief, Loss and Transitions Group

See Ongoing Activities at:

<https://www.winchesteruu.org/news/ongoing-activities-groups/>

# Deadlines

For Highlights submissions: Wednesdays, 9:00 am

For submissions to the OOS: Thursdays, 9:00 am

Email to [jenny@winchesteruu.org](mailto:jenny@winchesteruu.org). No more than 250 words, please.

## 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 set up electronic giving? Go to the **How to Give page**.



**It's probably on the  
website!**

(And if it's not,  
let us know)

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