

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights October 4, 2018



Upcoming Worship

Sunday, October 7th

10:00 am Family Worship, Meyer Chapel

"A Lamp in Every Corner"

10:30 Service, Sanctuary

The Spirituality of Surrender

The Rev. Heather Janules

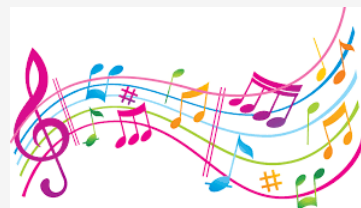
Worship Associate Marcy Tompson

As we begin a month centered on "sanctuary," this service explores how we navigate the human experiences of vulnerability and its natural companion, fear. What serves as a sanctuary to you when you are overwhelmed by the challenges and dangers of life? **As this is the first Sunday of the month, a community conversation follows worship at noon in the Parlor. All are welcome!**

This Sunday, we share our gifts with an important local sanctuary, **Northeast Animal Shelter**, whose "no-kill mission is to save as many adoptable dogs and cats as [they] can and place them in loving forever homes."

Music

There are so many great opportunities for singing at the Winchester Unitarian Society. You may be one of the many happily singing hymns on Sunday or joining the hymn sing on the first Tuesdays of the month. But you may want to do more and here is your chance! Remember that singing is a great way to be involved,



meet people, and great for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

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

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 Partnerships: Today we visit the garden and hear about pollinators and our miraculous friends, the honeybees. We even learn the "Waggle Dance". Teachers Beatrice and Caroline lead the group.

2-4th Grades Moral Tales: Gratitude and Kindness: We introduce our "kindness" project for the year and practice gratitude with yoga stories. Cultivating gratitude and kindness isn't for other people, it's for us. We meet on the upper level and teachers Charlotte and Elizabeth lead the group.

5th Grade and beyond, Neighboring Faiths: We're turning our attention to Unitarian Universalist principles as we prepare for our visit to Kings Chapel at the end of the month. We meet on the upper level and teachers Christian and Rebecca lead the group.

Afternoon Groups:

Our Whole Lives: This year, Our Whole Lives for 7th and 8th grades will begin meeting NEXT Sunday, October 14th. In the meantime, please feel welcome to join us as we explore Unitarian Universalism in Neighboring Faiths, or to join us in worship at 10:30.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS...

Potluck Theology Returns: October 21st and November 18th 4:00-6:00.

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 excepting 10/21, 11/18 and 12/16.

Designed to be inclusive of families with younger children, Winchester Unitarian's Family Worship service is place where you and your family are just fine the way you are. Rustlings and comings and goings are held lightly, there's room to wiggle as well as to experience rituals of caring and connection in this short (20 minutes) and evocative worship service. If you are looking for a welcoming and meaningful experience to share with the children in your life, please join us. If you are looking for a message to inspire and inform, please join us. If you are looking for a place where you are known and welcomed, join us.

Wanted: Religious Education Lead Teacher

We are seeking 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/>.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

WUSYG Meeting this Sunday, 4:30-6:30 pm. Please check your emails later today for our WUSYG Newsletter with extensive details (or email wusyouth@gmail.com if you don't receive one).

Don't forget the Fall Retreat is two weeks away! Here's the link to the Fall Retreat Permission Form (which also links to the Flyer). It is due by 10/10:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RyHzA8o8pDxS43av2>

We can't wait to have another fun weekend at the Buffalo Hill Farm!

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

From the Music Committee

Many thanks to all who posted flyers and spread the word about the Sol y Canto concert. It was a delightful family event filled with laughter, song, and dance. About 70 people attended, and the weather could not have been better. A special thanks to James Pidacks for managing the sound system for us. We are deeply grateful for the support of the Cerny-Thomases Fund in making a WUS event like this possible.



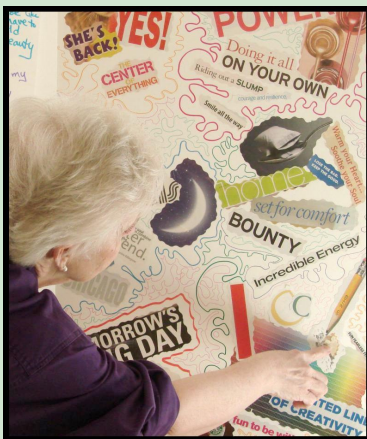
A Message from Deb Morgan Bennett

Beloved WUS members and friends,

It is with deep gratitude and absolute delight that I am able to tell you that I have been invited into UU ministerial fellowship! This means that I can enter the congregational search process!

I could not have done this without you and am so grateful for the way you have shepherded me in my ministerial formation over these past two years. You will each be in my heart always just as your love and support expressed through the beautiful mala beads you strung were with me during my MFC interview! Thank you for sending your prayers and well wishes in that form. What a gift you are as a congregation, keep sharing your love with each other and the world.

Many blessings, Deb Morgan Bennett



What is Your Vision?

At last week's Standing Committee Retreat, SC members brought in three images - one representing who they are (their identities, their hobbies, what is most important...) one symbolizing what they cherish most about WUS and one reflecting how they would like the congregation to grow. We created three informal collages with these images.

SC members invite you to continue the conversation by looking at the collages and adding your images.

The boards will be hung in the Symmes Room this Sunday. Magazines, scissors and tape will also be provided if you are unable to find the images you are looking for to contribute to the collages.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW STUDY IN MICHELSEN!

An update from Team Redo.....

Take a minute to check out the new framed study of the sanctuary 'Virtues' stained-glass window that is

now hanging in Michelsen. The original watercolor study, completed for the commissioning of the windows, was discovered in the Archives over a year ago. Under Sioux Brokaw's professional guidance, the glue and non-archival backing was removed, the work flattened and a new acid-free mat and frame added. In addition to the minute details in the watercolor, be sure to note Sioux's fine work in cutting the new intricate mat that follows the tracery of the windows. Kudos and many thanks to Sioux!! Team Redo is continuing to frame more "treasures" found in the Archives and is also in the process of selecting new chairs to go with the large conference table that was donated last spring to the church.



Save the Date: We Believe in Dog Walks meet this Saturday, October 6th

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 Saturday, October 6th.



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: A past gathering of WBID. It was not taken by one of the canine participants but through the magic of timed photography...



Grief, Loss and Transitions Group Meets Next on Tuesday, October 9th, 7:30-9:00 pm, Parlor

Experiences like the death of a loved one, a divorce or a frightening diagnosis can isolate us when we need community the most. **All are welcome** to attend our peer-led meetings where individuals share what they are living

with and the gathered group cares for and learns from one another. For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSGLTflier>

No RSVP needed but people with questions should **contact Heather Janules**. Call **781.729.0949** or email heather.janules@winchesteruu.org

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

Beginning I: 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.

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

— Bring a —
FRIEND
SUNDAY



October 14th is Bring a Friend Sunday: 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 **Newcomer’s 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/>

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.

At 4:00 pm, there will be a one-hour tour of the museum, after which we will discuss our experiences as a group.

Due to the generosity of the Royall House and Slave Quarters and our long-time partnership with the museum, **there is no admission fee** but you are encouraged to make a donation to the RHaSQ if you can. **Space will be limited** so please register yourself and anyone else in your family who is participating soon. Please also notify us asap if you need to cancel your registration.

We will be looking for volunteers to serve as Trip Leaders (guides to ensure that those going on their own steam to the RHaSQ arrive safely) and as Drivers, bringing those who walk or wheel back to WUS at the end of the event.

It is not too early to register. Registration is required to participate and must be completed by 10/21. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSRegRHSQ>

Contact Rev. Heather at heather.janules@winchesteruu.org with any questions.

We hope to see you on the journey...

Photo: Postcard by Laura Dorson



Joys, Sorrows & Transitions

Congratulations to **Cindy and Dennis Brett**, with the birth of their most-recent grandchild, Connor James Brett, on October 1st.

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 & 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.

There may be room on the bus that will depart from Parish of the Epiphany at 70 Church Street, Winchester at 1:15 pm and will return before 4:00 pm.

Email rosalyn02478@yahoo.com asap to reserve a seat on the bus.

\$10 donation is appreciated, though not required,

For further information, please click [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](#).

Racial Justice Next Steps Survey

Dear Members and Friends of the Winchester Unitarian Society,

Deadline extended past October 5: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVD686S>

Please do take a few minutes to give us your input and ideas about what you want our next steps to be in fulfilling our congregation's commitment to racial justice.

Thanks, *Members of the Racial Justice Team*

Upcoming Justice Programs

Tonight A Current Civil Rights Issue: Justice for the Transgender Community.

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Winchester Library Large Meeting Room - 80 Washington Street. An opportunity to ask wide-ranging questions about gender identity and to learn about Resolution 3.

Racial Justice Book Group 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.

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 and pay wholesale prices. We compile orders to order by the case. Order forms are available at the Social Action table.



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

For more information or to print the flyer, please visit:

[https://www.winchesteruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Antiracism-Panel-Oct-21-Flyer-](https://www.winchesteruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Antiracism-Panel-Oct-21-Flyer-1003.pdf)

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Educational Program at the Jenks Center

Please note that there will be an educational program at the Jenks Center, which has been very informative in the past. This year, the program "Re-Examining Aging" is scheduled for **Thursday, October 11 from 9:15 to 2:30 pm.**

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 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!



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.

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.



From the Office

The office will be closed **Monday, October 8.**

Ongoing

Yoga, Meditation, Qi Gong, Caregiver Support 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

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**.



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