

# Winchester Unitarian Society

**Highlights April 15, 2021**  
*([link to today's full issue of Highlights](#))*



*The Theme for April is Becoming*  
*Photo: "Courage" by Rebecca Kelley-Morgan*

## Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, April 18**  
**10:30 Worship, ONLINE**



## The Good Place

### The Rev. Heather Janules

More information about the worship service can be found on the [website](#) and the Weekend Worship Announcement that comes out on Friday.

**Did you get your postcard from the Membership Committee? Who are you bringing to April 18th "The Good Place" Bring a Friend Sunday??**

**NOTE: After worship this Sunday, instead of randomly-assigned breakout rooms for social hour, we will have the option to choose our breakout room. This requires the latest version of Zoom so you are encouraged to update your Zoom program before Sunday.**

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**WUS Family Worship:** We will be meeting for FAMILY WORSHIP via Zoom at 10 a.m. this Sunday, "Asking" for some thoughts about our month's theme of Becoming. *Please note this is NOT the main worship Zoom room, but one dedicated to Family Worship and Religious Education.* Please log on a little before 10 at <https://tinyurl.com/WUSFamily>. The separate Zoom link will also be posted in the chat in the usual worship virtual room. All will need to be admitted by Rebecca and sessions are not recorded.

**\*Please see the Religious Education section further down in Highlights for more RE information\***

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**Ms. Juanita and story time.** As soon as the First Reflections ends, please re-enter the link for <https://tinyurl.com/WUSFamily> (it will also be posted in the chat) room where Miss Juanita is waiting for you. The very youngest may wish to bring an adult friend. All will need to be admitted, for a time to hear stories and sing songs, engage in parallel play and visit with each other.

## Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

### Invitation to Memorial Service & Celebration for Ron Denhardt Ron Denhardt Celebration & Memorial Service Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 4– 5:30pm

We invite you to join family, friends and the Cambridge Insight Meditation Center community as we gather together in celebration, memory and honor of Ron Denhardt. For decades, Ron was an exceptional and integral presence at CIMC. His generosity and spirit are woven into the fabric and foundation of the Center. Ron supported countless people at the Center, in big and small ways, as a teacher and as an encouraging and tireless spiritual friend

#### JOINING THE PROGRAM

[Click here to join this online program.](#)

Passcode: cimc

Meeting ID: 947 0135 6440

Phone: (646) 876-9923

*Please join a few minutes early so we may begin our service on time.*

*A copy of the Program for the Memorial Service can be found [HERE](#).*

Here is a link to additional written information about Ron's life: <https://bostoncremation.org/obituary/ronald-charles-denhardt>

#### A Message from Ron's immediate family about Donations

Please consider joining us in making a donation to Cambridge Insight Meditation Center. If this is something you are able to do, please send a check of any amount to 331 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02139 with a note that your gift is in Ron Denhardt's

honor. All proceeds will be made available for the benefit of the People of Color Sangha. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Sincerely,  
Patty Shepard, and Ian and Shane Denhardt

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If you are facing a time of joy, sorrow or transition in your life, your minister 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)

## WUSYG Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

1) We're meeting **IN-PERSON this Sunday, April 18th, from 2-4**, outdoors, masked, physically-distanced.

2) We're pivoting to a "Young Activists Camp" in-person from **April 21-23**. Please see email sent on Sunday at 4:30 from [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com) with all the details and sign-up ASAP here: <https://forms.gle/YyboBAHSv71rCKnB6>

This form includes info on sweatshirts we need to order soon, too, so please fill it out even if not coming to camp.

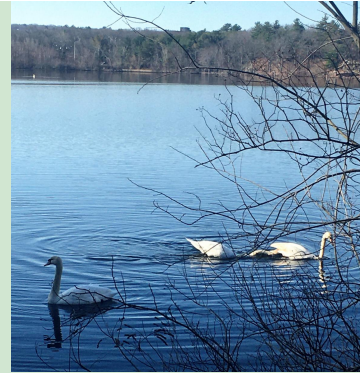
Thanks! As always, send questions to Sam & Haley: [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com)

## Congregational News

### Celebrate Earth Day! Horn Pond Clean Up

Earth Day is April 22nd. As leaders of WREN (Woburn Residents Environmental Network) staff a local appliance recycling event, WUS members and friends will take their place in picking up trash from one of our local natural treasures, Horn Pond, on **Saturday April 17th**.

We will gather at 9:00am. Meet at Ice House Park (next to the small parking lot at the end of Sturgis Street in Woburn.) Each volunteer should bring a large, kitchen trash-sized bag, a small bag for cans (to be donated to the Boy Scouts) and wear gardening gloves. If you have a grabber tool or small gardening tools, they are helpful too! Participants under the age of 16 should have an adult companion. We will return to Ice House Park at 10:00 am for a discussion with our youngest friends about caring for the earth. There will be refreshments and door prizes!



If you plan to come, please let Rev. Heather know in case we need to reschedule due to inclement weather: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)



#### From the Music Committee:

**Our 15th WUS Concert Series concludes with the Kemp Harris trio on April 17th.** Kemp is a singer, songwriter, story teller, and master weaver of American musical styles. On NPR's *On Point*, Kemp has been described as being "beautifully there" and as an artist who will "take your breath away."

Please join us on Saturday, April 17th at 7:00 PM. 50% of "door donations" will be shared with the UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury. An all church Zoom invite will be sent out a few days before the concert. You can see Kemp and friends in action at this site: <https://www.kempharris.band/>



*Ever wonder about the afterlife?*

*Join us for a light-hearted and thought-provoking exploration of the BIG questions raised by the TV show, "The Good Place."*

There has been a terrible mistake - Eleanor Shellstrop learns she has died and gone to the Good Place but has not actually done any of the virtuous deeds to be there. Thus begins the television show "The Good Place," inviting its viewers to consider the nature of the afterlife, mistakes of all kinds, what makes someone "good," human motivation and our favorite flavors of frozen yogurt. A number of WUS community members followed Eleanor and her friends through four seasons of the program together. This service is based on our exploration of the big questions raised by *The Good Place*. We will be careful to avoid spoilers. While you are not required to watch the show in advance of this service, you are encouraged to do so.

*Connect with WUS's friendly members and join in the conversation during virtual coffee hour after the service!*

The Pastoral Care Associates invite you to the next **Coffee/Tea and bagel gathering on Tuesday, April 20th at 9:30**. While we wait for herd immunity and warm weather, let's connect virtually. Join us via the main link, <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>. Dropping in and out is fine - we'll be there!



### **OUTSIDE Open Office Hours with Rev. Heather Return April 22nd**

Thursday open office hours from 12-2 continue! As the warm weather has returned, we will resume meeting in the Meditation Garden. Drop in to say hello or to share something on your heart and mind.

**Harvest the Power Leadership:** We meet Sunday, April 25th for our sixth session at 4:00 PM. "Integrity". Please check the poll for our add-on 7th session.

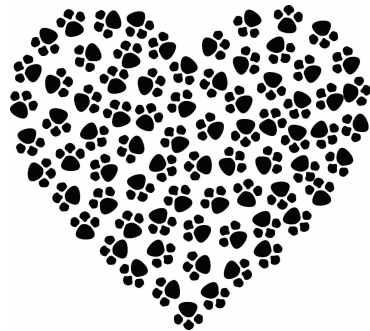


# HARVEST THE POWER

**Writers Group: Meets weekly on Wednesdays** led and facilitated by Dan Hermes from 9-10ish a.m. Please be in touch if you'd like the URL to join the group. Dropping in is fine and invite your writing friends. Dan can be found here at [dan@lexiconsystemsinc.com](mailto:dan@lexiconsystemsinc.com)

**The Green Sanctuary Team, along with Shealagh Crowley,** has been promoting the collection of Tom's of Maine items that are hard-to-recycle and cannot go in regular recycling bins. When the church box is full, Shealagh sends them to TerraCycle, an organization that *can* recycle them. The Tom's of Maine container is now in the back entry to the church, beside the Food Pantry basket. So, don't trash your Tom's of Maine items, Bring them to the church for recycling.

**Have you ever been to GA?** Make this your year to experience our annual gathering of UUs across the US. **June 23-27, 2021.** It's a wonderful chance to hear inspiring messages through formal speeches, workshops and worship. Although we can't be together, just think of the advantages of attending on-line! No travel, hotel stays, or meals to arrange. Participate in your own home. Check it out at: <https://www.uua.org/ga> Registration for virtual GA 2021 is \$200 per person. Financial support for registration as well as a payment plan are available. Registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, with both live and on-demand video content. **Questions? Ask Claire McNeill**



## Save the Date! We Believe in Dog Returns

*First Walk of the Year*

**Saturday, April 24th, 10am:** We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells. You don't need a dog to participate! All participating dogs must be friendly and vaccinated.

**We next gather on Saturday, April 24th.** 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. *Our walk will comply with WUS pandemic protocols for outdoor gatherings including a sign-in sheet with a brief symptom survey. Masks – worn properly – are required.* Dogs, however, are free to walk without masks.

Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: [heather.janules@winchesteruu.org](mailto:heather.janules@winchesteruu.org)  
Please also send your cell number if this is your first walk so we can reach out to you if you are not at the starting point when we are about to begin.

### **You are Invited to Celebrate Rebecca's Ministry**

WUS's Director of Lifespan Religious Education Rebecca Kelley-Morgan will finish her time with us at the end of this program year. Plans are afoot to celebrate her twelve years of service and many shared memories.



The "Celebrate Rebecca" team has some special gifts in mind to honor Rebecca. (If you want to know some of the details, contact a member of the team by writing [CelebrateRKM@winchesteruu.org](mailto:CelebrateRKM@winchesteruu.org))

We invite you to contribute to our community celebration in a couple ways:

- Post your memories, photos, words of gratitude, short video reflections, art by children and then some to this virtual memory book: [www.tinyurl.com/CelebrateRKM](http://www.tinyurl.com/CelebrateRKM) Please contact a member of the Celebration Team if you would like technical assistance in posting your contribution: [CelebrateRKM@winchesteruu.org](mailto:CelebrateRKM@winchesteruu.org)
- Some of the special gifts need to be ordered so you can support the effort by sending a check or electronic payment to the WUS office with "Rebecca Gift" in the memo line or comment field. Any contributions beyond the cost of the special acknowledgements will be given to Rebecca as a financial gift. (Note: these contributions are not tax deductible.)

Thank you, in advance, for your participation and generosity!

*Karen Erikson, Lee Barton, Linda Copeland, Mary McIntosh and Rev. Heather Janules*





## Summer Services - Do You Have a Sermon in You?

Summer services will begin on June 20 and end September 5. These services are led by lay members of the congregation. If you are interested in leading a service, please contact Lee Barton at [lee.barton2009@gmail.com](mailto:lee.barton2009@gmail.com). You would give a 15 to 20 minute Reflection on a topic that relates in some way to our Unitarian Universalist values and principles. You would have help planning and carrying out the rest of the service. Please consider it.

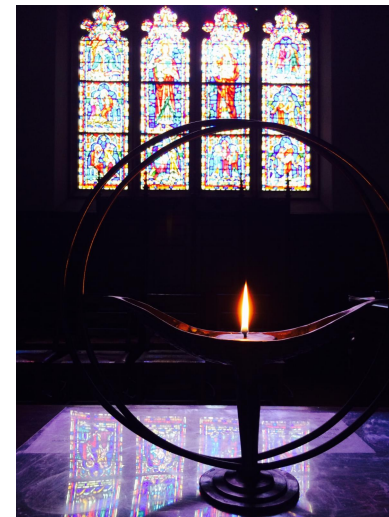
## Nourish Your Spirit Spiritual Practice in Community

A year into the pandemic, in the heart of winter, so many of us are soul tired, angry, living with deep grief. These are the times when caring for body mind and spirit are critical. Please join us.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE WEDNESDAY EVENING  
MEDITATION GROUP IS NO LONGER OFFERED.**

### SABBATH SIT

Led by Rev. Heather  
Each Friday, 5:30-6:30 pm  
[www.tinyurl.com/hkzzoom](http://www.tinyurl.com/hkzzoom)



Log on at 5:30. We sit in silence for the first half hour. After a short reading and lighting the chalice, there will be a time for facilitated, reflective conversation. If you cannot sit for the full half hour, log on for a shorter time.

As many of you know, we're **hiring for 2 different religious educator positions** for next year: the following are our job posts, please consider forwarding them to anyone you know who may be an excellent candidate to join our community!

**Interim DRE:** We seek an experienced and creative Interim Director of Religious Education for the 2021-22 program year (mid-August 2021 to mid-June 2022.) This position is three-quarter time for ten months or a .625 full time equivalent. Based on the FT midpoint for Geo Index 5, Midsize 1 congregation, the pro-rated salary is \$35,000/year plus benefits. To learn more about the position and how to apply, please read the job description: [www.tinyurl.com/WUSDREapp](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSDREapp)

**Assistant DYM:** We have a vibrant and renowned youth ministry program led by our Director of Youth Ministries (DYM). We're looking for an awesome Assistant Director of Youth Ministries to make our programs even better! The position is 6 hours a week for 10 months, plus 120 additional hours for sleepovers, service trips, etc. \$20/hour. For more details, please check out: [www.tinyurl.com/WUSADYMapp](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUSADYMapp)

We will continue to welcome applications for both positions until they are filled. If you have questions about the DRE position, please email [dresearch@winchesteruu.org](mailto:dresearch@winchesteruu.org). For questions about the ADYM position, please email [wusyouth@gmail.com](mailto:wusyouth@gmail.com).

## Social Action & Outreach

### Immigration and the Biden Administration: What Now?

First Parish in Concord and the Follen Church in Lexington are presenting an on-line talk on April 25, 7:00 - 8:15 PM. Muzaffar Chishti, a nationally recognized immigration policy expert, will discuss the challenges of creating a more humane immigration system. [REGISTER](#)



### Building Beloved Community, Quotation by Quotation

“Believe in the possibility that we can strive to be antiracist from this day forward. Believe in the possibility that we can transform our societies to be anti-racist from this day forward.”

from Ibram X Kendi's book *How to Be An Antiracist*

**On-Going**



The Food Pantry at the Council for Social Concern is currently low on: **Canned meats (tuna, beef stew, spam, salmon), baked beans, hearty canned soups and pasta sauce.** Since donating food may not be convenient, contributions may be made directly on their website: [www.socialconcern.org](http://www.socialconcern.org)

***Please find the drop off baskets in a new location - by the back door of the building near the parking lot. Access to this basket is unlocked.***

Food Pantry is open to Woburn & Winchester residents  
If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call Paula Matthews, Food Pantry Director at (781) 935-6495 ext. 208



## Religious Education

**Middle School Crossing Paths Interfaith exploration meets 12:00-1:00 Sunday.** This week, cycles of life and death, reincarnation and the Bardo. We welcome middle schoolers on an ongoing basis, so if a particular topic/religion is of interest, you are welcome. Learn more via [rebecca@winchesteruu.org](mailto:rebecca@winchesteruu.org).

**Sundays on the Lawn: We are returning (weather permitting) to inviting families to picnic and play on the lawn at Winchester Unitarian in the backyard. 12:30: 2:00ish** weather permitting - when in doubt reach out to the family and friends group via [families@winchesteruu.org](mailto:families@winchesteruu.org) to coordinate or check in with others. We begin with social gatherings and play with programming planned for later this spring. **Covid protocols will be in place, and masks are required regardless of vaccination status.**

**Looking Forward:** We plan to offer **Our Whole Lives in the 2021-2022** program year. The program will begin in mid-October (as is typical) or as re-opening rubrics allow. This program is open to the greater community, so please spread the word! I (Rebecca) am looking for teachers, parents and graduates of OWL to offer a sentence or two for testimonials about the experience to go into publicity materials.

## Music

### Virtual Choir

The music program will be experimenting with a "virtual choir". This is new to all of us so it will be interesting to see how it comes together. Choir members should already have been contacted about this. Please contact Music Director John Kramer at [john.kramer@winchesteruu.org](mailto:john.kramer@winchesteruu.org) if you have any questions.

## Beyond the Congregation

**SAVE THE DATE ! Saturday, April 17 at 7pm**

Watch the compelling new film "Kiss the Ground" about preserving and restoring the health of the soil that we all depend on to live. An online discussion will follow directly after the film, led by Master Gardener Susan Haas. (you can watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3-V1j-zMZw> )

**Watch for details and registration links.**

**Sponsored by the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church Green Sanctuary Team, in conjunction with Interfaith Power & Light.**

### Who Lives in Winchester?

**Who Lives in Winchester? Housing Options – Past and Future, is the title of a two-part zoom program presented by the Network for Social Justice, the Planning Board, and the Winchester Housing Partnership Board, on Wednesday evenings April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 9 pm.**

Winchester completed a comprehensive master planning process last year that identified shared values and goals, including: to create and preserve affordable and accessible housing; to expand community initiatives that increase diversity; and to build a welcoming and supportive community that promotes well-being and positive mental health for all.

The process of reaching these goals through housing initiatives is long overdue in Winchester. We are excited to be offering this joint program to promote conversations about both the historical context that created the Winchester we know today, and

what we need to do to move Winchester toward a community that is both more diverse and inclusive.

Attendees are invited to attend either program and strongly encouraged to join for both.

Pre-registration is required: [winchesterhousing.eventbrite.com](https://winchesterhousing.eventbrite.com).  
For more information contact [office@nfsj.org](mailto:office@nfsj.org).

**INVITATION TO ALL WINCHESTER RESIDENTS:  
A MOVIE EVENT TO FOSTER INTERGENERATIONAL INTERACTION AND DISCUSSION**

The Intergenerational Leadership Team was formed this fall to promote greater interaction between Seniors and Youth in Winchester.

The movie is a documentary, [The Biggest Little Farm](#) (available on DVD from the Winchester Public Library, also streaming on Hulu and Amazon Prime). Watch the film on your own time. Enjoy this documentary with its gorgeous cinematography about a young couple's incredible endeavor to create a sustainable farm. **Then join us on May 17, 2021 from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM for an interactive discussion** about this documentary and learn more about our own local efforts from our guest panelists: Archie McIntyre (Wright-Locke Farm), Fred Yen (the Winchester Farmers Market), and Carolyn Starrett (Sustainable Winchester).

To register for this event through the Jenks Center please  
contact: [VDrougas@Winchester.US](mailto:VDrougas@Winchester.US)

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