

Winchester Unitarian Society

Highlights April 29, 2021
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The Theme for May is Story

Photo: An engaging story is told at a folk festival in Latvia

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, May 2
10:30 Worship, ONLINE



Photo by [Mohammad Dadkhah](#) on [Unsplash](#)

What We Do Matters: Sacred Storytelling

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.

WUS Family Worship: We will be meeting for **FAMILY WORSHIP via Zoom at 10 a.m.** this Sunday, a liturgical lesson “Words in Worship” for some thoughts about how we Become more faithful as Unitarian Universalists. *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***

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



We celebrate with **John and Rebecca Keller** with the birth of their latest grandchild. Juliet Lucia Stokes was born on April 25 in Sacramento. They write: "Juliet shares the same birthdate as her four year old sister, Serena (one day, two birthday parties, yikes!). Juliet is grandchild number four, and our second granddaughter. We now have two pair, two grandsons on the east coast and two granddaughters on the west coast."

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

Social Action & Outreach

International Workers Day Rally Saturday, May 1st, 3:30 - 5:40 PM

It was a year ago in February that the COVID-19 world pandemic struck the international working class. In the United States, the economic and social inequities came into stark relief highlighting the income, wealth, housing and food insecurities, and healthcare disparities in immigrant and communities of color. [Register for the zoom gathering here](#)



Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition: "Immigrants Day at the State House"

Tuesday May 4, 11:00 - 12:30 PM Every year, MIRA convenes hundreds of immigrant and refugee constituents from across the Commonwealth to meet with their legislators to advocate for their legislative and budget priorities. Come to be energized by speakers and to join Regional Roundtables hosted jointly by our members and key legislators, for an informal exchange on shared issues, concerns, and opportunities. [REGISTER](#)

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a beloved Boston tradition and celebration of our potential to create more peaceful communities. It supports the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's (LDBPI) by honoring the lives of loved ones who have been killed. "This year our walk will be held online. Walk virtually with us as we celebrate 25 years of walking for peace! Join our **25 Days of Walking**, beginning in April, leading up to our online broadcast on **May 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** To learn more: <https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org>."

Honor the special women in your life. Every year we support the [Women's Lunch Place](#), a safe, welcoming day shelter community that provides healthy meals and individualized services to women experiencing homelessness and poverty. Your \$25 can provide a week of meals and, at the same time, give you a way of honoring the

special women in your life. Each year, the card features artwork created by a WLP guest See <https://womenslunchplace.org/mothers-day> Cards can be mailed to the purchaser in April, or emailed to the recipient in May.



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

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



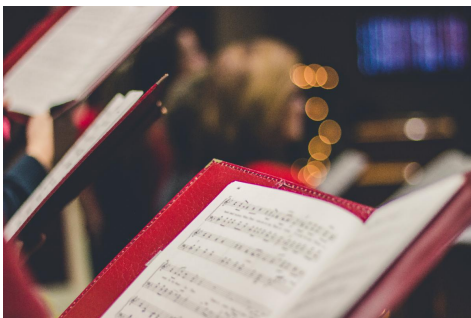
Congregational News

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Calling all Fiber Artists! We are meeting again for a second prayer shawl meditation and knitting session. Check your email for a Doodle poll link and respond so that we may set our next meeting date. The link is found [here](#) as well.



Harvest the Power Leadership: We meet Saturday May 8th for our 'extra credit' session on White Supremacy Culture at 4:00 PM. White Supremacy Culture informs our leadership and the expectations of what leadership looks like. Any readings will be sent in advance of the session.

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



WUS Children's Chorale & Youth Choir End of Year Concert Tuesday, May 18th @ 6:30PM

Calling all music lovers! The WUS Children's Chorale and Youth Choir will have their end of the year concert on Tuesday, May 18th @ 6:30PM. You've heard their lovely voices in worship throughout the year and this is our

chance to celebrate all the music they've been working so hard on. This virtual concert is on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>. Don't miss out!

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**

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)

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 Please contact a member of the Celebration Team if you would like technical assistance in posting your contribution: 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

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.

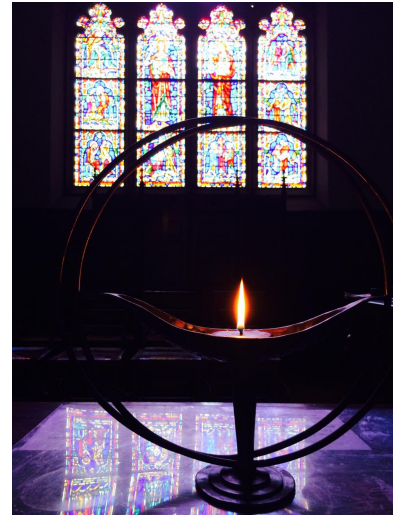
PLEASE NOTE: THE WEDNESDAY EVENING

MEDITATION GROUP IS NO LONGER OFFERED.

SABBATH SIT

Led by Rev. Heather
Each Friday, 5:30-6:30 pm
www.tinyurl.com/hkjzoom

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

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

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. For questions about the ADYM position, please email wusyouth@gmail.com.

WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

No WUSYG this Sunday. Thanks for a great week of Young Activist Camp!

Religious Education

Middle School Crossing Paths Interfaith exploration meets 12:00-1:00 Sunday. This week, Earth Based Spirituality, the Wheel of the Year and Eurocentric Neo-Pagan traditions. 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.

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 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.**

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 if you have any questions.

Beyond the Congregation

**ANNUAL
FUUSN
MUSICIANS
CONCERT**

Sunday May 2, 2021 3pm
Over Zoom - see link below

BENEFIT
FOR THE UU URBAN
MINISTRY

featuring Catie Curtis

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
URBAN MINISTRY

**Classical
Chamber Music
and
FUUSion
(aka the FUUSN Band)**

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87928882887?
pwd=emczZVN0aFNRMm5pRDQxckJlVWF3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87928882887?pwd=emczZVN0aFNRMm5pRDQxckJlVWF3Zz09)
Meeting ID: 879 2888 2887 Passcode: 147573

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

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