

Winchester Unitarian Society

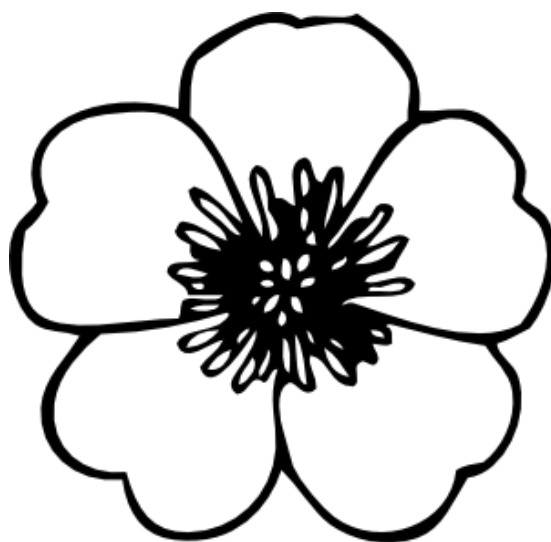
Highlights June 10, 2021
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The Theme for June is Many and One

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, June 13
10:30 Worship, ONLINE



The Transient and the Permanent:

Flower Communion

The Rev. Heather Janules

<https://tinyurl.com/WUSworship>

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

Summer's Coming!

As the program year comes to an end this Sunday, June 13th, just a couple of notes.

Rebecca Kelley-Morgan will be cleaning up and out of office during the final weeks in June. As of July 1st her email address and congregational voicemail will be deleted. You will receive information on where program inquiries can be directed after Rebecca's July 1 departure.

Ms. Juanita and our Virtual Playroom. Ms. Juanita will be available after First Reflections for our young people at <https://tinyurl.com/WUSFamily> (the address will also be posted in the chat). 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. Please note that Ms. Juanita will also be visiting with you in our virtual playroom during the summer weeks.

Joys, Sorrows and Transitions

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

Congregational News

End-of-Year Celebration!

Sunday, June 13th

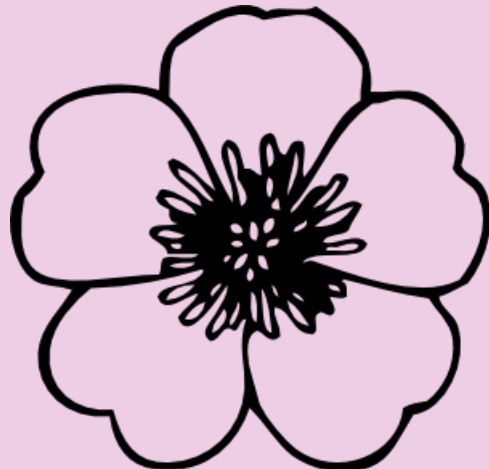
Flower Communion

Sunday, June 13th, 10:30 am

www.tinyurl.com/WusWorship

A virtual celebration

of Rebecca Kelley-Morgan's 12 year religious education ministry with WUS will follow the service.



An **Outdoor Afternoon Tea** to reconnect in person, to welcome summer and to say farewell to Rebecca will be held that same day

2:00—3:30 pm

Back yard of the WUS Building
478 Main Street, Winchester

Please Read These Safety Protocols Before Attending the Outdoor Tea

- Everyone who comes to the tea should bring a mask and enter the gathering wearing it. Disposable masks will be made available should anyone forget. As part of our usual outdoor event protocol, everyone should sign in, confirming they do not have active COVID symptoms.
- If people are fully vaccinated, they must check in with conversation partner(s) about the appropriateness of them removing their mask in their presence. Any request that a mask stay on should be politely honored. If all parties are fully vaccinated and are in agreement, they can be in conversation without masks. Newcomers to a conversation requires a new round of verbal confirmation.
- People who are not fully vaccinated must stay masked unless they are eating or drinking. When eating or drinking, they should be at least 6 feet from others.
- Young children are not fully vaccinated. Thus, anyone being in close conversation with children should continue wearing/resume wearing their mask.

**Thank you for doing your part to promote safety
within and beyond the WUS community!**

Sundays on the Lawn: RE Gardening and a picnic rain or shine. We will learn about the web of life and how we are part of it. Then we will move on to the earth and soil together at the garden near the back parking lot. Bring your picnic on **Sunday, June 13 from 12:30-2:00ish**. Questions? Contact rec@winchesteruu.org

****Please park on Main Street or Mystic Valley Parkway as the Parking Lot will be blocked off for the special gathering taking place on Sunday****

Summer Minister: Welcome Back Kye Flannery!

WUS regularly hires a Summer Minister when the settled minister takes vacation and study leave time in July and August. This year, we are delighted to welcome back past Summer and Sabbatical Minister Kye Flannery. Along with leading two summer services, Kye will have a regular presence in other Sunday services and will serve as a resource for our pastoral care ministries. As Kye still lives in Austin, TX, if there is a need for in-person pastoral visits by a minister, a local minister will be engaged to make the visit. Kye will serve in this role for about 10 hours/week.



As of July 1st, you can reach Kye at Kye@winchesteruu.org ...Welcome back, Kye!



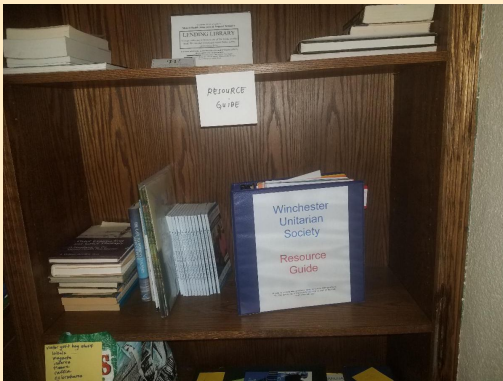
We Believe in Dog Walks Again NOTE NEW TIME!

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, June 19th. We will meet at the second of three entrances to the Middlesex Fells on Hillcrest Parkway at 9:30 am (earlier than usual to beat the heat) and start walking around 9:35.) *There will be a sign-in sheet with a brief symptom survey. If you are fully vaccinated, as per CDC guidelines, you won't need to wear a mask.* All dogs, however, are free to walk without masks. :)

Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come: 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.

Photo: A previous walk on April 24th



Our newly compiled RESOURCE GUIDE contains valuable information

Have you ever found yourself in need of help, but not even known where to begin to look for it? Our Resource Guide can help identify organizations & companies that can help you. I recently spent an hour reviewing the contents and it was most helpful. The Guide is in the Michelsen Room on the rightmost library shelf. Just knowing that

these organizations and services exist is a wonderful help.

Just to give you an idea of the contents here are a few things in it:

Contact information for many social services: Food Assistance, Utility Assistance, Debt Reduction Assistance. There is information about Mental Health Services, such as NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Health). And there are lists of Literacy or GED programs ... and even Thrift Shops in the area.

This Resource Guide was put together by Carol Delaney. You can [read more about it here.](#)



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

**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

The refrigerator in Metcalf Kitchen is being replaced. Please remove all contents in the refrigerator by June 20th so that it can be cleaned and moved out of that space. A new refrigerator and dishwasher will be arriving sometime this summer. There will also be construction of an accessible bathroom off of Metcalf Hall soon. Please contact the WUS Office with any questions. Thank you.

Winchester residents have an important opportunity to express our values through the June 22 vote. A challenge has been raised to the Town's plan to arrange for more affordable housing. The Housing Partnership Board recently explained, "Development of the Waterfield property specifically for mixed income housing has been publicly discussed for more than 3 years and has been approved by a number of Town Boards. The mix of incomes and rental levels in the building will offer people with a range of incomes and abilities a place to call home and will help make our Town a more inclusive community." Would you like to learn more? <https://www.waterfieldfacts.com/> Tell your friends to vote. A strong voter turnout will make it clear that Winchester residents are behind this project. All precincts will vote at Winchester High School from 7:00AM to 8:00 PM.

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!

Director of Religious Education: We previously began a search for an Interim DRE but have switched gears. We now seek a half-time DRE, to work with an Interim DRE consultant next year as we determine the next steps for our religious education program for young children. The link to apply is here: www.tinyurl.com/WUSDRE21App Compensation is midrange for Midsize I congregation in Geo Index 5, half time for 10 months/year.

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.

Social Action & Outreach

The second annual **Trans Resistance March, Vigil & Pride fest** will be held at Franklin Park on **Saturday, June 12, 9:00 AM**. Trans Resistance was formed in June 2020 by Athena Vaughn, Chastity Bowick, and a collective of trans and queer activists in the Boston area who built upon years of contention with the Boston Pride board for being trans-exclusionary in their process, vision, and work and failing to equitably represent the magical TQBIPOC community in Boston. More info can be found on Facebook, RSVP to let the organizers know you're coming! <https://www.facebook.com/events/713486435946930>

The public hearing for the Work & Family Mobility Act (*An Act relative to work and family mobility during and subsequent to the COVID-19 emergency*, H.3456 and S.2289) has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 23rd from 2:00 - 4:00 PM!**

This is the bill that will expand the list of documents accepted for driver's license applications, which will allow immigrants without status to qualify for a MA driver's license. [Watch the Hearing Click here and scroll down to June 23rd](#) then click the "Live" camera icon.

Celebration of Grassroots Organizing. Friday June 25 on Zoom. UU Mass Action is excited to sponsor the annual Celebration of Grassroots Organizing. This two-part virtual event celebrates and funds 11 community organizing groups on the frontlines of movements for justice and liberation in Boston.

12:00 - 1:15 PM-- "Not Going Back To Normal"): Community conversations on the questions facing our movement. 7:00 - 8:30 PM: Live performances from local musicians.

The organizations include: Families for Justice as Healing, Greenroots, and Alternatives for Community & Environment! Learn more and buy tickets [here](#)! Suggested amount \$25.



Building Beloved Community, Question by Question

What motivates you to read about the United States' history of racial injustice?



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



WUSYG

Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group

Sunday, June 13th: In-Person End of Year Party from 4-6 pm (following in-person Tea for Rebecca that everyone is invited to, too!)

ALL EVENTS AT WUS will be MASKED & SOCIALLY-DISTANT, OUTDOORS (or in a big room indoors with doors open, during inclement weather).

Questions: Email Sam srw2108@gmail.com

Religious Education

Our Whole Lives is tentatively planned to begin Fall of 2021. A final determination will be made with updated UUA and public health guidance in the late summer. Please let your friends and neighbors know that the program is available to all interested members of the community in 7th and 8th grades.

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

DONATE FOR FOOD SECURITY

Please help people in need of food security in Winchester, Woburn and surrounding towns by contributing to the Anna LaViolette SNAP Matching Fund, created by the Winchester Farmers Market to honor the memory of our great friend, Anna LaViolette. Anna, an 85 year-old volunteer, embodied the spirit of the Market's mission to provide healthy, fresh food for all families. Through Anna's Fund the Winchester Farmers Market matches SNAP benefits up to \$15 per customer card, per market day. With your donations you can help us increase the number of customers served and the amount of our match.

To Donate by Credit Card or PayPal:

<https://www.winchesterfarmersmarket.org/market-programs/snap-hip-and-farmers-market-coupons-wic-senior-fmnp/>

Checks: Please make out to Winchester Farmers Market with "Anna's Fund" in the memo line, and send to: Winchester Farmers Market, PO Box #365, Winchester, MA 01890

Juneteenth Commemoration

Tuesday, June 15 @7:30 PM via the Internet in your own space

Juneteenth is celebrated throughout the US on June 19th to recognize the end of slavery. 155 years later, chattel slavery is illegal and mass incarceration has replaced it as a form of bondage in Black and Brown communities. We invite the community to read "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson (both adult and YA versions available at BookEnds and the Winchester Public Library,) or watch the 2019 award-winning movie of the same title, and then learn from local experts during a panel discussion and conversation. Register at <https://bit.ly/3tuzzV3>

PRIDE Bingo Night!

Tuesday, June 22 @7:30 PM via the Internet in your own space

The Network is once again celebrating Pride Month remotely by hosting a fun evening of bingo featuring LGBTQIA+ Pride terms. Prizes will be available for winners! All are welcome--this is a family-friendly event appropriate for those of all ages. Register in order to receive a bingo sheet, an optional Pride Zoom background and the Zoom link to participate! nfsjpridebingo2021.eventbrite.com

This summer, **Empow Studios** will be offering their award-winning **STEM camp for kids ages 7-15** at **Winchester Unitarian Society** during the weeks of **August 9th and**

August 16th. Campers have fun learning coding, robotics, movie-making, Minecraft, Roblox, 3-D printing, and more.

You can register for camp [here](#).

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