



Highlights

5/11/2023

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The Theme for May is
Creativity



March's *Good Grief* series included an opportunity to create with alcohol inks: What does grief look like to you?

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, May 14th

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

Art, Fear and the Courage to Create

Last week we explored the advent of collective creativity through technology, Artificial Intelligence. This Sunday, in this month centered on Creativity, we will explore the spiritual challenges of creating. We will also welcome New Members to the Winchester Unitarian Society as we continue to create community together!

IN PERSON ATTENDEES

Come to the WUS Sanctuary (478 Main Street, Winchester).

Masks are required until the children leave for Religious Education activities

--VIRTUAL ATTENDEES--

On Sunday at 10:30 am, click here to connect with the livestream from the Sanctuary: <https://tinyurl.com/WUSlivestream>.

The **Order of Service** for Virtual Attendees can be found on our website under the listing for this service.

Livestreamers are encouraged to send an email to checkingin@winchesteruu.org.

We know where you are streaming from but don't know who you are!
We want to hear from you!

More information about the worship services can be found on the [website](#).

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

Breeze Update Time

WUS members can now access their information in our membership database, Breeze.



Please see the step-by-step instructions below in order to access your information.

As long as you already have an email address currently in the system, members will be able to:

1. Access and edit their contact information.
2. View their history of contributions and pledges.
3. Add a personal or family photograph to their profile.
4. Find contact information of other WUS members.

Instructions:

Step #1:

- Establish an "access account" by clicking [HERE](#).
- Or, paste: <https://wus.breezechms.com/login/create> into your browser.

Step #2:

- Create a **Username** and **Password**
- Follow instruction prompts from Breeze
- Be sure to have a method of *securely* remembering your username and password.

Step #3:

- Sign-in to your account and examine all information to insure the correct spelling of your name, address, phone number, & email.

Step #4:

- Upload a personal or family group photograph (optional).

Step #5:

- 'Save' your information and sign out.

Please notify Richard at the WUS office if there are any problems or concerns: **781-729-0949** or by email: office@winchesteruu.org

Save the Dates!

Not Your Average Craft Sale

Sat May 13th
10-Noon

Sun May 14th
After Worship

A Companion to
The Rummage Sale

Rev. Heather's "Going Out of
the Handmade Soap
Business" Sale +
Handmade Large Quilted
Lavender Sachets

**100 % of Proceeds Line the
Rummage Sale Till**
Just in Time for Mama's Day

A Year in Song: Tuesday, May 16th @ 6:30 PM



The WUS Children's Chorale and Youth Choir present their annual end-of-year performance on Tuesday, May 16th, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. They will be singing many of the songs we have enjoyed hearing in worship this past year. Don't miss this very special occasion.

Thank You, Chuck Khuen!

Those who meet in the Michelsen Room may notice that the large wooden table has a new lease on life as Chuck has returned it to its former glory!

Now that the table is beautifully refinished, please be sure to use hot pads - provided by Chuck and Julie and stored in Michelsen - when serving warm food so heat stains don't reappear.

We Believe in Dog Walks Again

We Believe in Dog is a gathering of WUS members and friends – and their dogs – who walk together in the Fells in the warm-weather months. You don't need a dog to participate! All participating dogs must be friendly and vaccinated.

We next gather Saturday, May 20th. We will meet at the second of three entrances to the Middlesex Fells on Hillcrest Parkway **at 10 am** and start walking around 10:05.

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.

WUS Yoga

Deep breathing (pranayama) brings warmth and focus. Yoga postures (asanas) gently stretch and strengthen, enhance balance and counter patterns of daily tension. Connecting breath and movement deepens self-awareness

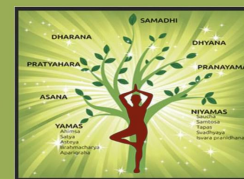
and enlivens our sense of being. If you have never done yoga before, or only just a bit, Fritzie gives clear guidance through a slow flow of postures, offering support as we go. If you have more experience, you are invited to take the postures to your own depth of challenge. Mats, blankets, blocks and straps are provided.

Please let me know of your interest by emailing Fritzie.Nace@gmail.com.

W.U.S. Yoga

Nurture your Spirit ~
Nourish your Body

Gentle Kripalu-style
yoga led by
Fritzie Nace



Spring Session: 4/20 – 6/8/2023
(no class 5/4 & 6/1)
\$75 for 6-week session, \$15 drop-in
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Staff Evaluation Season

Each Spring, we take stock of the concluding program year and prepare for the next. One important part of this reflection and planning is the staff evaluation process.

All are invited to contribute feedback regarding the work of our hard-working program staff: Director of Music John Kramer, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry Sam Wilson, and Director of Administration and Outreach Richard Dorbin.

To this end, please complete the forms below before May 20th. Note that we seek feedback specific to job descriptions and do not factor in any anonymous feedback. Thank you! - Rev. Heather

John Kramer tinyurl.com/JKramerEval23

Sam Wilson tinyurl.com/SWilsonEval23

Richard Dorbin tinyurl.com/RDorbinEval23

ANNUAL EVALUATION FOR REV. HEATHER – PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

In past years, the Committee on Shared Ministry (CoSM) would conduct an annual survey and evaluation of the parish minister. We currently do not have a CoSM. This year, the Standing Committee, in its employer role to the Parish Minister, is conducting the annual evaluation for Rev. Heather Janules.

The Standing Committee and Rev. Heather have begun a process of setting goals for each program year to guide and acknowledge her good work and maintain a healthy awareness of our relationship as minister and congregation. We encourage all to offer feedback for our year-end evaluation by clicking the link below. You will be asked to give your email address. The responses are not anonymous, but we will be collating the responses. Please complete the questionnaire by May 20th.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback!

The 2022-23 Standing Committee

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK](#)



Summer Services

This year's summer services will begin on **Sunday, June 18th**, with the last summer service on Sunday, September 3rd. With some exceptions, these services are led by lay members of the congregation, who, over the years, have shared wonderful, moving, and thought-provoking reflections with those in attendance (and via livestream). If you are interested in leading such a service, please see coordinator Martin Newhouse at church or contact him at mnewhouse9@gmail.com. You would give a 15- to 20-minute reflection (a bit shorter or longer is o.k. too) on a topic that relates in some way to our Unitarian Universalist values and principles (broadly construed). You would have help planning and carrying out the rest of the service. Please consider sharing your wisdom, passion, and/or life experiences with us in a supportive and meaningful context.



SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 9 am – 3 pm/Early Bird 8-9 am
SUNDAY JUNE 4th 12:30 – 3 pm
\$1 Admission /\$10 Early Bird

**DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF
 DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:**

Saturday 5/27	12 – 4 pm
Sunday 5/28	12 – 3 pm
Monday 5/29	10 am – 4 pm
Tues – Thurs 5/30-6/1	5 – 8:30 pm

Bring items to Metcalf Hall, back parking lot.
**Limited storage for home sellers available prior to the
 above dates by arrangement.**

**Need help or have questions? Ask Donna, Fritzie and Susan at
 Email RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org**

GUIDELINES for donations [HERE](#)

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER [HERE](#)

Questions? Email: RummageTeam@WinchesterUU.org

We create Unitarian Universalism together!

Every June UUs gather at our General Assembly to worship, collaborate, and work for justice based on our principles. This is an historic year in our living tradition, where we will elect a new UUA President and vote on new language to reflect our UU values.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PITTSBURGH • JUNE 21 - 25, 2023

Even if travelling to Pittsburgh June 21 –25 is not feasible, we can all take part virtually. Full virtual registration includes access to the GA app, as well as all on-demand programming, worship services, live webinars, and live-streamed events. Some events will be available to the public without registration, but if you want to be part of the amazing team effort, this is the time to register. The cost for In-Person attendance is \$500 until May 15th; it's \$300 for full online participation.

You may wish to be one of the five voting delegates from our congregation enabling you to participate in the important votes in the General Sessions, and for UUA President. Delegates have three registration choices: In-Person attendance, Full Virtual attendance , or becoming a Business-Only Virtual Registrant by making a donation.

For more information, ask Claire McNeill or Patty Cameron or go to <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

Can You Contribute?
Council of Social Concern's Food Pantry



Collection Baskets are available for contributions in two locations at WUS: Inside the vestibule at the back door and alongside the SAOC table in the Symmes Room.

Next time you go shopping, please consider buying **white tuna, tomato sauce and instant mashed potatoes** 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.

Religious Education

This past Sunday, the Neighboring Faiths kids and Brenna visited our neighbors at First Congregational Church in Winchester. The remaining kids got a treat when they heard a story from one of our RE Assistants, Riley Simpson, about AI and how it can help humanity, as well as its dangers. The remaining kids got a treat when they heard a story from one of our RE Assistants, Riley Simpson, about AI and how it can help humanity as well as its dangers.

This Sunday, May 14th: RE Classes for Grades K-6

Spirit Play.

This Sunday, the Spirit Play class will join in a shared activity about mothers, peace, and how to appreciate and value each other.

Neighboring Faiths

This Sunday Neighboring Faiths class will begin their study of Islam. So, NF kids should be sure to bring their World Religions books with them to class this Sunday!

Chalice Lighters: May 21th through June 4th

We STILL need chalice lighters for Sunday mornings! All kids are welcome to try their hand at lighting the chalice on a Sunday morning at the start of worship. Brenna has created a sign-up for you to enter your name for any Sunday and can show you how it's done. It's a great way to contribute to



Sunday morning worship services. You're welcome to bring a friend or family member up there with you for moral support, too, if that helps. Here's the link to the sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948AFA92FA0FACF8-chalice>.

JUSYG: Junior Youth Group (7th & 8th Grades)

We're excited to see everyone this Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, for our JUSYG Semi-Formal, Sleepover and Service Retreat. People should come fed at **7 pm on Friday**, and plan to stay until **3 pm on Saturday**. Please bring snacks or drinks to share along with everything you need to sleep over.

WUSYG: Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Group (9th-12th Grades)

There is no regular meeting this Sunday due to Mother's Day, but our "WUSYG" for the weekend will be joining JUSYG on Saturday from 12-3 for a service project. We otherwise look forward to seeing everyone on May 21st which is Youth Sunday, with the service in the morning, then BBQ/picnic, followed by WUSYG prom.

**Building
Beloved
Community**

**History
by
History**



May is Asian American Pacific Islander Month, a time to highlight the cultures and histories of the many countries that are covered under that

umbrella. It's also an opportunity to learn about the racism that has impacted Asians in our country since the eighteen hundreds.

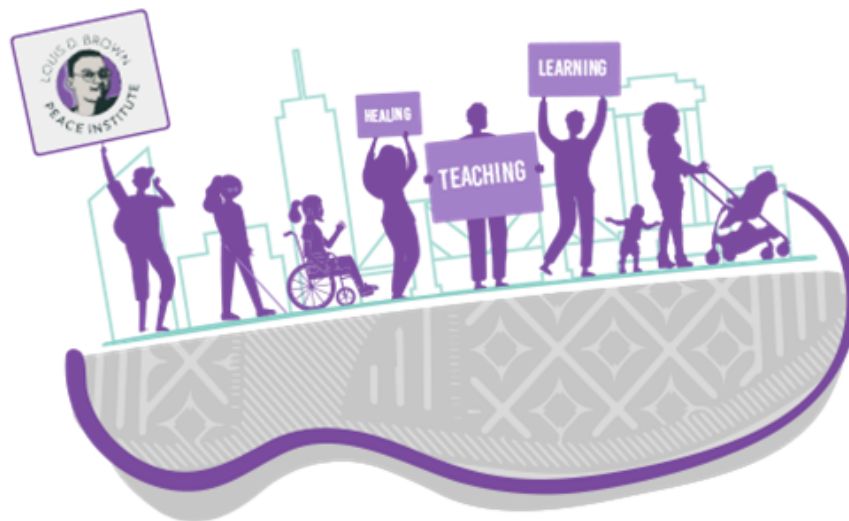
The highly respected organization, Facing History and Ourselves, asserts that "Examining the legacy of the Chinese Exclusion Act is important to understanding both US immigration policy & the roots of anti-Asian sentiment." The article goes on: " On May 6, 1882, nearly 141 years ago to the day, the U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, **a law unlike any other in U.S. history**. The act, which was not repealed until 1943, banned all Chinese laborers from immigrating to the country and declared Chinese ineligible for U.S. citizenship. Nearly overnight the nation went from having what historians refer to as an "open door" policy toward immigrants to excluding an entire group of people on the basis of race and national origin." Read more of this important article on the Facing History website to understand the Act's long-term effects.

Sandy Thompson for the Racial Justice Planning Group

Beyond the Congregation

27TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

05.14.2023



Cultivating Cycles of Peace

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P) is a beloved 27-year-long Boston tradition and celebration of our potential to create more peaceful communities. It is the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's (LDBPI) largest fundraising event to grow and sustain our services, advocacy and training. Our 2023 theme is "Cultivating Cycles of Peace." In our society, we are constantly looped into cycles of violence that overshadow the transformative power of peace. Like a blooming flower, cycles of peace flourish when carefully cultivated. We have the agency to cultivate these cycles by empowering survivors, supporting returning citizens and their families, and investing in Generational Peace.

If you would like to coordinate with others going from WUS, please contact [Mayra Rodriguez-Howard](#).

**Join us on Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 14, 2023, at 8 am.**

For more details [click here.](#)

The Lived Experience Survey (LES) is designed to understand occurrences of hate crimes and discriminatory, marginalizing, harassing, and exclusionary incidents. Modeled on similar surveys distributed in Greater Boston, the Winchester LES aims to both improve how the town of Winchester addresses hate crimes and discriminatory, marginalizing, harassing, and exclusionary incidents AND advance and systemize the process for rolling out this initiative in other towns, thereby creating a larger cross-community database.

The Winchester LES is available online in English, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Portuguese, and Spanish, and can be found in English in hard copy in locations around Winchester. Anyone who lives, works, studies or worships in town and has experienced discriminatory, marginalizing, harassing, and exclusionary incidents **is** invited/encouraged to utilize this tool. Find it [here](#).



MAY 31 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY
70 CHURCH STREET, WINCHESTER

- Farewell to the Rawan Family
- Sharing memories, gifts, slideshow
- Bring a dish to share
- Beverages provided

CONTACT: BOB DAVIDSON, FRBOBDV@MSN.COM

PLEASE SHARE ANY PHOTOS OF THE RAWAN FAMILY
FOR A SLIDESHOW TO: WIRP.NST@GMAIL.COM

The Network For Social Justice has announcements:

Please join Winchester High School students from the Chinese Cultural Club and AAC and the Network for Social Justice for an Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) celebration event on Wednesday, May 17th! The event will take place from 5:00-6:30 at the Griffin Museum of Photography Patio and will include a fun evening of cultural performances and exciting activities! From a lion dance performance to chopstick games and calligraphy, this

event has something for everyone in the family! This is a great opportunity to learn more about the rich traditions and diverse communities of AAPI culture. Families with children are invited to join, and we look forward to celebrating AAPI heritage together with you!

SAVE THE DATE!
AAPI HERITAGE CELEBRATION

WHEN: PERFORMANCES BY NŪWA ATHLETIC CLUB & BLS KOREO DANCE
WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH 5-6:30PM

WHERE: GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY TERRACE
 67 SHORE RD, WINCHESTER, MA 01890

BOOTHS FOR ARTS & CRAFTS! INCL. HENNA FOR HUMANITY
 TAEKWONDO DEMO TEAM. KU'S TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

Come celebrate the diversity of Asian culture with us!

PRIDEfest is back for its 3rd year and we can't wait! On June 6th from 4:30-6:30 pm on the Town Common, join the NFSJ and community partners across Winchester for an afternoon of mainstage performances, student and community booths, and family fun! Be part of the excitement and come and show your pride!

CELEBRATING WINCHESTER'S LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

PRIDEfest 2023

ARTS & CRAFTS
 • SPEAKERS • DJ
 • EDUCATION • ADVOCACY
 • VENDORS • AND MORE!

FREE event for families and children of all ages

JUNE 6 4:30-6:30pm WINCHESTER TOWN COMMON
 Raindate June 8

Join us for this third annual student-organized celebratory and educational festival on the Winchester Town Common.

NETWORK for SOCIAL JUSTICE
 Believe. Engage. Activate.

Event Sponsors:
 United Way of MA, WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE BANK

To volunteer or sponsor: office@nfsj.org

Parting Shot

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