



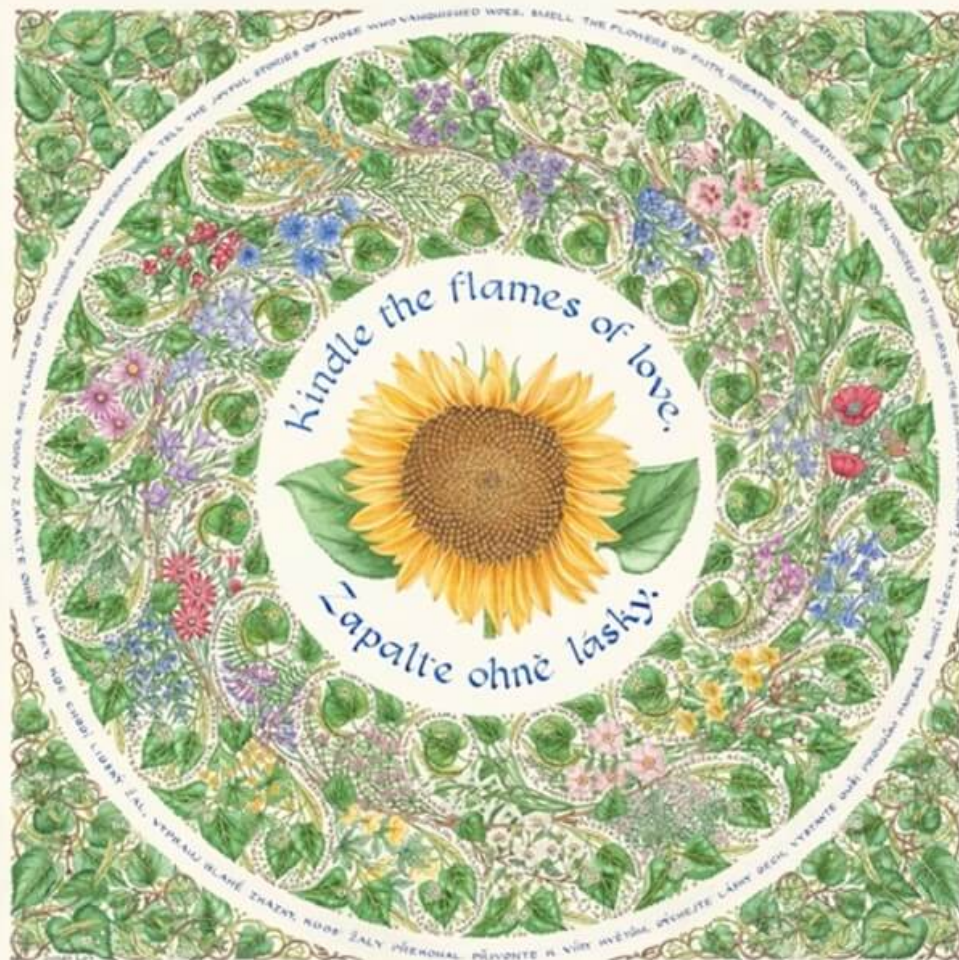
Highlights

6/8/2023

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The Theme for June is

Delight



This month's image commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Rev. Norbert Čapek's Flower Ceremony in what is now the Czech Republic. We celebrate the delight of spring flowers and the beauty of diverse community!

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, June 11th

10:30 Worship @ WUS Sanctuary AND Online

Virtual Worship Logistics Below

100 Years of Delight: The Flower Ceremony

For 100 years, Unitarians and UUs have celebrated the Flower Ceremony, a ritual of bringing, blessing and sharing flowers as an embodied way to celebrate the beauty of diversity and unity. This service will include this ritual...so bring a flower! Cultivated, dandelion or roadside will do... We will also celebrate Queer pride as another joyful expression of diversity and resistance. Along with a flower, be sure to bring a potluck dish to share at the lunch after worship and a short congregational meeting.

IN PERSON ATTENDEES

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

This service is mask optional throughout.

--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

SPECIAL NOTICE

WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE WINCHESTER UNITARIAN SOCIETY

Sunday, June 11, 2023

**Meeting convenes immediately after the service
at approximately 11:30 am**

A Special Congregational Meeting of the Winchester Unitarian Society will be held at the church, 478 Main Street, Winchester, Massachusetts, on 11 June 2023, to consider the following:

Article I

To hear and act on the Report of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) to elect Rebecca Keller and Matthew McPhee as Trustees of Permanent Funds.

By order of the Standing Committee

Elizabeth Lintz
Standing Committee Clerk

A PDF of the warrant is available for download at:
<https://www.winchesteruu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Warrant-for-Special-Meeting-d1-6-11-23-v2.pdf>

**The meeting will conclude with words by our newly elected
Affiliated Community Minister, the Rev. Cynthia Davidson.**

This Sunday, June 11th



This Sunday is our FINAL REGULAR SEASON SERVICE, which will be followed by a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON**. Please bring a dish or dessert to share!

At the worship service, we'll join many other congregations in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the **Flower Ceremony**. *Bring a flower or flowers to worship*, and we will gather and bless our combined bouquets in this tradition.

The service will be followed by a short Special Meeting to vote on two nominations to fill vacancies in Trustees of Permanent Funds for the church year 2023-2024.

After the meeting, we will gather for our **POTLUCK LUNCHEON**. You're welcome to bring any dish or dessert of your choosing. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your WUS Fellowship Committee



Join Rev. Heather in attending
The Arlington Street Church PRIDE Service
Saturday, June 10th, 10 AM
351 Boylston Street, Boston

Let Rev. Heather know if you plan to come
to organize transportation
heather.janules@winchesteruu.org

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, June 17th. 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

2023 Summer Services Schedule

Please Note: All summer services will start at 10 am, *except for* the Service on June 25th, when we will gather for coffee and conversation at 10:30 am before the General Assembly livestream, which is scheduled to start at 11 am. ** Also please note: There will be a discussion in the parlor following the Summer Services on July 9, 16, and 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, and September 3. For those attending by livestream, the Zoom link for the discussions will be: <http://www.tinyurl.com/wusworship>

- **Sunday, June 18** 10 am **Annual Summer Poetry Service**
(Rev. Heather, leader.)
- **Sunday, June 25** 10:30 am **General Assembly livestream**
(Livestreaming starting at 11 am)
- **Sunday, July 2** **No Service due to July 4th holiday**
- **Sunday, July 9** 10 am **Green Sanctuary Service**
(Phil Coonley, leader) (Summer Choir)
- **Sunday, July 16** 10 am "Faithfully Becoming: General Assembly" (Rev. Heather leader)
- **Sunday, July 23** 10 am **Annual Summer Hymn Service**
(John Kramer, leader) (Summer Choir)
- **Sunday, July 30** 10 am "A Broader View of Reparations"
(Patty Shepard, leader)
- **Sunday, August 6** 10 am Service TBA
(Dan Hermes, leader) (Summer Choir)
- **Sunday August 13** 10 am "This is Your Brain on Lies"
(Lee Barton, leader)
- **Sunday, August 20** 10 am Service TBA
(Chris Weigand, leader)
- **Sunday, August 27** 10 am "Principles to Pinwheels: Article II"
(Rev. Heather, leader)

- **Sunday, September 3** 10 am **“Sexuality, Faith and Self-Acceptance – Lessons from the Diaries of the 'First Modern Lesbian' Anne Lister”**
(Alison Kirchgasser, leader)



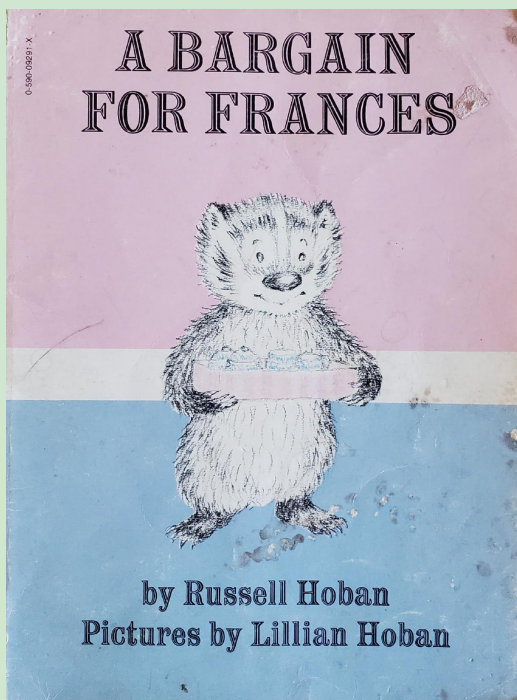
WUS's Second Annual Poetry Service

Is Sunday, June 18th
10:00 AM - NOTE NEW TIME!

Bring a poem that moves your heart, mind or spirit to share

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

Religious Education



This past Sunday for First Reflection, I read one of my favorite books – an oldie but a goodie! I explained to the kids that the story in *A Bargain for Frances*, by Russell Hoban, was about how we are all each other's teachers and that being together in friendship or any relationship can bring hard times and that the most important things are to learn from each other and hold onto one another. We also celebrated our WUS RE teachers and volunteers during the worship service. I asked each person to stand to be recognized, and – even though I was the one who made up the list – it was inspiring to see so many people

standing. Our village of RE helpers is many and strong!

This Sunday, June 11: Flower Ceremony service for all ages (No RE classes)

This Sunday, June 11th, is our final worship service of the church year before summer services begin on June 18th. This service, our Flower Communion, will be a service for all ages. We're hoping that our RE kids will attend in force as we need their help with blessing and handing out flowers! Following the service will be our traditional WUS end-of-year potluck, so plan to stay for a great meal and good



company to celebrate our many experiences and accomplishments this year!

Other RE Happenings

Preregistration is open for next year's RE classes. It helps us immensely if you can tell us in advance that you're planning to enroll your children in RE for next year. You can find the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/kuLNTs8AFZi72jyB6>. Our RE family will be expanding next year, welcoming another Spirit Play classroom. Here are the classes we're enrolling for the coming year:

- **Nursery and Toddler Room:** Lots of love and fun abound in our nursery and toddler room for infants through preschool age children, with each Sunday providing another craft or other activity related to the subject the other classes are working on.
- **Spirit Play 1:** Children in kindergarten through second grade are welcome to this Spirit Play class that explores our UU principles (or promises, as SP calls them) through stories and activities presented and facilitated using the Montessori Method.
- **Spirit Play 2:** Children in grades 3 and 4 are welcome to this Spirit Play class that makes good use of the curriculum's extension materials to adjust the content to an older audience.

- **Neighboring Faiths:** Children in grades 5 through 7 are welcome to Neighboring Faiths, where we spend a few months exploring Unitarian Universalism and then move on to study other world religions. This two-year curriculum will be in its second year, so we encourage the current NF kids to stay for the second year to get the full experience!

We'll be returning to the RE classrooms in the fall, so we'll be able to make all of the spaces more welcoming, comfortable, and "ours"!

JUSYG & WUSYG: Winchester Unitarian Society Youth Groups (7th-12th Grades)

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Tuesday for PrideFest, woo hoo!!!

This Sunday both groups will meet during their normal meeting times for their last meetings of the program year, 4:30-6:30 for WUSYG and 6:30-8 for JUSYG. We will be celebrating in style with cake, water balloons, and much more!



Building
Beloved
Community
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June Pride Month offers us space each year to recognize and celebrate the beautiful complexity and intricacy of our human gender identities.

In addition to our Winchester Unitarian Universalist rainbow flag which we fly year round, this month our lawn will have a rainbow banner that includes the words “Gender Affirming Care Is Love.”

Mimi Lemay, from nearby Melrose, is a transgender rights spokesperson and author who grew up in an Orthodox Jewish family. She has a master’s degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Her husband Joe and she have three children. In a poignant and honest personal essay she describes one child’s transition from birth-identified daughter to lovingly affirmed son.

Please read Lemay’s “A Letter to My Son Jacob on His Fifth Birthday.” There is much learning we can do together in support of our 8th

Principle. <https://www.boston.com/culture/parenting/2015/02/26/a-letter-to-my-son-jacob-on-his-5th-birthday/>

—Gloria Legvold, for the Racial Justice Team Planning Group



Update for Council of Social Concern’s Food Pantry

“Next time you go shopping, please consider buying **white tuna, Spam, and Jell-O pudding** 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.”



Beyond the Congregation

PORCHFEST

June 10
at the Unitarian Plaza
 Mystic Ave Parkway, Winchester, MA

12–3_{pm} **Off the Record**

Off the Record formed over 22 years ago starting in Winchester as Cub Scout parents. We gather weekly for fun and perform only for fundraising and personal events in the area. We have played several times at the Winchester Unitarian for New Orleans Rebuilding, Temple Shir Tikvah and in support of the orphanage and school: Jhamtse Gatsal in the "foothills" of the Himalayas.

Bandmates: Scott Hebert, Joe Eiler, Karen and Denis Fullerton, Dane Bedward, Jon French, Ralph Dinneen and Shukong Ou.



Shukulele 3–4_{pm} **Supporting the Right to Bear Ukuleles**

"Shukulele started in Winchester in 2013 and has played at the farmers market, the Jenks Center, assisted living facilities, the Historical Society (for Town Day) and routinely annoy neighbors in their back yards"

4–5_{pm} With Special Guests: Jacki & Ike Adams. A Daughter/Father duo from Wakefield. Jacki is a 12 year old singer, accompanied by her father on the piano (or Ukelele)

Mystic Valley NAACP Freedom Fund Breakfast

Saturday June 10, 2023
Anthony's of Malden
9:00am-12:30pm

Keynote Speaker
Justice Shannon Frison
Massachusetts Superior Court



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Parting Shots

Saturday morning at the Rummage Sale...

...64 hours later!

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