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WEEKLY UPDATE 09/15/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 18th: 10:30 AM

Dare to Hope, Rev. Bev Waring preaching



Rev. Victoria Safford writes, “Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of hope.” True hope is not wishful thinking but rather courageous affirmation. It involves risk but where better to dare to hope than within a Unitarian Universalist congregation? Come Sunday and explore these ideas and their practical meaning for UUCSW in these somewhat turbulent times.

Religious education classes will start this Sunday, September 18th! Families will begin the service together in the Sanctuary, and children will leave for their classes following the Time for All Ages.

REV BEV'S SCHEDULE

This church year, Rev Bev's day off will be Monday. Thursday will be the day she writes sermons – mostly from her home office. Throughout the year, she will schedule time when she will be at Panera Bread in Westborough for “community” office hours – watch the weekly update and Facebook for announcements of these days and times. As always private meetings can be scheduled with Rev Bev via email revbev@gmail.com or by calling her cell phone 508-330-1352.

REV BEV'S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

I will be at Panera Bread in Westborough on **Tuesday September 20th from 1:30 – 3 PM**. Join me for a cup of tea or iced coffee, ask questions, let me know how you are or just say hi.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

The Religious Education Committee (REC) will be hosting the annual **Open House for the RE Program on Sunday, September 18th, beginning at 9:30 AM.** The DRE and members of the REC will be available to answer questions about the program and give tours of the classes. The Open House is a chance for anyone to learn more about the RE program here at UUCSW, including goals, structure, and curricula. **If you know of anyone who is curious about our congregation or RE program, then this would be the perfect day for those families to come.**



RE families: Please be sure to register your child/youth and pick up your 2016-2017 Program Handbook this Sunday in the downstairs hallway.



There will be a Youth Group meeting this **Sunday, September 18th at noon.** Pizza will be served.

We will be offering nursery care for babies and toddlers during worship services this year, and **we are in need of nursery volunteers!** If you have any interest in helping out from 10:15-11:45 on one Sunday per month, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at jennawrean@gmail.com. We appreciate your help!



We are in need of teaching volunteers for our Spirit Play class! If you have any interest in joining the teaching team for our Pre-K through 2nd Grade religious education class this year, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at jennawrean@gmail.com. Thank you!

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Meeting dates and times needed. It is important for scheduling purposes for all committee chairs to let Tracy Loban, Office Assistant know when and where you plan to meet as far in advance as possible. As many of you are aware, meeting space at the church is limited. This year our renter, the Indian Dance group, is requesting additional/substitute weekday evening times. If your meeting is not on the calendar, you may just show up to find enthusiastic and energetic Indian dancers in the Chapel which does make it difficult to have other meetings in the building. Email Tracy at uucswestboro@verizon.net to get your meetings onto the church calendar.

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OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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IS IT TIME FOR A (fundraising) CHANGE?



“We always have a yard sale in the fall, and the auction in the spring”. As long as I’ve been at our church, this is how we’ve ‘done things’. According to the budget passed by the congregation in June, **we are committed to raising a total of \$14K for all fundraisers, no matter what they are and when they take place.**

Typically, the fall yard sale makes around \$2K, and the auction makes \$12K. This year we need someone to step up to organize and run the yard sale for the fall...or maybe you have another idea? Just because this is how we’ve been doing it doesn’t mean it can’t change. Maybe you’ve helped run events at your company or child’s school or other organization and have a great idea for a fundraiser.

THIS is the time to come forward, get some people together and start something new. Or, if you have another idea of how a yard sale might work, THIS is the time to raise your hand and say “I’ll do it this year”.



Right now we do not have a date or organizer to run the fall yard sale.

Please consider running the sale OR coming forward with another idea to raise the kind of money we are looking for, be it in the fall, winter or spring. It will be great to see some new faces and new ideas come forward...so let your organizational gifts and creativity shine!

Please contact Amy MacDougall at kdjmom3@gmail.com and let me know if you can run the yard sale OR can run another fundraiser in its place. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR



The much coveted **Hospitality Coordinator** position is still open! Don't miss this opportunity to get to know everyone at church a little better. Responsibilities including facilitating Coffee Hour sign-ups (we've are doing very well with this already), following up with friendly reminders, and making sure volunteers understand the "How to Host Coffee Hour" instructions. Please contact Sharon Barrett (sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com) (508) 241-9353) if you can help out in this way.



We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to host coffee hour last week. There are still several hosting opportunities available in the fall. The Coffee Hour Sign-up Board is conveniently located near the coffee station in the Chapel. Since the open sign-up was so successful, we will extend it another week in the hope of avoiding random assignments all together.

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OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, September 30th at 7:00 PM at the home of Paula and Jim Kirk. Our first offering is *Blade Runner*, a film noir / science fiction feature directed by Ridley Scott exploring the philosophy and moral implications of religion and the question of what it means to be Human.



OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

5th BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF CORINNE SCIARAPPA



The Red Cross and the Congregational Church of Westborough have teamed up to host our 5th Blood Drive in Honor of Corinne Sciarappa on **Monday, September 19th from 2 PM - 8 PM** at the Congregational Church of Westborough.

Make your appointment today! [Click here to make an appointment](#) Your donation can help 3 lives! Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

300 MITTEN PROJECT

The Westborough 300th Anniversary Committee is holding a mitten collection drive in honor of the town's 300th Anniversary. We are hoping that good and generous people will answer this challenge by dropping off new or gently used mittens for children and adults. The mittens will be given to those less fortunate in time for the winter holidays. **A collection box is located in the Sanctuary front entrance.** For more information on Westborough's 300th Anniversary please check out our website: [Westborough 300](#). *Thank you* - The Westborough Anniversary Committee

