



Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

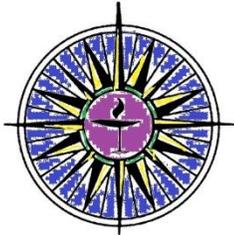
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WEEKLY UPDATE 09/29/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

October 2 *All Who Wander Are Not Lost*, Rev. Bev Waring Preaching



As Unitarian Universalists we value a responsible search for truth and meaning. Additionally, we are committed to encouraging spiritual growth in one another. But how do we concretely live these principles? Is it possible we are more apt to inadvertently block someone's path towards growth because of our own beliefs, assumptions and perceptions? How can we tell who is lost and seeks the companionship of another? How do we know if someone is truly lost or simply following their own unique path? Our Time for All Ages will include a story about Rev. John Murray, the founder of Universalism in America. Come Sunday and explore the meaning of lost, wandering and spiritual growth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious education classes will meet this weekend. Families will begin the service together in the Sanctuary and the children and youth will leave for their classes following the Time for All Ages.

The 5th and 6th grade religious education students are holding a Book Drive to benefit Friends of the Westborough Public Library. They will be **collecting new and gently used books** for all ages in donation boxes around the church until October 30th.



The Youth Group will be hosting a **Halloween Movie Night for kids on Saturday, October 22nd, from 5-8 PM**. This is a drop-off event, and its cost of \$20/child or \$40/family will include a macaroni and cheese dinner, crafts, games, and a fun (not scary!) Halloween movie. Fliers with registration information will be available at church beginning this weekend.



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We are 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 in the nursery, then please email Jenna Kyes 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 at jennawrean@gmail.com. Thank you!



OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: October 15, 2016



We are committed to sending a team to the Habitat for Humanity build in Auburn, MA on Saturday October 15, 2016. We have been assigned a site working on a duplex and it is likely we will all be working indoors. *The schedule is as follows:*

Full Day: The build day will run from 8:00am-4pm, volunteers will break for lunch around 12pm. **OR Split Shifts:** 8:00am-12pm and 12:45pm-4pm. Lunch will be from 12pm-12:45, both shifts are encouraged to come together for lunch.

Here is what you need to do to be a part of the UUCSW team:

- 1) Let Ed Walsh (walshnboro@gmail.com) know if you are interested in half day (which half) or full day participation.
- 2) Print out a safety waiver, fill it in and get it back to Ed -- one form for everyone in your party. If you did not receive an email with the waiver attached, let Ed Walsh or Rev. Bev know and we will get one to you.

FALL YARD SALE: Saturday, October 22nd



Despite rumors to the contrary, the fall yard sale is happening on Saturday October 22nd. It does not have to be exactly as in previous years. It does not even need to make as much money as last year - or it could make more.



We are off to a good start with a co-coordinator identified and three members of one committee already signed up to work 2 hours or more – Thanks to the Membership Engagement Team for your commitment to this important fundraiser!

Here are the tasks necessary to make this a success:

- 1) Retrieve items reserved for us by the Westborough Community Chorus from the Harvey Building, 20 Philips Street (small truck or large van would be ideal)
- 2) Price items for sale
- 3) Work at the sale
- 4) Cleanup after the sale – taking items to the dump or to Savers or arranging pickup by a non-profit organization such as the Epilepsy Foundation or Big Brothers Big Sisters. This fund-raiser benefits us all. Let's all pitch in and make it a success. Please contact Sharon Barrett or Rev. Bev to volunteer.

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MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, September 30th

This Friday, September 30th at 7:00 PM at the home of Paula & 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.



COME SING A SONG WITH US! Open Choir Rehearsal



Wondering what it is like to sing in the UUCSW choir? Would you like to try it out but cannot imagine singing every Sunday? Here is some good news. Music Director Abby Gower and the choir "regulars" warmly and enthusiastically invite you to an open choir rehearsal. Come experience a typical Sunday in the UUCSW choir. No previous choir experience necessary. No ability to read music necessary. **It is simple – come this Sunday October 2nd at 9 AM**, rehearse with the choir, find out how much fun it is, and then decide for yourself if you want to continue or just enjoy this one-time opportunity.

UUS AT LUNCH: Wednesday, October 12th

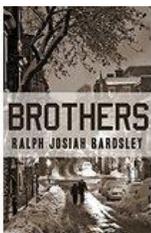


It is nice to be back again with our monthly lunch gatherings. On **Wednesday October 12th, we will meet at 11:30 AM at the Chateau** on Route 9 westbound here in Westboro. All are welcome, and we hope many will join us for a pleasant time. Please contact Mary Tribe (508) 329-1646, or e-mail: marytribe5@gmail.com by Saturday, October 8, to let us know whether or not you will be coming, so we can make our reservations. *Thank you!*

BOOK GROUP: Friday, October 14th

Great news! We are meeting at Central One Federal Credit Union, 40 South Street, Westborough, MA 01581 on **Friday, October 14th at 7:00 PM.**

The author of Brothers, Ralph Josiah Bardsley, will be present to discuss his book.



Amazon describes his book: At twenty-three, Jamus Cork's plans are simple—graduate college, stay in New York City, and write. But those plans change when his parents are suddenly killed and he finds himself the guardian of his little brother, Nick. Jamus ends up back in the Boston neighborhood where he grew up, with a crying toddler on his knee and the challenge of building a new life for himself and the boy. Jamus somehow finds a way to navigate the ups and downs of single parenting, but over a decade of raising Nick, Jamus never truly overcomes his struggles with loneliness and the guilt he feels as the sole survivor of the crash that killed his parents. That changes when he meets bookishly handsome Sean Malloy. There's a spark between the two men, but both must face down their own private demons to find love in the Irish enclave of South Boston.

Please join us! The group is open to all. We usually meet in member's homes and enjoy small groups of seven to ten people. This month we will meet at Central One Federal Credit Union, 40 South Street, Westborough, MA 01581 on Friday, October 14th at 7:00 PM. We enjoy some light refreshments, lively discussion and wonderful company. You are welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend for the first time, email: judithecake@gmail.com.

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UU 101 GATHERING SUNDAY OCTOBER 23rd

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? Are you new to the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough (UUCSW)? Are you not-so-new but would like to get to know us better? Are you considering becoming a member? Do you wonder how decisions are made or who is responsible for things, large and small, getting done, or who to speak to if you want to get involved in a specific way? Are you interested in sharing the story of your spiritual journey and hearing the stories of fellow congregants?

101 Reasons
I am a
Unitarian
Universalist



If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then the **UU 101 Gathering** on Sunday MONTH and DAY at noon is designed for you. Whether you are fairly new to UUCSW, have been attending for a while and now feel ready to explore membership, or have only visited one or two times but want to learn more about us then Rev. Bev and the Membership Engagement Team invite you to this gathering.

What: Gathering of visitors and friends and members of UUCSW

When: **Sunday OCTOBER 23rd 2016 from noon to 1:30 PM.**

Where: The Chapel at UUCSW.

Please RSVP to assist in planning for a light lunch and childcare.

Call 508-366-2635 or email to RevBevW@gmail.com RSVP or with questions.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

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](http://Westborough300.com). *Thank you* - The Westborough Anniversary Committee