



## Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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### WEEKLY UPDATE 10/13/2016

#### SUNDAY NEWS

#### ***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM***

#### **October 16 *Shelter From the Storm* Rev. Bev Waring, Preaching**



Shelter From the Storm is a service about domestic violence. Yes, this is a hard service to hear (it is a hard service to write and deliver too) but we cannot ignore that twenty to thirty young women die each year in Massachusetts at the hands of an intimate partner, as do three women each day in the United States. Join us this week and hear a message of love and hope that came out of one such tragedy suffered by a member of First Parish (Unitarian Universalist) in Wayland.

#### ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE***

Religious education classes will meet this Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Families will begin the service together in the Sanctuary, and children will leave for their classes following the Time for All Ages.



There will be a **Youth Group** meeting *this Sunday, October 16th at noon*. Pizza will be served.

The Youth Choir will have its first rehearsal of the year *this Sunday, October 16th* from 10:00-10:15 AM. All children and youth are welcome to join!



The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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The Youth Group will be hosting a **Halloween Movie Night for kids on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. To register, please email Devon Rutter at [dev.rutter@gmail.com](mailto:dev.rutter@gmail.com).



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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade religious education class this year, then please email Jenna Kyes at [jennawrean@gmail.com](mailto:jennawrean@gmail.com). Thank you!



## OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

### **\*\*\*HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: October 15, 2016 LAST CALL\*\*\***



We are committed to sending a team to a Habitat for Humanity build this Saturday October 15. We have been assigned a site working on a duplex at 4 Homestead Ave. in Auburn, MA

It is not too late to sign up but please take the time today to contact Ed Walsh [walshnboro@gmail.com](mailto:walshnboro@gmail.com) or Rev. Bev [RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com) or 508-330-1352 and let them know if we can count you in!

### **NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Meredith O'Brien will be stepping down as Co-Chair of the Board, but will remain on the Board. John Metzger will step in to serve as Co-Chair. Thank you Meredith and John for your continued service on the Board!



The Board will be hosting the **Council of Chairs meeting on October 26th at 7 PM.** We hope all committee chairs will be able to attend or will send someone in their stead to represent their committee. This meeting is not limited to committee chairs - *all are welcome!*

### **HOSPITALITY UPDATE**



We are still in need of someone to volunteer as this year's Hospitality Coordinator. Everyone has been terrific about signing up to host Coffee Hour. Thank you! **We are looking for a Coffee Hour host for this Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in being our Hospitality Coordinator or hosting this Sunday, please send an email to Sharon at [sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com). *Thank you!*

### **COOKOUT TO WELCOME OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Join us after the service **this Sunday, October 16, 1:00 PM** at the home of Paula and Jim Kirk as we celebrate and welcome Abby Gower, our new Music Director. We're planning an informal cookout. Paula and Jim will supply the basics, burgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments, soda; the rest is pot luck. We especially encourage anyone with a desire to join the choir, it's fun!



## OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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### **FALL YARD SALE: Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We are looking for many volunteers to help with the Fall Yard Sale on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



Here's what we need help with:

- Set up Friday afternoon from 3 PM to 7 PM. We need folks with trucks and minivans to bring yard sale items over from the Harvey Building in town.
- Set up Saturday morning from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
- Organize and sell from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Clean up from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Baked goods – drop off between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Baked goods should be packaged in snack bags.
- Make soup, stew, chowder, or chili – drop off between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. Please pack into individual serving containers.

We are using Sign-Up Genius to organize volunteers. Click this link to sign up:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409084BAFAE2DA6FC1-2016](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409084BAFAE2DA6FC1-2016)

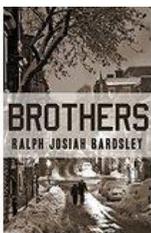
**Dropping off yard sale donations?** After church on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> yard sale donations may be left in the front foyer. Also, donations may be dropped off Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 PM to 7 PM and between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM on the day of the yard sale.

*Thank you!*

### **BOOK GROUP: this Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Reminder!* 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](mailto:judithecake@gmail.com).

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### ***UU 101 GATHERING SUNDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>***

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 October 23rd 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 [revbev@gmail.com](mailto:revbev@gmail.com) to RSVP or with questions.

### ***OUR WHOLES LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS***

We are proud to offer this comprehensive curriculum in partnership with the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson. This class will cover far more than your decades old health class education! Understandings of human sexuality are broader and deeper than ever before. This course will cover topics such as values, the varieties of relationship and commitment, diversity, the role of fantasy, sexual health, and developmental changes through adult life. This is an opportunity to discuss, explore and ask questions in the safe boundaries of a respectful and nurturing class.



The facilitators will be Roberta Altemari, the Director of Life Long Learning at Hudson's Spiritual Growth and Community Center and longtime OWL facilitator and Amy Martellock, a therapist with more than 20 years of experience talking about sexuality with couples and individuals and an OWL facilitator for the last 8 years.

Sessions will start on **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** There will be 14 sessions in all, including at least one celebration. Most sessions will be at the UUCSW.

For more information contact Amy at [amy@rexden.us](mailto:amy@rexden.us) or 857-891-4526. Information can also be found on the [ucmh.org](http://ucmh.org) website.

### ***STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS***



**REMINDER:** Pick up your Stop & Shop gift cards for Holiday shopping & gifts from Ken Young! For every dollar purchased, the church receives 5%.

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### **MUSIC SUNDAY**



The choir, Abby and the Music Committee are working on the first of three MUSIC SUNDAYs. **We would like help from you for our first on November 13th by giving us the name of your favorite hymn and telling us why it is your favorite.** The names of the hymns will be taken in a “Special Collection” each Sunday prior to November 13th (Slips of paper will be in the order of service.). We will choose several of your favorite hymns, research and share what we learn about them, and then enjoy singing them together. Since it will be Music Sunday, we will have the chance to sing more hymns than usual and would love to include yours! Immediately after the service on November 13th, a “**CHILI RECEPTION**” (not chilly) is being sponsored by the Choir and Music Committee. Plan to stay after the service to enjoy chili together!

## 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