



## Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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### WEEKLY UPDATE 10/20/2016

#### SUNDAY NEWS

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

#### **October 23 *Diwali: Festival of Lights* Rev. Bev Waring preaching**



Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is one of the major festivals of Hinduism. Translated from Sanskrit (*dipavali*) the literal meaning is “row of lamps.” Diwali is a celebration of the harvest, thanksgiving, and hope, celebrated by people all over India and around the world. Farmers give thanks for the bounty of the year, and pray for the next good harvest. People watch fireworks and light small clay lamps to signify the triumph of good over evil. Lamps and strings of lights are kept on in homes to make Lakshmi, goddess of beauty and abundance (material and spiritual), feel welcome. Come Sunday and discover what Unitarian Universalists can learn from the wisdom of Hinduism and the traditions of Diwali.

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

Religious education classes will meet this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Families will begin the service together in the Sanctuary, and children will leave for their classes following the Time for All Ages.



The *Youth Choir* will rehearse **this Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10-10:15 AM** in the Sanctuary. All children and youth are welcome to attend!

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** *this 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

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

The Fall Yard Sale is *this Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM!* It is not too late to volunteer to help out.



*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?** 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!*

### ***MOVIE NIGHT***

***This Friday, October 21st at 7:00 PM at the home of Paula and Jim Kirk.***

Our movie for October is **Bubba Ho-tep**. Based on the Bram Stoker Award nominee short story by acclaimed author Joe R. Lansdale, Bubba Ho-tep tells the story of what really *did* become of Elvis. Come and find out! Contact Paula or Jim for details at [paulazkirk@mac.com](mailto:paulazkirk@mac.com). *All are welcome!*



## OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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### **COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS**



Join Rev. Bev for a cup of coffee and conversation at the Westborough Panera Bread on **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 PM** or **Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3:30 PM**. If you prefer a more private meeting place, please contact Rev. Bev to arrange a date and time.

### **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%.**



### **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://www.westborough300.com). *Thank you - The Westborough Anniversary Committee*



## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Friday, October 21, 7 PM - Movie Night**

**Saturday, October 22, 9 AM - 1 PM - Fall Yard Sale**

**Saturday, October 22, 5 PM - 8 PM - Halloween Movie Night for Kids**

**Sunday, October 23, 10:00 AM – Youth Choir rehearsal**

**Sunday, October 23, 10:30 AM - Sunday Worship Service**

**Sunday, October 23, 12:00 PM - UU 101 Gathering**

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - UU Knitting Group**

**Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM - Council of Chairs meeting**

## GETTING INVOLVED!

- We are in need of Nursery Care volunteers during worship services
- We are in need of teaching volunteers for our Spirit Play class!
- It is not too late to help with the Fall Yard Sale on Saturday!