



# Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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## WEEKLY UPDATE 10/27/2016

### SUNDAY NEWS

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

**October 30 Celebrating Our Ancestors, Rev. Bev Waring preaching**



As October turns to November, a festival is celebrated across the US, Canada and Europe marking the end of the harvest and the start of the coldest half of the year. In many parts of the world this is called Samhain or Festival of the Dead, and it originated in ancient Europe as a Celtic Fire festival. Come this Sunday as we celebrate the cycles of the seasons and our ancestors in story and music.

**Please bring a picture and/or an object important to someone you have lost to add to our altar of remembrance.**

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

Religious education students will celebrate their annual Halloween Parties this Sunday, October 30<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.



All children and youth are invited to **wear Halloween costumes** this weekend! **We hope that all children and youth will help us to kick off our “It’s Scary to Be Hungry” Food Drive by trick-or-treating for canned goods and other nonperishable foods during the Time for All**

**Ages this weekend.** The RE students will be collecting food for the Westborough Food Pantry throughout the month of November, and so **please consider bringing food donations to church this Sunday to give to our “trick-or-treaters” during the worship service.** You can also leave donations in the Food Collection Boxes that will be around the church this month. Thank you for supporting our RE students in their effort to combat hunger in our community!



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This is the final week of the RE Book Drive benefitting Friends of the Westborough Public Library. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be collecting new and gently used books for all ages in donation boxes around the church until this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Youth Choir will rehearse this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10-10:15 in the Sanctuary. All children and youth are welcome to attend!



There will be a Youth Group meeting this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. Pizza will be served.



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

### **COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS**



Join Rev. Bev for a cup of coffee and conversation at the Westborough Panera Bread on **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.

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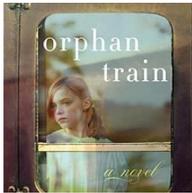
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### ***UUS AT LUNCH – Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>***



We are going to meet at the **Grafton Inn, which is now known as 25 on the Common, on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.** Those who have been there probably remember the delicious lobster rolls and what nice times we had. All are welcome! We hope you will join us. Please let Mary Tribe (508-329-1646 or email: [marytribe5@gmail.com](mailto:marytribe5@gmail.com)) know by Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, whether or not you can join us, so we can make our reservations.

### ***UU BOOK GROUP – Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>***



**Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. Please join us! The group is open to all. We usually meet in members' homes and enjoy small groups of seven to ten people. 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, please email: [judithecake@gmail.com](mailto:judithecake@gmail.com).

### ***NAVIGATING WHITENESS SUMMIT: Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>***

The Social Justice committee wants to send a UUCSW team to the program "Navigating Whiteness" held in Weston, MA on **Saturday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM.** Organized by the Growing Racial and Cultural Equity team (G. R. A. C. E.) of the NE UUA Region, this program is an opportunity to gather with folks from many UU congregations to explore through story, worship and discussion ways we can navigate whiteness within Unitarian-Universalism for the purpose of liberation and transformation. Please consider joining our travel team. For further information, contact John Metzger, 508-868-4834 and [jkmetzger2@gmail.com](mailto:jkmetzger2@gmail.com).



### ***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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> (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 13<sup>th</sup>, a "**CHILI RECEPTION**" (not chilly) is being sponsored by the Choir and Music Committee. Plan to stay after the service to enjoy chili together!

### ***OUR WHOLE LIVES - Sexuality Education for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade***

If you have children in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, please join us on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 2 PM** to learn about why the OWL program can be a healthy option for you child at this age. Further details provided in the *November Vista*. Questions –please contact David King ([david@rexden.us](mailto:david@rexden.us)) or Amy Martellock ([amy@rexden.us](mailto:amy@rexden.us)).

## OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

### ***BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDREN***



Every year over 800 children, most under 12 and nearly half under 6, enter the foster care system in Worcester county because they can't live safely at home. These children need someone to speak for them. Someone to fight for what they need. That's what CASA volunteers do as court appointed special advocates.

Want to know more? Look at the video "I am for the child" on the CASA Worcester website [www.casaworcestercounty.com](http://www.casaworcestercounty.com) Or pick up the November issue of Good Housekeeping and read the articles profiling the foster care system in the US and the work that CASA volunteers do all over the country. Or, right here in our church, ask Phyllis Samara about why she volunteers for CASA and what her experience has been.

Every child needs a voice. Please consider supporting CASA in any way you can.

### ***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



## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM** – Youth Choir rehearsal
- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM** – Sunday Worship Service
- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** – Youth Group Meeting
- Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Board Meeting
- Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** – Social Justice Meeting
- Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM** – “OWL” for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders (parent info session)
- Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Adult “OWL”
- Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM** – UUs at Lunch
- Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Book Group
- Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM** – Navigating Whiteness Summit

## 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!
- Become a CASA volunteer for children!