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WEEKLY UPDATE 11/03/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

I Am Unitarian Universalist, with Rev. Bev and Jenna Kyes, DRE



This intergenerational service will explore what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. Through story and music we will discuss our seven principles and many sources of spiritual inspiration. You do not want to miss this special service that will include a piece by our combined (adult and youth) choirs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

There will be an Intergenerational Worship Service this Sunday, November 6th. Families will remain in the Sanctuary together throughout the service.



The religious education students are holding a Food Drive to benefit the Westborough Food Pantry. They will be collecting non-perishable foods in donation boxes around the church throughout the month of November.

The Youth Choir will rehearse *this* Sunday, November 6th, at 9:45 in the Sanctuary. They will be performing with the Adult Choir during the worship service!



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



DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH ON SUNDAY

It is time to set your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING – this Sunday, November 6th at noon

There will be a Social Justice meeting *this Sunday*, after coffee hour in the meeting room downstairs. We are still getting organized so bring your interests and get others working with you on your ideas. *All are welcome!*



OUR WHOLE LIVES - Sexuality Education for 4th & 5th Grade

If you have children in 4th or 5th grade, please join us on *this Sunday, November 6th 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) or Amy Martellock (amy@rexden.us).



OUR WHOLE 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 7th 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 or 857-891-4526. Information can also be found on the ucmh.org website.

UUS AT LUNCH – Wednesday, November 9th



We are going to meet at the **Grafton Inn, which is now known as 25 on the Common, on Wednesday, November 9th 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) know by Saturday, November 5th, whether or not you can join us, so we can make our reservations.

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OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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UU BOOK GROUP – Friday, November 11th



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.

NAVIGATING WHITENESS SUMMIT: Saturday, November 12th

The Social Justice committee wants to send a UUCSW team to the program "Navigating Whiteness" held in Weston, MA on **Saturday, Nov 12th 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.



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!



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Westborough Food Pantry, the Interfaith Thanksgiving Program supports families in Westborough that are in need. Families eligible for Public Schools free lunch program quality. Last year 120 families received 2 bags of "fixings" as well as \$25 grocery store gift card to buy a Turkey. The numbers of families needing help is even greater this year.

The Interfaith Committee is seeking Stop & Shop gift card donations of \$25. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and can be combined. Ken Young will have Stop & Shop gift cards for sale after church. **For every dollar purchased, the church receives 5%, a benefit for the church as well.** Thank you for supporting this very valuable Thanksgiving Drive. *Thank you - Phyllis Samara, Interfaith Thanksgiving Counsel*

*TIS THE
Season
TO BE
thankful*



STILL MORE HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS EVE IS COMING!



Yes, we know Thanksgiving is first but we really do need to start planning this early. Rev. Bev and Jenna Kyes are wondering if it is time to start reimagining the Christmas Eve service at UUCSW. We really need to hear from you. What is important to keep? What might you like to see change? Is it child friendly enough – since we only have one service being family-friendly is important. Would you and/or your child(ren) like to participate? Let us know! Speak to or email Rev. Bev (RevBevW@gmail.com) or Jenna Kyes, DRE, (jennawrean@gmail.com) with your thoughts and ideas.

GREETERS/ USHERS

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Peggy Slack at peggyslack@yahoo.com.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
11/6	Joan & Bill Ames	Kathie Scott
11/13	Vince Aquilino & Sylvia Sirigna	Nancy Siegal
11/20	Peggy & Jim Slack	Jennifer Tolman
11/27	Kris Allen & Julia Candon	Jerry Breecher

Names in red have not acknowledged the Sunday assigned to date.

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 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 to collect 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: Westborough300. Thank you - The Westborough Anniversary Committee



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thursday, November 3rd, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting
Sunday, November 6th, 9:45 AM – Youth Choir rehearsal
Sunday, November 6th, 10:30 AM – Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, November 6th, 12:00 PM – Social Justice Meeting
Sunday, November 6th, 1:00 PM – “OWL” for 4th & 5th graders (parent info session)
Monday, November 7th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”
Wednesday, November 9th, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch
Friday, November 11th, 7:00 PM – Book Group
Saturday, November 12th, 9:00 AM – Navigating Whiteness Summit
Sunday, November 13th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group Meeting
Monday, November 14th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”
Tuesday, November 15th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee Meeting
Monday, November 21st, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”
Tuesday, November 22nd, 7:30 PM – Thanksgiving Interfaith Service (Good Shepard Church)

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!