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WEEKLY UPDATE 11/10/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

Music Sunday: These are a Few of Our Favorite Tunes, with Rev. Bev, Abby Gower, Music Director and the UUCSW Music Committee.



Join us for a special Music Sunday that you helped plan. This service will feature some of the hymns you told us were your favorites. Each hymn will be introduced by a member of the music committee with some interesting information about its composer, origins and/or why it was chosen as a favorite. Among the singing, Rev. Bev will offer a reflection on the importance of music in our lives and in our worship. Come Sunday and add your voice as we raise the roof with your favorite hymns.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

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



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 Group will meet **this Sunday, 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. We appreciate your help!

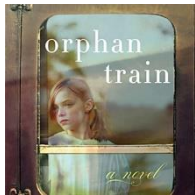
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We are in need of teaching volunteers for our Spirit Play class! If you have any interest in joining the teaching team for our Pre-K through 2nd Grade religious education class this year, then please email Jenna Kyes at jennawrean@gmail.com. Thank you!

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

UU BOOK GROUP – this 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: juditheacake@gmail.com.

NAVIGATING WHITENESS SUMMIT: this 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.



WESTBOROUGH INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

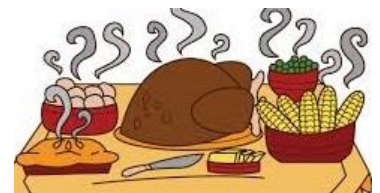
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd - 7:30 PM



Rev. Bev and the Westborough Interfaith Clergy Association invite you to this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, November 22nd** at 7:30 PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 183 West Main Street. This year's theme is ***In Gratitude for Our Common Home***. Please join us!

WESTBOROUGH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The 46th Westborough Thanksgiving Day dinner will begin at 1:00 PM (Thanksgiving Day) at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westborough. All are warmly welcome to this free community event. Transportation is available! To make your reservation or schedule a ride, please call: 508-366-3000.



Organizers are also looking for volunteers to serve (11:45 AM to 2:30 PM) and clean-up (1:30 PM to 3:00 PM). To volunteer please contact Joe or Annie Pucciarelli for info (508-366-2852) or Thanksgiving01581@gmail.com. Please call today and make your reservation – or to volunteer for this grand Westborough tradition!

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%.

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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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.

MINDFULNESS CLASSES – We are taking a poll to see if there is in interest



Mindfulness is a quality of mind that is awake, aware and knows it. It is paying attention to your life, all of it. We often experience moments when we are not mindful. Perhaps driving lost in thought or eating something without actually tasting it. Mindfulness has been studied and proven to alleviate stress and promote happiness. There are practices, attitudes and skills that promote this awareness. If you are **interested in exploring mindfulness in a 5 week format in January 2017** please contact Tracy Loban at uucswestboro@verizon.net.

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)
11/13	Jim Slack	Melissa Meehan
11/20	Vince Aquilino & Sylvia Sirigna	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.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

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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: [Westborough 300](http://Westborough300.com). *Thank you* - The Westborough Anniversary Committee



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Friday, November 11th, 7:00 PM – Book Group

Saturday, November 12th, 9:00 AM – Navigating Whiteness Summit

Sunday, November 13th, 10:30 AM – Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, November 13th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, November 13th, 12:00 PM – “CHILI” reception

Monday, November 14th, 6:30 PM – UU Knitting

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)

Wednesday, November 23rd, 6:30 PM – UU Knitting

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!