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WEEKLY UPDATE 12/08/2016

SUNDAY NEWS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

Family Christmas Service; The Polar Express, with Rev. Bev Waring, Jenna Kyes, DRE & an ensemble of Religious Education children and youth.

Bring the whole family and join us for this service full of meaning and miracles. Featuring *The Polar Express*, this holiday multigenerational service will explore the idea that the magic of Christmas is not seen, or heard. Instead it is felt.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Our Holiday Multigenerational Service is this Sunday, December 11th! Families will remain together in the Sanctuary throughout the worship service.

2016 Giving Tree:



The 7th and 8th grade class is leading our congregation in this year's **Giving Tree program**.

What is it? This program provides holiday gifts for local children and teens in need.

How do I participate? Please contact Jen Tolman at 508-735-3239 or jent11@yahoo.com if you can help out in any way. We are hoping to coordinate quickly as gifts are due in this Sunday. All gifts will find their way to gracious hands.

Gifts will need to be wrapped, and **return to UUCSW on December 11th by 10:30AM.**

Note: Include your portion of the tag so we may keep track of gift donations. Thank you for your participation!

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The religious education students are holding a **Winter Clothing Drive** throughout the month of December. They will be collecting gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves/mittens and scarves of all sizes in boxes in the 5th-6th grade classroom and the Chapel. Thank you for helping our students to provide warm winter clothing to local families in need!



Parents of 8th grade students are invited to attend an information **meeting about this year's Coming of Age** program on **Sunday, December 18th at 12PM.**

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS ARE ON SUNDAY!



Rev. Bev wants our church to be open both these Sundays with worship available to anyone who may seek a community with whom to gather. Anyone interested in working with Rev. Bev – or maybe providing one of these services yourself – please let her know as soon as possible. Both services will be informal, shorter than an hour and welcoming to all ages. If you have questions or want to volunteer contact Rev. Bev at RevBevW@gmail.com or on her cell phone 508-330-1352.

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%.

If you do not personally shop at Stop & Shop you can still join in this easy fund-raiser as it is very much appreciated when these cards are added to the monthly offering (1st Sunday of the month) that benefits the Minister's Discretionary Fund.



SIGN UP FOR SNOW REMOVAL - Take a slot or two!



Did you know that shoveling is great exercise? Not to mention, the fresh air is good for your lungs! UUCSW needs your help with shoveling snow **before** our church services on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include shoveling and/or snow blowing the snow on the walkways and sidewalk around the church building. UUCSW has the necessary supplies: shovels, snow blower and ice melt.

Please consider signing up for a slot or two! If it doesn't snow on your date, then you are lucky! Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054faeab2eab9-snow>

UUs AT LUNCH - Wednesday, December 14th

We haven't been to the South Street Diner in quite some time, so let's end the year at this old favorite at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, December 14th. All are welcome, and we hope many will join us for our holiday season gathering. If you plan to meet with us, please let Mary Tribe (508-329-1646 or email: marytribe5@gmail.com) know by Sunday, December 11th, so we can let the restaurant know of our plans. Hope to see you there!



OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, December 16th, 7:00 PM



Please join Jim & Paula Kirk at their home! The December movie will be "**Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale**", from Finland. It's a different kind of holiday movie that is hard to describe - you have to see it for yourself! imdb.com says: "In the depths of the Korvatunturi mountains, 486 meters deep, lies the closest ever guarded secret of Christmas. The time has come to dig it up! This Christmas everyone will believe in Santa Claus". Please let us know if you can join us. RSVP to paulazkirk@mac.com.

GREETERS/ USHERS

Greeters/Ushers are needed for the Christmas Eve service on December 24th!

greeters

Arrival at the church at 5 PM- distribute the order of service and candles.

Possibly help with the offering too. Melissa Meehan has placeholders to reserve seating and insure a seat is available after greeting! Make it a family event to greet our members & friends for this special service! Please contact Melissa if you can help out.

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Melissa Meehan at melcmeehan@gmail.com.

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
12/11	Janet Purney Balabanis	Andy Bartlett
12/18	Stacy Spies & Beth Singer	Melissa Meehan
12/24	TBD	TBD

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

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH MUSLIMS - Islamic Center in Wayland

As you may have heard, the Islamic Center of Boston received a hate letter recently which as reported in the Boston Globe declared that Muslims are "vile and filthy people" who face a "day of reckoning . . . there's a new sheriff in town — President Donald Trump."

Inter-faith groups will be gathering at the Islamic Center in Wayland this Sunday, December 11th between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to stand in solidarity with Muslims everywhere. The center is located at 126 Boston Post Rd (Rt. 20) in Wayland and parking is available across the street at the Temple Shir Tikva, 141 Boston Post Road. Space will be tight, so plan to carpool.

Please consider going and let others know. If you want to carpool or can offer carpooling for others, contact John Metzger at jkmetzger2@gmail.com and he will try to connect people. You can leave our service at 11:30 AM and be there in time for meaningful participation. - *The Social Justice Committee*

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OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

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WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON - Two Ways to Participate



Join a group from First Parish UU in Wayland:

Women's March on Washington Fri. Jan. 20 – Sun. Jan. 22.

Join our 56 seats motor coach (bus) leaving from Shopper's World, Framingham to Washington, DC. The cost round trip plus travel from the hotel (see information below) to the March on Saturday is \$92. The return trip is Sunday, Jan 22.

The bus will depart from: Shopper's World in Framingham on Friday Jan 20 @ 12:00 noon. Parking is available at the Logan's Express parking lot. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure. The trip is expected to take 7 hours with bathroom stops. (There is also a bathroom on the bus.) Please bring lunch and snacks.

To register, send an email to Melinda Morgan, linmorg3@aol.com. Include your name, email address and cell phone number and whether or not you will also be making reservations at the Courtyard Aberdeen.

To confirm your seat, send a check in the amount of \$92, payable to "East Coast EdVentures" to: East Coast EdVentures, P.O. Box 5070, Wayland, MA 01778. Please make your payment by December 15, 2016. Your seat will be confirmed when payment is received. Reservations are NON REFUNDABLE. After December 15th, we will be unable to hold your reservation.

The hotel is approximately 90 minute Washington, DC. The bus will drive us to Washington, DC on Saturday morning and take us back to the hotel on Saturday late afternoon/evening after the March. On Sunday morning, we depart from the hotel for the trip home.

Prefer A One Day Trip To The March?

Join folks from the Grafton-Upton Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Go to <http://rallybus.net/womens-march-on-washington/#city> and sign up. Contact Grafton-Upton congregant [Leslie Jane](mailto:lesliejane53@gmail.com) at lesliejane53@gmail.com and let her know you are going so members of Westborough and Grafton can connect on this trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thursday, December 8th, 7:15 PM – Membership Meeting

Friday, December 9th, 7:00 PM – Book Group

Sunday, December 11th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group Meeting

Monday, December 12th, 6:30 PM – UU Knitting Group

Monday, December 12th, 7:00 PM – Adult "OWL"

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 14th, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch

Friday, December 16th, 7:00 PM – Movie Night at the Kirk's

Sunday, December 18th, 12:00 PM – Coming of Age (program meeting)

Monday, December 19th, 7:00 PM – Adult "OWL"

Saturday, December 24th, 5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

GETTING INVOLVED!

- **Sign up** for snow removal before our Sunday church services! If it doesn't snow, your duty is done☺
- **STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH MUSLIMS**, Islamic Center in Wayland *this* Sunday
- Join the movement, **WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON** the weekend of 1/21