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WEEKLY UPDATE 01/12/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

In His Words, Rev. Bev Waring Preaching



We all know Martin Luther King, Jr. as an activist and a passionate orator for civil rights. His famous, “I have a dream” speech is quoted widely in Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country. But how many of us realize that first and foremost, he was a minister? Come Sunday and hear excerpts from a selection of his sermons including A Knock at Midnight, New Wine in Old Bottles and The Drum Major Instinct as we explore the relevance of his words today.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Group Religious Education class will meet this weekend. All students will begin the service in the Chapel for Worship Circle, and then they will participate in a lesson on Celebrating Uniqueness.



Our congregation will be participating in the **Meal Packaging Event** at Good Shepherd Church on **Saturday, February 4th**. This volunteer opportunity is open to our entire congregation, and anyone who would like to participate in the event is welcome to email Jenna at jennawrean@gmail.com for more information. We have committed to donating 2,000 meals (\$500) to the effort. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the event, please stop by our table during coffee hour. We’ll be collecting donations throughout the month of January. *Thank you!*

FAMILY SING-ALONG & PIZZA PARTY – January 29th at 11:45 AM

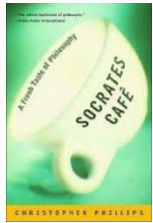
Let's Sing! Join Religious Education and Social Justice Programs for a Pizza Party and Sing-Along with own singer song writer Luanne Crosby after the worship service on January 29th! **All funds raised at this event will benefit the Meal Packaging Event.**



OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

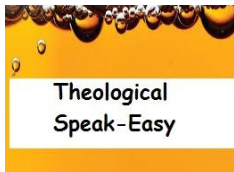
TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER AND PONDER

SOCRATE'S CAFÉ - THURSDAY, January 12th @ 3:30 PM



Join Rev Bev at the Westborough Panera for coffee, conversation and deep thinking. Modeled after groups by the same name developed by author Christopher Phillips, we will meet for approximately an hour and a half to discuss the questions and concerns that are foremost on our minds. Rev Bev will bring a topic but will also be open to suggestions from participants.

THEOLOGICAL SPEAK-EASY THURSDAY - January 12th @ 6:30 PM



Join Rev Bev at Owen O'Leary's, 17 Connector Road, Westborough for refreshments, conversation and deep thinking. Modeled after the Pub Theology movement we will gather to talk about life, philosophy, faith and the deep questions and concerns foremost on our minds. Rev. Bev will provide "appetizers" for the body and mind as we meet for approximately an hour and a half. Questions, concerns, topic ideas for either gathering? Contact Rev Bev 508-330-1352, or revbev@gmail.com.

TREE IN THE SANCTUARY



Rev. Bev and Jenna have decided to keep the tree in the sanctuary up and decorated for a while longer but we need your help. For the month of January, this will be our Tree of Peace. In February it will be the Tree of Love. On January 15th, the children will be creating peace-themed ornaments and will join us at the end of the worship service to hang them on the tree. **If you have an ornament or other item that symbolizes peace please bring it in and add it to the tree.**

UUCSW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers needed to support the *BLOOD DRIVE* in honor of Corinne Sciarappa! **Saturday, January 21st from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM** at the Congregational Church of Westborough - 57 West Main Street.

Even if you cannot donate blood, your support is needed to:

Greet blood donors as they arrive or Drop off baked goods for the donors to enjoy after they give blood. If you are able to help in either of these two ways please email Tanya Trainor at trainors4@verizon.net. **If you are able to also donate blood:** Sign up by visiting redcrossblood.org, sponsor code Corinne, or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. We hope to see you there!



STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS



REMINDER: Pick up your Stop & Shop gift cards from Ken Young before or after services.

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.

OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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CIRCLE SUPPERS!

Looking for a way to connect with your fellow UUs and enjoy an evening out? Join us for



Circle Suppers on **January 28th** and/or **February 4th**. Circle Suppers are small group dinners held in people's homes where everyone brings something to share. Sign up using the "sign up genius" link: [Circle Supper Sign Up](#) or on the poster in the Chapel. You can sign up for one evening or both evenings.

If you would like to attend a Circle Supper but will need a babysitter for the evening (either date), please email Jenna at jennawrean@gmail.com and she can connect you with Youth Group members who can provide childcare at your home. All money that the Youth Group members raise through babysitting will go toward funding their summer 2017 service trip.

If you are able to host a dinner, please note that on the sign up, as well as how many people you can host. The week before the dinners, we will contact the hosts with their assigned group of diners. It is the responsibility of the host to contact the diners and coordinate their dinner offerings. The host is not expected to prepare any of the meal, only to provide coordination and a location for the dinner. If you sign up to participate, please be responsive when your host contacts you. You can email Lisa Shumway at lss0907@gmail.com with any questions.

GREETERS/ USHERS

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact John Metzger at jkmetzger2@gmail.com.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
1/15	Kri and Keith Pelletier	Janet Purney-Balabanis
1/22	Pam and Brian Bridges	Judith Nicholson
1/29	Erin and Ed Boudreaux	Lisa Martin

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

300 MITTENS PROJECT



A huge thank you for your spirit and generosity. The total mittens and gloves received were well over 600! We were able to deliver 130 pairs to the Westborough Department of Youth Services to put in their Holiday Shoppe. Abby's House, Friendly House, Horizons for the Homeless Children and Jeremiah's Inn for Men all in Worcester all received dozens of mittens and gloves. Your gifts of kindness warmed many hands and hearts this winter! Westborough is an amazing place to live where kindness and compassion abound! -*Westborough 300th Anniversary Committee*

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thursday, January 12th, 3:30 PM – Socrates Cafe

Thursday, January 12th, 6:30 PM – Theological Speak-Easy

Friday, January 13th, 6:30 PM – Book Group

Monday, January 16th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”

Tuesday, January 17th, 10:00 AM – Mindfulness Class

Monday, January 23rd, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”

Tuesday, January 24th, 10:00 AM – Mindfulness Class

Saturday, January 28th, 7:00 PM – Circle Supper

Sunday, January 29th, 11:45 AM – Family Sing-along & Pizza Party

GETTING INVOLVED!

- Volunteer at the Blood Drive on the January 21st to honor Corinne Sciarappa!
- Looking for a way to connect with your fellow UUs in the New Year? Join us at Circle Supper!
- Volunteer for the Meal Packaging Event on February 4th!