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## WEEKLY UPDATE 02/16/2017

### UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

#### ***SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM***

***Challenges Faced by Refugees in Worcester - Noreen Johnson Smith speaking***



*This is a Program Sunday.* For a number of years, Worcester has been one of the state's top destinations for refugees. Most come from the near east, south Asia, and Africa. In general, they have experienced trauma and loss. Before being allowed to enter the U.S., they are screened extensively. Join us Sunday when Noreen Johnson Smith, from Family Health Center in Worcester will speak about the diverse people served by their Refugee Health Program. Most need help with basic needs as they regain their health, and learn how to live in this country.

#### ***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 Youth Group is holding fundraisers at Bertucci's in Westborough on February 16<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>!** Please pick up a flier from them at coffee hour and use it when you dine in or carry out at Bertucci's on these days. Bertucci's will donate 15% of your purchase to the UUCSW Youth Group for their Summer 2017 Service Trip. *Thank you!*



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## UUCSW HAPPENINGS

### ***THE CANVASS IS COMING! THE CANVASS IS COMING!***

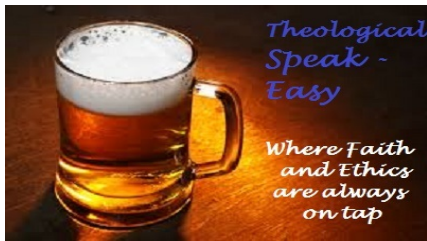
No, Paul Revere will not be riding up to our door, but this is the month to make your pledge for our fiscal 2017-2018 year. Remember that 2 out of every \$3 we spend to keep the UUCSW going each year has to come from pledges made by members and friends. We need everyone to participate to the best of their abilities. Every pledge is important.

Pledge information was mailed this week. Look for that envelope from the UUCSW and read the information provided. Then make your pledge and bring it to the church or send it back. Thank you, thank you for your support.

Questions? Ask the canvass committee - *Sharon Barrett, Jim Slack, Mark Kalen, John Metzger*

### **AN OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER AND PONDER: TONIGHT!**

#### **THEOLOGICAL SPEAK-EASY Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**



**Join Rev Bev tonight** 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. **If you know you are**

**coming please let Rev Bev know so she can get a table instead of meeting in the bar area.** This will allow for a bit more privacy and easier ability for everyone to be heard. Last minute arrivals welcomed as well.

Questions, concerns, topic ideas for either gathering?

Contact Rev Bev 508-330-1352, [revbev@gmail.com](mailto:revbev@gmail.com) or email

#### **SAVE THE DATE - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD - MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**



Join us for a day (or half day) of service on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This project will be in Northborough and will involve helping Habitat for Humanity convert two buildings into multi-unit, affordable homes. E-mail Ed Walsh at [walshnboro@gmail.com](mailto:walshnboro@gmail.com) to express interest or for more information. Youth 16 or over, with parental consent, are welcome.

#### **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.



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## OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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### ***AUCTION – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>***

Our Auction, to be held April 8th, is fast approaching and the Auction Committee is actively (and graciously) gathering donations. An area is set in the Parlor for drop offs of “tangible” Live and Silent Auction items. If you have a “non-tangible” donation (a dinner, experience, volunteer offering, etc.) please email Tanya Trainor [trainors4@verizon.net](mailto:trainors4@verizon.net), Amy MacDougall [kdjmom3@gmail.com](mailto:kdjmom3@gmail.com) or Kri Pelletier [pelletier@sfumatovideo.com](mailto:pelletier@sfumatovideo.com) and we will route it in the right direction. In keeping with our Zen theme, we’re asking for items a bit in advance this year – please deliver, or email, by March 8th to help us organize our Auction Brochure with some breathing room! Tickets will be going on sale in March... more information to follow soon.

### ***GREETERS/ USHERS***

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Lisa Shumway at [lss0907@gmail.com](mailto:lss0907@gmail.com).

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DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
2/19	Scott and Lisa Shumway	TBD
2/26	Amy & Doug MacDougall	Lisa Shumway

## REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

### ***NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

**APRIL 21-22, 2017 in WOBURN, MA**



Your New England Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is bringing you a unique opportunity to gather with New England Unitarian Universalists for a celebration of spirit. This regional assembly will include a UUA Presidential Candidates Forum as well as the opportunity to meet and greet your New England Region UUA staff. Additionally you will be able to choose from three workshops being offered, attend worship with acclaimed liturgist-singer-music director Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout and UU/UCC preacher Rev. Robin Bartlett and sing with composer-musician-song leader Dr. Ysaye Barnwell. REGISTRATION is now open at [new-england.eventbrite.com](http://new-england.eventbrite.com)

**Register by February 28 for Early Bird Pricing.** Youth are welcome to participate; special rate for ages 12-19. Free child care available for ages 11 and under.

## GETTING INVOLVED!

- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity on March 4<sup>th</sup>!
- Break away from winter hibernation and attend the Theological Speak-easy on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Theological Speak-easy

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Adult “OWL”

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Program Committee Meeting

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** – Youth Group

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Adult “OWL”

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – UU Knitting

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30 PM** – Social Justice Planning Meeting

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,** – Habitat for Humanity Build