



Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

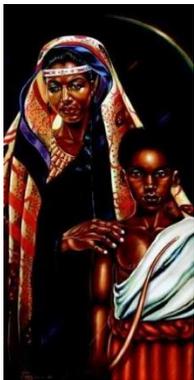
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WEEKLY UPDATE 03/02/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY MARCH 5th WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

If You Want to Get Religion, You Gotta Go in The Wilderness,
Guest David Miller Kohlmeier, preaching.



Rev Bev is sharing the pulpit this week with David Miller Kohlmeier, ministerial intern at First Parish Church in Weston, MA. About the sermon, David writes, March 5th is the first Sunday in Lent: a time in the Christian tradition of self-examination in preparation for Easter. One of the primary symbols of Lent is the wilderness. One African-American spiritual went so far as to say “If you want to get religion, you gotta go in the wilderness.” We’ll be reflecting on the spiritual meaning and importance of “the wilderness,” with a focus on insights from the African-American tradition, and looking at what this imagery might offer us in both personal and national times of crisis.

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 *Coming of Age* program begins this weekend! We will meet at UUCSW from 5:30-8:00 PM on Sunday. All 8th grade students are welcome to attend!



The OWL program for students in grades 4-6 will begin this month at UUCSW! Please see Amy Martellock or David King for more information.

The Youth Group will be holding their **annual Rock-A-Thon on March 18th-19th** to raise funds for their summer service trip to New Jersey. While they rock, they will be making fleece blankets to donate to Project Linus! Please visit their table at coffee hour this Sunday if you would like to make a pledge toward their fundraising efforts. *Thank you!*



UUCSW HAPPENINGS

THE CANVASS IS GOING STRONG!

We had a good response to the Canvass pledge drive last week on Canvass Sunday. Thanks to all who got their pledge forms in.

We know that many were away last week or otherwise tied up and haven't gotten to filling out your pledges forms yet. Don't despair.

Just go ahead and fill out the pledge form (keep the pink copy for your records) and bring it in this Sunday or next Sunday. Another option is to mail it in to:
Canvass Committee, UUCSW, P. O. Box 544, Westborough, MA 01581.

Can't find the pledge information? Need another pledge form? Other questions? Send your question to Sharon Barrett at sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com or ask any canvass committee member when you see them: Sharon Barrett, Jim Slack, Mark Kalen, John Metzler.

Zen and the Art of...GATHERING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION!

The Auction, our biggest fundraiser, is set for April 8th – about a month away. Please email Amy at kdjmom3@gmail.com with YOUR contribution! We will put whatever you donate into an appropriate basket grouping or tag for live auction – you don't need to worry about making a basket or finding like or related items to donate. Please just let us know what you would like to contribute. *All donations are welcome!*

*Donations
Needed*

Can you help?

Looking for ideas? How about board games, movie tickets, dinner or retail gift cards, day entry to a museum or Boston/Worcester experience, an unusual bottle of liqueur, an interesting case of beer, wine basket accessories like glasses or cheese n' crackers, a great pen, jewelry, spring perennials, gardening tools, unique gadgets, a fancy umbrella, pet toys, soaps, lotions, candles... a pass to the car wash? And we can certainly use some live auction dinners – whatever you love – BBQs, international dining, dinner and a movie...a pig roast?

Want to have a dinner – but don't want to have a dinner? How about the “Nothing is Everything” donation? Fill out a slip of paper where Auction tickets are sold (or at the night of the Auction) in the amount you would have earmarked to host a dinner. We'll read it live at the Auction as “not for bid”. The congregation will benefit from the donation and you will benefit from the tranquility of the transcendental void ;)

Meanwhile – tickets are on sale during coffee hour after Sunday Worship Service through the month of March. **\$15 in advance – \$17 at the door.**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD - MARCH 4th SIGN UP NOW! FULL AND HALF DAY SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

Join us for a day (or half day) of service on Saturday, March 4. 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 to sign up. Youth 16 or over, with parental consent, are welcome.



OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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UU 101 GATHERING - SUNDAY MARCH 5th - NEED RSVP ASAP!



Interesting in knowing more about the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough? Wondering how this congregation operates, how things get done around here? Are you considering joining as a member? Or maybe you simply want to get to know some of us better and want to share some of your spiritual journey in a small group. Join Rev Bev and others for a “new to UUCSW” new to Unitarian Universalism gathering.

We will meet shortly after services end (between 11:45 and noon) for a light lunch and conversation. RSVPs for lunch and child care very helpful Questions or RSVP to Rev Bev at revbev@gmail.com or [508-330-1352](tel:508-330-1352)

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. **NOTE: THIS SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND THEREFORE THERE WILL BE A SECOND OFFERING FOR THE MINISTER’S DISCRETIONARY FUND.** Ken Young is usually available before service for the purchase of Stop & Shop Gift cards.



GREETERS/ USHERS

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Ann Maloney at ann.maloney@gmail.com.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
3/5	Ann Maloney & Kris Medinger	Winston Burgess
3/12	Meredith O’Brien & Scott Weiss	Maria Wharton
3/19	Robin Fleming & Andy Koenigsberg	Tina Lego-Steinberg
3/26	Ben & Erin Gold	Don Harvey

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

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 21-25, New Orleans, LA



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration is now open. Go to <http://www.uua.org/ga> for information about the programming and housing options. Rates Increase May 1st so make your plans now. If you would like to attend as a delegate representing the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough, contact Rev. Bev for information.

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

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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

Youth are welcome to participate; special rate for ages 12-19. Free child care available for ages 11 and under.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Saturday, March 4th, – Habitat for Humanity Build
Sunday, March 5th, 12:00 PM – UU 101 Gathering
Sunday, March 5th, 12:00 PM – Social Justice Committee Meeting
Sunday, March 5th, 5:30 PM – Coming of Age
Monday, March 6th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”
Wednesday, March 8th, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch
Thursday, March 9th, 12:30 PM – Social Justice Planning Meeting
Friday, March 10th, 7:00 PM – UU Book Group
Sunday, March 12th, 5:30 PM – Coming of Age
Monday, March 13th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”

GETTING INVOLVED!

- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity on March 4th!
- Attend UU 101 Gathering on March 5th.
- Attend the New England Regional Assembly April 21-22!
- Attend the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly June 21-25!