



## Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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### WEEKLY UPDATE 03/12/2017

**DON'T FORGET!**



### UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

#### ***SUNDAY MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM***



#### ***Income Inequality: A Challenge to Our UU Principles***

Income inequality may be the most important current issue that we as Unitarian Universalists need to pay attention to. This service will help us understand why this is and what we can do about it. The service is a collaboration between the Northborough and Westborough Social Justice Committees.

#### ***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 will meet *this* Sunday at noon in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. We are in need of teaching volunteers for our Group Religious Education classes on 4/23, 4/30, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4 and 6/11. Please email Jenna at [jennawrean@gmail.com](mailto:jennawrean@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping to lead a class on one or more of these days. -Thank you!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE (continued)

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



The Youth Group will be holding their annual **Rock-A-Thon on March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** 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

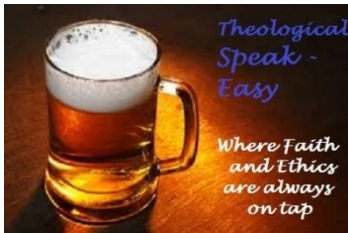
### **SAVE THE DATES: Two Opportunities to Gather and Ponder**

#### **SOCRATE'S CAFÉ TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST @ 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, MARCH 23RD @ 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? RSVP appreciated as it is best to reserve a booth rather than trying to meet in the bar area. Contact Rev Bev at 508-330-1352 or [RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com)

### **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.



### **GREETERS/ USHERS**

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

*greeters*

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
3/12	Meredith O'Brien & Scott Weiss	Janet Purney-Balabanis
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.

## OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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### ***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](mailto: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.**

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

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### ***UU URBAN MINISTRY - Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>***



Get involved in **Believe in Success**, a new UU Urban Ministry program providing domestic violence survivors with "first step" life and career/professional pathway skills. Monday, March 27, at 6:00 PM UU Urban Ministry, 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury, MA. Contact Jerry ([Jerry@Breecher.com](mailto:Jerry@Breecher.com)) if interested.

### ***UU MASS ACTION - Advocacy Day 2017!***



**When:** April 11th, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**Where:** Arlington Street Church & The State House

**Support legislative changes** – meet your senator and representative.

One-page summary: <http://www.uumassaction.org/whats-the-plan-for-uu-advocacy-day/> Contact Sylvia ([ssirignano@msn.com](mailto:ssirignano@msn.com)) if interested.

### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – UU Book Group

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM** – Coming of Age

**Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Adult “OWL”

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**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:30 PM** – Socrates Café

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Theological Speak-easy

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

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM** – UU Knitting

## GETTING INVOLVED!

- Join Rev. Bev for coffee and conversation at “Socrates Café” on March 21<sup>st</sup>
- Get out of the house! Join Rev. Bev for Theological Speak-easy on March 23<sup>rd</sup>!
- Make a difference. Get involved in UU Urban Ministry on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Attend the UU Mass Action Advocacy Day 2017 on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Attend New England Regional Assembly on April 21-22!
- Attend the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly June 21-25!