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WEEKLY UPDATE 03/16/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY MARCH 19th WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

Stop the Elevator; A Moment of Sabbath, Rev. Bev Preaching



In an essay from her book, *A Small Heaven*, Rev. Jane Rzepka writes about a 48-floor ride in a glass elevator and teaches us about moments of Sabbath that can occur in that elevator. These first few months of 2017 have been fraught with anxiety, angst, tension, grief and personal as well as societal stress. We owe it to ourselves, our families and our wider communities to take care of ourselves, to find ways to observe Sabbath moments. Join us this Sunday as we explore ways to do just that.

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.



We are in need of teaching volunteers for our Spring Group Religious Education classes on 4/23, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4 and 6/11. Please email Jenna at jennawrean@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to lead a class on one or more of these days. *Thank you!*

The 4th-6th grade Our Whole Lives (OWL) program will meet this Sunday, March 19th, from 4-5:30 PM at UUCSW. Please email Amy Martellock and David King at parents@rexden.us if you have any questions about the program.



The *Coming of Age* program will meet at UUCSW from 5:30-8:00 PM on Sunday, March 19th. All 8th grade students are welcome to attend!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE (continued)



The Youth Group will be holding their annual Rock-A-Thon this weekend 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! To learn more about Project Linus and the work that they do, please visit <http://www.projectlinus.org/about/>.

UUCSW HAPPENINGS

A FAITH WORTH SUPPORTING; ANNUAL CANVASS TIME AT UUCSW



The Canvass Continues...

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge - we deeply appreciate your ongoing support of UUCSW!

For those of you who have not yet pledged, we are hopeful you will be able to support us in the coming year. As you know, every dollar counts at UUCSW.

When you fill out your pledge form, keep the pink copy for your records, and bring the rest of the form to church with you or mail it to us. You can leave it in the Pledge Box, the Canvass Committee mail slot, or you can put it in the offering plate. The mailing address is Canvass Committee, UUCSW, P. O. Box 544, Westborough, MA 01581.

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

AUCTION UPDATE

*Donations
Needed
Can you help?*

Thanks to all who have donated so far! We'd like to start assembling and collecting baskets, so if you are donating items for a basket or an entire basket of goods; please bring them to church this week and next. Our goal is to start the Buddha Basket raffle a couple weeks prior to the auction so that all can participate.

Auction tickets are for sale THIS SUNDAY after church; **tickets are \$15**. We still need a few more people to sign up for room temperature apps and set up/clean up; see the board in the chapel or email Amy at kdjmom3@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

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3/19	Robin Fleming & Andy Koenigsberg	Ann Maloney
3/26	Ben & Erin Gold	Don Harvey

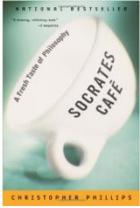
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OTHER UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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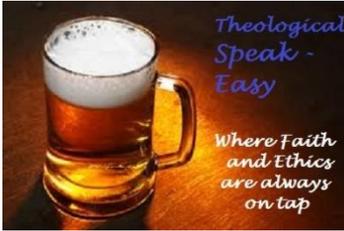
SAVE THE DATES: Two Opportunities to Gather and Ponder

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

SAVE THE DATE: Gather with our UU Neighbors, Friday March 24th

PENULTIMATE POTLUCK, First Parish Northborough, 40 Church Street, Northborough



Our Social Justice Committee has gotten us off to a great start collaborating with our Unitarian Universalist neighbors in Northborough. The worship service they presented last Sunday will be repeated in Northborough on March 26th. In the spirit of getting to know one another better and forging more ways to collaborate, we are invited to attend Northborough's Penultimate Potluck. Here is more information:

All are invited to enjoy a friendly, casual gathering on the **next to the last Friday of each Month** at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Bring a homemade or store-bought dish to share and we'll break bread together. Don't have time to cook or shop? Come anyway, we really just want to get to know you better, spend time in fellowship and enjoy your company! Can't make it at 6:00 p.m.? *Come later for dessert! It's a great time of food and fellowship!*

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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REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

SENIOR CITIZEN SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday April 1st



Boy Scout Troop 100 is hosting the annual Senior Citizen Spaghetti Dinner at Saturday April 1st at the Congregational Church. Transportation will be provided to those who need it.

Please contact the Senior Center at 508-366-3000 to make a reservation! We hope you will join us for an evening of food, fun and friendship.

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.

UU URBAN MINISTRY - Monday, March 27th



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) 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) if interested.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 21-25, New Orleans, LA



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 (in New Orleans or offsite) as a delegate representing the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough, contact Rev. Bev for information.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Sunday, March 19th, 5:30 PM – Coming of Age

Sunday, March 19th, 4:00 PM – Youth “OWL”

Monday, March 20th, 7:00 PM – Adult “OWL”

Tuesday, March 21st, 3:30 PM – Socrates Café

Thursday, March 23rd, 6:30 PM – Theological Speak-easy

Friday, March 24th, 6:00 PM – Penultimate Potluck, First Parish Northboro

Sunday, March 26th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group

Tuesday, March 28th, 12:00 PM – UU Knitting

Sunday, April 2nd, 12:00 PM – Social Justice Meeting

Sunday, April 2nd, 5:30 PM – Coming of Age

Monday, April 3rd, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting

GETTING INVOLVED!

- Join Rev. Bev for coffee and conversation at “Socrates Café” on March 21st
- Get out of the house! Join Rev. Bev for Theological Speak-easy on March 23rd!
- Make a difference. Get involved in UU Urban Ministry on March 27th.
- Attend the Social Justice Meeting at the church on April 2nd.
- Attend the UU Mass Action Advocacy Day 2017 on April 11th.
- Attend New England Regional Assembly on April 21-22!
- Attend the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly June 21-25!