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# Worship Schedule

For April | Sundays 10:30 AM

## SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017

*Rev. Bev Waring preaching*

### *A Language of Reverence*

We all know our seven Unitarian Universalist principles – right? Well, at least they are easy to look up – they are in the front of the grey hymnal we use almost every week. But did you know the controversy about the principles that happened almost fifteen years ago? Then UUA president William Sinkford mentioned that he thought they lacked religious language, a vocabulary of reverence. Come Sunday and explore the meaning of religious language and decide for yourself if Unitarian Universalists are comfortable with a language of reverence.

### **Sanctuary Start for RE**

## SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2017

*Rev. Bev Waring preaching*

### *Lessons From A Lifetime of Doing Jigsaw Puzzles*

The title says it all. Whether you love them or hate them, doing jigsaw puzzles can teach us a lot about congregational life. Come Sunday as we explore these lessons and share your lessons and perspective too.

### **Worship Circle Start for RE**

## SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017

*Intergenerational Service with Rev Bev Waring and Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education*

### *Easter; One Season, Many Stories*

Join us for this service of celebration of the season. Through stories and music we will explore the meaning of this time of year for people of diverse faiths and traditions.

### **Sanctuary Start for RE**

## SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017

*Program Sunday*

### *Focus on Criminal Justice*

This service is entitled "Mike" - a view of the Criminal Justice system through the eyes of a man who, for fifteen years, has been incarcerated at MCI Norfolk. Jerry Breecher and friends have been visiting Mike, and they will present what they have learned from him.

### **Worship Circle Start for RE**

## SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017

*Rev. Bev Waring preaching*

### *Who We Are - Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!*

Unitarian Universalism is a long name – so long we often shorten it to UU. But what does it really mean? Who are we and what does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? **This is Bring a Friend to church Sunday!** Adults and children are encourage to invite a friend or neighbor to join come them in the pews (and in the Religious Education program). The Youth Choir will participate in the service prior to going to a special program full of stories and crafts about things important to us as Unitarian Universalists.

### **Worship Circle Start for RE**

## Briefly with Bev

### ***Walking as Sabbath Time***

In March, I offered two worship services that had little to do with current social justice issues. One on Sabbath Time and one on Resilience. My guess (albeit an educated one) is that this made about an equal number of you happy and a little disappointed. Finding balance in sermon topics, I have discovered, is as important as finding balance in life. As always, I appreciate any feedback, suggestions, or opinions you may have regarding our worship services in general and service themes in particular.

On the topic of Sabbath time, I have recently re-started a daily meditation reading practice. Currently, I am using *A Dream to Wild; Emerson Meditations for Every Day of the Year*, edited by Barry M. Andrews and published in 2003 by Skinner House Books. While reading today's entry, I glanced at the next page and saw that the entry for tomorrow, March 20th was about walking. In light of Henry David Thoreau's words I used today for our time of meditation, I thought I would offer you here Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay on walking. This essay was part of an opening lecture in a course given by Emerson at the Freeman Place Chapel in Boston, in March, 1858.

"Few men know how to take a walk. The qualifications of a professor are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence, and nothing too much....It is a fine art, requiring rare gifts and much experience."

"No man is suddenly a good walker. Many men begin with good resolution but they do not hold out. These we call apprentices. And I sometimes thought it would be well to publish an *Art of Walking*, with easy lessons for beginners."

"Those who persist from year to year, and obtain at last an intimacy with the country, and know all the good points within ten miles, with the seasons for visiting each, know the lakes, the hills, where grapes, and berries and nuts, -- where the rare plants are; where the best botanic ground and where the noblest landscapes are seen, and are learning all the time; -- these are the professors."

The questions asked at the end of the meditation are, "Do you know how to take a walk? Are you a beginner, a professor, or in between?"

Love and Peace,

*Rev. Bev Waring*

# Children and Youth Religious Education Program

## Sunday Morning Programming for April:

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Today is a Sanctuary Start.

- Preschool through Second Grade: *The Miraculously Ordinary Story of a Baby.*
- Third and Fourth Grade: *Get Moving.*
- Fifth and Sixth Grade: *Closing Ceremony.*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Today is a Worship Circle Start.

- Preschool through Fourth Grade: *Group RE – Egg Hunt!*
- Fifth through and Eighth Grade: *Snack Chat – Egg Hunt!*

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Today is a Multigenerational Service.

- Group Religious Education will be available for younger students.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Today is a Worship Circle Start.

- Preschool through Fourth Grade: *Group Religious Education*
- Fifth through Eighth Grade: *Snack Chat*

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** - Bring a Friend Sunday Today is a Worship Circle Start.

- Preschool through Fourth Grade: *Group Religious Education.*
- Fifth through Eighth Grade: *Snack Chat.*

## RE Program News

The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on April 9th! During their Religious Education class on April 9th, the children will be invited to hunt for eggs filled with coins. After the hunt, the coins will be collected and donated to the Westborough Food Pantry. If you would like to donate coins to contribute to this fun event and important cause, then please give them to Jenna or leave them in the RE office by April 2nd. Thank you!

April 30th will be “Bring a Friend Sunday”, and so all children and adults are invited to bring friends to church with them that day. Our Religious Education lesson will include fun activities that introduce children to Unitarian Universalism, and we’ll be decorating chalice cookies! 😊

## Thank you for the following teaching teams for their dedication:

**Preschool through Second Grade** – Ann Maloney, Theresa Cerrone, Ed Walsh, Jess Vigliotti, Abbey O’Brien Weiss, Devon Rutter, Nick Kalen, Lola King-Martellock, Beth Singer

**Third and Fourth Grade** – Maria Wharton, Ben Gold, Andy Bartlett, Kristina Medinger, Catherine Nourse, Tim Nourse

**Fifth and Sixth Grade** – Tracy Spadafora, Phyllis Samara, Pamela Bridges, Melissa Meehan, Matt Meehan, Lisa Martin

**Seventh and Eighth Grade** – Mark Kalen, Michelle Hirsch, Diana Beck, Carter Pratt, Chris Sasseti, Tina Runyan, Maria Ahmed

**Youth Group** – Janet Purney-Balabanis, Jen Tolman

## Youth Group News April 2017

The Youth Group will meet at noon on April 9th and April 23rd.

The Youth Group will hold a Movie Night for kids during the Auction on April 8th! This babysitting event (for children ages 5 and up) will be held at UUCSW from 5:30-9pm, and will include dinner and a movie, as well as crafts and games! All funds raised through this event will go toward the Youth Group’s summer service trip to New Jersey. To sign up, please email Jenna at [jennawrean@gmail.com](mailto:jennawrean@gmail.com). Thanks!

## Coming of Age Program News

We will have our final Coming of Age workshop on April 2nd from 5:30-8pm at UUCSW.

## *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](mailto:sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com)) or ask any canvass committee member when you see them: Sharon Barrett, Jim Slack, Mark Kalen, John Metzger.

Thank you!

## *New Opportunities at UUCSW*

***Sabbath Moments Coloring Club*** — Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

An adult coloring group where one can spend time creating a meditative, fun project that has no stress, commitment, or even talent associated. You don't have to be an artist, just someone who likes to relive those nice days coloring as a child, except that now you're all grown up! We'll provide pencils and some pages to color, or feel free to bring your own supplies and coloring books if you have them. We'll meet every third Tuesday of the month in the Chapel. Questions? Email ([RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com)) or call Rev. Bev and she will get you in touch with Phyllis J., the organizer of this opportunity.



***Brown Bag Lunch Bunch*** — Wednesday April 5th and Friday April 14th



Would you like an opportunity to speak with Rev. Bev and Director of Religious Education, Jenna Kyes, outside of the busyness of Sunday mornings? Are you looking for informal ways to connect with fellow parishioners? Do you have time during the week mid-day? If so, pack a lunch and join Rev. Bev and Jenna in the Chapel. We will provide coffee, tea, and dessert. The first two dates (of which we hope there will be many) are Wednesday April 5th and Friday April 14th – 11:30 am – 1 pm. Come when you are able and stay as long as you can. If you are interested but Wednesdays and Fridays do not work for you, give Rev Bev a call so we can include you in next month's planning.

## Membership Engagement Team Notes

### Greeter/Ushers for April:

The Greeter/Usher board changes during the course of a month as often people make changes to their assigned dates as the month progresses. Rather than post in the Vista - Please watch the weekly updates for the most current information. Please watch for your name's posting!

**If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you**, please contact Lisa Shumway to coordinate options for the month of April. Contact info: [Ann.maloney@gmail.com](mailto:Ann.maloney@gmail.com), or at church on Sunday.

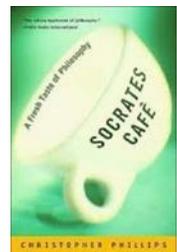
### Monthly committee meetings:

The April MET meeting date is Thursday, April 13th at 7:15pm.

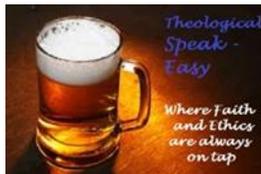
## Two Opportunities to Gather and Ponder

### SOCRATES' CAFÉ TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 3:15 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, APRIL 13TH @ 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.

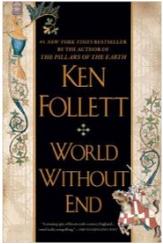
Questions, concerns, topic ideas for either gathering? RSVP appreciated as it is best to reserve a booth rather than trying to meet in the bar area. Contact Rev Bev at 508-330-1352 or [RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com)

## UUS AT LUNCH - Wednesday, April 12th

We are going Mexican this month at the Casa Valarta restaurant. We are getting adventurous! This is a place with good Mexican food and 3 or 4 American dishes on the menu as well. The restaurant is on Rte. 9 Westbound a short distance west of Fountainhead. We will meet at 11:30 on April 12th.

Please contact Mary Tribe (508) 329-1646, or e-mail: [marytribe5@gmail.com](mailto:marytribe5@gmail.com) by Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to let us know whether or not you will be able to join us, so we can make our reservations. Thanks. I hope to see you there.

## *UU Book Group – Friday, April 14th*



*World without End* by Ken Follett

Please join us. The group is open to all. We usually meet in member's homes and enjoy small groups of seven to ten people. We enjoy some light refreshments, lively discussion, and wonderful company. You are welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend for the first time, please email:

<mailto:Judithecake@gmail.com>.

## *Treasurer Needed for Next Year*

Many of you are aware that Jim Slack will be stepping down as Treasurer at the end of this church year. The Nominating Committee has been diligently looking for someone to step in to fill this critical position, but so far we have not found that special someone to serve as our new Treasurer. We are pushing hard now to fill this role to allow Jim time to train whoever takes over prior to the end of the church year. If you are interested in learning more about what the position entails, I urge you to speak with Jim or someone on the Nominating Committee or the Board. Nominating Committee members are Kathie Metzger, David King, and Melissa Meehan. Board members are John Metzger, Diana Beck, Meredith O'Brien Weiss, Lisa Shumway, and Sharon Barrett.

## *ZEN and the Art of the AUCTION*

It's finally Spring – and we're ready for the Auction!

**When:** April 8th, 2017

**Where:** UU / Westboro

**Time:** 5:30pm

**What:** Zen and the Art of the Auction – We Are One

**Price:** **\$15 in advance (on sale through March, after church)** or \$17 at the door

Since April 8th happens to be the Buddhist New Year, we plan to get our "Zen Vibe" on ; ) And -- 2017 is numerologically the Universal Year of "1" -- the first of a 9 year cycle and said to be where seeds are newly planted and visualizations born. So let's celebrate that, too! Spring, Zen, and New Beginnings – doesn't that sound good?

What to expect? Appetizers all night – babysitting for young children – and games of Tao and Trivia. Rub Buddha's belly and take a chance at the raffle. Raise your hand high for a Live Auction experience. And certainly don't forget to use your ticket stub for a free drink at the Buddha Bar. You'll have a great evening and walk away with some shiny new goods, services, and adventures to look forward to – all while contributing to the financial health of the UU/Westboro. So there you are, and here we go . . . **counting down to the 8th!**

# Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
10:30 AM – Sunday Service						
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
10:30 AM – Sunday Service Noon – Youth Group		3:30 PM – Socrates Cafe	11:30 AM – Brown Bag Lunch			5:30 PM – <i>Annual Auction</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
10:30 AM – Sunday Service  Noon: Youth Group			11:30 AM – UU’s at Lunch	6:30 PM – Theological Speak-Easy 7:15 PM – MET Meeting	11:30 AM – Brown Bag Lunch  7 PM – Book Group	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
10:30 AM – Sunday Service  Vista Articles Due		7 PM – Sabbath Coloring Club				
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
10:30 AM – Program Sunday Service  Noon: Youth Group						
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10:30 AM – Sunday Service						

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**THIRD SUNDAY DUE DATES  
FOR VISTA NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Announcements, suggestions, or questions?

The VISTA is published monthly and submissions are welcome. Please email submissions to:  
**Andy Koenigsberg at [amk32@cornell.edu](mailto:amk32@cornell.edu).**  
Please put "VISTA" in the subject line.

**May Vista articles due by  
Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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