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WEEKLY UPDATE
05/11/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY May 14th WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

Bridging Service; Growing Up UU, Rev. Bev Waring and Jenna Kyes, DRE officiating

Another annual favorite, the Bridging Service recognizes and honors our graduating high school seniors. You do not want to miss this special service as we wish our graduating young adults well and send them off towards the next adventures in their lives. As this is also Mother's Day, our service will also honor the mothers and mother figures past and present in our lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

This is Bridging Sunday! Please join us for this special worship service honoring our graduating seniors. Children will begin the worship service in the sanctuary, and younger children (grades PreK-4) will leave for a Group Religious Education class after the time for all ages.

We are in need of RE teaching volunteers <u>this</u> Sunday, May 14th! If you are available to help teach group religious education class, then please email Jenna at jennawrean@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

The Youth Choir will rehearse this month on **May 14th** and **May 21st** at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. All children and youth are welcome to participate!

The Youth Group will be holding a **Yard Sale from 9:00AM -2:00 PM on Saturday, May 20th** to raise funds for their summer service trip to New Jersey. If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, please email Jenna at jennawrean@gmail.com. We are not able to accept baby items or stuffed animals.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE (Continued)

There will be a **Bake Sale** during the yard sale on May 20th, and the Youth Group would be very grateful for donations of baked goods! If you would like to bake for the sale, then please email Beth Singer at esinger@landmarkschool.org. *Thank you!*

The 4th-6th grade **Our Whole Lives** (OWL) program will have its next meeting on Sunday, May 21st, from 3:30-5 PM at UUCSW. Please email Amy Martellock and David King at parents@rexden.us if you have any questions about the program.

UUCSW HAPPENINGS

BUGET PREVIEWS - We Need your Input!

Our congregation has choices to make about our 2017/2018 budget that we will adopt at our annual meeting on June 11th. We cannot finalize the proposed budget without your input. Consequently, we are strongly encouraging everyone to attend one of four budget previews we will hold this month. **We need your support and ideas!** This is your congregation and you set the priorities.

We have scheduled these sessions:
Saturday, May 13th - 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Monday, May 15th - 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Sunday, May 21st - 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Please sign up for a session at (click here): Sign Up Genius

The Finance Committee and Board of Trustees:
Diana Beck, John Metzger, Lisa Shumway, Matt Meehan, Meredith O'Brien-Weiss, Sharon Barrett, Susie Wells

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.

BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF CORINNE - *this* Saturday May 13th

The Blood Drive for Corinne is Saturday from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Congregational church across the street. You can **sign up** by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org, sponsor code Corinne.

If you cannot donate blood but still want to help, here are THREE ways you can make this drive a success:

1. Baked goods are always welcome and can be dropped off during the drive.
2. Volunteers to help with donors are also needed, please check with Anita Lawler at anitalawler@verizon.net and coordinate your availability with her.
3. Spread the word!

UUCSW HAPPENINGS

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2017 SUMMER SERVICES - Coffee, Conversation and more!

Its official, summer is coming and the bright green sign-up sheet for Summer Services is up!

This year we hope to have a service each Sunday starting on Sunday, June 18th and continuing through Sunday, August 27th. On Sunday, June 25th, Rev Bev hopes to have a "live stream" from the Annual UUA General Assembly. One big plus for this year is that we have air-conditioning!

We hope that people will think a bit "out of the box" about doing a service. Maybe a book you just read, or a movie you saw could be the kick off point for a service. If you have questions about how to do a service or have an idea for a service that you can't quite do on your own, please contact Rev Bev, Kathie Metzger, or another member of the Program Committee, Jerry Breecher, Kim Hall, Jim Kirk, Ellen Rutter or Phyllis Samara.

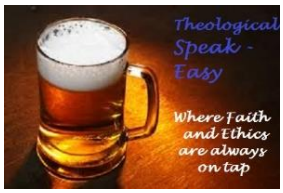
The general format for the summer will be "Coffee and Conversation". Most services will be informal with a facilitator to guide discussion. We hope to have someone other than the facilitator make the coffee and provide a light snack. **There is a $20 subsidy for refreshments available each week.** As of now childcare is not available, but if anyone is interested in helping to organize it we might be able to offer it.

As in other years, most services will be in the Chapel starting at 9: 30 AM and will last about 45 minutes. Some topics from past years have been, The Price of Freedom, Children and Financial Responsibility, Politics in the Pulpit and Loss, a Universal Experience. How about having a hymn sing one Sunday? ***It is said that everyone has a sermon inside to this is a great way to "let it out"!!***

SAVE THE DATE* Tues. May 16th at 7 PM - *Sabbath Moments Coloring Club

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 or call Rev. Bev and she will get you in touch with Phyllis J., the organizer of this opportunity.

***THEOLOGICAL SPEAK-EASY* Thursday, May 18th at 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. 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

UUCSW HAPPENINGS
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SAVE THE DATE **Friday May 19th 11:30 AM *Brown Bag Lunch Bunch***

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.

GARDEN PARTY/ICE CREAM SOCIAL!
SAVE THE DATE: Sunday MAY 28th after Worship Services

WHO: All of you….if you are reading this, you & your family is invited.
WHEN: Sunday May 28th at 11:30 AM.
WHERE: UUCSW Chapel, Parlor and front lawn.
WHAT: Expanded family-friendly "coffee hour" including a light lunch and make your own ice cream sundae.
WHY: TO CELEBRATE the return of the sun and flowers and whatever else makes your heart sing this time of year.

This party is for everyone; all ages; whether you have been coming to UUCSW for fifty years or five days; members and friends alike. We will provide a light lunch and some fun and easy family friendly activities while we informally share ideas about how to keep our own Unitarian Universalist garden blooming. And if that is not enticing enough…Make your own Ice Cream Sundaes!

GREETERS/ USHERS

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Janet Purney-Balabanis at janetlpb@gmail.com.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
5/14	Paula & Jim Kirk	**TBD**
5/21	Theresa & Matt Cerrone	Jessica Vigliotti
5/28	Janet Purney-Balabanis	**TBD**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Friday, May 12th, 7:00 PM – UU Book Group
Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 AM – Budget Preview
Monday, May 15th, 12:00 PM – Budget Preview
Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00 PM – Sabbath Moments Coloring Club
Thursday, May 18th, 6:30 PM – Theological Speak-easy
Thursday, May 18th, 7:15 PM – MET Meeting
Friday, May 19th, 11:30 AM – Brown Bag Lunch Bunch
Saturday, May 20th, 9:00 AM – Yard Sales, Youth Group fundraiser
Saturday, May 21st, 12:00 PM – Budget Preview
Sunday, May 21st, 3:30 PM – OWL for 4th & 5th graders

Tuesday, May 23rd, 10:00 AM – Brewed Awakenings
Wednesday, May 24th, 6:30 PM – UU Knitting
Sunday, May 28th, 11:30 AM – Garden Party/Ice Cream Social
Sunday, May 28th, 12:00 PM – Flourishing Event
Sunday, May 28th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group
Tuesday, May 30th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee Meeting

GETTING INVOLVED!

- Did you know UUCSW has a Book Group? Next meeting is on May 12th…join us!

- Attend one the Budget Preview sessions give your input and have your voice heard!

- There are several new groups at our church. 3 are scheduled for the coming week! Sabbath Moments Coloring Club, Theological Speak-easy, and Brown Bag Lunch Bunch. Maybe one may fit your schedule and social interest. Check them out!

- The Youth Group Yard Sale Saturday, May 20th. Maybe you can donate an hour or 2 or your time to help our youth make it to New Jersey for a great cause!