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WEEKLY UPDATE

10/26/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th - 10:30 AM - Program Sunday

***HOW CAN WE FIX THE MESS WE ARE IN: RACISM, SEXISM,
WHITENESS AND OTHER OBSTACLES TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY,***

With Dr. Dolita Cathcart



This is a Sunday not to be missed! Dr. Dolita Cathcart is Associate Professor of History at Wheaton College where she studies and teaches about race, class, gender, and human identity with a focus on 19th-20th century African American women. She recently appeared in the PBS documentary "Birth of a Movement: The Battle Against America's First Blockbuster." Following coffee hour, Dr. Cathcart will meet with all those interested in continuing this important conversation about "what can we do now?"

Are you courageous enough to participate in this timely and vital discussion?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE



The religious education students will celebrate their annual Halloween party this Sunday, October 29th! Students will begin the worship service in the Chapel this week for a children's worship circle. Halloween costumes are welcome!



We are still looking for teachers for our 2nd-4th grade Religious Education class! If you are interested in volunteering to help teach a few class sessions this year, then please contact Jenna at uucsw.dre@gmail.com. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE (Continued)

The Religious Education students will be collecting food donations for the Westborough Food Pantry throughout the month of October! Please look for their donation boxes around the church. Donations can also be left in the RE office. Items that the food pantry especially needs include Cake mixes, Brownie mixes, Muffin mixes, Tomato products, Ramen, Canned fruit (no peaches), Personal care products. Thank you for helping us to support the Westborough Food Pantry!



UUCSW HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE: INTERFAITH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE –

Tuesday, November 21st at 7:30 PM at the
Gurdwara Sahib (Sikh Temple) 168 Flanders Road, Westboro



Please note: all visitors to the temple need to cover their heads and take off their shoes. Also, the custom is to sit on the floor;

however, chairs are available for those who need them.

Come and celebrate Thanksgiving with your interfaith community.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS!



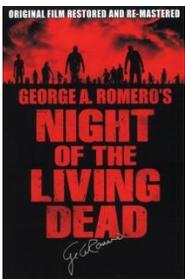
As you explore the Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith and our congregation, we invite you to attend "*The New UU*" program. This wonderful "Tapestry of Faith" program is an opportunity to learn more about who we are and what we believe. This is a great way to connect with other newcomers as well as long-time members.

Each 45 minute workshop explores a single topic (Feel free to attend one or all of them)

- Nov. 5th - *Social Justice Philosophy and Practice*
- Nov. 19th - *How Are Decisions Made?*
- Dec. 3rd - *Membership*

All workshops begin after the service at 11:45 AM. Grab a coffee and snack and join us in the parlor. There is no charge. Childcare will be provided as needed. Questions? Call Sharon Barrett at (508) 241-9353 or email sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com RSVPs are appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome!

MOVIE NIGHT – this Friday, October 27th



Join Paul & Jim Kirk at their home at 6 PM for a *Cookout* followed by movie under the stars (weather permitting) R.S.V.P. to the Kirk's at jameswkirk@mac.com.

George Romero's classic movie *Night of the Living Dead* is about far more than zombies. It is about the human condition. It is a timeless story about the time it was made, 1968, another tumultuous year in American history. It is a movie that poses the question, "who are the monsters?"

UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

UUs AT LUNCH - Wednesday, November 8th

We will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 11:30 AM at the **Post Office Pub** in North Grafton - hope to see many of you there! Please contact Mary Tribe (508) 329-1646, or marytribe5@gmail.com by Saturday, November 4th so Mary can make a reservation. *Thank you!*

Out
to
Lunch

GUSSYING UP THE CHAPEL!

LITTLE
BY LITTLE,
A LITTLE
BECOMES
A LOT

We are a small team of volunteers looking at the Memorial Chapel (where we have coffee after church). We are looking at it through the eyes of a newcomer and what we see needs some gussying up.

I took photos of all the furniture and even opened the drawers and took photos of the stuff (yes, stuff) that has been squirreled away for years. Then I created a PowerPoint presentation and shared it with Donna Scalcione and Catherine Nourse, the other team members.

The process of changing the space starts with the question, “What is the purpose/function of the space?” The chapel serves many purposes. As our only space big enough to hold us all, it must be flexible for its many functions. It is a multi-purpose gathering space where eating, talking, listening and learning can occur. Currently, some of the church activities that the chapel supports are coffee hour, Sunday school services, summer services, collations, pot lucks, committee meetings, knit night, and annual meetings (as well as many others). The Chapel is also used by our renters: Indian Dance and the nursery school.

We all agree that eliminating anything “extra” is key. The “extra” is anything broken, mismatched; out dated or does not support the function of the room. To this end, we will go through the drawers and shelves and tidy up and organize as well as donate or dispose of the items that don’t work in the space.

Most of the large antique furniture pieces and wooden chairs, although not monetarily valuable, still serve a purpose and add character to the space. We are working toward a plan to replace some of the mismatched chairs and odd furniture.

Although our focus is the Chapel, we are also looking at the foyers and storage areas. You may see some changes in these areas over the next few weeks to months. We want to make our space as welcoming and attractive to the people using it as possible. We want to present our spaces in a way that allows the visitor to understand we care about our church. We seek to make changes in the most respectful way possible. We have asked the “elders” and longtime congregants for their opinions and now it’s your turn to share your input. **If there is anything that you would like us to know** please write us an email by November 12th. You can contact Judith Nicholson at juditheacake@gmail.com, Donna Scalcione at dscalcione@verizon.net or Catherine Nourse at catherine.kling@gmail.com to share your thoughts, concerns or offer help when needed.

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%.** Whether you personally shop at Stop & Shop or like to contribute gift cards to the monthly offering to benefit the Minister’s Discretionary fund (1st Sunday of the month), this is a simple and easy fundraiser for the congregation.



UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION

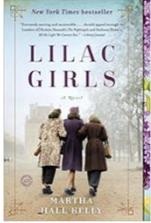


STANDING ON THE SIDE OF
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Remember YOU are the heart and action behind Social Justice in this congregation.

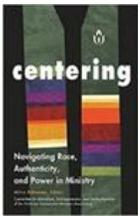
Click the link to make a difference: [Social Justice Action 10/29/17](#)

Book GROUP – Friday, November 10th



For November, we are reading *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Please join us. The group is open to all. We usually meet in members' 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: Judithecake@gmail.com.

UUA COMMON READ BOOKS FOR 2017-2018



UUCSW is joining with area UU Congregations to read, ponder and discuss the two books designated as UUA Common Read books for 2017-2018.

Book 1: *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry*

When: Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10-11:30 AM

Where: Hopedale Unitarian Parish, 65 Hopedale Street, Hopedale MA



Book 2: *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want* by Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen

When: Friday, March 16, 2018, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Where: UUCSW

Mark your calendars and join us for one or both conversations. Engage with area UUs around the issues and solutions contained within these two books. This two part series is one of many initiatives being planned by a newly formed group of members and staff of local Unitarian Universalist Congregations that we are currently calling Unitarian Universalists from the Boroughs and the Blackstone Valley.

GREETERS/ USHERS

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Melissa Meehan at melcmeehan@gmail.com.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
10/29	Diana and Steve Beck	Susie Wells

Names in red have not acknowledged the Sunday assigned to date. Please do so today!

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

4th ANNUAL STORY SLAM (Like NPR's "The Moth")



When: Saturday, November 4th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: First Church Unitarian, 19 Foster St., Littleton

Tickets: <https://2017storyslam.eventbrite.com>



Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship while supporting UU Mass Action and our shared social justice work!

Story Tellers: Rev. Lynda Sutherland (First Parish, Northboro), Rev. Ellen Rowse Spero (First Unitarian Chelmsford), Sam Wilson (Director of Youth Ministries, Winchester), Rev Jo Van Rue (Minister-in-Residence, Concord), Rev. Steve Edington (First Church Unitarian, Littleton), Rev Nathan Detering (UU Area Church Sherborn).

Emcee: Rev. Robin Bartlett, Senior Pastor, First Church in Sterling

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Friday October 27th, – Movie Night

Monday October 30th, 7:00 PM – Mindfulness Meditation course

Sunday November 5th, 11:45 AM – The New UU program

Monday November 6th, 7:00 PM – Mindfulness Meditation course

Tuesday November 7th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

Wednesday November 8th, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch

Wednesday November 8th, 6:30 PM – Board meeting

Thursday November 9th, 7:15 PM – MET meeting

Friday November 10th, 7:00 PM – Book Group

Sunday November 12th, 12:00 PM – Social Justice meeting

Monday November 13th, 7:00 PM – Mindfulness Meditation course