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### WEEKLY UPDATE

11/02/2017

### UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

**SUNDAY November 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM**

**THE ABUNDANCE OF OUR FAITH, Rev. Bev Waring, Preaching**



In his poem, *The Wild Geese*, Wendell Berry says, “Geese appear high over us, pass, and the sky closes. Abandon, as in love or sleep, holds them to their way, clear in the ancient faith: what we need is here. And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here.” Join us Sunday as Rev. Bev explores the abundance that is Unitarian

Universalism and wonders aloud if what we need is really here.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

**Religious education classes will meet this Sunday, November 5th.** Students will begin the worship service in the **Sanctuary** this week, and they will leave for their classes following the Time for All Ages.



**We are still in need of teaching volunteers for our Religious Education classes!** If you have any interest in joining a teaching team this year, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at

[uucsw.dre@gmail.com](mailto:uucsw.dre@gmail.com). -Thank you!

**Thanks very much to all who supported UUCSW's October Food Drive for the Westborough Food Pantry!**



# UUCSW HAPPENINGS

## **REMINDER: TIME TO FALL BACK!**



**Be on time for church this Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!**

It is time to set your clock back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

## **SAVE THE DATE: INTERFAITH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE –**

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **SHOP WITH SCRIP**

**Get a head start on your holiday shopping with ShopWithScrip physical gift cards!!**



When you purchase a Scrip gift card, a percentage of the face value of the card goes to UUCSW. These small but significant rebates really add up - we are hoping to raise \$1000 through the holidays with this program.

If you've set up a Scrip account, you can continue to place your orders online as usual. If you don't have an account, we have created a paper order form you can use to purchase physical gift cards by check through the holiday season. We will place orders weekly starting Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, and continue through December 10<sup>th</sup>. Expect a one-week turnaround on all orders.

As you start planning for the holidays, please think of this program. We expect many of the tags on the Annual Giving Tree to be requests for gift cards. Scrip cards make great gifts for teachers, sports coaches, teens, parents, grandparents, and just about everyone else you can think of! You can also buy gift cards to shop for those gifts that require a more personal touch. Questions? Email [uucswscrip@gmail.com](mailto:uucswscrip@gmail.com) or contact Sharon Barrett (508-241-9353) or Lisa Shumway (508-243-9211) -*Thank you!*

## **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](mailto:sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com) RSVPs are appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome!

## UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

### **GUSSYING UP THE CHAPEL!**

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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 12<sup>th</sup>. You can contact Judith Nicholson at [juditheacake@gmail.com](mailto:juditheacake@gmail.com), Donna Scalcione at [dscalcione@verizon.net](mailto:dscalcione@verizon.net) or Catherine Nourse at [catherine.kling@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### **SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION**



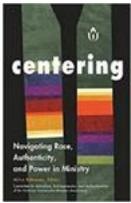
STANDING ON THE SIDE OF  
**LOVE**

Remember YOU are the heart and action behind Social Justice in this congregation.

Click the link to make a difference: [Social Justice Action: 11/05/17](#)

## UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

### ***UUA COMMON READ BOOKS FOR 2017-2018***

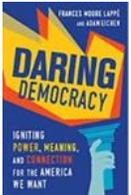


UUCSW is joining with area UU Congregations to read, ponder and discuss the two books designated as UUA Common Read books for 2017-2018.

**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.

## REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

### ***4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STORY SLAM*** (Like NPR's "The Moth")



**When:** *this* Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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

### ***STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE***

**Bi-monthly meetings.** Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, November 18, 9-10:30AM**

**Where:** Natick Community-Senior Center 117 East Central Street Natick, MA.



Join us for Coffee & Conversation; your energy, ideas and stories create our community - please come share them with us. If you have questions please call Lauri Ryding at 508-647-6540 ext 1926 or email Lauri at

[LRyding@natickma.org](mailto:LRyding@natickma.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 AM** – The New UU program

**Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** – Mindfulness Meditation course

**Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – UU Knit Night

**Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM** – UUs at Lunch

**Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Board meeting

**Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM – MET meeting**

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

**Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM – Social Justice meeting**

**Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Mindfulness Meditation course**

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 AM – The New UU program**

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM – Youth Group**

**Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night**

**Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

**Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Program Committee meeting**