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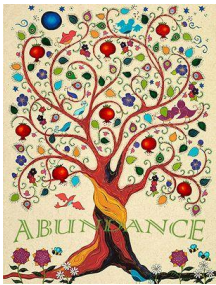
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WEEKLY UPDATE

11/09/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY November 12th - 10:30 AM



FINDING ABUNDANCE THROUGH LOSS

Rev. Bev Waring, Preaching

The Tao Te Ching reminds us, “When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be. When I let go of what I have, I receive what I need.” Whether our release is a voluntarily act or an unexpected loss, we can find abundance as the dust of relief, disappointment, or grief settles. Come Sunday and explore this possibility of finding abundance through loss.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious education classes will meet this Sunday, November 12th. Students will begin the worship service in the **Chapel** this week, and they will leave for their classes following the children’s worship circle.



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. -Thank you!

Youth Group members, please mark your calendars! Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 19th, at noon** in the parlor. There will be pizza ☺



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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.

An Interfaith Choir will be singing at this service. See Kala or Rev. Bev for the piece to be sung and rehearsal times and places.

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 5th, and continue through December 10th. 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 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. 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!

UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION



“Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'”

– *Mary Anne Radmacher*

Click the link to make a difference: [Social Justice Action 11/12/17](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY – WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU? TELL US ABOUT IT SO WE CAN PLAN EVENTS THAT YOU CARE ABOUT.

Click the link to take this brief survey: <http://tinyurl.com/y8dmxj8>

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

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.

WESTBOROUGH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



The 47th Westborough **Thanksgiving Day Dinner is at 1:00 PM** (Thanksgiving Day) at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Westborough.

All are warmly welcome to this free community event; free transportation is available! To make your reservation or schedule a ride, please call 508-366-300.

Last year, over 100 individuals and families volunteered their time to make the event successful. We need volunteers to help serve (11:30 AM – 2:30 PM) and clean-up (1:30 PM – 3:00 PM) on Thanksgiving Day. If you can volunteer, please contact Annie Pucciarelli at 508-366-2852 or thanksgiving01581@gmail.com by Sunday, November 19th.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

Sunday November 19th, 11:45 AM – The New UU program

Sunday November 19th, 12:00 PM – Youth Group

Tuesday November 21st, 7:30 PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday November 28th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee meeting

Sunday December 3rd, 11:45 AM – The New UU program

Tuesday December 5th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

Wednesday December 6th, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting