



# Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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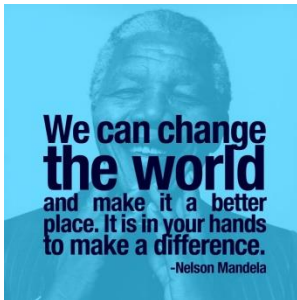
## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

***SUNDAY November 19<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM***

***PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, Program Sunday***



Many of us are concerned about the state of our world, country and community. Join us this Sunday to hear who four UUCSW members think is making a difference, large or small in our world. Our speakers will be Janet Purney Balabanis, Carter Pratt, Don Harvey and Tim Nourse. The service will be led by Kathie Metzger, Chair of the Program Committee. We hope to have time for some "Views from the Pews" as well.

### ***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE***

**Religious education classes will meet this Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.** 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!

The **Youth Group** will meet this **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at noon** in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. All high school students are welcome to attend! There will be pizza 😊



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## UUCSW HAPPENINGS

### **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:** men and women must remove their shoes and cover their heads with a scarf or Jewish yamaka (no hats or caps allowed). 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 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. 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)

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE CONGREGATION**

#### Financial Update

As we approach the midpoint of our fiscal year, it is time to share how we are doing financially. After the service on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at noon in the chapel, I will present our current status of collections and expenses versus the budget. We will also have your giving statements available for Calendar 2017 year to date. Please note that this information (your 2017/2018 pledge and giving history) are also available in Realm under the "Giving" tab. Now is the perfect time to pay your pledge, before the tax year closes. If have not pledged, or would like to increase your pledge, please see me, John Metzger or Sharon Barrett.

### **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 11/19/17](#)

**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/y8dmyxj8>

## REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

### **COME HEAR THE BELLS RING!**



*This Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM*, the bells in the Town Hall, the Congregational Church and our own Unitarian Congregational Society of Westborough will ring out to celebrate the Town of Westborough's 300 years. This is very special as the other churches in town either do not have bells or they are not in condition to be rung. This marks the end of the 300th celebration.



### **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).

## REGIONAL HAPPENINGS (continued)

### **WESTBOROUGH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**



The 47<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:thanksgiving01581@gmail.com) by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

**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>, 7:30 PM** – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

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

**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:45 AM** – The New UU program

**Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – UU Knit Night

**Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – Board Meeting

**Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM** – UU Knit Night

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