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WEEKLY UPDATE

11/22/2017

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY November 26th - 10:30 AM

AN INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE ABOUT SOUP

Rev. Bev Waring, Officiating



Ok, so the service is not actually about soup but the two stories are. This is really a service about abundance, about sharing what we have, about what happens when we act as if we live in the midst of scarcity. Using two stories, Stone Soup and The Stolen Soup Aroma to frame the conversation we will explore abundance, scarcity, greed and sharing. There will be activities with our Director of Religious Education, Jenna Kyes, for children who cannot stay in the sanctuary for the whole service.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

There will be a Multigenerational Worship Service this Sunday, November 26th. Students will begin the worship service in the **Sanctuary** this week, and Group Religious Education will be available for younger students.



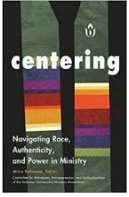
We are still in need of teaching volunteers for our Religious Education classes! If you have any interest in joining a teaching team this year, then please email Jenna Kyes, Director of Religious Education, at uucsw.dre@gmail.com. -Thank you!

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UUCSW HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATES: TWO COMMON READ OPPORTUNITIES

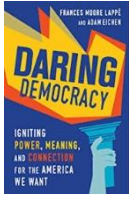
UUCSW is joining with area Unitarian Universalist Congregations to read, ponder and discuss the two books designated as UUA Common Read books for 2017-2018.



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: Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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*.

SAVE THE DATE: LIGHT! An Evening of Interfaith Celebration and Meeting



Join Rev Bev and others at this event hosted by

Congregation B'nai Shalom at 117 E. Main Street, Westborough

Saturday December 16th from 7 PM to 9:30 PM

7:00 PM – 8:15 interfaith musical celebration

8:15 PM – 9:30 small group interfaith circles of conversations

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!*

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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 3rd, 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.

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.

December 3rd will be the last 45 minute workshop.

The workshop begins 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!

SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

If the weather is inclement and you're wondering if services are cancelled please check the following places:

ONLINE: Website: www.uucsw.org, Facebook (Unitarian Universalist Westborough); WHDH storm center closings, WBZ storm center closings,

TV: WBZ, WHDH

RADIO: WBZ 1030 AM

PHONE: The church's outgoing message (508-366-2635) will be changed to reflect weather-related closing.

NOTE: As many of our congregants live in towns other than Westborough, please remember that we would close based on Westborough weather conditions only.

Please base your own decision on the conditions in your town, your safety is the most important factor to consider.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are in need of assistance due to weather, please contact Rev. Bev 508-481-5397 (h) or 508-330-1352(c), and she will do her best to get someone to assist you.



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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: 11/26/17](#)

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

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.

NORTHBOROUGH CONTRA DANCE – Saturday, December 16th



This is the chance for a church-wide social event! And it is free! This is a great opportunity to do something as a FAMILY. **Talk it up with your friends at church.** The Northboro Contra Dance group has offered free admission to all Westboro and Northboro UU friends and members to attend their next dance, Saturday December 16th at 8 PM.

They host a regular 3rd Saturday monthly dance in the Northboro UU Parish Hall (40 Church Street). All dances are taught. Beginners and kids are welcome. You can get more info about the group here --> <https://northborocontra.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

Saturday December 16th, 7:00 PM – LIGHT! An Evening of Interfaith Celebration & Meeting

Tuesday December 19th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

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