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WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY JANUARY 14th - 10:30 AM

Our Connection to the Land - John Mitchell, Heirloom Harvest Farmer speaking



John Mitchell is a local farmer who operates the CSA (Community Sponsored Agriculture) Heirloom Harvest Farm here in Westborough. Heirloom Harvest farms 17 acres of land on a 30 acre field behind Saint Luke's Cemetery in Westborough. John Mitchell has been farming for nearly a decade in Westborough. Drive through the country and you'll probably see the mono-cropping practices of the conventionally farmed landscape. Walk through the fields of a CSA farm and you'll see the cropping diversity of what an old-fashioned market garden might have looked like. Maybe you'll see someone you know volunteering in the fields. If CSAs interest you or you want to learn more about how they work then this is the worship service to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Group Religious Education will meet this Sunday, January 14th. Students will begin the worship service in the **Chapel** this week.

Our congregation will be participating in the **Meal Packaging Event** at Good Shepherd Church on **Saturday, February 3rd at 1PM**. This volunteer opportunity is open to our entire congregation, and anyone who would like to participate in the event is welcome to email Jenna at uucsw.dre@gmail.com for more information. We have committed to donating 3,000 meals (\$750) to the effort. If you would like to make a financial contribution to the event, please stop by our table during coffee hour. We'll be collecting donations throughout the month of January. - *Thank you!*



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



We are in need of an advisor for the Youth Group! Our high school students meet from 12-1 PM on one or two Sundays a month at UUCSW. The role of an advisor is to attend youth group meetings and help with planning and chaperoning their service projects and events.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jenna Kyes at uucsw.dre@gmail.com. - *Thank you!*

UUCSW HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE: Fundraiser for the Meal Packaging event



Sunday, January 28th at 12:00 PM

We have committed to donating 3,000 meals (\$750) to the effort. There will be a **Pizza Party and Sing-Along with Luanne Crosby** after the worship service on January 28th! Please join us, and bring your friends and neighbors along! **All funds raised at this event will benefit the Meal Packaging Event.**



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED FOR JANUARY & BEYOND...



We begin the new year with a big THANK YOU to everyone who hosted coffee hour in the fall. The coffee, drinks, goodies, and flowers were much appreciated!!

We have opportunities to host in January through the end of the church year. Please consider hosting if you have not already done so. If you're not sure what is involved, check out [How to Host Coffee Hour](#) or ask anyone who hosted in the fall. You can sign up on the Coffee Hour Sign-Up Board in the Chapel or using the [Online Coffee Hour Sign-up](#). -*Thank you!*

UUCSW SNOW REMOVAL SIGN UP



Did you know that shoveling is great exercise? Not to mention, the fresh air is good for your lungs! UUCSW needs your help with shoveling snow before our church services on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include shoveling and/or snow blowing the snow on the walkways and sidewalk around the church building, as well as the driveway up to the dumpster (as needed). UUCSW has the necessary supplies: shovels, snow blower and salt for snow melting.

Please sign up using the sign-up genius link [Snow Removal Sign up](#) or on the poster in the Chapel. Thank you for helping keep our grounds safe and accessible. - *The Board of Trustees*

HOW DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM UUCSW?



UUCSW has a "NEW" text option for updates. Is your email inbox overflowing with emails? Do you prefer to receive updates from UUCSW via text? You can opt to receive ONLY weather related church cancellation updates via text. Just email Tracy Loban at uucswestboro@verizon.net with your 10 digit mobile phone number and your provide cellphone carrier (verizon, AT&T, etc.).

UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

NEWS FLASH - No Auction this Spring!



Yes, that's right; there will be no auction this spring. Instead, we have decided to split our main annual fundraiser into two different events, one in the winter and one in the spring.

Our spring event will be an **evening of music featuring our own Kala Farnham on Saturday, May 5th**. The event will be open to the public and dessert will be provided. We think this will be a great opportunity to come together as a congregation for a social evening and a way to raise awareness of UUCSW in the greater community. Mark your calendars now! We'll be communicating more about the concert once we get to March.

Our winter event requires a bit more explanation. We are taking the big sellers from the auction, namely the ever-popular group dinners and unforgettable experiences such as wine tasting, Christmas caroling and cooking classes and will be offering them for sale at a fixed price for each event. You will have the opportunity to make your reservations for the events of your choice over a four week period starting in late January, live in the Chapel after services and online. We will provide more details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to host a dinner or similar item, please contact Lisa Shumway, Sharon Barrett, or Ben Gold. Some classics we already have lined up are the return of the Murder Mystery Dinner, the Shore Dinner, the Ethiopian Dinner, the Sushi Feast, and Wine Tasting.

In addition to dinner donations, we are also looking for volunteers to help with both fundraisers. Please reach out to us to help with these crucial activities. Remember, many hands make light work (and a few laughs along the way)! - *Thank you*, Lisa Shumway (LSS0907@gmail.com), Sharon Barrett (sharonkeyesbarrett@gmail.com), Ben Gold (bengold@gmail.com)

DONATE BLOOD – in honor of Corinne Sciarappa

Saturday, January 20th, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Congregational Church of Westborough, 57 Main Street

Our next blood drive is coming up on Saturday, January 20th.

Corinne is now in her junior year at Westborough High School and continues her battle with rhabdomyosarcoma. Patients like Corinne rely on the generosity of blood donors like you as there is no substitute for donated blood. Right now, there is an urgent need for all blood types, and an emergency need for type O donors making this an especially important time to give. **Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Corinne to schedule an appointment.**



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.



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UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

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.



GREETERS/ USHERS

If you cannot support your date and no one can switch with you, please contact Janet Purney-Balabanis at janetlpb@gmail.com.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
1/14	TBD	TBD
1/21	TBD	Theresa & Matt Cerrone
1/28	TBD	Anmarie Choque

Names in red have not acknowledged the Sunday assigned to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Friday January 12th, 7:00 PM – Book Group

Monday January 15th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

Tuesday January 16th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee meeting

Sunday January 28th, 12:00 PM Pizza Party and Sing-Along with Luanne Crosby

Saturday February 3rd, 1:00 PM Meal Packaging Event

Monday February 5th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

Tuesday February 6th, 6:30 PM – Board meeting

Monday February 19th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

Tuesday February 20th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee meeting