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WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY JANUARY 21st - 10:30 AM

INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS; PRACTICES OF COVENANTS,



Rev Bev Preaching

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith. Instead of all believing in a common creed, we gather together intentionally and make promises to one another how we will be in relationship. Whether gathering on Sunday mornings, in small groups, participating in the Common Read project or on a social justice activity, this practice of covenant requires intention and commitment. Covenantal communities come with both benefits

and responsibilities. Join us as we explore this practice more deeply and offer some upcoming ways of intentional practicing being in covenant with one another

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious Education classes will meet this Sunday, January 21st. Students will begin the worship service in the **Sanctuary** 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

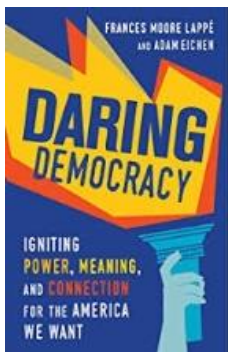
JANUARY 28, 11:45 AM - MEAL PACKAGING FUNDRAISER: PIZZA PARTY AND SING-ALONG WITH LUANNE CROSBY



Meet in the Chapel after the worship service on January 28 for this fun time of music-making as we raise funds to benefit the meal packaging service project. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! **All free-will donations given at this event will benefit the Meal Packaging Event.**

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16, 7 PM: A COMMON READ OPPORTUNITY

UUCSW is participating in the Unitarian Universalist Association Common Read Program.



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

NOTE: This book will be available to purchase at UUCSW in the Chapel.

Mark your calendars and join us for this important conversation. UUs from around the area have been invited. Engage with local UUs around the issues and solutions contained within this book. This second of a 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*.

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*

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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)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



THANK YOU to everyone who hosted coffee hour in the fall. The coffee, drinks, goodies, and flowers were much appreciated!!

We have opportunities 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!*

DONATE BLOOD – in honor of Corinne Sciarappa
***This* Saturday, January 20th, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**
Congregational Church of Westborough, 57 Main Street

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.**



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.

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)
1/21	Melisa Meehan	Theresa & Matt Cerrone
1/28	Don Harvey	Anmarie Choque

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

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

NORTHBOROUGH CONTRA DANCE – this Saturday, January 20th at 7 PM



This is a great opportunity to do something as a family! The Northboro Contra Dance group offers free admission to UUCSW members and friends.

Northboro UU hosts a regular 3rd Saturday monthly dance in the Northboro UU Parish Hall (40 Church Street). All dances are taught. Beginners and children are welcome. For more

information, visit --> <https://northborocontra.com>

SHIR JOY CHORUS SEEKS NEW SINGERS



Shir Joy Chorus begins its spring season with open rehearsals on **Sunday, January 28th and February 4th from 7:00-9:15 PM**. The Chorus is seeking new singers, especially basses, although all parts are welcome. Regular

rehearsals are usually Sunday evenings and are held at Congregation B'nai Shalom (117 E. Main St., Westborough, MA). To see the chorus in action, come to our **Winter Concert this Saturday, January 20th at 7:00 PM** at B'nai Shalom. Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors, Children under 18 \$5, Family Cap \$40. For more information, visit our website www.shirjoychorus.com, facebook page or instagram; email us at ShirJoyMA@gmail.com; call [508-366-7175](tel:508-366-7175); or come to an open rehearsal.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

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

Sunday February 25th, 2:30 PM – UUCSW Chili Cook-off