



# Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

***SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM***

***PEELING THE ONION, Jim Kirk Speaking***



Join us as UUCSW Program Committee member Jim Kirk speaks about growing up with addiction and abuse. His story of the process of recovery and self-discovery is truly an example of perseverance in the face of hardship.



As is customary on the second Sunday of the month, children and youth will begin in the Chapel for their own Worship Circle with Director of Religious Education, Jenna Kyes, before going to their classes.

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

**Religious Education classes** will meet this Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will begin the worship service in the **Chapel** this week.



Many thanks to all who supported UUCSW's participation in the Meal Packaging Event at Good Shepherd Church, and **a very special thanks to Luanne Crosby** for leading the wonderful sing-along at the fundraising event on January 28<sup>th</sup>! **We contributed \$750 (3,000 meals!)** to the event, and a team of **24 volunteers** from our congregation helped to package meals on Saturday.

The **Youth Group** will meet this Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon. All high school students are welcome to attend!



# UUCSW HAPPENINGS

## **2018 DINNERS AND MORE FUNDRAISER**



Thanks to all who have already purchased events during our 2018 Dinners and More Fundraiser. We are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goal of \$8,000. While some items are now full, there are still many entertaining options still available. Please take a look at the signup genius link below and/or sign up in the chapel on Sunday. Don't forget to mail or bring in your payment if you have already signed up.

**Sign up Genius:** <http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/43073D905A7CDE8C71-dinner>

There are still openings for the following events:

**Chili Cook-Off and Pie Contest**, Hosts: Ben Gold, Sharon Barrett, & Lisa Shumway, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- **Candlepin Bowling**, Hosts: Rev Bev and Jenna Kyes, March 17, 2018
- **Chocolate Dinner**, Hosts: Paula & Jim Kirk, May/June 2018
- **Wine Tasting**, Hosts: Kim & Bruce Hall, Lisa Shumway, Sept. 22, 2018
- **Sushi Dinner**, Hosts: Sharon & Kevin Barrett, Oct. 13, 2018
- **Mystery Dinner**, Hosts: Lisa & Scott Shumway, Erin & Ben Gold, Nov. 3, 2018
- **Christmas Caroling**, Hosts: Tina Lego-Steinberg & Jim Kirk, Dec. 16, 2018
- **Puff Pastry Cooking Class**, Host: Maria Wharton, Jan. 10, 2019

Be sure to bring your calendar and checkbook on Sunday! This is first come, first served, and seating is very limited, so sign-up as soon as you can!

- *Thank you,*

**The Fundraiser Organizing Committee:** Ben Gold, Sharon Barrett, & Lisa Shumway

## **NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS SOUGHT**



We have had several visitors over the past couple of years who have inquired about nursery care for their children under the age of 4. The Religious Education Committee, Jenna and Rev. Bev would love to have a list of people interested in forming a Nursery Care team for the rest of this year while we continue to assess the best approach to providing this service to members, friends and visitors. Do you like to hold babies and play with toddlers? Are you willing to “be on call” a few Sundays as we plan and develop this program? Have you had a CORI (Criminal Record Inquiry) done in the past two years or are willing to have one done now? If you answered yes to all three of these questions please contact Jenna Kyes [uucsw.dre@gmail.com](mailto:uucsw.dre@gmail.com) or Rev Bev [RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com).

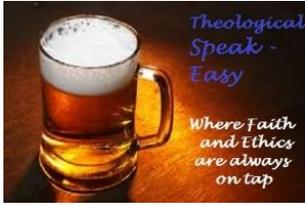
## **JOIN THE GREETER TEAM!**



The Membership Engagement Team (MET) is looking for 8-10 members to help us with greeting at UUCSW. Our current system of assigning members to greet is not working out as planned. Instead, we are looking for members who are knowledgeable about UUCSW, friendly and able to go the “extra mile” with greeting our visitors (escort them to a pew and coffee hour and talk with them about our congregation). If you are interested in joining the Greeter Team please talk with a member of MET (Ann Maloney, Paula Kirk, Janet Purney-Balabanis or Melissa Meehan). FYI...Just greeting, no meetings!

## UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

### ***THEOLOGICAL SPEAK-EASY - TONIGHT*** Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM



Join Rev Bev at Westborough House of Pizza, 36 E Main St, Westborough, for refreshments, conversation and deep thinking. Modeled after the Pub Theology movement we will gather to talk about life, philosophy, faith and the deep questions and concerns foremost on our minds. Rev. Bev will provide “appetizers” for the body and mind as we meet for approximately an hour and a half.

**NOTE:** We are trying a new location this time hoping that hearing one another will be easier in a less crowded location. We will meet in the restaurant and moved to the bar based on the will of the group. Questions? Contact Rev Bev at 508-330-1352 or [RevBevW@gmail.com](mailto:RevBevW@gmail.com).

### ***UU 101 GATHERING - This*** Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at noon



Are you new to Unitarian Universalism or new to the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough (UUCSW)? Not so new but would like to get to know us better? Considering becoming a member of UUCSW? Do you wonder how decisions are made, who is responsible for things, large and small, getting done around here, or how to get involved in a specific way? Are you interested in sharing the story of your spiritual journey? If you answered yes to any of the

above questions, then the UU 101 Gathering on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at noon is designed for you. Whether you are fairly new to UUCSW, have been attending for a while and now feel ready to explore membership, or have only visited one or two times but want to learn more about us then Rev. Bev Waring invites you to this informal gathering. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack at coffee hour and then join Rev Bev in the Parlor (room separated from the Chapel by double pocket doors). Children of all ages are welcomed.



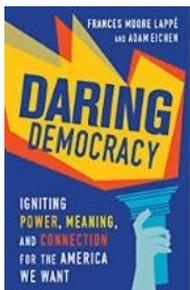
### ***UUs AT LUNCH - This*** Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>



The lunch group hasn't been to Bertucci's in Westborough in a long time, so we will meet there this month on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM**. We are a diverse group of 8 to 16 that meets monthly for good food and lively conversation. Everyone is welcome, and if you have never joined us, why not give us a try and enjoy a nice mid-winter break?

Please email Mary Tribe at [marytribe5@gmail.com](mailto:marytribe5@gmail.com)) so she can make reservations. We hope to see you there!

### ***SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM: UU COMMON READ***



Did you get your book yet? It was pointed out during announcements last Sunday, if you read a chapter a week you will be all set for the March 16<sup>th</sup> conversation. So don't delay!

**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

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Mark your calendars and join us for this important conversation. Engage with area UUs around the issues and solutions contained within this book. This event is one of many initiatives being planned by a newly formed group of members and staff of local Unitarian Universalist Congregations from Westborough, Northborough, Marlborough-Hudson, Upton-Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon and Milford. For more information about the group, check out and “like” our facebook page - *UUs of the Boroughs and Blackstone Valley*.

**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD**



Join us for a day (or half day) of service. On **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will be helping Habitat for Humanity make the dream of housing security attainable for a local family. No prior construction experience is necessary. Contact Ed Walsh at [walshnboro@gmail.com](mailto:walshnboro@gmail.com) at for more information or to sign up.

***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 Melissa Meehan at [melcmeehan@gmail.com](mailto:melcmeehan@gmail.com).

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>Front Door (Head Greeters)</b>	<b>Side Door (Ruggles Street)</b>
2/11	Robin Fleming & Andy Koenigsberg	Paula Kirk
2/18	Scott & Lisa Shumway	Lisa Martin
2/25	Jessica Vigliotti	Tina Lego-Steinberg

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

- Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – Theological Speak-easy
- Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Book Group
- Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM – Youth Group
- Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM – UU 101 Gathering
- Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch
- Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night
- Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – Program Committee meeting
- Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 PM – UUCSW Chili Cook-off
- Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, – Stewardship Sunday
- Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night
- Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting
- Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – UU Common Read