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WEEKLY UPDATE

02/15/2018

UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18th - 10:30 AM

DARWIN; UNITARIANISM, EVOLUTION, AND THEOLOGY,

Rev. Bev Preaching



Born into a Unitarian family on February 12, 1809, Charles Darwin's story is one of curiosity, courage and perseverance. Join us as we explore the life and work of Darwin in this service where science and theology intersect.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Group Religious Education class will meet this Sunday, February 18th. Students will begin the worship service in the **Sanctuary** this week.



where great stories begin™

This Sunday, the **RE students will begin collecting gently used and new children's books to donate to Reach Out and Read.** Reach Out and Read seeks to teach parents about the importance of reading to their babies and young children, and it works with medical offices to give books to families during their children's check-ups. We will be donating our books to medical offices in Westborough in order to help local families in need. Please feel free to contact Jenna at uucsw.dre@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thanks!

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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. 25th, 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 or Rev Bev RevBevW@gmail.com.

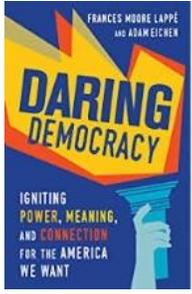
JOIN THE GREETER TEAM!



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)

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16th, 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 16th 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

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 7th: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Mark your calendar and plan on joining us in Northborough on Saturday April 7th. It is not too early to let Ed Walsh at walshnboro@gmail.com know if you are planning on joining us.

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.

greeters

DATE	Front Door (Head Greeters)	Side Door (Ruggles Street)
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.

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

LEARN PEACE MAKING SKILLS – April 6-8 in Littleton, MA



With political polarization, sexism and racism in the daily news, people are invited to three events featuring international peacemakers at three events on April 6, 7 and 8 at First Church Unitarian, 19 Foster St. in Littleton. Fr. C. Peter of Dougherty of Lansing, Mich., will co-present peace making skills with Elliot Adams, of Sharon Springs, N.Y. People are invited to attend any or all of the three events.

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The weekend kicks off Friday, April 6, with dinner at 5:45 PM followed by a lecture at 7 PM on “Understanding Systemic Violence” by Dougherty and Adams. Pre-registration for the free event is requested by calling or emailing Peter Cina, cinapj@gmail.com, telephone 978-577-6484.

The workshop on Saturday, 9 AM to 6 PM, will teach communication skills to de-escalate violence, find common ground, and respond as bystanders when someone is being verbally or physically abused. Participants will learn and practice new skills useful in conflict resolution in personal and profession life. Tuition is \$45; scholarships can be available by contacting Peter Cina. **Pre-registration of \$45 is required** at <https://tinyurl.com/NonViolenceApril7>. Fr. Dougherty will close the weekend activities on **Sunday morning by preaching at First Church Unitarian at the 10 AM service**. All are welcome. The facility is handicap accessible and open to people of all faiths, races, ethnicities and gender and sexual orientation.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

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

Sunday February 25th, 4:30 PM – UUCSW Chili Cook-off

Sunday March 4th, – Stewardship Sunday

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

Wednesday March 7th, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting

Friday March 16th, 7:00 PM – UU Common Read

Friday March 20th, 7:00 PM – Program Committee meeting