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WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPCOMING UUCSW SERVICES

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25th - 10:30 AM ***THAT WHICH CONNECTS US***



In these trying times in which so many aspects of the world can divide us we take time in this service to ground ourselves in those roots that connect us to one another. Join us as we look at questions of diversity, unity, and how to best live out of our relationship with the interconnected web of all existence of which we are a part.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Religious Education classes will meet this Sunday, February 25th. Students will begin the worship service in the **Sanctuary** this week.

In place of their religious education class this Sunday, students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to attend a special Youth-Led Worship Service at the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson.

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. - *Thank you!*



UUCSW HAPPENINGS

ADDITIONAL NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS SOUGHT!



A couple of you have spoken up but a couple more are needed to form a team! 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 at UUCSW!



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!

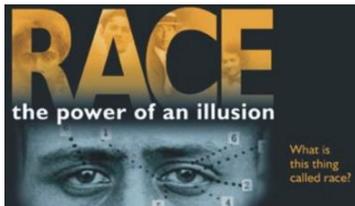
CHILI COOK-OFF - this Sunday, February 25th at 4:30 PM



Join us in the chapel at 4:30 PM on Sunday, Feb 25th for a Chili Dinner with Pie for dessert. **Admission is \$10 for adults, children eat for free.** You will have five (maybe six) different types of chili to choose from and at least three kinds of pie. **You will have the opportunity to vote for the award winning recipes!** **For the chefs** - please bring a print out with the ingredients in your recipe for anyone with food allergies. Also, if you have favorite toppings to go with your chili, bring them along (as well as a ladle for your pot of chili). *See you all on Sunday!*

A COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES - First Date February 28th!

RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION



Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
183 West Main Street, Westborough, MA

When: Wednesday February 28th - April 4th
Each Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 PM

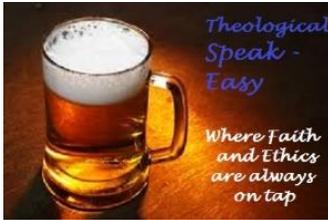
What: Film series and discussion on Race

This 3 hour film will be shown in 6 half hour segments followed by a half hour discussion period for 6 consecutive weeks (Wednesday evenings).

Producer, Larry Edelman says, “Race is a topic where we all think we are experts. Yet, ask 10 people to define race or names “the races” and you’re likely to get 10 different answers. Few issues are characterized by more contradictory assumptions and myths, each voiced with absolute certainty. In producing this series we felt it was important to go back to first principles and ask, “What is this thing called ‘race’?” – a question so basic, it is rarely raised.

UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

***THEOLOGICAL SPEAK-EASY* - Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 PM**



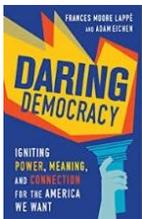
Do you want to continue the conversation regarding the compatibility of science and religion that started with the recent worship service about Darwin? Would you like to explore a current event from a theological/philosophical perspective? Then this is the event for you.

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 for the second time this year 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 revbev@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16th, 7 PM: UU COMMON READ



When: Friday March 16 7 PM

Where: UUCSW Chapel

What: Discussion and formulation of action steps based on the Common Read Book, *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want* by Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen

This from the authors; *“Together, we’ve lived almost a century in America and never before have we experienced a moment in which so many of our compatriots are profoundly angry or near despair. At the same time, we share gratitude that our life experiences have enables us to “taste” emerging solutions – to grasp the root causes and envision a pathway forward. Despair is our greatest enemy in this moment. We wrote this book to meet it squarely, not with sappy bromides, but with hard evidence.”*

If you are concerned about our democracy, are unhappy about the direction our country is going in, and want to be part of the solution, this event is for you. UUCSW is joining with area Unitarian Universalist Congregations to read, ponder and discuss this book. People of all faiths are welcomed. Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to join us. There are blessings in diversity and strength in numbers. Together we can be heard and make a difference. Mark your calendars and join us for this important conversation.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday March 18th at 4 PM (and RSVP now)



Guided Tour of Orchard House

THE UUCSW Book Group is reading *Little Women* this month and as an added cultural bonus we are going on a guided tour of Orchard House in Concord. For more information (including plans for dinner after the tour) and to RSVP check out the event on Realm. Not sure how to do that? Speak to Judith Nicolson, Sharon Barrett or Lisa Shumway for help.

UUCSW HAPPENINGS (continued)

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)
2/25	Melissa Meehan & Lisa Shumway	Jim & Paula Kirk

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.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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

Wednesday February 28th, 6:30 PM – Race: The Power of Illusion*

Sunday March 4th, – Stewardship Sunday

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

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

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Friday March 9th, 7:00 PM – Book Group

Sunday March 11th, 7:00 PM – Youth Group

Sunday March 11th, 5:00 PM – Coming of Age

Wednesday March 14th, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch

Wednesday March 14th, 6:30 PM – Race: The Power of Illusion*

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

Friday March 19th, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night

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

*Note – this is at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Westborough – all are welcomed.