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WEEKLY UPDATE

03/01/2018

THIS SUNDAY AT UUCSW

MARCH 4, 10:30 AM.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



Join us as we explore why UUCSW is special to us and why it is important to support it with our resources. This service, a collaborative effort between Rev. Bev, and the Stewardship Committee, is designed to encourage all of you to voice your feelings and thoughts about UUCSW in small groups or on paper. Immediately after worship, there will be a brunch hosted by the Board and the Stewardship team.

***THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION* MARCH 4, 2018**



Religious Education classes will meet this Sunday, March 4th. Students will begin with a Children's Worship Circle in the **Spirit Play Classroom** this week.

This month, the **RE students are 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!



UUCSW HAPPENINGS

STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS



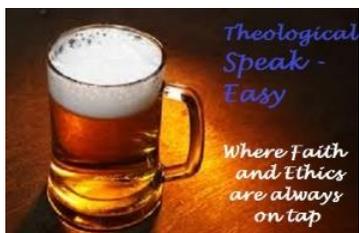
REMINDER: This week is the Sunday when we have a second offering for the Minister's discretionary fund! Pick up your Stop & Shop gift cards from Ken Young before or after services. **For every dollar purchased, the church receives 5%.** Whether you personally shop at Stop & Shop or like to contribute gift cards to the monthly offering to benefit the Minister's Discretionary fund **this is an easy fundraiser for our congregation.**

ADDITIONAL NURSERY CARE PROVIDERS SOUGHT!



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.

THEOLOGICAL SPEAK-EASY **Thursday, March 8 @ 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. Questions? Contact Rev Bev at 508-330-1352 or RevBevW@gmail.com

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UUCSW HAPPENINGS (Continued)

GREETERS/ USHERS

The Membership Engagement Team (MET) appreciates your willingness to greet. To acknowledge your ability to greet on the assigned date, please see the signup poster board in the Chapel and remove the sticky-note with your name and write your name in the slot. **If you cannot greet on your assigned date and you are unable to find someone to switch with you**, please contact Melissa Meehan at melcmeehan@gmail.com.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Front Door (Head Greeters)</u>	<u>Side Door (Ruggles Street)</u>
3/4	Melissa Meehan	Don Harvey
3/11	MET member	Leslie Homzie
3/18	Mark and Kim Kalen	Phyllis Jaffee
3/25	MET member	Pam and Brian Bridges

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

SAVE THE DATES AND GET MORE INFORMATION

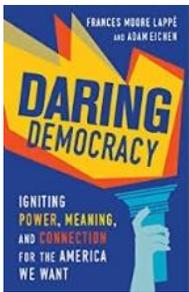
SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Habitat
for Humanity®

For more information contact Ed Walsh at
walshnboro@gmail.com

FRIDAY MARCH 16, 7 PM: UUA 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

Contact Rev Bev RevBevW@Gmail.com for more information

SUNDAY MARCH 18, 4 PM Guided Tour of Orchard House



Contact Judith Nicholson, judithteacake@gmail.com for more information.

March 2018 Update - Gussy up the Chapel

We hope you have noticed some changes in the chapel. We have tidied, organized, donated, repaired, rearranged, and replaced things. We want to make our space as welcoming and attractive to the people using it as possible. We want to present our best self to each other as well as to newcomers.

The process of changing the space started with the question, "What is the purpose/function of the space?" We all agree that eliminating anything "extra" is key. The "extra" is anything broken, mismatched, outdated or does not support the function of the room.



Here's what we've accomplished so far:

- rearranged some furniture for better utilization. (If committees could use the wooden picnic table on the west wall, beside the piano, for their displays, that would help a lot...and please remove your display as soon as your "campaign" is over.)
- added a wooden ledge to consolidate the display of sign-up posters (If you are making a poster for the ledge, could you please design it in the "portrait" style so more posters can fit.)
- removed all the unnecessary items that had collected in the space over time
- added an outlet so that coffee and tea can be served with the snacks on the east wall to help move people into the room and away from the bottleneck as they enter the Chapel
- began a reorganization of displays of brochures/printed information (If you post something on the bulletin board, could you please put a contact person and removal date on the back.)
- replaced a worn table at the Ruggles Street entry with a more attractive one from the Chapel



- made plans for newer chairs to replace some worn-out or mismatched ones
- While children are always welcome in the Sanctuary, we moved a speaker to the west wall and added easy instructions so parents who stay in the Chapel can hear the Worship service while their children play with toys located under the picnic table or brought in by Jenna, the RE Director.

Although our focus is the Chapel, we are also looking at the foyers, closets, kitchenette, and storage areas. For example, we have already cleared out and organized the choir loft where we used to store items for yard sales. Although your donations were appreciated in the past, there are no yard sales planned for the future. Please do not drop off or store anything additional in the choir loft.



Our next focus is the closet at the top of the stairs and the kitchenette off the chapel. Please have a look in these places. You may not remember that your long-lost plate is on the shelf in the kitchenette. Please take anything that is yours home with you. We will be selecting the best items to keep, removing broken items and donating duplicates.

We are always looking for your input. **If there is anything that you would like us to know** please talk with us or send us an email. You can contact Donna Scalcione at DonnaUUAdmn@gmail.com, Judith Nicholson at judithteacake@gmail.com, or Catherine Nourse at catherine.kling@gmail.com to share your thoughts, concerns or offer help when needed.

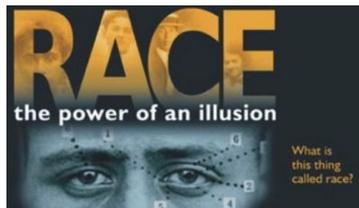


P.S from Rev. Bev with two opportunities for everyone. The books that had been in the Chapel are now on the wall behind the office assistant's desk and available for you to own or borrow FREE. In addition, if you'd like a copy of an old hymnal (*Hymns for the Celebration of Life or We Sing of Life*), just let Bev know and she'll get you one or both.

AREA AND REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

***A COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES* – Next Date March 7th!**

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.”

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



With political polarization, sexism and racism in the news on a daily basis, these events are important and relevant. All are invited to three events featuring international peacemakers on April 6, 7 and 8 at First Church Unitarian, 19 Foster St. in Littleton. Fr. C. Peter of Dougherty of Lansing, Michigan and Elliot Adams, of Sharon Springs, N.Y. will co-present. You are all invited to any or all of the three events.

Friday, April 6: 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.

Saturday April 7, 9 AM to 6 PM: this workshop 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>.

Sunday April 8, 10:00 AM: Fr. Dougherty will be preaching at First Church Unitarian, Littleton, MA. All are welcome. The facility is handicap accessible and open to people of all faiths, races, ethnicities and gender and sexual orientation.

AREA AND REGIONAL HAPPENINGS (Continued)

YOUR INPUT IS SOUGHT! COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL SURVEY

The Commission on Appraisal, a group of Unitarian Universalists who study a topic and then publish their report requests your participation in a brief survey to help them as they prepare to select their next study topic. The Commission serves similarly to a “think tank” on larger issues facing Unitarian Universalism. Their most recent study was on class in the UUA. They are seeking input from individual Unitarian Universalists including congregation members, ministers, religious educators, administrators, etc. In other words, all UUs are invited to share their views. The link to take this survey can be found here. Or copy and paste the following into your browser:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdljDozBISiGLwt8VmEHQu8B32HyBwQex6OdTRkhpBlxRRBRw/viewform>

To learn more about the Commission on Appraisal, an independently elected body of our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, go to www.uua.org and search for the Commission on Appraisal or use this link [CoA](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

- Saturday March 3 9:30 AM** - UUs of the Boroughs and Blackstone Cluster meeting
Marlborough-Hudson UU Church, 80 Main Street, Hudson
- Sunday March 4, – Stewardship Sunday and Brunch – Sanctuary and Chapel**
- Monday March 5, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night - Chapel**
- Tuesday March 6, 7:00 PM – Program Committee Meeting - Parlor**
- Wednesday March 7, 6:30 PM – Board Meeting – Lower Level Classroom**
- Wednesday March 7, 6:30 PM – Race: The Power of Illusion –**
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 183 West Main Street
- Thursday March 8 6:30 PM – Theological Speak-Easy,**
Westborough House of Pizza, 36 E Main St, Westborough
- Friday March 9, 7:00 PM – Book Group – Contact Judith Nicholson for more information**
- Sunday March 11, 12:00 PM – Youth Group – Lower Level Classroom**
- Sunday March 11, 5:00 PM – Coming of Age Group – Parlor and Chapel**
- Wednesday March 14, 11:30 AM – UUs at Lunch – Applebees in Northborough**
- Wednesday March 14, 6:30 PM – Race: The Power of Illusion**
- Friday March 16, 7:00 PM – UU Common Read - Chapel**
- Monday March 19, 6:30 PM – UU Knit Night**