

Print-out of eSoundings email from February 10th, 2017



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Rally for Unity & Resilience ~ Stand with Immigrants and Refugees

Rally for Unity & Resilience on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport. Speakers, including Senator Richard Blumenthal and representatives of the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim faiths, music, and poetry. Welcome recently arrived refugees.



Affirm our commitment that we are a community that embraces our nation's cherished values of inclusion, equality and diversity. Stand in solidarity, resolved to protect the dignity, rights and well-being of everyone in our communities. We come together to say "we are many and you are not alone."

The Klein is located at 910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport. Free parking across the street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Child care is provided for Sunday Services and on an as needed basis for other events. Organizers of events should contact [Mary Collins](#) to arrange child care.



SUNDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 12, 2017

- 9:00 & 11:00 AM



How to Be a Loving Universalist
- Rev. John Morehouse

Our Universalist Heritage teaches us that God (or Spirit or Humanity) is Love. What does that mean for us now?

Worship Associate: Anita Pfluger

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Janet Luongo
11:00 Sunny Khadjavi

Music: Rob Silvan and the Talmadge Hill Choir at both services

CABARET IS COMING!

On Saturday, February 11th, at 8:00 pm we are holding the annual *Cabaret*. It is an evening of singing, fun, fellowship. Anyone interested in singing **PLEASE** be in touch with Ed Thompson so you can be included in the list of performers.



While it is a Valentine's Cabaret, your selection does not need to be related to that theme. This is a BYO event. Small children would not feel comfortable at this event.

For questions/concerns, please be in touch with Ed at 227-7205 ext.18 or ed@uwestport.org.

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sat. Feb 11

Sight-Singing Class - 9:30

Voice Class - 12:30

Pastoral Care Chaplains - YR - 1:00

Cabaret - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun. Feb 12

Soup Sales - Foyer

Career Transitions Support Group - YR - 9:30

Camp Jewell Planning Meeting - Chapel - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15 only

Gr 6-8 Wear Pink Valentine Party - MH - *Childcare available in Oak Room 12:30*

Rainbow Task Force - Chapel - 12:30

Facing The Future Support Group - YR - 12:30

Introduction to Islam for Adults - East Wing - 12:30

Youth Group Meeting -

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SUNDAY, February 12, 2017 (K & up start in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then proceed to group)

At 9:00 Child Dedication of Eleanor Stockton, 11:00 am
Message for All Ages - Jerusha Vogel



Nursery/ Pre-K: The Skin You Live In
(Principles 1 & 2) - *WILLOW Room*

K -3 gr: Principle # 6 Build A Fair & Peaceful
World - Make Soup for Gillespie Center - *OAK*

ROOM

At 11:00 am only

4-5 gr: You Soup: Intersections of Identity &
Diversity (Principles 1 & 2) - *BIRCH Room*

6-7 gr: The 1800's Five New Religions &
reply to "What's A UU?"- (UU Source: World
Religions) **CHAPEL**



At 12:30-2:00 pm - 6-8th Junior Youth Group - moved to
Meeting House



Wear Pink Party, History of Pink
Triangle, Make Cards for Pastoral
Care, Square game.

[Youth RSVP HERE](#) by Friday.

At 6:00-8:00 pm

9-12 gr: YOUTH GROUP - Continue
with Check in Question: Bring your
Brainstorm for a Social Action, +
Extended Worship today on "All things
Love Could be" - *MEETING HOUSE-*
ground level



[CLICK HERE](#) for DETAILS & TAKE-IT-HOME ideas for Feb
12, 2017 Pre-K, K-3, 4-5, 6-7 groups:

YR - 6:00

Mon Feb 13

Bell Choir - East Wing -
6:45

NVC Practice - Library -
7:00

Tues. Feb 14

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed. Feb 15

Stewardship - FR - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs. Feb 16

Youth Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR
- 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Eliminating Racism -
Library - 7:30

Women's Choir - 7:45

Sat. Feb 18

Sight-Singing Class -
9:30

Small Group Facilitators
- MH - 10:00

Voice Class - 11:00

Worship Associates
Training - Sanctuary -
1:00



ADULT PROGRAMS (ADULT or multi-age - 8th grade youth and up are welcome)

For Sunday afternoon Adult programs Childcare will be available upon request (ideally in advance, so we can confirm two people when needed) Contact: [Rayquiner Hills](#), Lifespan Faith Development Coordinator

THIS SUNDAY, February 5:

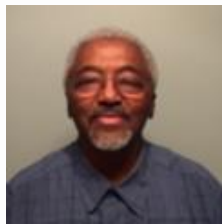
SATURDAY, February 11: (Sunday group changed to Saturday this week)

* 12:30 -2:00 pm - Meditation with Nina Nagy - ELM Room - RSVP to - ninazcara@gmail.com



SUNDAY, February 12:

* 10:15-10:45 am - Meditation with Janet Luongo- ELM Room - RSVP to Jluongo3@optonline.net



SUNDAY, February 12 - INTRO TO ISLAM with our neighbor Imam Nasif Muhammad, from the Al-Aziz Islamic Center in Bridgeport

Sign up [HERE](#) - RSVP to [Mary Collins](#), Director of Lifespan Faith Development

PLEASE Note in RSVP if you need of Child care - Which will be available in the Oak Room Please bring food for your child(ren) when you drop off with staff (in blue shirts)

UPCOMING:

* **Sunday, February 19** - "How to talk to your children about DEATH" with Rev. John & Mary Collins in CHAPEL - 12:30-2:00 pm **Sign up [HERE](#)** this week & note if you need child care.



* **Friday, February 24 - MOVIE**

DISCUSSION GROUP - All are welcome!

The next UU Movie Discussion will take place on Friday, February 24, Potluck dessert at 7:30, & discussion at 8:00 pm in the Meeting House. The films to be discussed are "Arrival", "The Founder" and "20th Century Women." Which you go see prior to this date. Don't forget to bring your Academy Award ballot for our annual contest, or send it back

Voices Café - Foyer - 8:00

Sun. Feb 19

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15 & 12:45

Parent's Class with Rev. John - Chapel - 12:30

Fairfield Bridgeport Circle Potluck - MH - 12:30

Facing The Future Support Group - YR - 12:30

Memorial Service for Ken Lanouette - Sanctuary - 3:00

Youth Group Meeting - YR - 6:00

Mon Feb 20

Bell Choir - East Wing - 6:45

Q&AF rehearsal - 7:45

Tues. Feb 21

BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed. Feb 22

Worship Associates - Rev. John's office - 7:00

Thurs. Feb 23

Youth Choir - 5:00

to Lorna Donnelly.

Any questions, contact Lorna Donnelly at ld06824@gmail.com.



[CLICK HERE](#) for LINKS to LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT LINKS FOR ADULTS & OLDER YOUTH "at home" or "on the go"

For FEBRUARY 2017 THEME: IDENTITY this week include:

Videos (LGBTQ & Body Size Identity), Immigration stories (good if you're going on the march) & two Movie suggestions, a Song, a Question, and a Weekly Spiritual Exercise: Bring Your Identity to dinner...

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT TUCW

Abbie Gardner at Voices Cafe on Saturday, February 18th at 8:00 pm.



She's the fiery Dobro player with the soaring voice and infectious smile who toured with Americana darlings Red Molly for eleven years. Craig Akin, the superb upright bass player from the band Roosevelt Dime, will be joining Abbie for this show.

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen to Abbie and Craig.

Bob Gottlieb of The Folk & Acoustic Music Exchange wrote that her, "songs range from hard blues to jazzy vamps to folk songs. Her voice has both the emotional and technical range to sing it all."

Seating is cabaret style (at tables) and table reservations (minimum 4 people) are accepted by contacting [David Vita](#) or calling 203.227.7205 x14. Doors open at 7:30.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri. Feb 24

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sat. Feb 25

Circle 10 Potluck - MH - 4:00

[SEE TUCW'S CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



In the event of severe weather, the following are ways that you can get information on whether the church will cancel activities:

* **Check your email** - Group leaders will email with a cancellation notice

* **Check our www.uuwestport.org website**

* **Check the [UU Westport Facebook page](#)**

* **Watch Channel 8 or Channel 12 (Cablevision) on your television.**

Please do not call the office. Above all else, do not venture out if you do not feel it is safe to do so. Your safety is our primary concern.

Call for Candidates for the 2017 Annual Meeting



The 2017 Annual Meeting of The Unitarian Church in Westport will be held on June 11, 2017.

Part of the business to be conducted at our Annual Meeting is election of members to the Board of Trustees, Endowment Committee, Committee On Ministries, and Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.

Our Constitution allows for two ways for nominations to these committees to occur:

[READ MORE HERE.](#)

New England Regional Assembly - April 21-22, 2017

New England Regional staff encourages our congregations to take a deep interest in each other; to consider best practices together; to model spiritual leadership with one another; and to share their stories of doubt, risk and transformation. By cultivating connections among our congregations, we seek to inspire new and innovative models of doing church and coach existing congregations to a deeper and a wider practice of faith, hope and love.

**New England
Region**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) for PDF flyer.

News from The Endowment Committee



Recently two grants were made from the Endowment Fund: \$4,000 from the Bernhard Music Fund to add support to the Music Program and \$25,000 to support the annual Operating Budget.

Help secure our future. Gifts of all sizes to the Endowment are welcome and may be unrestricted or designated to support Lifespan Faith Development, Music, Building and Grounds, or Social Justice.

Want to know more? Contact - endowment@uwestport.org

UU Movie Discussion Group

The next UU Movie Discussion will take place on Friday, February 4. The films to be discussed are "Arrival", "The Founder" and "20th Century Woman". There will be a potluck dessert at 7:30.



Discussion at 8. In the Meeting House.

All are welcome.

Don't forget to bring your Academy Award ballot for our annual contest.

Calling all Congregants - we are looking for a logo for our upcoming Annual Budget drive, around the theme of LIGHT. All submissions are due by February 15, 2015.



Submit to David Vita by hard copy or email - david@uwestport.org. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place - a meal with Rev John and Frances.



A memorial service and reception for Melissa Gage will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 11.

At Meadow Ridge there will be a memorial service for Bill Buckley on Saturday, February 11, at 2:00 pm



UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, February 19 - "Be Who You Are"
- Rev. John Morehouse

Pastoral Care - If you are going through a challenging time or know somebody in the congregation who needs support from our Pastoral Care Chaplains, call to leave a confidential message in the PCA voice mailbox - (203-227-7205 ext. 19) or email - pca@uuwestport.org.



[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about our Pastoral Care Associates.

The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

WE INSPIRE and support individual spiritual growth.

WE CONNECT through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries.

WE ACT in the service of peace and justice.