

This eSoundings covers events beginning August 5, 2017

The logo features a stylized teal flame above a series of horizontal lines that form a staircase or path leading upwards. To the right of this graphic, the text "The Unitarian Church in Westport" is written in a teal sans-serif font, with "in Westport" in a smaller size. Below this, the word "eSoundings" is written in a larger, bold, dark teal sans-serif font.

The Unitarian Church in Westport eSoundings

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Our new Youth Program Coordinator



We are pleased to introduce Shahan Islam as our new Youth Program Coordinator for the 6th through 12 Grades. Shahan is a long time Unitarian Universalist who served as the volunteer Youth Advisor at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. In that role he successfully led the group in growth and programming including service field trips and an international exchange program through our UUA International Office.

Shahan has experience with our middle school curricula including OWL and Coming of Age programs. He brings considerable experience with the wider UU Youth Movement to the job.

Shahan is a Senior Corporate Counsel for Pfizer. His job flexibility will allow him to take on this part-time position. Shahan is the father of three children and lives in Wilton with his wife Teryl Eisenberg, who has two additional children.



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](mailto:Mary.Collins@uuwestport.org) to arrange child care.

Sat. Aug 5
Tag Sale - Sanctuary -
8:30 – 4pm

Sun. Aug 6
Meditation - Elm Room -
9:00

Immigration & Refugee
Com. - Sanctuary - 12:30

Wed. Aug 9
Buddhist Practice Group
- MH - 7:00

Sat. Aug 12
Pastoral Care Chaplains
- MH - 1:00

We are delighted that he will be joining our team. He began August 1st and will spend most of this month learning the job, planning the program and working with Mary Collins on the transitions in our new Lifespan Faith Development Program. Please welcome Shahan warmly when you return to church. You can reach him at shahan@uwestport.org.

SUNDAY SERVICE - AUGUST 6, 2017 - 10:00 AM

"Expectant Waiting:" Quaker-style worship - Laura Higgins

Experience sitting in silence, reflection and prayer, and in "expectant waiting on the Spirit to hear more clearly God's still small voice." If a message comes to a worshipper, they may share from the heart. Then, in the Light of that message, all return to silent self-

examination. Laura Higgins is an elder from the Wilton Monthly Meeting, which follows the unprogrammed tradition of no music, no sermon. Unitarians share many values with Friends and are sometimes called "noisy Quakers." Less talking, more listening to spirit, is surprisingly refreshing.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more about the Wilton Monthly Meeting

Worship Associate: Connie Rockman

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Shari Brennan



SUNDAY SERVICE - AUGUST 13, 2017 - 10:00 AM

**"Dialog with the Divine"
- Janet Luongo**

A member of UU Westport for 31 years, Janet was raised Unitarian. Her parents had rejected Catholicism, and anything "superstitious," including prayers to a bearded sky-God. She tells the story of

Sun. Aug 13

Meditation - Elm Room - 9:00

Wed. Aug 16

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Sun. Aug 20

Meditation - Elm Room - 9:00

Wed. Aug 23

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Worship Associates -

Rev. John's office - 7:00

Wed. Aug 30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Worship Associates -

Rev. John's office - 7:00

Thurs. Aug 31

Special Projects Choir - Sanctuary - 7:45

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

how, after troubles, grief, estrangement and illness, she found solace in personal dialog with the divine of her understanding. She learned to weave a spiral staircase of spiritual practices around her UU foundation. Janet serves TUCW as a chaplain, worship associate, yoga meditation teacher, and grief support facilitator. She is a writer and a devotee of Shanti Mission. Following the service, she offers a discussion.

Worship Associate: Sudha Sankar

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Lindy Hennessy

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

RAINBOW CHALICE CLUB - 10:00 am in the Lower Level OAK room PreK and wiggly children (usually K-3rd) but older siblings welcome too.

Forest Mushrooms

Themes: It's important to look closely at things! Though some mushrooms may appear less showy than flowers, mushrooms are important to the ecosystem.



Activity options: parachute "mushroom" play, up-close look at mushrooms.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

RAINBOW CHALICE CLUB - 10:00 am in the Lower Level OAK room PreK and wiggly children (usually K-3rd) but older siblings welcome too.



Forest Fire Prevention

Themes: Fire safety and wonder at & respect the power of fire, working together to be more aware of the needs of all beings we share the earth with.

Activity options: pass bucket of water, "Fire" painting,



[CLICK HERE](#) for DETAILS - PARENT "Take-It-Home" HANDOUT for August 6 & 13, 2017

[CLICK HERE](#) for Rainbow Chalice Club - Summer 2017 10:00 AM programming



[CLICK HERE](#) for Behavior Policy for K-12th grade participants at the Unitarian Church in Westport as of June 28, 2017

We extend our condolences to the family of Rev. Edwin Lane. Rev. Lane, who was the minister at TUCW from 1967-1978, died on July 19th. A memorial service is being planned for him in Massachusetts in the fall.

Notes of condolence can be sent to: HelenBLane@gmail.com or to 66 Hastings St. Apt 106, Wellesley, MA 02481.

Pictures hardly do it justice!

You've got to see it for yourself!

Come to our fabulous **TAG SALE** to stare in amazement, shop with abandon or sweep and pack up at days end (4:00 pm)



This Saturday, August 5 - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Post it on Facebook!

From cribs to canes, tools to trains, antiques to art, workers with heart.

Cedar chest and a wedding dress, Steamer trunk and elegant 'junk'

Nowhere will you have more fun, so grab the family and just come!



Join Rev. John as he offers a series of leadership development training sessions aimed at both existing leaders and anyone who would like to feel better prepared for leadership.

The series is based on the UUA's ***HARVEST THE POWER*** leadership development program.

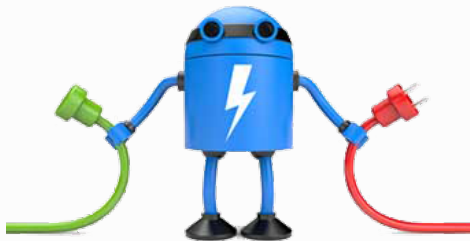
The program's 12 sessions are divided into 3 modules and offer opportunities for both new and experienced leaders to enrich the skills they bring to their leadership and to experience their leadership journey as a UU faith journey.



Sessions will run in 3 modules with 4 sessions in each module. Sessions will be held on consecutive Sundays in the given month from 12:30-2:00 pm.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Committee on Ministries 2016 Report - How Do We Connect?



The Committee on Ministries (COM) is responsible for assisting the various ministries within the congregation to reflect on how they are supporting and aligning with the mission of the church. This year the COM determined that reflecting on how we "CONNECT" with our mission within our ministries and across ministries was a manageable approach to fulfill this responsibility. The congregation continues to be in transition, and connecting is a critical aspect of successfully moving into the future of our beloved community.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflection on Mission, 2016 How We Connect

[CLICK HERE](#) for Reflection on Mission, 2016 How We Connect - Appendix

UPCOMING SERVICES

SUMMER SERVICES

Sunday, August 20, 2017 - 10:00 AM
Connecting our UU roots to Indigenous Spirituality - Jim Francek

Sunday, August 27, 2017 - 10:00 AM
"Transformation of the Heart"
- Dr. Amanda Kemp and Arnela Ten Meer

Sunday, September 3, 2017 - 10:00 AM
Water Ceremony at Compo Beach - 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](tel:203-227-7205)) 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