

This Soundings covers events beginning September 9, 2017



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPT. 10, 2017 - 10:00 AM

"Welcome Home"

- Rev. John Morehouse

Our Homecoming Service will focus on who we are and who we are becoming. What does it mean to be a congregation of welcome?



Worship Associate: Cheryl Paul
Pastoral Care Chaplain: Ravi Sankar

Music: Special Projects Choir

EXPO directly after the Homecoming service on Sept 10th

- * Learn about our committees and groups
- * Find out how you can get involved
- * Celebrate their amazing breadth and effectiveness
- * Enjoy a BBQ (prepared by our very own awesome UGNO guys) and Potluck lunch. Weather permitting, we'll have wiffleball and other ball/frisbee games on the lawn for the young and young at heart.

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:MaryCollins@uuwestport.org) to arrange child care.

Sun Sept 10
TUCW EXPO - 11:30

Mon Sept 11
Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Grp – 7pm
In Library

9/11 Tribute – MH – 7pm

O&AF - 7:45

Tues Sept 12
Usher Training -
Sanctuary - 7:00

Nominating Cttee – 7pm
In Fellowship Rm.

Men's Choir - 8:00

The Photo Directory is back!

On Sunday, from September 10 through October 8, after each service, there will be the opportunity to have your individual headshot photo taken in the Foyer for inclusion in Realm (online) as well as in the Photo Directory.



Last Sunday's Service
"Where Waters Merge" - Sunday, September 3, 2017

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



BEFORE THIS 10:00 am SERVICE:

* **Pre-K to 1st** grade start the new year directly in the PINE ROOM (lower level, first room on the wing past the rest rooms) Theme: WELCOMING DIVERSITY

* **2-5th graders** may pick up some clipboards, with coloring sheets and crayons, as they enter upstairs foyer OR

* **Wiggly Children** may join the activity in the **PINE ROOM** as needed - but a parent or adult must bring them down and sign them in with Staff (in blue shirts) Please leave a cell phone # in case we need to reach you. **Tell them if you need child care for the Expo.**



AFTER the SERVICE - at the EXPO

* **[CLICK HERE](#)** for the **TAKE IT HOME Parent page** - it has links to use at home or if you miss today - video and meditation to do together.

Wed Sept 13

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:00

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

COM - Rev. John's office - 7:30

Thurs Sept 14

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Sat Sept 16

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Sun Sept 17

LFD Info Session - EW - 10:15

Youth Group - YR - 11:00

Black Lives Matter Banner Re-Dedication - 12:15

8th-9th Graders - YR - 12:30

United with Kenya - EW - 12:30

OWL Parent Info - MH - 12:30

Immigration & Refugees - Sanctuary - 12:30



*** Child care during the Expo for young children** - Sunday Staff, Sandra Clements and Alex Garrison, will supervise free play for young children in the PINE Room. A tray of veggie burgers will be brought down. If the weather is good, we will take them to the playground so dress your children for that.

* Look for the **Lifespan Faith Development** banner - **Sign up today for "Secret Pals"** letter writing between **2nd-5th graders and interested adults and teens** - applications taken today - and by **September 24th**.

NEXT WEEK, September 17th - Groups begin

* **Pre-K-1st and 2-3rd grades may come to either the 9:00 or 11:00 am service. 4-5th only meets at 11:00 am.**



* **"Blessing of the Backpacks"** At the **9:00 am service only - 2-3rd graders please bring your backpacks.** During the first part of that service in the sanctuary bring them up to the front and at the end you will receive a small gift to take your faith with you everyday.



* **Parent INFO MEETING in the East Wing between the services 10:15-10:45 am to hear about the upcoming year in Lifespan Faith Development** (in case you miss this week or bring a friend to check us out)!

Mon Sept 18

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

9/11 Tribute: Healing Fear of Differences - MH - 7:00

O&AF - 7:45

Tues Sept 19

BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed Sept 20

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Stewardship Committee - Dorothy's office - 7:15

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Sept 21

Youth Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Chapel Leaders Orientation - Chapel lobby - 6:30

Women's Choir - 7:45

Sat Sept 23

"A Better Man" - MH - 8:00

Youth Events - MH - 1:00

YOUTH GROUP

SEPTEMBER 13, 5:15 PM: COMING OF AGE TEACHER'

MEETING: There will be a Coming of Age Teachers' Meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at the Meeting House at 5:15

pm with the Youth Program Coordinator. 6th-7th grade teachers and youth group advisors' meeting will be scheduled very soon.



Sun Sept 24

COM - Town Hall
Meeting - EW - 10:15 &
12:15

Youth Group - YR -
11:00

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

* **SEPTEMBER 17, 10:40 AM: COMING OF AGE YOUTH IN SANCTUARY:** In order to introduce the Coming of Age Program to the congregation, Coming of Age youth are kindly requested to be in the sanctuary by 10:40 am on Sunday, September 17. All subsequent regular meetings (unless otherwise indicated) will be at the Meeting House.



* **SEPTEMBER 17, 12:30 PM: REQUIRED OWL PARENT**

ORIENTATION MEETING: There will be a required OWL Parent Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at the Meeting House. Meet the team facilitating the program and what you can expect as a parent.

* **SEPTEMBER 23-24: YOUTH LOCK-IN:** Youth (6th-12th) are invited to a Lock-in at the Meeting House on September 23 at 1:00 pm to September 24 at 9:00 am. In addition to the usual fun, there will be two mandatory meetings (roughly 60 minutes each) during the lock-in (times and details to follow):

- 1) introduction to past and available service work; and
- 2) introduction to works underlying UU faith.

Any adult or youth who would like to speak to our youth about possible future service work, kindly contact Shahan Islam, Youth Program Coordinator. shahan@uuwestport.org [CLICK HERE](#) for the permission form for this event.



* **SEPTEMBER: PARENTS/YOUTH KINDLY COMPLETE SURVEY:** Parents and youth who have not completed a survey are kindly requested to do so. The survey will help improve programming and tailor it toward individual needs. [CLICK HERE](#) for the survey.

DRUM CIRCLE led by Randy Brody



Fundraiser Benefit for Hurricane Harvey Relief

Saturday, September 16 from 2:00-5:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All funds raised will be donated to the UUA/UUSC relief effort.

Suggested donation \$20.

HEAL THE FEAR, FEEL THE LOVE

The Worship Committee is sponsoring a commemoration of a national tragedy in two sessions with Parvati Sundari, a master healer and teacher from Shanti Mission, Australia.



Parvati Sundari is offering a series of two events at the Unitarian Church, Westport: **Heal the Fear, Feel the Love**, in memory of the terrifying fall of the Twin Towers in New York City on 9/11, 2001.

Singer and songwriter, Suzanne Sheridan, will sing original songs of peace.

Part One: Heal the Fear, on Monday, September 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Part Two: Feel the Love, on Monday, September 18, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

It will take place on the main level of the Meeting House.

Come to both sessions or either one, but do not miss this opportunity to release anxiety and heal fear. Fear impairs us, paralyzes us and shuts us down just when we need to be strong and clear to take action for peaceful change.

Parvati is amazing to be around. One cannot help but feel her joy and unconditional love. Her presence alone is deeply healing.

The event will be hosted by Marjorie Partch and Sudha Sankar.

For more information, please contact Sudha Sankar - SudhaSankar100@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM-
Whose Are We?" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, September 24, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM- In
Search of Welcome" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, October 1, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM -
"Becoming Courage" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Rev.
Patricia Owen**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM -
"Learning to Fall" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, October 22, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - "From BAWA to BLUU: The
Moral Challenge of White Supremacy" - Rev. John Morehouse**

Sunday, October 29, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - UN Sunday - Bruce Knotts



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.